



Shiprock Chapter Government of the Navajo Nation



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CHAPTER MEETING **MINUTES** September 12, 2024 – Thursday at 4:30 PM Via Teleconference and In Person

1. Dial one of the following Phone Numbers:
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1. Call Meeting to Order by Nevina Kinlahcheeny @ 4:45 pm
2. Invocation by Darlene Pete
3. Roll Call
Nevina Kinlahcheeny- Present
Debra A. Yazzie – Present
Dr. J Kaibah Begay- Present
Bea Redfeather – Online - Present
Sarah Denetclaw Begay – Present
Eugenia Charles Newton - Absent
4. Review/Approve the Agenda
Motion: Garry Jay
Second: Lisa Shorthair
Discussion: Virgil Kirk, Jr. – Move the chapter updates after the announcements/reports. New Business move item E to item A, then move everything down after that. Moving item E to the front of the agenda for the people to be aware of meeting schedule.
Keeley Joe- add to the Announcement/report for research item, she traveled a long way to get the chapter meeting and was not able to attend the planning meeting the other day.
Vote: 24-0-10 (Approved with changes requested)
5. Approve Minutes (Written) August 2024 CHAPTER Meeting
Motion: Trini King
Second: Sarah Denetclaw Begay
Discussion: Darlene Pete correction on items Chapter update item B- Be aware of the economy. For the families, get your wood for winter for your homes. (wording needed to corrected)
Vote: 14-0-09 (Approved)
6. Announcements/Reports:
 - A. Financial Education by World Finance – Michael Benally & Justin Woodis—From the San Juan Chapter and provided introduction. Provided information financial challenges. Provided financial literacy to the community.
 - B. **San Juan County Elections – Arlenta Horse-Dickie & Mariann Benally – Provided information on Election day information. General election is coming; we have 3 ways to vote. Early voting, absentee and day of election voting. The absentee ballot request is available at the chapter and county clerk office. Detailed information of the process of**

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the voting was provided. Location of the early voting is provided, dates were provided. See attached documents for more information by the NM San Juan County Election.

- C. DISCOVERY Program – Dominique Bitsilly – University of Denver, Colorado- Been in the community for 5 years in Shiprock. Diabetic program. Debra A Yazzie, Researcher-provided information in diabetes. Other staff members were introduced themselves. All the approvals have been granted. It is an observational research. Going live in October with the research in Shiprock. More information will be forth coming. This is a unique research; we want to encourage our youth to participate.
 - D. Candidacy for US House Congress NM District 3 – Sharon Clahchischilliage – Introduction of herself. She shared her platform what she will do for the State of NM. We have not been represented well at the National Level. We need to put a Navajo in there. Plus, we need someone that know the system to help our area.
 - E. Research item - Keeley Joe – Researching on the Mining in Shiprock, I would like to interview people on the uranium mining. If interested let me know for 30-1hour. Will provide information and information sheets on the table.
 - F. Flea market issue—Virgil Kirk, Jr. – The vendors at the intersection is a safety issue. We need to address this; we had passed 2 resolutions on this matter.
 - G. Fair Report- Virgil Kirk, Jr. – We need a report on the activity of the fair.
7. New Business

A. Approve the Schedule for the Shiprock Chapter Planning and Chapter Meetings for FY2025. **Sponsor: Dr. J. Kaibah Begay**

Motion: Demetria Simms

Second: Garry Jay

Discussion: Darlene Pete: She would like to change time to 4:30pm for both Planning and Regular Chapter Meeting.

Eva B Stokely: Long ago, the chapter meetings use to be on Sunday afternoon.

Virgil Kirk, Jr.: I feel that the chapter meetings should be changed to Sunday afternoon at 2pm.

Nevina Kinlahcheeny: The staff at the chapter will need to be present at the chapter meetings, for questions of budgets and other items.

Darlene Pete: We have a discussion of this before. We keep the chapter open throughout the day, we don't close during the lunch. Chapter members have family time on the weekend, we have other things that people do.

Bea Redfeather: My comment on the meeting schedule, we also like to keep the schedule as is, we have schedule planned on the weekend.

Gary Clark: You are elected officials; you should be able work on the weekend.

Dr. J Kaibah Begay: We need to keep in mind that we have to work with the chapter administration according to the Executive Branch.

Nevina Kinlahcheeny: The staff work a 40 hour a week and we don't have a budget to pay the overtime of the people.

Jennifer Jim: I don't mind the week day meetings, we have farms and animals.

Arnold D Yazzie: Our heavenly Father request to have a restful Sunday. Sunday is a day of rest.

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Cheryl Martin: Doing the week meetings are good for me. We have a farm too; we need time to do that. I have been to meeting on Sundays, to accommodate the elders.

Virgil Kirk, Jr. – I want to TABLE the item.

There was no second to the Table motion

Vote: 18-09-08 (Approved with the change time to 4:30 pm)

B. Approve the Chapter Financial Report for August 2024. Sponsor: Dr. J. Kaibah Begay

Motion: Darlene Pete

Second: Sarah Denetclaw Begay

Discussion: Cheryl Martin: The farming revenue amount can have another account?

Michele Peterson: The funds go back in the farming—it goes back to fuel, maintenance and other items.

Nevnia Kinlahcheeny: The chapter has to cover the insurance and maintenance and other machine.

Debra A Yazzie: The Farm Board Representative need to take this to the next farm board meeting back to the farmers.

Vote: 22-0-04 (Approved)

C. Approve the Chapter FY2025 Allocation Budget. Sponsor: Dr. J. Kaibah Begay

Motion: Garry Jay

Second: Ralph Atcitty

Discussion: None

Vote: 21-0-05 (Approved)

D. Approve the PEP Application for FY 2025. Sponsor: Dr. J. Kaibah Begay

Motion: Arnold D Yazzie

Second: Darlene Pete

Discussion: Cheryl Martin: The Administrative Assist and Office Assistant are being paid the same?

Nevina Kinlahcheeny: The AA is having more responsibilities than the OA.

Michele Peterson: the jobs are different and the AA has more responsibilities than the OA.

Cheryl Martin: the pay looks a little low.

Michele Peterson: The amount is on Budget form 4 for details.

Garry Jay: The smaller chapters don't keep the same the staff.

Arnold D Yazzie: In the now, therefore, be it resolved that add the amount of \$226,000

Vote: 24-0-01 (Approved)

E. Approve Budget Adjustment due to the Flood in Fund 17. Sponsor: Dr. J. Kaibah Begay

Motion: Darlene Pete

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Second: Arnold D Yazzie
Discussion: None
Vote: 24-0-01 (Approved)

F. Approve and Support the Northern Navajo Fair with Funding and Resources. **Sponsor: Dr. J. Kaibah**

Motion: Virgil Kirk, Jr.

Second: Ralph Atcitty

Discussion: Darlene Pete: I have a problem with the amount not on the resolution. I don't like the wording, it's very open.

Michele Peterson: The youth day and clean up at the beginning of the parade and the end of parade – to assist with trash pickup after the parade.

Debra A Yazzie: The Fair Board had a report of the expense of the fair. The Shiprock Dine Youth needs to expend their funds.

Nevina Kinlahcheey: To cap to the amount of \$1,500.00 for trash bags and water.

Arnold D Yazzie: why can't the Northern Agency chapters contribute to the fair for a year.

Vote: 20-0-01 (Approved)

G. Approve the Fund with Chapter for the FY2025 for Shiprock Farm assessment fees to be used for Operation and Maintenance. **Sponsor: Beatrice Redfeather-Benally**

Motion: Jennifer Jim

Second: Bertha Etsitty

Discussion: Gary Clark- Make a motion to TABLE- to get the input the farmers. I am a farmer, I don't know any

Motion to TABLE: Gary Clark

Second Motion: Virgil Kirk, Jr.

Vote: 11-0-06 (Approved to TABLE) condition to meet with the Farm permittees.

8. Chapter Updates

A. Report by Shiprock Chapter Veterans Organization – Commander Simms—asked to be Commander. Alfred Benally-- VP and Secretary- Bernie Tyler-Wilson.

B. Reports by Chapter Officials – Debra Yazzie—getting the Flood issue going and completed to get the FEMA process to get reimbursed from Washington, DC

Sarah Denetclaw Begay- We maybe on furlough – October 1, 2024.

Bea Redfeather: I submitted the written report.

Nevina Kinlahcheeny: Get ready for winter after Shiprock Fair.

Dr. J Kaibah Begay- Update for the Northern Navajo Fair and Northern Agency Council.

C. Chapter Administrative – The comprehensive budget may not be passed and may be on furlough, we have to be ready.

9. Roll Call

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Debra A. Yazzie – Present

Dr. J Kaibah Begay- Present

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10. Next Meetings

A. Planning Meeting: Monday, October 7, 2024 at 4:30 pm

B. Regular Chapter Meeting: Thursday, October 10, 2024 at 4:30 pm

11. Adjournment @ 9:04 pm

Motion: Arnold D Yazzie

Second: Cheryl Martin

Vote: All

Respectfully Submitted by:

09-12-24

Dr. J Kaibah Begay, Shiprock Chapter Secretary/Treasurer

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