



NASCHITTI COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE
NASCHITTI COMMISSION – MANAGER GOVERNMENT
FISCAL YEAR 2024 ♦ WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2024 ♦ 9:00 AM
COMMISSION WORK SESSION MINUTES

- I. **INSERTION OF AUTHORITY OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Rhonda Herbert, Kee Y Gee, Orlin Skyberg, Alexis Wood
- III. **CALL TO ORDER:** 9:03 a.m.
- IV. **INVOCATION** - respectfully said by Orlin Skyberg
- V. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** - read by Rhonda Herbert to the public and for the record.
(m) Kee Y Gee (s) Alexis Wood. Agenda to remain open.
(v) – 3 – yeas, - 0 – nays. Agenda Approved
- VI. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS:** August 14, 2024 Work Session Meeting Minutes. Read by Orlin Skyberg to the public and for the record.
(m) Kee Y Gee (s) Alexis Wood (v) – 3 – yeas, - 0 – nays. Minutes approved.
- VII. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC – 5 MINS. (INTRODUCTION)**
 - A. Marianne Benally – San Juan County Clerk’s office. The General election will be held on Tuesday November 5, 2024. There are 3 ways to vote: 1) Absentee 2) Early Voting 3) Vote on election day. The dates of each voting option, the locations of the Voting Convenience Centers , and the candidate lists were provided. There is also a need for poll workers.
 - B. Jerry Williams – Consultant for Source Global – Additional ARPA funds have been received for Hydropanels. It is a machine that uses moisture in the air to make water. There were some placed using the CARES Act fund, but some people said they were not included so the project is continuing using ARPA funds. This is only for people who do not have running water. A homesite lease is not required. Alexis Wood said she had panels put up but they never worked even after they claimed to fix it. The problem is that Naschitti is arid and on cloudy days it doesn’t work. And 2 gallons a day is all it produced. Carissa Wood said there were some provided during the CARES act but there were community complaints that it did not work. Will there be services available to switch these out? Mr. Williams said to contact the new representative about this
- VIII. **FINANCIAL REPORTS:** Balance Sheet As Of August 31, 2024, and the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures from August 1, 2024 through August 31, 2024. Read by Orlin Skyberg to the public and for the record.
(m) Alexis Wood (s) Kee Y Gee (v) – 3 – yeas, - 0 – nays. Reports moved to Commission Meeting
- IX. **ALSTE’E’DAA LEGISLATION:** None



X. ANIIDI LEGISLATION:

A. NAS-24-09-043: NASCHITTI COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE APPROVES TO REQUEST FUNDING UNDER THE NAVAJO TRANSITIONAL ENERGY COMPANY (NTEC) COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND

Carissa Wood identified 5 projects that the community members suggested. Top 5 options: 1) wood splitters for wood choppers 2) Stove pipe replacement plus new insulation on top 3) handicap ramp for seniors to their houses 4) storage wood sheds for elders 5) ADA accessibility for chapter. Only one project can be chosen. A discussion was held on the projects and it was decided to go with the stove pipe replacement. And a suggestion for the chapter to purchase the wood splitter.

(m) Orlin Skyberg (s) Kee Y Gee (v) – 3 – yeas, - 0 - nays. APPROVED TO MOVE TO COMMISSION MEETING

B. NAS-24-09-044: AUTHORIZING AND SUPPORTING THE NASCHITTI GRAZING COMMITTEE MEMBER, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCE ENFORCEMENT AND THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS TO IMPLEMENT AN INDEFINITE FERAL HORSE, STRAY AND UNCLAIMED LIVESTOCK REMOVAL PROGRAM IN EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE ECOLOGICAL HEALTH AND PRODUCTIVITY OF THE NAVAJO RANGELANDS FOR PRESENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS OF THE NAVAJO PEOPLE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025

(m) Kee Y Gee (s) Alexis Wood. Lincoln Nez asked where the funds go. And that the funds could be used by the chapter to assist the community members with livestock expenses.

(v) – 3 – yeas, - 0 – nays. APPROVED TO MOVE TO COMMISSION MEETING

C. NAS-24-09-045: NASCHITTI COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE RECOGNIZES AND ACCEPTS THE INTRAGOVERNMENTAL OFFICE SPACE USE (IOSUA) AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NASCHITTI COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE CENTER AND THE DIVISION OF AGING AND LONG-TERM CARE SUPPORT

(m) Alexis Wood (s) Kee Y Gee. Lincoln Nez said some people ask him to take them to appointments. He used to assist the Twin Lakes chapter with services such as this. Can the Sr. Center hire someone to provide these services? Carissa Wood said we can meet with the Sr. Center supervisor and address this issue. (v) – 3 – yeas, - 0 - nays. APPROVED TO MOVE TO COMMISSION MEETING

D. NAS-24-09-046: APPROVING THE NASCHITTI COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE MEETING SCHEDULE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025

(m) Alexis Wood (s) Kee Y Gee. Motion to table by Orlin Skyberg, pending further discussion (s) Kee Y Gee (v) – 3 – yeas, - 0 - nays.

E. NAS-24-09-047: APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA) BETWEEN THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS (BIA) ROADS DEPARTMENT AND NASCHITTI COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE WHICH WILL ALLOW THE NASCHITTI GOVERNANCE CENTER TO ASSIST WITH ROAD MAINTENANCE ON BIA BUS ROUTES LOCATED WITHIN THE VICINITY OF THE NASCHITTI COMMUNITY BOUNDARIES

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(m) Kee Y Gee (s) Alexis Wood. Carissa Wood said we are utilizing the same template as last year because it is DOJ approved. This MOA requires a signature so if it is not signed by the Division Manager by the Commission meeting on September 29, 2024, it will need to be cancelled. Lincoln Nez asked if any action has been taken to address the bus stop issue for the McKinley County schools and San Juan County schools. There should be a law suit filed. (v) – 3 – yeas, - 0 - nays. APPROVED TO MOVE TO COMMISSION MEETING

XI. REPORTS:

A. Chapter Manager: Carissa Wood

B. Commissioners: Rhonda Herbert, Kee Y Gee, Orlin Skyberg, Alexis Wood
Alexis Wood said Speedway will not be putting up any more stores because it will draw customers away from the Tohatchi store. Rhonda Herbert is working with Newcomb Elementary school to get together and talk about Naschitti school gym usage.

C. District 14 Council Delegate: Nathan Notah – not present
LDA: Vacant

D. Grazing Official: Angela Sanford – not present

E. Ch'ooshgai Community School Board Member: Hoskie Bryant – not present

F. Community Health Representative (CHR): Brianna Johnson – not present

G. Senior Center Manager: Orlynda Dennison - Sophia is back in the kitchen so they are at full staff. They are preparing for transportation to the Tuba City Fair. The birthday celebration is scheduled for September 26, 2024. They have purchased 15 window blinds and waiting for the special order. She is working with Darwin Mitchell to begin exercise classes.

H. Naschitti Veterans Organization: Commander Richard Notah – not present
(m) Kee Y Gee (s) Alexis Wood (v) - reciprocity 3– yeas, - 0 – nay. Reports accepted as-is and will be moved to the Commission Meeting

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A. NCG Commission Meeting: September 29, 2024, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

B. District 14 Grazing Permittee Meeting: October 2, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

C. Ch'ooshgai Community School Board Meeting: October 7, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

D. NCG Veterans Organization Meeting: October 12, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

E. NCG Grazing Permittee Meeting: October 18, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT: 11:33 p.m.

(m) Alexis Wood (s) Kee Y Gee (v) – 3 – yeas, - 0 – nays

Submitted by:


Orlin Skyberg

Commission Secretary/Treasurer