



Shiprock Chapter Government of the Navajo Nation



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CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES February 8, 2024 - Thursday at 4:30 PM Via Teleconference and In Person

1. Dial one of the following Phone Numbers:
1 (720) 707 2699 (or) 1 (253) 205 0468 (or) 1 (301) 715 8592
2. Enter Meeting ID: 505 354 0868
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1. Call Meeting to Order by Nevina Kinlahcheeny @ 4:55 pm
2. Invocation by Dr. J. Kaibah Begay
3. Roll Call
Nevina D. Kinlahcheeny- Present
Debra A. Yazzie- Present
Dr. J. Kaibah Begay- Present
Sarah Denteclaw-Begay- Present
Bea Redfeather-Benally - Present
Eugenia Charles Newton- Absent
4. Review/Approve the Agenda
Motion: Virgil Kirk, Jr.
Second: Lula Sandoval
Discussion: Virgil Kirk, Jr Brought revised resolution for Item J.
Vote: 25-00-01 (Approved)
5. Approve Minutes (Written) January 2024 Chapter Meeting
Defer to next chapter meeting in February
Motion: Joe Ben, Jr.
Second: Sarah Denetclaw Begay
Discussion: None
Vote: 16-00-05 (Approved)
6. Announcements/Reports:
 - A. Filing Day 2024 Primary Election and County Commission Map– Arlenta Horse- Dickie --- Election 2024 updated of the Nation, State and Navajo Nation Election is coming up. Candidate Filing for 2024 New Mexico Requirement was provided with PowerPoint.
 - B. To Water Company – Elijah Bitah & Alicia Bitah --- Announcement of business is open at the Tse Bit Ai Shopping Center. Shared the store hours.
 - C. “The HibVax Study: Seeking to Better Protect Infants Against Hib Disease” – Dr. Kristen Roessler - -- Was approved November 2020, providing an update on the study. The brief Study Summary, Background information, what they did, and How this will help improve health in your community was provided. (hand-outs were provided to the community members)
 - D. State of NM-Secretary of State- Native American Election –Helene Crosby --- 2024 Election with the United States President and other offices. March 12, 2024 filing of position. June 24, 2024 is the primary election and the general election is in November 2024.
7. New Business
 - A. Approve the Chapter Financial Report for January 2024. Sponsor: Dr. J. Kaibah Begay
Motion: Garry Jay
Second: Darlene Pete
Discussion: None
Vote: 22-00-03 (Approved)

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- B. Approving the Shiprock Chapter FY2023 General Fund Carryover Budget Amount Of \$2,890.27 and the Transfer into FY2024. **Sponsor: Dr. J. Kaibah Begay**

Motion: Darlene Pete

Second: Joe Ben, Jr.

Discussion: None

Vote: 27-00-03 (Approved)

- C. Approving and Accepting the Budget of \$35,000.00 for the Emergency Relief and Support Assistance Per Navajo Nation Funds UUFB 110 Chapter Emergency Per Legislation CJA-11-24 for Shiprock Chapter. **Sponsor: Dr. J. Kaibah Begay**

Motion: Darlene Pete

Second: Cheryl Martin

Discussion: Arnold D Yazzie: Whereas # 2 need to add Dr.

Garry Gay: To make the amount of 175 at \$200.00 change to 300 people at \$100

Joe Ben, Jr.: add wood to the resolution.

Cheryl Martin: Add wood pellets

Darlene Pete: Wood needs to be added for heating source, I agree with \$100 per household.

We need to concentrate on our elders.

Sally Yabeny: Are the 175 people identified?

Michele Peterson: Application and other required documents. How much do you want me to put in the wood section? If you want to elders, I will need age range.

Our first tier is the elders and we work with CHR for resource.

Arnold Yazzie: The wood is sold by the core.

Michele Peterson: Wood -50 people X \$150.00= \$7,500

Heating (propane, electric, natural gas – 137.5 X \$200= \$ 27,500

Total= \$35,000

Motion to amendment by Sally Yabeny with the changes

Second to amendment: Darlene Pete

Wood -50 register voters X \$150.00= \$7,500

Heating (propane, electric, natural gas – 137.5 registered voters X \$200= \$ 27,500

Total= \$35,000

The difference of the .5 will take out of other chapter line item to make it 138 registered voters.

Vote: 30-00-03 (Approved)

- D. Support the Fund 50 Budget Adjustment for FGP. **Sponsor: Dr. J. Kaibah Begay**

Motion: Garry Jay

Second: Cheryl Martin

Discussion: Arnold D Yazzie: In the heading of the resolution the dollar amount of \$1,450.00 and in #4 with the total amount of \$1,450.00 and in the Now, Therefore, be it resolved the dollar amount of \$1,450.00 needs to be included.

Sally Yabeny: do they have matching funds to match the funds?

Nevina Kinlacheeny: The funds come from donor and we have to follow the budget funds.

Vote: 24-00-01 (Approved)

- E. Requesting and Approving the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority/Choice Wireless to Expedite a Right-Of-Way Assessment Survey and Acquire the Right of Way to Construct a Broadband Project for Fifty (50) Homes. **Sponsor: Debra A. Yazzie**

Motion: Darlene Pete

Second: Nancy Todea

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Discussion: Virgil Kirk, Jr: Table this resolution

Nevina Kinlacheeny: Ask if there a second?

None—we continue with the resolution.

Sally Yabeny: Is there funds allocated?

Michele Peterson: it's \$5,000,000 is what is allocated.

Nevina Kinlacheeny: we will add the \$5M in the heading of the resolution; add the broadband in #3;

Vote: 28-00-01 (Approved)

- F. An Action Supporting Navajo Nation Council Resolution CO-85-23 to Amend the Navajo Nation Local Governance Act to Allow Virtual/Hybrid Chapter Meetings. **Sponsor: Debra A. Yazzie**

Motion: Cheryl Martin

Second: Nancy Todea

Discussion: Joe Ben, Jr:

Nancy Todea: The official need to attend in person; and members to be allowed virtual attendance.

Darlene Pete: I agree with this individual, I agree with the virtual meetings for the community.

Virgil Kirk, Jr: I don't believe in the government controlling of our people.

Merissa Sosa: we need to talk about cyber-attack that is going on with Zoom. Require the users to turn on their cameras when they are listening or attending the meetings.

Debra A Yazzie: We have a designated line and password on the technology of the chapter.

Vote: 27-00-03 (Approved)

- G. Approving and Amending of \$2,000,000.00 for the Shiprock Multi-Purpose Facility Located at the Old Wool Factory in Shiprock as a Chapter Project Under the Navajo Nation Fiscal Recovery (NNFRF) Fund Expenditure Plan. **Sponsor: Debra A. Yazzie (Upon Further Review with NNDED, industrial site is still available, moving forward with resolution request)**

Motion: Darlene Pete

Second: Cheryl Martin

Discussion: #4 needs to be deleted

Darlene Pete: The \$2M was for the tiny homes?

Debra A Yazzie: It was re-proposed for this project.

Sally Yabeny: who is requesting this? This still has a valid lease. The guy asked for a mutual lease.

I would really appreciate that you get information. If this lease is still valid, we can't do anything. I will check into this tomorrow.

Sharlene Platero Begay is the contact person.

Motion to TABLE: Sally Yabeny

Second to TABLE: Darlene Pete

Vote: 20-02-02 (APPROVED TO TABLE)

- H. Manuscript Titled Socioenvironmental and Personal Cognitive Influences on Dine Children's Diet Intentions: A Secondary Analysis of the Ye'ego Healthy Eating and Gardening Project Children's Baseline Survey. **Sponsor: Keona Manuelito**

Motion: Cheryl Martin

Second: Garry Jay

Discussion: None

Vote: 28-00-01 (Approved)



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- I. Amendment and Approving the Shiprock Tiny Home Village for the NN FRF CJN-29-22, for \$2,000,000 Grant, located in the Kirk Family Land Use Area and Property to Provide Housing and Foster Development. **Sponsor: Virgil Kirk, Jr.**

Motion: Marissa Sosa

Second: Theresa Yazzie

Discussion: Darlene Pete: Where is the \$2M coming from, it was already allocated. You have a Conditional Business Site Lease.

This resolution was table twice it should not be entertained.

Mr. Virgil Kirk, Jr.: I withdraw my resolution

The meeting was getting hostile due to two of the community members.

Adjournment of Meeting @ 7:50 pm due to violent community members.

Motion: Sally Yabeny

Second: Cheryl Martin

Vote: ALL

The rest of the items of the agenda will be moved to Special Meeting on February 16, 2024 @ 4:30 pm

- J. Supporting the Repeal of the Navajo Controlled Substances Act Codified as Title 17, Chapter 3 of the Navajo Tribal Code to Establish Fair and Equal Treatment of its Members and to Provide Equal Protection and Insure Due Process Under the Dine Fundamental Law and Indian Civil Rights Act. **Sponsor: Virgil Kirk, Jr**
- K. Approve And Support the Need of All Navajo Nation Fairs to Be Wheelchair Accessible and Compliant with Accessibility Standards as Outlined in The Americans with Disabilities Act (Ada) And Urge the Navajo Nation Fair Committees, The Fair Host Chapters, and the Health, Education and Human Services Committee of the 25th Navajo Nation Council to Pass a Legislation to Appropriate Funds for These Improvements. **Sponsor: Nicole Curley**
- L. Language is Medicine: Using Tribal Home Visiting to implement a Language Nutrition Intervention for Late Talkers on the Navajo Nation. **Sponsor: Taylor Billey**
- M. Phase III, Randomized, Observer-Blind, Placebo-Controlled, Multi-Center, Multinational Study to Evaluate the Efficacy the Efficacy, Immunogenicity, and Safety of a Respiratory Syncytical Virus Vaccine in Infants and Toddlers (PEARL) **Sponsor: Dr. Kristen Roessler & Ella Paul**
- N. Supporting And Committing to Capacity Builders, Inc. in Applying for The Supporting Children, Youth, and Families Affected by the Drug Crisis: Recruiting and Developing Peer Recovery Coaches Application and Implementing Same Upon Award of the Grant. **Sponsor: Gloria Dee**
- O. Opposing Hogback Chapter Resolution No. TDK 1902-03 Supporting Sheepherder Solar One LLC In Their Application To Navajo Land Department For The Purpose Of Land Withdrawal For A Solar Energy And Battery Storage Project Located Within TseDaaKaan Chapter. **Sponsor Lula**
- P. Requesting Independent Oversight by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Department of Transportation- Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration and the New Mexico Environment Department to ensure accountability and Transparency by investigating the cause and effects of the December 11th, 2023 Oil Spill from the Navajo Nation Oil & Gas Company's- Running Horse Pipeline in Shiprock, New Mexico **Sponsor: Talise Aspaas-Montoya**

8. Chapter Updates

A. Reports by Chapter Officials

B. Chapter Administrative

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9. Roll Call

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- Sarah Denteclaw Begay-Present
- Bea Redfeather-Present
- Eugenia Charles Newton- Absent

10. Next Meetings

- A. Planning Meeting: Monday, March 4, 2024 at 4:30 pm
- B. Regular Chapter Meeting: Thursday, March 8, 2024 at 4:30 pm

11. Adjournment @ 7:50 pm

Respectfully Submitted by:

2/8/24

Dr. J Kaibah Begay, Shiprock Chapter Secretary/Treasurer

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