



Shiprock Chapter Government of the Navajo Nation



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

- Dial one of the following Phone Numbers:
1 (720) 707 2699 (or) 1 (253) 205 0468 (or) 1 (301) 715 8592
 - Enter Meeting ID: 505 354 0868
 - Enter Passcode: 87420
- <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5053540868?pwd=ZUIka21SRVVoQmRrS04vRFpOZVF2UT09>

- Call Meeting to Order by Nevina Kinlahcheeny @ 4:44 pm
- Invocation by Nevina Kinlahcheeny
- Roll Call

Nevina D. Kinlahcheeny	Present
Debra A. Yazzie	Present
Dr. J. Kaibah Begay	Present
Sarah Denetclaw-Begay	Present ONLINE at 5:08 pm/Arrived at 5:20 pm
Bea Redfeather-Benally	Present at 4:54 pm
Eugenia Charles-Newton	Absent

- Review/Approve the Agenda

Motion: Garry Jay

Second: Kennette Phillips

Discussion: Darlene Pete- did we approve Item B already?

Michele Peterson: We accepted the funds but the Funds Management Plan is what we are approving now. What is different is Window Rock (Administration) is requesting to have our Funding Management Plan approved.

Vote: 23-00-07 (Approved)

- Approve Minutes (Written) January 2024, February 2024, & March 2024 Chapter Meetings

Motion: Dementra Simms

Second: Cheryl Martin

Discussion: None

Vote: 17-00-14 (Approved)

- Announcements/Reports:

A. **2024 Primary Election San Juan County - Marianne Benally & Arlenta Horse-Dickie**

Presented the San Juan County 2024 NM Primary Election for Tuesday June 4, 2024. Discussion of the absentee voting, early voting and election day. Hand-outs provided to the community members. Poll workers or interpreters are needed.

B. **Running Horse Pipeline & Navajo EPA Update – Joe Robertson, Troy Watson, & Steve Austin**
Troy Watson did introduction to the audience- update on the spill. The past month and half we have been working with the consultant to work on the land restoration. They did some surveys for the past month. They have the final design. This Monday we brought out the heavy equipment's to bring the land up to its natural state. Replacement is being made to its natural state. We want to protect it to make sure there is not erosion. All the contaminated soil was taken away.

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Nevina said a Public Hearing can be done with all the presentation that was done in Window Rock.

All the federal agencies were notified of this spill.

C. CHR Updates – Alissa Woody

Provide information on CHR and services. (505) 368-1340 is where you can contact me. Health education can be provided to the community.

7. New Business

A. Approve the Chapter Financial Report for March 2024. Sponsor: Dr. J. Kaibah Begay

Motion: Joe Ben, Jr.

Second: Garry Jay

Discussion: None

Vote: 17-00-05 (Approved)

B. Approving and Accepting the Budget FUND MANGEMENT PLAN for the \$35,000.00 for the Emergency Relief and Support Assistance Per Navajo Nation Funds. Sponsor: Dr. J. Kaibah Begay

Motion: Ann Horse

Second: Alissa Woody

Discussion: Jerry Todacheene: how many people were assisted with the \$35,000? Answer: 142 NTUA/Propane applicants and 49 wood applicants.

Vote: 22-00-006 (Approved)

C. Support the Fund 08 Budget Adjustment for Supplemental Youth Program, Increase the High School. Sponsor: Dr. J. Kaibah Begay

Motion: Cheryl Martin

Second: Darlene Pete

Discussion: Arnold D Yazzie: add "...in the amount of \$71,742.53" and correction to grammatical errors in the resolution.

Vote: 22-00-05 (Approved)

D. Support the Fund 10 Budget Adjustment for LGA to Restore the Doors at the Warehouse. Sponsor: Dr. J. Kaibah Begay

Motion: Garry Jay

Second: Ann Horse

Discussion: Arnold D Yazzie: to add "\$8,000" to the heading and in the now, therefore, be it resolved that: #5 – To needs to be corrected from GL Code "6504" not "6501".

Vote: 21-00-05 (Approved)

E. Approved the Budget for General Wage Adjustment of \$5,049.00, Fund 02. Sponsor: Dr. J. Kaibah Begay

Motion: Cheryl Martin

Second: Alissa Woody

Discussion: Cheryl Martin: Should "FY 2023" be "FY2024"? Answer: no, that is the correct FY.

Vote: 16-00-08 (Approved)

F. Supporting The Issuance Of (2) Tribal Access Authorizations (TAA) From the Navajo Nation to The Navajo Tribal Utility Authority (NTUA) to Upgrade, Construct, Attach, and Maintain an Existing and A New Distribution Line, with Fiber Optic Cable Installation to The Navajo Gallup Water Supply Projects Within Shiprock Chapter. Sponsor: Christine Wallace

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Motion: Demetra Simms

Second: Kyle Jim

Discussion: Kyle Jim: When was the last upgrade?

NTUA: in 1990's

Vote: 19-00-06 (Approved)

- G. Supporting Utah Navajo Health System to Expand the Existing Domestic Violence Shelter, Requesting Funding to the Navajo Nation ARPA Funding. **Sponsor Trudy Tsosie & Wilfred Jones**

Motion: Ann Horse

Second: Marissa Sosa

Discussion: Arnold D Yazzie: just add in the now therefore be it resolved: "in the amount of \$9M".

Vote: 24-00-05 (Approved)

8. Chapter Updates

- A. Report by Shiprock Chapter Veterans Organization – Commander Simms

Commander Simms presented update-1st Female Commander with the Shiprock Chapter. We have a great relationship with the chapter and need to continue to work with them. 377 members, only 44 attend meetings. If you have family members that are veterans, please let me know. We are bringing zoom. Our color guard are active. Mr. Sam Akheah is a long time member of the veteran organization, who passed away today. I follow the policies. I am transparent.

- B. Reports by Chapter Officials

Sarah Denetclaw Begay- Introduction – update and fix the earth dams with the ARPA funds. Burial and home site meeting was today.

Bea Redfeather- Regarding the oil spill there were no effect on the farms in the area. We need to address the farming area with head gates for more than 3 people.

Dr. J Kaibah Begay: Northern Navajo Fair concerns- need funding and land to continue the fair.

Debra A Yazzie: Artisan and Small Business Relief Grant is available.

Nevina Kinlacheeny: we have the 1st responders building that is going up which will be located across the bridge. Remember the Eclipse is on April 8, 2024. There a CD to sponsor a budget for the Northern Navajo Fair to improve the needs on the fairgrounds.

- C. Chapter Administrative

Michele Peterson: The Incident Command Center is in progress. The election is starting soon. The BIA buildings were demolished. In the month of May, there will be two bazaars: Mother's day and Graduation.

The community wants NTUA to do a report to the community of what they are doing in the community.

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10. Next Meetings

A. Planning Meeting: Monday, May 6, 2024 at 4:30 pm

B. Regular Chapter Meeting: Thursday, May 9, 2024 at 4:30 pm

11. Adjournment @ 8:27 pm

Motion: Bea Redfeather-Benally

Second: Arnold D. Yazzie

Vote: ALL

Respectfully Submitted by:

April 04, 2024

Dr. J Kaibah Begay, Shiprock Chapter Secretary/Treasurer

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