

**NEWCOMB CHAPTER
MEETING MINUTES
April 14, 2024 at 1:00 PM**

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

I. OPENING MEETING: Meeting called to Order at 1:15 p.m.

INVOCATION: Annabeth Nez

SUMMATION OF VOTES: Honorable Vice President

II. REVIEW / APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA:

Motioned by Tommy Garfield and seconded by Edward Evans

Comments/Discussion: Request to add to the Agenda as New Business H. Approved Agenda as amended.

Votes: 20 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention

III. REVIEW / APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES:

Motioned by Loretta Lee and seconded by Susie Wood

Comments/Discussion: Meeting minutes was approved with corrections.

Votes: 19 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. NO UNFINISHED BUSINESS

V. NEW BUSINESS:

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

(FY'2024 NWCB-041424-041)

Motioned by Annabeth Nez and seconded by Christine Randolph

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

Votes: 18 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention

B. APPROVING AND SUPPORTING LEGISLATION NO: 0073-24 TITLE: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES, THE BUDGET AND FINANCE, THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT, AND THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES, AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; APPROVING \$2,750,000 FROM THE UNRESERVED, UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE ("UUFb") FOR THE 110 CHAPTERS' SUMMER 2024 YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS; WAIVING 12 N.N.C. §820(E), §820(F), §820(J), AND §820(L) TO ALLOW USE OF UUFb FUNDS FOR RECURRING EXPENSES; WAIVING 12 N.N.C. §820(O) TO ALLOW AN EQUAL DISTRIBUTION OF \$25,000.00 TO EACH CHAPTER

(FY'2024 NWCB-041424-042)

Motioned by Annabeth Nez and seconded by Tommy Garfield

Comments/Discussion: Legislation for the Summer Youth Employment in the amount of \$25,000.00 for each Chapter. Approved as is.

Votes: 19 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention

- C. APPROVING THE NEWCOMB CHAPTER'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR FUND ACCOUNT 17-EMERGENCY FUND
(FY'2024 NWCB-041424-043)
Motioned by Annabeth Nez and seconded by Seina Randolph
Comments/Discussion: Management Plan distributed. Approved as is.
Votes: 21 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention
- D. APPROVING TO ADVERTISE AND HIRE, THREE (3) PEP LABORERS FOR THE CHAPTER WAREHOUSE ROOFING REPAIR PROJECT
(FY'2024 NWCB-041424-044)
Motioned by Seina Randolph and seconded by Loretta Lee
Comments/Discussion: Project is for the Chapter Warehouse roof repairs which is damaged weather related. Approved as is.
Votes: 18 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention
- E. APPROVING AND REQUESTING NAVAJO DIVISION OF TRANSPORTATION TO IMMEDIATELY PROVIDE ROAD MAINTENANCE IN THE NEWCOMB COMMUNITY AREA AS PRIORITIZE UNDER THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION ROADS AND THE BIA TRIBAL ROADS INVENTORY PROGRAM
(FY'2024 NWCB-041424-045)
Motioned by Sarah Zah and seconded by Tommy Garfield
Comments/Discussion: For road improvement and maintenance plan for the listed bus routes and public roads; N5022-2.0 miles; N191-2.5 miles; N193-3.9 miles; N5004-4.0 miles; N5007-3.6 miles; Total Miles 15.8. Approved as is.
Votes: 21 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention
- F. APPROVING AND APPOINTING MEMBERS OF THE NEWCOMB CHAPTER HOUSING SELECTION COMMITTEE AS: WILLAMENA SMITH, DONNA BENALLY, AND NORMAN TOM
(FY'2024 NWCB-041424-046)
Motioned by Janice Charles and seconded by Loretta Lee
Comments/Discussion: Housing Selection Committee was advertised in October, January and last month. A committee is needed to make recommendations to the Chapter and to comply with the Newcomb Chapter's Five Management Systems and the Navajo Nation Laws. The Chapter Administration will application intake process for the housing assistance applicates. Approved as is.
Votes: 14 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstentions
- G. APPROVING AND APPOINTING MEMBERS OF THE NEWCOMB CHAPTER NAVA FARM COMMITTEE AS: SARAH ZAH, LORRAYNE FOSTER, AND LORRAINE GOULD
(FY'2024 NWCB-041424-047)
Motioned by Jimmie E. Nez and seconded by Stacy Gould
Comments/Discussion: Nava Farm Committee was advertised in October, January and last month. A committee is needed to make recommendations to the Chapter and to comply with the Newcomb Chapter's Five Management Systems and the Navajo Nation Laws. Approved as is.
Votes: 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention

H. AMENDED AGENDA ADD: APPROVING TO AMEND THE NEWCOMB CHAPTER'S BUDGET TO INCLUDE ACCOUNT 20-SAN JUAN COUNTY FUND BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000.00 AND TO AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURE (FY'2024 NWCB-041424-048)

Motioned by Sarah Zah and seconded by Lorraine Foster

Comments/Discussion: The Newcomb Chapter received funds from the San Juan County, Chapter received the budget from the Newcomb Senior Center. Approved as is.

Votes: 23 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-April 4, 2024 at Toadlena/TGH Chapter; Agency Grazing-April 14, 2024 at Red Mesa Chapter; 2) Nava Farm-it is very difficult to plan and discuss at the last minute, this should have been done a few months. We as members we approve a resolution to move forward. Fencing issues, big project, soil testing; too many vines; noxious weeds grow in the farm area, recommend soil testing; 3)Vaccination time for the livestock, some are lambing, calving; sheep shearing; Agricultural Infrastructure Fund-limited applicates applied; we have a serious issue with probate of grazing and land use permits; Bennet's Peak-waterline extension is approved by permittee; Monday-at Cowhouse, Wednesday-at Shiprock; issue hauling permit; NAPI-has premium hay available; good hay big blocks; there are some complaints which are confidential which the District Grazing hears and makes recommendations;
- D. RESOURCES:
 - 1. Bryan K. Begay, Traditional Program Specialist, Peacemaking Program-Showed up at the Planning Meeting but is not here to make a presentation.
 - 2. Marianne Benally, San Juan County Election; Gave information of the New Mexico Primary Election presentation which is scheduled for June 4, 2024; Absentee Voting, Early Voting, Election Day, Voting locations 33 sites;
 - 3. Laverne Nakai, Caseworker, Espanola Resource Center; From Shiprock works from home; Department of Labor, medical benefits compensation; Uranium-compensation under RECA; worksite such as Sandia Laboratory, etc. file claims for them; chemicals they work with; worked under various conditions using various materials or chemicals; can be done on the phone, application sent to the mailing address; black lung program-separate; Department of Energy;

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1. April 14, 2024; 1 pm; Chapter Meeting
- 2. April 18, 2024; 9 am; CLUPC
- 3. April 22, 2024; Navajo Sovereignty Day

VIII SCHEDULE OF NEXT PLANNING MEETING:

Planning Meeting date: May 5, 2024 at 8:00 a.m.

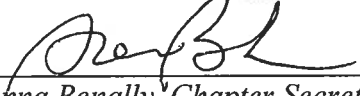
IX. ADJOURNMENT:

Motioned to adjourn the meeting by Tommy Garfield and seconded by Seina Randolph

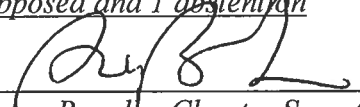
Votes: 20 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention

Meeting adjourned at 2:51 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted by:  April 14, 2024
Donna Benally, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer Date

Finalized Chapter Meeting Minutes: May 19, 2024, motioned by Tommy Garfield, seconded by Betty Joe. Votes: 17 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention

Respectfully submitted by:  May 19, 2024
Donna Benally, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer Date