

**NEWCOMB CHAPTER
MEETING MINUTES
February 11, 2024 at 12:00 PM**

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

I. OPENING MEETING: Meeting called to Order at 12:13 p.m.

INVOCATION: Jimmy E. Nez

SUMMATION OF VOTES: Honorable Vice President

II. REVIEW / APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA:

Motioned by Letita Spitty and seconded by Tommy Garfield

Comments/Discussion: Request to add to the Agenda as New Business J. San Juan County Funds of \$5,000

Votes: 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention

III. REVIEW / APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES:

Motioned by Letita Spitty and seconded by Tommy Garfield

Comments/Discussion: Meeting minutes was approved with corrections.

Votes: 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE CHUSKA MOUNTAIN REGIONAL CHAPTERS – REGIONAL EMERGENCY PLAN TO INCLUDE THE NEWCOMB CHAPTER (FY'2024 NWCB-021124-026)

Motioned by Susie Wood and seconded by Seinna Randolph

Comments/Discussion: Chapter President gave a brief overview of the Emergency Plan copies was distributed. Police, EMT, Fire Department have the experiences to conduct the services. We are not finalizing the Plan. Community member stated-concerns of gun shots that are fired in the area, who wrote the Plan? Mountain lion sightings in the area? Main road, no cellular phone services; volunteer service; Approved as is.

Votes: 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstentions

V. NEW BUSINESS:

A. REVIEW AND APPROVE THE NEWCOMB CHAPTER'S JANUARY 2024 FINANCIAL REPORT

(FY'2024 NWCB-021124-027)

Motioned by Letitia Spitty and seconded by Tommy Garfield

Comments/Discussion: Financial report was read and copies distributed. Approved as is.

Votes: 17 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention

B. APPROVING THE NEWCOMB CHAPTER'S EMERGENCY FUND BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,000.00 AND AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURE

(FY'2024 NWCB-021124-028)

Motioned by Susie Wood and seconded by Salina Dale

Comments/Discussion: Chapter President gave the budget outline and the amount to the community members. M.Montoya-recommends propane for the communities; homebound and high-risk. There should be an exception, for single parent with several children. J.Charles-in

January we had a meeting with LSC it is part how are you going to monitor the federal funds; we have to abide by the policies; we had an audit that is on the correction action plan. For electric and propane, use for personal hard to balance that with heating and personal use. Wood and food, livestock is part of the food source. Recommends per household. Bigger chapters have more funds, some are not using the funds. So far, we have assisted 21 families with firewood from the carry-over funds. As to date we have not received the funds; consult with the Officials and CHR.. Approved as is.

Votes: 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstentions

C. SUPPORTING AN ACTION OF NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION CO-85-23 TO AMEND THE NAVAJO NATION LOCAL GOVERNANCE ACT TO ALLOW VIRTUAL/HYBRID CHAPTER MEETINGS

(FY'2024 NWCB-021124-029)

Motioned by Letitia Spitty and seconded by Sarah Zah

Comments/Discussion: L.Spitty-who will monitor the calls? do I vote? will the comments count? more youth in the community; S.Zah-it is good that we meet in person, what is on the agenda is very important, your name and in person. J.Nez-as an individual to ask a question on Zoom, it would be good to get trained with Zoom, we tend to forget, meet in person is better. Prefer to meet in person. R.Gould-on meeting virtual was only the Officials, hard to hear what is being said. Prefer meeting in person. Council has their ways. D.Randolph- Zoom program cost money. D.Benally-legislation was approved by the Council Delegate, NN President Nygren vetoed the legislation. It was presented back to the 110 Chapters to approve or disapprove. Once all the chapters resolutions are submitted and if Chapters approved the LGA Title 26 will be amended to include the Virtual/Hybrid chapter meetings. W.Smith-went over the process again. Approved as is.

Votes: 0 in favor, 23 opposed, 1 abstention

D. APPROVING TO ADVERTISE FOR THE NEWCOMB CHAPTER TEMPORARY YOUTH EMPLOYMENT TO HIRE STUDENTS FOR THE SPRING BREAK PROJECT

(FY'2024 NWCB-021124-030)

Motioned by Letita Spitty and seconded by Marlene Montoya

Comments/Discussion: Project for the Spring Break. Approved as is.

Votes: 20 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention

E. APPROVING THE NEWCOMB CHAPTER 2024 SPRING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS AND APPROVE EXPENDITURE

(FY'2024 NWCB-021124-031)

Motioned by Letita Spitty and seconded by Trinnille McCabe

Comments/Discussion: Questioned on who determines the amount. How can we change the amount? It is already in the budget. Approved as is.

Votes: 17 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention

F. APPROVING FINANCIAL EXPENDITURE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$200.00 FOR THE SHIPROCK HEALTH PROMOTIONS NEWCOMB ELDER DAY ACTIVITES ON MARCH 12, 2024

(FY'2024 NWCB-021124-032)

Motioned by Tommy Garfield and seconded by Betty Joe

Comments/Discussion: R.Gould-how will the funds be used? D.Randolph-for fruit and snacks. Provide physical activity for the elders. Mental health, energy, other health related activities; Approved as is.

Votes: 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention

G. APPROVING TO AMEND THE NEWCOMB CHAPTER'S FACILITY USAGE AGREEMENT

(FY'2024 NWCB-021124-033)

Motioned by Yolanda Etsitty and seconded by Susie Wood

Comments/Discussion: approved with fee increased;

Votes: 16 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention

H. APPROVING TO ADVERTISE FOR HOUSING DISCRETIONARY APPLICATION INTAKE FOR THE HOMESITE LEASE APPLICATION

(FY'2024 NWCB-021124-034)

Motioned by Marlene Montoya and seconded by Janice Charles

Comments/Discussion: DR-homesite lease process, ARPA funds, bathroom additions, electric, and waterline; need arch clearances, survey, biological clearances, you must have your application on file at the Land Administration office. For community members that need the assistance. S.Zah-this has been ongoing for so long takes 5-6 years to approve; they get frustrated; D.Nez-daughter out of town where they live, too much rocks for the utilities, takes many years to process; W.Smith-if you have homesite lease, you can build on it, get electric and waterline; you don't have a homesite lease; think about your children grandchildren; you have to follow through with it, Land Administration; we can submit as a package; be there when the survey is being done; Manual Manuelito-have a homesite, electric and waterline ask about the Arch clearance; who did you pay; was in Farmington as a group; D.Randolph-bring in the documents to the chapter for the arch, survey and bio clearance; restart the process; L.Gould-several was approved, they are requesting for homesite; Grazing Committee has the final approval, acknowledge by Grazing, approval process by Grazing; consent approval to approve; the application is ready to move forward; the arch clearance or biological clearance also needs to be looked at; if there are any findings the process will stop; it does not say the Chapter will approve the process; during one of the process I put down 4 names for consent; will go over there and follow up if the consent was properly approved; D.Randolph-with this process, it does not mean the application is approved, it's just to get assisted with the arch clearances, survey or biological clearances; Approved as is.

Votes: 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention

I. SUPPORTING RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE HONORABLE NAVAJO NATION PRESIDENT, NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL, RESOURCE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR, BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIR-NAVAJO REGION AND THE NAVAJO NATION DEPARTMENT OR PROGRAM TO ISSUE THE APPROVED OR PROBATED LAND USE OR GRAZING PERMITS BY DISTRICT GRAZING OFFICIALS AND FARM BOARDS TO ENSURE A TIMELY AND EFFECTIVE SYSTEMATIC PROCESS FOR FAMILIES TO CONTINUE THEIR AGRICULTURAL AND CULTURAL LIVELIHOOD

(FY'2024 NWCB-021124-000)

Comments/Discussion: Sponsor not present, item was TABLED.

J. APPROVING TO AMEND THE NEWCOMB CHAPTER'S BUDGET TO INCLUDE THE SAN JUAN COUNTY FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000.00

(FY'2024 NWCB-021124-035)

Motioned by Tommy Garfield and seconded by Sarah Zah

Comments/Discussion: S.Zah-this amount has been in place for many years; they are expanding their due to high cost of the food; has anyone asked about it; it is just a comment; D.Randolph-this is additional funds for this year; it was previously at 4,000; state gas, oil and other revenues are low coming to the state; Approved as is.

Votes: 21 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention

VI. REPORTS:

- A. NN Council Delegate: Honorable Rickie Nez; Absent
- B. Chapter Administration: Report attached;
- C. Grazing Official: Lawrence Gould; 1) Meetings; District 12-February 2, 2024 at Newcomb Chapter; Agency Feb 12-Cove; March 5-Nenahnezad training; thankful of the snow that we had; there may be more coming; pray for the community; oversee the Grazing and Land Use Permit, which is issued by the Federal government; we live on the trust land, grazing permit to graze for the animals; homesite withdrawn for one acre; not in the prime grazing area; near the family dwellings; easier for utilities to be hooked-up; GPS and consent permittee; NAPI running out of hay; winter feed supplemental, low on forage, also your pets; take care of your elders; AIF-apply for it, for grazing and farm; Family burial plot; is a sensitive subject; a list has been submitted; there will be no new burial plots; Zoom meeting-they did not get paid; Permittee meeting there has been no one attending; D.Nez-I counted 52 wild horses in the area; called the Ranger twice no answer; something needs to be done about the feral horses;
- D. RESOURCES:
San Juan County Elections: Marianne Benally provided the presentation
Laverne Nakai, Caseworker, Espanola Resource Center: emailed request; did not show up;

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. February 11, 2024; 12 pm; Chapter Meeting
2. February 9-12; at Newcomb Senior Center
3. Every Thursday Income Tax Filing Day

VIII SCHEDULE OF NEXT PLANNING MEETING:

Planning Meeting date: March 3, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

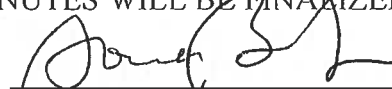
Motioned to adjourn the meeting by Tommy Garfield and seconded by Letita Spitty

Votes: 18 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention

Meeting adjourned at 2:34 p.m.

DRAFTED MEETING MINUTES WILL BE FINALIZED AT THE NEXT CHAPTER MEETING.

Respectfully submitted by:


Donna Benally, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer

February 11, 2024
Date