



# SAN JUAN CHAPTER

Rickie Nez  
*Council Delegate*

Sam Bee  
*President*

Sophina Tyler  
*Vice President*

Audrey Nez  
*Secretary/Treasurer*

Herbert Cly  
*Farm Board Member*

Clarence Cly  
*Grazing Member*

## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

April 16, 2024

2:00pm

The Regular Meeting was called to Order at 6:11 pm by Chapter President Sam Bee. Invocation was given by Sam Bee. Regular Meeting Minutes from March 10, 2024 read by Vice President Sophina Tyler. Motion by Eva Tso to approve the minutes and second by Ernest Reed, the vote was 21 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstained.

### AGENDA APPROVAL

Chapter Vice-President Sophina Tyler read the agenda. Motion by Alana Bee to accept the agenda and second by Charlene Arviso. The vote was 21 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstained.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chapter Officials made their announcements.

### INTRODUCTION OF GUEST(S):

- **Arlenta Horse-Dickie, San Juan County Clerk's Office**  
Ms. Horse-Dickie addressed the community about the upcoming election dates. She will leave the flyer at the chapter
- **Sharon Clahchischillage, Candidate for NM Congress**  
Ms. Clahchischillage did not attend the meeting.
- **San Juan Leadership**  
Pete Atcity addressed the community about San Juan Leadership. He and his colleagues are attending the Regular Chapter Meeting to gain experience about a Chapter Meeting.

### OLD BUSINESS: NONE

### NEW BUSINESS:

- Resolution for 1 CLUPC Member – Sponsor: Dinah Paul**  
The Chapter needs to pass a resolution for 1 CLUPC Members.  
Motion by Ernest Reed to approve this resolution and seconded by John Tso, the vote was 26 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstained.  
President Sam Bee stated Chapter Manager is willing to become a CLUPC member. Ms. Paul stated she is willing to take on the position if no community member volunteers. There was no community member that volunteered, and Dinah Paul will be a CLUPC member.
- Resolution to Close Wells Fargo Bank Account and Deposit Funds into Citizens Bank– Sponsor: Dinah Paul**  
The Chapter needs to pass a resolution to close Wells Fargo Bank account and deposit funds into Citizens Bank.  
Motion by George Arthur to approve this resolution and seconded by Annie Blueeyes, the vote was 27 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstained.
- Resolution for Northern Navajo Fair Board Member – Sponsor: Dinah Paul**  
The Chapter needs to pass a resolution for Northern Navajo Fair Board Member.  
Motion by John Tso to approve this resolution and seconded by Ernest Reed, the vote was 27 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstained.

Vice-President expounded on the role of Northern Navajo Fair Board Member. President Sam Bee volunteered to take on the position.

**D. Supporting Resolution for the Allocation of Funds for the Summer Youth Employment Program in the Total Amount of \$2,750,000 at \$25,000 per Chapter – Sponsor: Dinah Paul**

The Chapter needs to pass a supporting resolution for the allocation of funds for the Summer Youth Employment Program in the total amount of \$2,750,000 at \$25,000 per Chapter.

Motion by Esther Keeswood-Begay to approve this resolution and seconded by Ena Eltsosie the vote was 27 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstained.

**E. Resolution to Accept and Approve a Check in the amount of \$500 from County Commissioner Gary McDaniel for Lower Valley Veterans Organization**

The Chapter needs to pass a resolution to accept and approve a check in the amount of \$500 from San Juan County Commissioner Gary McDaniel for Lower Valley Veterans Organization.

Motion by George Arthur to approve this resolution and seconded by Jerry Lamone, the vote was 27 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstained.

**F. Resolution for Purchase of Farm Equipment utilizing Capital Outlay Fund– Sponsor: Dinah Paul**

The Chapter needs to pass a resolution to purchase farm equipment utilizing Capital Outlay Fund.

Motion by John Tso to approve this resolution and seconded by Ernest Reed, the vote was 24 in favor, 0 opposed, and 4 abstained.

President Sam Bee stated the farm equipment will be utilized and rented by community members. They will rent the equipment from the Chapter and the Chapter will provide the operator due to Navajo Nation regulations that are in place.

Chapter Manager disclosed the quotes she obtained.

**G. Supporting Resolution for Navajo Tribal Utility Authority in Their Application to the Navajo Nation for the Purpose of Land Withdrawal and Lease for Renewable Energy and Battery Storage Projects Located within the San Juan Chapter – Sponsor: George Arthur**

The Chapter needs to pass a supporting resolution for Navajo Tribal Utility Authority in their application to the Navajo Nation for the purpose of land withdrawal and lease for renewable energy and battery storage projects located with the San Juan Chapter.

Motion by Ernest Reed to approve this resolution and seconded by Nelson Bee, the vote was 14 in favor, 4 opposed, and 4 abstained.

Arash Moalemi expounded on the project. He stated the project was presented to leaders and there was a community forum held. NTUA would provide scholarships and internships for the local community members only. They would also establish a local Community Benefits Fund and the community would decide how to utilize the funds. The funds will be overseen by Navajo Nation United Way.

He stated the leadership encouraged him to work with the permittees and the permittees agreed to the project. There would be approximately 200 to 250 jobs, with Navajo Preference, for construction of the job.

Robert C. Begay stated he is a permittee holder and wasn't notified about the project. The permit he has is in litigation. He requested for transparency and not to conduct business behind closed doors. He requested to know who gave consent.

Mr. Arthur stated this project has been in the works and they are currently working with BIA. They notified active permit holders.

Mr. Begay asked who the permit holder is. Farm Board Member Herbert Cly questioned Mr. Begay if he was a permit holder and Mr. Begay said it needs to go into litigation.

Mr. Arthur stated District Grazing would be the place to discuss who the permittee holders and the validity of their permit.

Ms. Eltsosie stated she wasn't aware of the project. She stated she and her sister just happened to be present at the chapter and they attended the meeting. She suggested to table the resolution until the real permittees are disclosed. George Arthur stated there was already approval for the proposed site and stated Robert C. Begay's name was never brought up even from BIA.

Grazing Member Clarence Cly stated he is the permit holder for the proposed site.

Grazing Nenahnezad Harold Dodge announced next meeting May 8. He stated if there is a resolution in place, it must come from the courts to revert the resolution.

Esther Keeswood-Begay motioned to table resolution until location is determined and second by Ena Eltsosie. the vote was 7 in favor, 9 opposed, and 5 abstained.

The tabling motion failed.

**REPORTS:**

- A. Council Delegate:** Not present – Council Delegate is attending NN Council Spring Session in Window Rock, AZ
- B. Chapter President:**
  - 1. He attended a meeting at Sanostee in reference to cemetery and burial site. Family plots are no longer permitted, and community cemeteries needs to be established. A plan needs to be established with the assistance of CLUPC and Grazing Official. Community cemeteries are encouraged.
  - 2. Roadside shrines are no longer permitted.
- C. Vice Chapter Vice-President:** No Report
- D. Chapter Secretary/Treasurer:**
  - 1. She attended a Veteran's Honor Walk at Upper Fruitland Chapter.
- E. Grazing Member**
  - 1. Community cemeteries needs to be established and will no longer consent to family plots.
  - 2. There needs to be a conservation plan for grazing and farm plot.
- F. Farm Board Member:**
  - 1. The faming season has arrived.
  - 2. Farm equipment is being purchased.
- G. Chapter Manager:**
  - 1. Applications for Summer Youth Employment Program, SYEP, are currently being taken and will close on May 15, 2024.
  - 2. Shiprock Work Force is also taking applications for summer employment with a higher pay rate.
  - 3. Housing Discretionary applications are being accepted and the program will remain open.
  - 4. Arizona Public Services is currently holding a drawing contest on safety and speeding to display on local billboards.
  - 5. Disclosed an expenditure report.
  - 6. Zumba classes are currently being held on Monday and Thursday from 6:30pm to 7:30pm/
  - 7. There are currently no funds for funeral assistance.
- H. Financial Report:** The financial report was distributed to community members.
- I. CLUPC:**

Faith Gilmore introduced herself. Ms. Gilmore is the CLUPC President. She announced she is running for San Juan Chapter Secretary/Treasurer.

#### **SHARING KNOWLEDGE:**

Chapter President reported under his report.

#### **SCHEDULING NEXT MEETING:**

The next Planning Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, at 6:00pm.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57pm. Motion by George Arthur to adjourn the meeting and second by John Tso, a unanimous vote.