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### Nenahnezad Chapter Regular Meeting Minutes April 8, 2024 @ 4 pm **IN-PERSON ONLY**

1. President Norman C. Begaye calls the meeting to order at 4:28 pm.
2. Farm Board member Tracy Raymond gave the invocation.  
>Each Nenahnezad official gave an introduction of themselves.
3. President Norman C. Begaye read over the regular meeting agenda.  
Mae Atcitty motions to approve the meeting agenda. Calvin Yazzie seconded the motion. **The motion carries 21-0-1.**
4. Secretary-Treasurer Andrea F. Lope read over the last meeting minutes.  
Calvin Yazzie motions to approve the last meeting minutes. Mae Atcitty seconded the motion. **The motion carries 17-0-1.**

5. Resolutions:

Martha Johnson opens discussion and approves Resolution #1. Maxine Tsosie seconded the motion. **The motion carries 23-0-1.**

1. **NZC-038-2024 - NENAHNEZAD CHAPTER APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH ENDING MARCH 2024.**

Lucinda Yellowman-Bennalley opens discussion and approves Resolution #2,3,5 and 6. Mae Atcitty seconded the motion. **The motion carries 21-0-1.**

2. **NZC-039-2024 - NENAHNEZAD CHAPTER APPROVES THE CHAPTER FUND MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR GENERAL FUND ACTIVITY FUND-17.**
3. **NZC-040-2024 - NENAHNEZAD CHAPTER APPROVES AND ADOPTS AN INFRASTRUCTURE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (ICIP).**

Lucinda Yellowman-Bennalley opens discussion and approves Resolution #4. Mae Atcitty seconded the motion. **The motion carries 17-0-4.**

4. **NZC-041-2024 - SUPPORTING NAVAJO TRIBAL UTILITY AUTHORITY IN THEIR APPLICATION TO THE NAVAJO NATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF LAND WITHDRAWAL AND LEASE FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY MANUFACTURING FACILITIES LOCATED WITHIN THE NENAHNEZAD CHAPTER.**

Arash Molemi and Jim Taylor (Erthos) introduce themselves. They gave a presentation of the interested area which consists of 15 acres to construct the manufacturing facility. They will bring jobs and incentives. A presentation of the building facility was shown, the needed area is 100,000 sq feet. Six hundred jobs

will be created, Navajo preference. The jobs will be laborers, professional, managerial (safety).

>Jim Taylor (Erthos) introduces what his company will build.

>Arash M. stated they are willing to deposit a portion of the revenue to the Nenahezad Chapter to use for infrastructure, Veterans, community needs, schools, etc.

>Focus is to transition energy from Coal to Solar energy.

>If this resolution is approved, the Navajo Poly Formation/Investment can begin with land approval and officially start in 2025.

\*Please see the presentation attached\*

**5. NZC-042-2024 - NENAHNEZAD CHAPTER RECOMMENDS AND SUPPORTS NENAHNEZAD VETERAN JERDARYL SHIELDS REQUEST FOR A NEW HOME FROM THE NAVAJO NATION DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN AFFAIRS.**

**6. NZC-043-2024 - NENAHNEZAD CHAPTER SUPPORTS AND APPROVES CHR MAXINE TSOSIE AND GLORIA LANE AS AN ALTERNATE TO REPRESENT THE NENAHNEZAD CHAPTER ON THE SAN JUAN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER BOARD.**

6. Introduction of Guests:

1. Myron K. Begay – Traditional Specialist. Not present

2. MariAnne Benally – San Juan County Clerks Office. Ms. Benally gave a presentation of the upcoming ways to vote during the primary election and general election. (absentee, early voting and Election day) The Clerks office is hiring, call the county office (bilingual and computer experience preferred)

7. Old/New Business/Reports:

A. Council Delegate Ricky Nez

B. Grazing/SJWUA – Harold Dodge. SJWUA meeting April 8, 2024, in Shiprock, NM. Danny Smith and Ralph are newly elected officers, the board is now complete.

>The District 13 meeting, Wednesday 9am, San Juan Chapter.

>April 12, 2024, Northern Agency grazing meeting, Cudei Chapter.

> April 27, 2024, First Annual demonstration of Herd health at the Upper Fruitland Chapter from 10-2pm. (sponsored chapters-Nenahezad, Upper Fruitland, Burnham, San Juan chapter)

C. Farm Board – Tracy Raymond. Next Farm board meeting is April 15, 2024. Mr. Raymond attended a meeting in Washington DC and visited the BIA office. There was a follow-up with BIA on Tuesday in Albuquerque, NM with the Regional Deputy director and Deborah Holland, Regional Director for the Navajo region. A concern brought up was about farming, where is the Bureau's responsibility regarding farm plots and identity of farmers. The responsibility was given back to the Navajo Nation. To solve things is for the BIA, Navajo tribe and local farmers work together. The strategy is to identify key people and identify the BIA responsibility. Mr. Raymond feels that the BIA is not enhancing life and promoting health.

Mr. Raymond's concern is all the permits along the river. The management of the land is not efficient.

- D. CHR – Maxine Tsosie. Ms. Tsosie is continuing to make home visits. If a referral is needed, please contact Ms. Tsosie.
  - E. CLUPC – Juanita Begay, President. In the process of completing the CLUPC manual. Ms. Begay attended a homesite, burial site meeting in Sanostee, NM. The CLUPC has selected an area for a burial site but they will revisit other alternate areas.
  - F. Veterans – Veterans Meeting to be held on Thursday, April 11, 2024 @ 530pm.
  - G. Secretary Treasurer – Andrea Lope. Upcoming flea market, May 4, 2024. Will try to start a walking group and use the track, pavement and Nenahnezad River trail.
  - H. Vice President – LoJan Watson. Emergency funding has been completed. The food vouchers will be distributed, and a check will be disbursed to Farmers Market in Bloomfield.
  - I. Chapter President – Norman C. Begaye. The homesite lease program will be taken care of the Navajo Nation and not the BIA. If someone is deceased, then a family member can present the death certificate and be added on to the Homesite lease. The maximum acreage for burial sites is 30 acres. The Four corners power plant will not be closing in 2031 because there are other interested parties wanting to continue business.
8. **Next Meeting:**
- A. Planning Meeting – Thursday, May 2, 2024 @ 3 pm.
  - B. Regular Meeting – Monday, May 6, 2024 @ 3 pm.
9. Adjournment – Mae Atcitty makes a motion to adjourn, Louise Wadsworth seconded the motion at 6:18 pm. Vote unanimous.

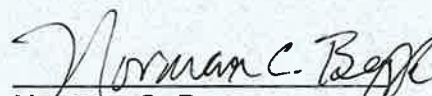
Respectfully submitted:



Andrea F. Lope

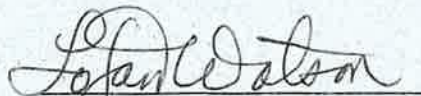
Nenahnezad Chapter Secretary/Treasurer

Reviewed by:



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