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### Nenahnezad Chapter Regular Meeting Minutes January 8, 2024 @ 3 pm **IN-PERSON ONLY**

1. President Norman C. Begaye calls the meeting to order at 3:19 pm.
2. Farm board member Tracy Raymond gave the invocation.
3. President Norman C. Begaye read over the regular meeting agenda. Mae Atcity motions to approve the meeting agenda. Farm board member Tracy Raymond seconded the motion. **The motion carries 17-0-1.**
4. Secretary-Treasurer Andrea F. Lope read over the last meeting minutes. Martha Johnson motions to approve the last meeting minutes. Mae Atcity seconded the motion **The motion carries 23-0-1.**
5. Resolutions:

Delphina Dayish opens discussion and approves Resolution #1. Rayette Etsitty seconded the motion. **The motion carries 24-0-1.**

1. **NZC-023-2024 - NENAHNEZAD CHAPTER APPROVES THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH ENDING DECEMBER 2023.**

Lucinda Yellowman-Bennalley opens discussion and approves Resolution #2 - #4. Delphina Dayish seconded the motion. **The motion carries 23-0-1.**

2. **NZC-024-2024 - NENAHNEZAD CHAPTER APPROVES EIGHTEEN 2024 SPRING SEMESTER STUDENTS WITH NENAHNEZAD CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIPS.**
3. **NZC-025-2024 – NENAHNEZAD CHAPTER SUPPORTS FIRST TEE 4-CORNERS GOLF PROGRAM IN THEIR REQUEST FOR FUNDING.**  
Lucinda Yellowman-Bennalley elaborated more about this program.
4. **NZC-026-2024 - NENAHNEZAD CHAPTER RECOMMENDS AND SUPPORTS AND COMMITS TO CAPACITY BUILDERS, INC. IN APPLYING FOR THE NEW MEXICO INDIAN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT – BEHAVIORAL HEALTH/SUICIDE PREVENTION FUNDING GRANT APPLICATION AND IMPLEMENTING SAME UPON AWARD OF THE GRANT.**

Delphina Dayish asked, 'how the community will benefit?' Tomalisa Yazzie, Capacity Builders introduces herself and tells the community members about Capacity Builders and their benefits. With this grant it has

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provided people with counseling and support for suicide prevention awareness from Huerfano to Shiprock. This grant is for \$60,000.00 through the Navajo Nation. Capacity Builders would like to provide 190 youth and adults with suicide prevention awareness and first aid. Capacity Builders is currently looking to train and certify two individuals for suicide awareness. Delphina Dayish asks, what is the difference between this program and the programs at the schools? Per Ms. Yazzie, Capacity Builders has partnered with CCSD and Farmington Schools. The program will have to follow the school's protocols and support and provide counseling. Ms. Dayish asked, what are the resources? Per Ms. Yazzie, the resources are Behavioral Health programs and would like to work with Navajo Nation Behavioral Health because of cultural awareness.

6. Guests:

1. Arlenta Horse-Dickie – San Juan County Clerk's office

Ms. Arlenta gave a presentation on candidate filing, deadline is February 6, 2024, for (pre-primary convention) Federal and Statewide candidates. March 12, 2024, is the only day to file for county clerk and county treasurer, state senator, state rep and district attorney. Also gave a detailed statement regarding the Nominating petition form.

Important dates:

March 12, 2024 – Filing day.

March 19, 2024 – Filing day for write-in candidates.

April 2, 2024 – Last day for candidates to withdraw.

June 4, 2024 – Primary Election Day

Ms. Arlenta informed Ms. Dayish where she posts her election bulletins.

President Norman C. Begaye stated, the bulletins will be moved and more visible to the community members.

2. George Arthur – NTUA liaison. Mr. Arthur informed the community NTUA sponsored the Nenahnezad Christmas dinner and thanked Nenahnezad Chapter for providing the chapter. NTUA has three functions, utility, cell phone service, and renewable energy called Shadiin projects. Currently there are two Shadiin projects that are up and running in Kayenta area and Red Mesa. Currently the feasibility studies are starting on the new Shadiin projects in Cameron, AZ and LeChee, AZ. Within the community, there is possibly a new project starting. NTUA is trying to assist Nenahnezad Chapter get the land withdrawal area back. Mr. Arthur informed the members that the Four Corners Power plant will be closing eventually. Per Mr. Arthur, Nenahnezad Chapter was and is still very active.

7. **Old/New Business/Reports:**

A. Council Delegate Rickie Nez. Not present.

B. Grazing/SJ DWUA – Harold Dodge. Mr. Dodge is the Nenahnezad grazing member and a board member from the San Juan Water Users. The San Juan Water Users has only three members. There is a project started in Cudei, NM, phase one. Regarding grazing, there was a grazing meeting here last month at Nenahnezad Chapter. District 13 grazing

meeting, Wednesday, January 10, 2024. A few grazing members are in violation from San Juan and Burnham area that Mr. Dodge is looking into. Per Mr. Dodge, please inform the permit holders with tally counts of AIF incentive fund registration from January 2, 2024 through March 15, 2024, On March 5, 2024, Nenahnezad will be hosting a meeting.

Mr. Dayish informed Mr. Dodge and Mr. Raymond of the wash near her residence that has black running water. Mr. Dodge informed Ms. Dayish this question will be answered by Mr. Raymond.

- C. Farm Board – Tracy Raymond. Mr. Raymond answers Ms. Dayish is probably from pipes and needs to be flushed out. Ms. Dayish stated she was told to 'take care of cleaning up the pipes herself'. Mr. Raymond feels the Nenahnezad Chapter should be able to assist Ms. Dayish. The water users don't have a crew and the office is only open on Tuesdays. The pipes behind the chapter are supposed to be installed on the canal system. It has been funded but no one to perform the installation. Per President Norman C. Begaye informed Ms. Dayish that the Nenahnezad Chapter can assist her with the backhoe only and/or heavy equipment. The water will be turned on April 1, 2024.
- D. CHR – Maxine Tsosie. Ms. Tsosie is still visiting the elderly and disabled, and checking on the immunizations, making sure everyone is update. Attended the annual CHR meeting at Twin Arrows. Ms. Tsosie emailed Vice President LoJan Watson and is requesting the Nenahnezad Chapter assist with water, coal, food, and pellets with the Emergency funding account of \$40,000. Ms. Dayish would like the walking trail to be named after her grandfather, John Russell. Ms. Dayish asked what the chapter provides for the elderly in case the electricity goes out? Is the chapter prepared to assist with generators and other items? Ms. Dayish declared that the Nenahnezad Chapter will be at fault if anything should happen to the elderly that is in dire need of assistance. Ms. Dayish stated, 'the Nenahnezad Chapter is stingy and could kill the elderly because they are not helpful to the community. Ms. Dayish stated the Nenahnezad Chapter has money available, a contiguity fund. Why aren't these funds being used to assist the community members. Per President Norman C. Begaye, President Buu Nygren declared an emergency therefore assistance can be provided to the elderly and disabled. Nenahnezad Chapter officials will work with CHR Maxine Tsosie on the list of community members in need. Ms. Tsosie works with the IHS. Ms. Dayish mentioned, maybe the community members can be assisted with utility payments because currently the chapter has a fund balance of over \$1 million which per President Begaye the monies are ear-marked. Per Vice President LoJan Watson, 'community members need to fill out an application first and the CSC makes the decision. Also, the Navajo Nation controls the funds.'
- E. CLUPC – Not present.
- F. Veterans – Not present.
- G. Schools – Not present.
- H. Secretary Treasurer – Andrea Lope. No report.
- I. Vice President – LoJan Watson. Thanks, the community members for attending the meeting and finding out what happens at the chapter level. Ms. Watson told of the community events in December 2023. Ms. Watson is currently assisting CHR Ms. Tsosie.

- J. Chapter President – Norman C. Begaye. NTEC is providing more coal for the community. Thanks, NTUA for sponsoring the Christmas dinner.

**Next Meeting:**

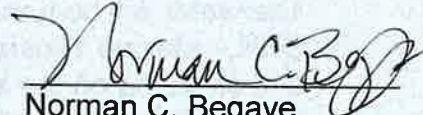
- A. Planning Meeting – Wednesday, February 7, 2024 @ 3 pm.
  - B. Regular Meeting – Sunday, February 11, 2024 @ 12 noon.
8. Adjournment – Mae Atcitty makes a motion to adjourn, Maxine Tsosie seconded the motion at 5:36 PM. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted:

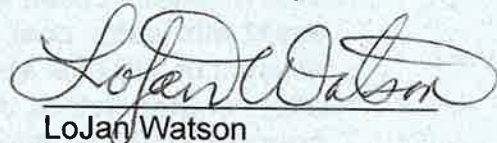


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Nenahnezad Chapter Secretary/Treasurer

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