

**THIS TSOH SIKAAD CHAPTER
MEETING REPORT FORM "FY 2024"**

[XX] CHAPTER MEETING

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CHAPTER: THIS TSOH SIKAAD AGENCY: NORTHERN NAVAJO

DISTRICT NO: 13

DATE: 2-12-24

TIME: 11:30 a.m

QUORUM: 31

CHAPTER OFFICIALS:

PRESENT/ABSENT

PRESIDENT:

Harrison LaMone

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VICE PRESIDENT:

Edison Smith

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SECRETARY/TREASURE:

Clara Pierce

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COUNCIL DELEGATE:

Rickie Nez

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GRAZING MEMBER:

Tanner J. Begaye

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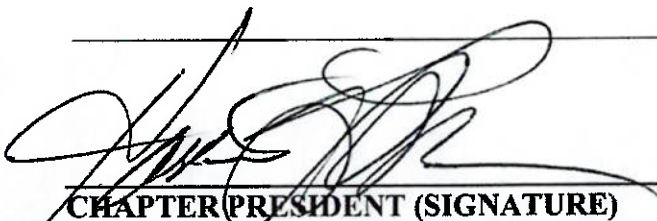
CHAPTER MANAGER:

Charles D. Benally

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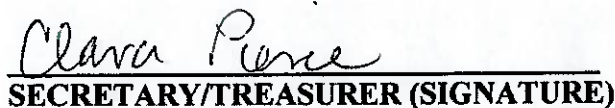
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Chapter Regular Meeting February 12, 2024 Sign-in sheet

Chapter Officials:

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Chapter President, Harrison LaMone
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Grazing Official, Tanner Begaye
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6. Milton Hoque
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18. Joena Andersen
19. Matthew Begay Sr
20. Shawonda Begay
21. Shirley Bradley

Guests:

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5. Lakelie Nakai
6. Marianne Bonally STC [Signature]
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Chapter Regular Meeting Agenda Monday, February 12, 2024 @ 11:00a.m.

1. Meeting called to order by Time:
2. The invocation was given by
3. Review and Approve the Agenda
M: S: V:
4. Accepting the Last Meeting Minutes – January 14, 2024
M: S: V:
5. Old Business:
 - a. Guest: San Juan County Election Office Maryann Benally
 - b. Guest: Navajo Transitional Energy Company (NTEC) Susie Bizade – brief community update
 - c. Guest: Native American Election Program Liaison NM Secretary of State Helen Crosby
 - d. Guest: Espanola Resource Center, Laverne Nakai
6. New Business (subject to change during the Planning Meeting)
 - a. TTS-RES-24-02-21: APPROVING THE TIIS TSOH SIKAAD CHAPTER FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, ENDING December 30, 2023
M: S: V:
 - b. TTS-RES-24-02-22: APPROVING THE TIIS TSOH SIKAAD CHAPTER FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY, ENDING January 31, 2024
M: S: V:
 - c. TTS-RES-24-02-23: SUPPORTING RESOLUTION OF THE NAVAJO NATION TIIS TSOH SIKAAD CHAPTER TO DIRECT THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AND NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL TO PRIORITIZE REPAIR TO NAVAJO AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY ROAD N4104 (*sponsor: Leonard Palmer, NTEC Safety Manager*)
M: S: V:
 - d. TTS-RES-24-02-24: SUPPORTING AND APPROVING THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ) TO AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 26 OF THE NAVAJO NATION CODE TO ALLOW FOR IN-PERSON, VIRTUAL/HYBRID ATTENDANCE AT TIIS TSOH SIKAAD CHAPTER MEETINGS
M: S: V:
 - e. TTS-RES-24-02-25: APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 EMERGENCY FUND BUDGET FOR TIIS TSOH SIKAAD CHAPTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,000.00 TO BE USED FOLLOWING THE PRIORITY LISTED IN THE FIVE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (FMS)
M: S: V:
 - f. TTS-RES-24-02-26: APPROVING NAVAJO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (NDOT) TO INCLUDE ROAD 8850 IN THE CHAPTER BOUNDARY MAPPING AND THE TIIS TSOH SIKAAD CHAPTER TO COMPLETE RURAL ADDRESSING AND ARRANGE FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND SERVICING OF ROAD 8850 WHEN THE ROAD BECAME DAMAGED AND IMPASSABLE
M: S: V:
7. Reports (5 minutes each)
 - a. Navajo Nation Council Delegate
 - b. Chapter Officials:
 - i. Chapter President

- ii. Vice President
- iii. Secretary/Treasurer
- iv. Chapter Manager
- v. Grazing Official
- vi. CLUPC

8. Announcements

a. Date/Time of next Meeting

Chapter Planning meeting – Friday, March 1, 2024 @ 11:00a.m. (tentative, subject to change)

Chapter Regular meeting – Friday, March 8, 2024 @ 2:00p.m. (tentative, subject to change)

CLUPC Meeting – March 1, 2024 @ 10 a.m.

b. Other

Tiis Tsoh Sikaad Grazing Permittee meeting February 23, 2024, 10a.m. @ Burnham Chapter

District 13 Grazing Committee meeting March 6, 2024, 1pm @ Burnham Chapter

Northern Agency Grazing Committee meeting, March 14, 2024, 9am @ Red Mesa Chapter

February 14th, Valentines Day

February 19th, President's Day, Chapter closed.

9. Adjournment

M:

S:

V:

Time of adjournment:

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1. Meeting called to order by Harrison LaMone, Chapter President Time: 11:20a.m.
2. The invocation was given by Jane Jones.
3. Review and Approve the Agenda

Harrison L. – read the agenda to the members, guests, and officials in attendance. And requested if they were all in agreement, and if so, he needs a motion. (Had issues with the microphone. It kept going off and on. Had to fiddle with the cable constantly).
Motion to approve the agenda was made by:
M: Fannie Lookingglass S: Jane Jones

Harrison L. – are there any additions, or any changes, or keep it the same. Anyone?
Jane J. – greeted everyone that was in attendance. She recommends combining “d” and “e”.
Harrison L. – “d” and “e”?
Jane J. – I mean “b” and “e”.
Harrison L. – “b” and “e”.
Jane J. – yes.
Harrison L. – “a” and “b” is the same.
Jane J. – and “c” and “f” combine those. Okay? That’s my recommendation.
Harrison L. – “d” and “e” is what you said right?
Jane J. – no “b” and “e”.
Harrison L. – okay. “a” is the same thing. “a” and “b” are the same thing.
Jane J. – no, I didn’t say “a” and “b”.
Harrison L. – well I’m just saying it’s the same.
Jane J. – ok, “a”, “b”, and “e” then, and “c” and “f” combine those too.
Harrison L. – so for the main motion Fannie is that ok.
Fannie L. – yes that’s fine with me.
Harrison L. – alright, anyone else any additions or change it. Ok stand up. Identify yourself come up here.
Laverne Nakai – hello my name is Laverne Nakai I am from the Espanola Resource Center. I just wanted to inform you about our work. And the agenda does not have my name on it so I would like to be added to do my presentation.
Harrison L. – alright. Is that ok.
Fannie L. – I think they should have a limit of 5 minutes since we have a number of presenters.
Harrison L. – alright. What did you say your name is?
Clara P. – Laverne Nakai.
Harrison L. – oh ok. Laverne Nakai, you’ll be after Native American Election on “d”. Is there anyone else? Anybody, how about those that are sitting at the front. Any corrections, deletions? (no other hands raised). Okay since we have a motion and a second. If you are in agreement raise your hand. Edison take a count.
V: 18 in favor, 0 against, 3 abstain Motion passed
4. Accepting the Last Meeting Minutes – January 14, 2024

Harrison L. – requested Clara to briefly read the last meeting minutes
Clara P. – read the minutes back to those in attendance.
Harrison L. – well it was read back to you. Does anyone have any questions on it? Or is there a motion to accept the minutes.

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M: Laverne Begay **S: Theresa Johnson**

Harrison L. – are there any questions so we can move forward. Listen, they brought blue corn mush get some. Alright if you're in agreement raise your hand.

V: 19 in favor, 0 against, 7 abstain

5. Old Business:

a. **Guest: San Juan County Election Office Maryann Benally** – good afternoon. My name is Maryann Benally from San Juan County Clerk office. Election time has come again. Presidential election, I will be informing you about that. And I thank the chapter officials and the community members everyone that comes here and are here to support the chapter officials on whatever needs to be approved. I will be informing you on the election procedures. Candidate filing for 2024 New Mexico Primary Election is going to be happening. The filing date is Tuesday, March 12, 2024. If you are going to be a candidate you must be a registered voter in San Juan County, not be convicted of a felony, reside in the county of the district, be a citizen of the United States, be 18 years of age or older. When I went to San Juan Chapter I was saying be 18 years of age, they were saying is it for those that are that age only. I said no. It says 18 years of age and older. Anyway, and Major Party for 2024 Election Cycle. There are only three primary elections for three party for the primary election only. Democratic Party, Libertarian Party, and the Republican Party. Also, the filing date is February 6, that's already passed. They had a Pre-Primary Convention in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Office of Secretary State, and Tuesday March 12, 2024, there will be another filing date for Federal and Statewide candidate. And the filing date is Tuesday, March 12, 2024, 9a.m. to 5p.m. San Juan County Clerks Office in Aztec. This one is for County Clerk and County Treasurer, the filing fee is \$55.00. State Senators at the upper house District 3, 4, and 22. State Representative at the lower house District 2, 4, 5, 65, and 69 and District Attorney. This one requires a petition, and they will be asking for your signature. Maybe some have already signed it. Nominating Petition for candidates. The top portion of the petition must be completed before circulation, preferably typed, get access signature. The signature must be a registered voter and live within the district where the candidates will be running and have the same little party for the candidate. And signing of a petition which is you. Must be a registered voter in district 2, must be the same political party, sign only one question per for same office. The top portion of the petition should be completed before signing. This is how they will be carrying out a petition. The top portion must be filled in good before you sign it and ask questions. So, what it says here is Democrat, their name, their address, and what county. It should say San Juan County, and State Representative District 4. One per House of Representative, Senator, or District Attorney. The important date is March 12, 2024, is the filing date, March 19, 2024, is filing date for write in candidate, April 2, 2024, last date for candidate to withdraw, June 4, 2024, Primary Election. And what I told you about, if you have a question, you can call the County Clerks office talk to Tany Shelby, she's the County Clerk at the San Juan County Clerks office in Aztec. The phone number is 505-334-9471 or 1-833-955-8683, or you can go into the website www.sjcclerk.net. I have put this information that I just read off on the bulletin board. We have a bulletin board here on San Juan County. If you want to be a candidate, you need a copy of the 2024 Candidate Information Guide. They have it at the office, maybe you can get a copy. I did place one up on the bulleting board too. The last one is this one that was approved last year. 2023 San Juan County Commissioner District between the Navajo Nation and San Juan County. The purple one is District 1 Glojean Todacheenie is the Commissioner. The light orange colored on is District 2, the County Commissioner is Gary McDaniel. So, Burnham is part of District 2. I have one of these on the board too. Does anyone have any questions?

Harrison L. – ask you questions now if have them. Did you understand? Alright. Thank you. Oh, go ahead.

Theresa J. – hello everyone. My name is Theresa Johnson. On District 2, there was districts that were mapped out. The first one we use to get help here, that's how I see it. Now it's Gary, I don't know if he is talking for us. The reservation is big, a lot of people voted for him. So that is all I wanted to comment on. There are roads here, state roads here. We ask where Gary is.

Maryann B. – on this you have to call the county office and if you want Gary McDaniel to come out here. Request him to come out here to your chapter meeting, then he will give you an update. He is

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the County Commissioner. I can't give you any information I don't have that. I just update you on elections on what I was told to tell you. Any update during the election we come to the chapter. We don't attend the planning meeting, but we attend the regular meeting. So that is like that. Thank you.

Harrison L. – alright. Thank you for joining us and informing us about the elections. This Gary McDaniel he said just call him and he will stop by. The last time it was his wife that used to be the County Commissioner, now it's Gary McDaniel and he comes by himself. So, if that is what you want let us know. Any other questions? If none then we will go forward.

A member – forward.

- b. Guest: Navajo Transitional Energy Company (NTEC) Susie Bizade – hello. She introduced herself and where she comes from. She works for NTEC now, started in August in Community Relations. To work with the 110 chapters that is how she got the job and that is why she is here. One of the programs that you're probably familiar with. The Community Heating Resource Program, the coal that you were helped with every year. We Help everywhere, even the Pueblo. This opened in October, now we're in February. We are open Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. The hours we are open is 8 to 4:00. And at the beginning of March, it will only be open Friday and Saturday. That is all I wanted to update you with. If I had a lot of information to share, I would be up here the whole 5 minutes. But thank you, thank you for the food and thank you for the blue corn mush. And thanks for inviting me to your community and I have family here too. My nieces and nephews are from this chapter, so that is like that. Thank you.

Harrison L. – she is a relative of Priscilla Bizardi.

Susie B. – my children.

Harrison L. – ok here children are the relatives. I want to let you know one thing. Some people are saying that coal just has the dust, that's all they haul in. If you could shake that off it would be good. That is for your information. Fannie. Come up here, come up here.

Fannie L. - I have a three-minute question for NTEC. When we had the snow drifts there was a person talking from Sanostee, thanking NTEC for clearing the snow. I was wondering if we were having that kind of issue here in Burnham, is there a chance that we can get help from NTEC to clear the roads since the roads are snow packed. And about two or three years ago there were a lot of high winds, these roads a lot of them they are below ground level. The roads are not level, but they're below ground level like even 2, 3 even 4 feet in some areas and those are the areas that get packed from sand or snow. So, in those cases can NTEC do something with it because the chapter house we are told they are limited, their gasoline is really expensive, and there's a lot of problems in getting services. So, I just wanted to ask first of all about the snow. If Sanostee can get assistance with NTEC with the snow with the clearing of this snow. Can Teec Nos Pos, can we. Not Teec Nos Pos. Sorry I worked in Teec Nos Pos before. Can Tiis Tsoh Sikaad get assistance with clearing of the roads around here thank you?

Leonard Palmer with NTEC – hello my people. And thank you to the officials and leaders. And the question about the road when it snows the roads get awful and somehow help us is what you were saying. And a different place we help Sanostee is what you said. There are two different types. Over here we are mining coal, in T'ohsido they have helium. That is separate the same company but different Departments. I don't know how they made that arrangement. And recently the chapter house received a brand-new motor grader, so nobody knows how to operate it. They're asking how to operate it with the levels handles they were asking if we could help them with it so a white man who's the trainer went there and taught them how to use it. We trained them. So that is probably when they help them fix the roads. At the coal mine about 13 or 14 years ago the roads were very close to the blast area so it was moved and there was gravel put on the road. That road is on the mine lease so that is where we repair the roads North and we don't repair the road going South. It is dangerous. I will talk to you about it in a little bit. That road is BIA's, they are very stingy. So, I will tell you in a little bit on the other one. So based on that we will talk about the roads. We were told it's a liability, they don't want us to have a liability. But on the mine site that is ours we fix that for you, just not the other way. Does that answer your question?

Fannie L. – yes it does, thank you.

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Leonard P. – okay.

Harrison L. – alright. We already wrote to them at the time, and they told us they can't do it. Susie responded to us, and she told us that we were outside the mine site so they couldn't help us. So just be aware of that for them. Anyone has a question? Come up here, come up here. Mr. Ernest Johnson.

Ernest J. - hello to all the community members and the leaders. I just want to ask a small question. Susie, since you're sitting here. My question is what else do you help the community with besides, well that is my question. Yes, you do help us with the coal, it's mainly the dust, but somehow like the one that's from Hesperus Colorado. They do it really good, they don't hardly have any dust from them. When they use their bobcat bucket there is no dust pouring out of it. Yours comes with some rocks as well, maybe at your safety meetings. Like when you work at the mines and the oil field, the number one thing they do is have safety meetings, that's where they have a discussion. When we haul in the coal it's mainly rocks and sometimes, they pop. The stove is ducking from the popping noise. That is the only thing I wanted to ask. What else do you guys help us out with, can you give us a brief statement on that. Thank you.

Edison S. – let them know you help with Solar too.

Susie B. – hello again. That's a good question. In community relations and chapters, we partner with them, and we work with them for however long it takes. You are in district 13 you were probably being helped when the coal mine started. When it was BHP, or North American Coal, now it is NTEC. You have been helped many times already. I don't know, I've only been here since August. But what I know is. We also offer the Community Benefit Fund Grant; it is opened every year in August. That one your chapter, since your chapter is certified they get the opportunity to apply for a grant. You can choose to improve your community, help your community members with, let me talk about one of the projects. Some of the chapters applied for the grant and they were approved to purchase stoves and stove pipes for elderly people, to prepare them for the winter and to make sure they are safe and sound when they build a fire in their stove. When you go to visit the community, some are and dire need of fixing their stove. So, in that particular situation some chapters they decided to purchase stoves and stove pipes for their elderly citizens. So that is like that. So, from Burnham chapter you have to identify how there is a need in your community, how you are in need, you know what's the serious need. How are we working with our chapter and the community members and how are we planning so you can apply for this Community Benefit Grant. If you want that then you can plan for it. If you properly apply and have your all your documents, you might be able to get it. And it may be approved for you. However, the officials have to work with the community members, that's the only way. So, you have to be on the same page on what you want to do for your community. So that's offered through the community benefits grant. And then there is solar. My other colleague, her name is Yolanda, maybe sometimes she comes here. Maybe some of you know her, she has set up a solar for you. NTEC also assists with that. So that's that is like that. Other than that, sometimes we receive requests for financial assistance or sponsorship from communities. Like say, they're having a really large meeting here and you want us to pay for your fees and food that is how we also help. It just depends, we can't approve every single assistant that is sent in to us. We have to work with all the 110 chapters. So, there are a lot of dire needs in the communities. Every chapter is different, every community has different needs. So that is like that. So, I hope I answered your question.

Ernest J. – yes.

Susie B. - Thank you.

Charles B. – don't forget the scholarships.

Susie B. - we also help with scholarships. Of course, coal. As I told you I'm from Black Mesa and Peabody had the best coal. So, I have to brag about that. This is the first year I'm actually burning Navajo Mine coal, it is true it's like that. There is a lot of dust. I'll tell you that from experience. We had to, we spent a couple hours filtering through the coal so that is true. So that's basically out of my control. I know they have a skid steer and all that but those that actually work on it I don't know. It's not my responsibility. If you work in that area, I'm sure you can improve the situation. So, thank you for your questions, though.

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Harrison L. – thank you as well. Are there any more questions? So that information was given to you. When it's that time then a lot of you do use the coal and haul it in. There are still a lot of tickets left. Next month is the only month left. So, use them. Don't just have them laying around at home, use them. They do tell us how much they gave us and how much is not being used. Even last year there were some tickets that were not used for food. They tell us that too. I asked how come, you should just have given them to me. Ok, moving forward.

- c. **Guest: Native American Election Program Liaison NM Secretary of State Helen Crosby** I am very shy; I don't know how the microphone will work for me. Good morning, everyone, it's almost noon. Thank you, my leaders, for giving me the opportunity to speak here. I have been calling Clara and she has asked me to go ahead and thank you. She introduced herself and her clans and where she is from. I used to have an office in Nenahnezad. In 2018, I started working for New Mexico Secretary of State Bureau of Election Department in Santa Fe as a Native American Election Liaison. The reason why they tell me is for the Navajo's that are registered in Santa Fe, there are a lot of natives that are not registered and do not vote. That is the reason why I was given the job. They did research, and through the New Mexico State District I worked with maybe 50 of the chapters and I would visit each one of them to inform them of the elections like the way Mary Ann from San Juan County relayed the message to you. Just like what she informed you I will give you some of the information. As well as at this chapter what is your need, what is your concern here that is what they're telling me. What are some of the barriers that they face, why did they not vote, what were their difficulties. Like you guys said the roads are difficult, gas prices are high, and a few say their voter's registration has expired and they wanted to renew it. Some are saying they're asking for too many documents, you know it's overwhelming for the elderlies when they go over there by themselves. They are told they need this, this and that and then they just give up on it because they are requesting too many documents, and they just leave it that is the reason why they don't vote. Some of the things like that they tell me, and I realized that for myself. It didn't used to bother me back then, I was just another voter was what I thought, and sometimes that just happens. So, after I started working for this department, I started asking questions about it, learning about it, and I reported it back to my supervisor. So that is the reason why. And what the San Juan County clerk representative told you about and the primary election will take place on June 4, the one she said it was a primary election. Then in November is the main general election, that is when we will be voting again. So, if you want to be a candidate, like what she was saying, for senators, district and judges you will need to file for candidacy on March 12th at San Juan County Clerk. The presidential and senators and the federal office the candidates have already filed in Santa Fe with the Secretary of State office. So, the presidential election, the candidates have already filed. Then there is still a right in candidate that she was telling you about, it was in March 16 or March 19. That was what she told you about. But in San Juan County district there are three County Commissioners that is district 3,4 and 5 candidates will submit their application, also County Clerk and County Treasurer. That is what I wanted to tell you about. Also register to vote. Tell your kids that are not registered, your children, your grandkids, your paternal grandkids tell them about it. They can register online since everything is technology now, registering. So, my website is newmexicovote.org and it has all this information that we are informing you about. We also have registration cards, Maryann probably left you some here, they're at the post office too, at the Motor Vehicle. When you are renewing your driver's license, they will ask you if you are not registered to vote and if you would like to apply. And that is what the questions they ask you over there. You can even apply at the San Juan County clerk's office in person. And even now they can do same day registration. On June 2nd if you want to vote but you are not registered and you let them know that, and they will do a same day registration, and can vote the same day. So now they are doing that. Also, my phone number is, I forgot to pass out my phone number, but I will pass them out soon. You can also call me if you are not registered, I can help you register and anything else that is associated with that I can help you. That is all I wanted to tell you about. Thank you for listening to me. Does anyone else have a question?

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Edison S. – hello my name is Edison Smith Vice President here. I have a question about chapters in the State of New Mexico, San Juan County affiliated chapters. At the chapters do you have certified registers that can be available in some areas.

Helen C. – to register to vote. At the chapter houses, no. I know Navajo Nation does, but County Clerk I know. Maryann, do you have.

Maryann B. – I have that yeah. Usually, it's the secretary who becomes the Liaison. We usually have the name over here. When Paula used to work here it used to be her. It is written right here. We have a bulletin here. Every Chapter we have a bulletin board, we have 18 chapters in San Juan County. So, this is still up here. The liaison, it was Paula when she use to work here. I know she's no longer working here. So, whoever is working in the office we need to appoint that to put the name back up here. I'll tell Arlinda so she can print them out. But you guys have to select your liaison for whoever works in the office. It can be the chapter manager or the office assistant, they can become the liaison then we have applications and absentee application we have them at the chapter house. For that if you want to register to vote you can come to the chapter and the person who is the liaison can help you fill in the application. We have one at each chapter, but lately we don't have one at Burnham, I noticed that. Paula's name is still on here.

Helen C. – but she can continue to register people as long as she is trained to do that. She doesn't have to work here.

Maryann B. – yeah. The county has to print a flyer whoever will be the liaison, you guys have to pick one from this chapter. Those that are working in the office then they will have their name on the list on the bulletin board. They will help you register and help you fill out absentee ballots or voters' registration, and anything that has to do with voting they must know. I'll talk to Arlinda about it and you guys can pick one and we can train them.

Helen C. – ok so you were informed. That was a good question. Are there any more questions?

Harrison L. – any more questions? Mr. Clah.

Tim C. – I always have questions.

Harrison L. – that's ok.

Tim C. – any questions. Hello Shima for your attendance, thank you. And my leaders sitting up here, and community members that are here and my sisters. It's a good day today. My question is it is a National Election now. There was a person that was elected about 4 years ago. He didn't do it right. We that are indigenous, how is it. He seems to talk against us and is working against us, that's what I realized. And he doesn't recognize those that are in dire need. He is saying he is running again. So, in Colorado they restricted it they are also saying he will not represent them. What is Santa Fe planning to do? If we speak that also, will they listen to us, so he will not be added to the ballot. That is my work. I look at him as he has several issues. His language is also not good, he's just instigating a war. That is like that. That is all.

Helen C. – yes, what your questions is about. They do ask us that question on how we will do that in Santa Fe. Are we allowing his name to be added to the ballot? Many people write to us asking that same question, they are saying we don't want you to add his name, and we are saying no. That came from the voters in the Santa Fe District as well. So, my supervisor is saying we are working according to the policy and if we also want to do that then we have to take it to the Supreme Court the District Courts. They have that authority to say if they want to or not. If we are really saying no, then they will say we have to make that decision according to the Election Ethics and Policy, that is what they will say. We can't not just we want him off the ballot, we have to follow the procedure and according to what the courts say. That was what we were told.

Harrison L. – anyone else? That's it. Alright.

Helen C. – thank you.

Harrison L. – and thank you for joining us and for relaying your information.

Helen C. – the next time I come here I will have voters turn out numbers from the regular local elections. I will inform you of that.

Harrison L. – alright, moving forward.

- d. Guest: Laverne Nakai, Espanola Resource Program – hello. She introduced herself, her clans and where she's at. She does her work in Shiprock, and I work from home. This pamphlet I passed out I will present

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it in Navajo. I work for Espanola Resource Center located near Santa Fe. Under that we do work for the Department of Labor. So, the main thing we do is Claims. The Energy Employee Illness Compensation Program. The laws were created in 2000 on forward. You can get reimbursement from the Department of Energy for the employees. Uranium Miners also worked for the Department of Energy as well. To this day there are still many workers in the United States who work under the Department of Energy. This is for all people in the United States not just the Navajo's, not just for the Uranium Miners too. As long as that person has worked under the Department of Energy can file a claim and their health was affected when working under the Department of Energy. There are two categories, Part D is \$1,500.00 reimbursement if you have some type of disease and they will pay you that much, hospital care they will approve that, also for cancer, beryllium disease, silicosis, that one is from radiation exposure. Since uranium is radiation. And some workers worked with beryllium or silica and their breathing was affected to this day. The Uranium Miners were compensated from Erica, and they also applied with Department of Labor, and they were compensated \$50,000.00. Also, Part E. Some have applied for that too because they knew about it. The compensation for that one was \$250,000.00 if they are maybe eligible for if it's approved. So, you don't get all of it all at once. It's paid every two years. The Uranium Miners are like that, they have to have a physical to see what percent they are at. It's like \$2,500.00 every 1% diagnosed, up to \$250,000.00. The hospital care is also paid out. Those two programs are here on the pamphlet. Under Part B Survivors, if the worker had passed on and they didn't apply for Part B. Then the spouse whether it's a woman or man, they are first eligible then the children are eligible after them. The children have no age limit attached to it, even at the age of 60's as long as their father was a miner, they can apply for this as a survivor. Then is Part E, the main spouse that they were married to. Then follows the children aged 18 or younger after the worker passes, then the children can apply. Then the ones are the children who may have been at college age 23 or younger, if the father passes when they were in college then they can apply for compensation. Next, the children that are handicapped and have to be cared for, they're also eligible to apply under Part E. So, Part E, hospital care for the handicap are eligible if approved. The Espanola Resource Center is located in Santa Fe, NM. You can call them if you have any questions, we can also help you apply over the phone. It's quick. If you just have questions, you fill out an application, it is sent to the Department of Labor then they send you information on what they need. This is the job that I do and at Espanola there are only Spanish speaking people, if you need a Navajo interpretation then they call me, and I will call you back. I am busy with interviews in the morning and afternoon, whenever I get assigned an interview. The things we take care of in the State of New Mexico are, some of you may have heard of some of these. Los Alamos National Laboratory, Sandia Lab, there are a lot of jobs located in Albuquerque and Texas. That is who we take care of, but if you call us from other locations, we'll do your application. The applications are then sent to the Department of Labor, then they send your application to one of the locations, and you are assigned a case worker thereafter. That is like that. This is just to inform you to see if there are any applicants here, and just to inform you. So RICA Uranium Miners were the first ones that applied under the Department of Justice. Last year it was going to be halted back in I think July, now they extended it to June 10. I don't know if the funding will run out for RECA. I will leave some pamphlets here if you want to take one. We don't work with RECA but that is separate. We are from the Department of Labor I am just informing you for them. Are there any questions on this?

Harrison L. - any questions?

Lorene A. - so it's a coal mine too, right?

Laverne N. - coal miner is separate, it's not under the Department of Energy. So, if the facility wherever that may be and you worked under the Department of Energy, or if there is a Department of Energy facility here and you're a carpenter and you went into that place to work there and in the future, you started having health issue you can file a claim. That is for like contractors. There are many contractors, like Los Alamos there are workers that come in and work on the property. They get sick later on. So, they can file a claim because they worked there at Los Alamos.

Lorene A. - I only asked because you said Department of Energy. To me coal means energy.

Laverne N. - there is a Black Lung Program under the Department of Labor. So, if a coal miner comes down with Black Lung Disease or something, they are separate. If you know the website, if you are computer literate you can google it, here is the address. It tells about Black Lung too on the computer. But I heard there is a group coming to I think the health care places that's coming to Kirtland this week,

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the 13th through the 16th in Kirtland is what they were saying. But you have to make an appointment and that's where you can file a claim for that. That's like that. Thank you again.

Harrison L. – one more question.

Tommy A. – what is the age limit for kids, siblings. Were you saying 30 to apply or whatever? Because my niece and nephew their father may have been exposed to Uranium. They're not around but I can

Laverne N. – oh they're children, right? It depends if they can prove that it was their dad, like a birth certificate and all that. And

Tommy A. – what I'm asking is what is the age limit, 30 or?

Laverne N. – under Part B, there is no age limit.

Tommy A. – ok.

Laverne N. – but Part E is if they were under 18 when their dad passed away, and he was supporting them, then they can apply for Part E too.

Tommy A. – no age limit. Or was that in Part D.

Laverne N. – Part E is 18 and younger if their father passed, if he had supported them then they can apply. Okay? Alright, have a good day.

Harrison L. – is there any more questions? Then we can go forward.

Members – move on.

Harrison L. – I think we got all of them, all the four presenters.

6. New Business (subject to change during the Planning Meeting)

Harrison L. – Jane says “a”, “b”, and “e” to combine all of them. That will be read to you now.

Clara P. – read “a” and “b” resolutions into the minutes. Any questions on those two? Next one. On “e”, I had to Charles was given a deadline of noon I believe it was Wednesday or Thursday a couple weeks ago to submit this so they can give us a payment. He didn't get it done so I ran over to ASC. I hurried and entered them which only took about 15 minutes, then we got it done. So, we got it. They made a direct deposit to us for \$35,000.00 it's into our bank. We got it, we didn't lose it. I was happy. Okay so there are three of them right there. Are there any discussions on this. Oh, and then so the way he had separated them was, Heavy Equipment Operator 1 X \$15.00/hr. X 80hrs X 2 weeks. But it's not going to be the whole two weeks he's going to work straight. Just when we need him. So that's \$1,200.00 there. And the FICA expense is \$75.40, Medicare Expense \$17.40, then SUTA but SUTA is only for permanent employees so we took that back out and dropped it back out to a different area, then Workers Compensation that's the same all the way across even for temporary people \$9.00, then Diesel we decreased that to leave it at \$5,000.00, Chapter food \$5,685.16, then we put that \$14.04 went to that one, then wood/pellets there's not a separate GL Code for Pellets so we added it in with the wood. That one we increased to \$14,500.00, then Propane we increased that to \$7,500.00. So, the total of all that is \$35,000.00. So, it's just based on the GL Codes that are available for that. So that's what happened to that, and that's where it went. Okay. Any questions? None ok, Harrison back to you.

Harrison L. – remember on that one, we had a Special Meeting on the other one. So that one, it passed, now this one. So, we have a little bit of money. So, Charles has already allocated them. We will work on it tomorrow. He's going to work on it. That is like that. Fannie, did you ask a question?

Fannie L. – yes, a quick question. Is that for all the chapter voters or is a certain one excluded, or what's the situation on that.

Clara P. – this one, Charles, we need a new microphone.

Jane J. – yup.

Clara P. – this one. So, this \$35,000.00 is the first time. Okay. I know some of you weren't there but the last time at the planning meeting we explained it to everybody. They requested for through the UUF, you know every chapter they have a threshold they have a limit on every chapter. The list came out and there were a lot of them that wouldn't get anything, there was zero on there. So, they didn't like it and some of these chapters that they had zero on theirs because they didn't use theirs. They were just saving it, they're waiting for that day to come whenever that's gonna be. So, they're stacking up ok. So that was the reason why they weren't going to get it. So, their council delegates said no we need to have everybody get it, so they redid it and during the winter session they discussed it say they put 35,000 to each chapter no matter if they had a big amount or not. So, this amount is not based on your voter registration, it's not based on your 50/50 it's just straight across okay. So, that's how we're gonna

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that priority too. So, it's only for within the chapter Navajo Nation boundary. It's not for people that live in the big cities, border towns that are not on the Navajo Nation. So this is just for the people that are in the Navajo Nation boundary. That are registered but not registered, that are within this chapter ok. So just the chapter boundary basically. So 35,000 goes to there, so that's how it was divided and then so that's what we were told.

Harrison L. - go ahead.

Fannie L. - okay since it's restricted to those within the chapter boundary. is the chapter boundary defined? I know that with the chapter we are um within the boundary of 371 on that side, and then along on Chaco Wash which is which defines the chapter boundary. But on the north side of the boundary is not really defined, or it's not clear. I know that I live out the chapter boundaries. So, it sounds like I would be excluded. So, I think you need to clarify that with everybody so that they can either support or not support this resolution. So, thank you.

Clara P. - we have a map right there that's the chapter boundary. Everything is within that boundary if you live within that boundary, you're qualified. And a lot of you know where the chapter boundaries are okay.

Fannie L. - I don't.

A member - it's right there.

Clara P. - yeah the maps right there and have been chapter members for a long time, so I think it's going to come up several times. So, chapter bounties right there.

Harrison L. - alright, any other questions. Go ahead the Grazing Committee member.

Tanner B. - thank you Mr. President for the floor. Hello, I'm Tanner Begaye. (he introduced his clans). I have some comments on this resolution. The Tiis Tsoh Sikaad Chapter didn't include hay under the current allocation for the emergency fund expenditures GI codes. One of the things that I was, well a lot of us came into. We had a recent emergency with this snowstorm. A lot of the constituents, some grazing permit holders don't have 4-wheel drive vehicles, they have cars. They don't have access to getting the roads cleared. The chapter for example, 8850 during the recent snowstorm the chapter didn't even take into consideration any of the constituents that we're living on that side. It creates hardship for a lot of people. A lot of families didn't have a clear road, but the chapter was willing to clear other roads. One of the things that I wanted to recommend was that there be a change in the current policy for road blading. That irregardless of any grazing or range disputes roads will be maintained by the chapter for the families that are living out on the grazing lands. Certain grazing permit holders couldn't get to NAPI to get hay from their livestock. We know that in recent events recent storms we've experienced that maybe we should prepare, and I've learned a lot from my elders, I've learned a lot from a lot of people living in the community just by watching. How do you guys prepare, and how the elders take into consideration what might happen. Well, these younger generations don't consider that. I myself have found myself in a bine before where I needed help, but I can learn from my elders, I can learn from the constituents living in the community that maybe we need to prepare. So with the current regulation for road blading, I would like to see the chapter state in its policy irregardless of range or land disputes that every road in the chapter will be could be maintained for grading. Right now, there's some animosity amongst members in chapter, amongst some of the

Harrison L. - stay on the emergency please. We're not talking about roads.

Tanner B. - so we're talking about the emergency funds Mr. President so that's what I'm talking about. So, when I'm, when it's talking about emergency funds certain constituents can't like I said they don't have access to the highways to get out to go to buy groceries and stuff. The chapter did a tremendous job delivering groceries. I know Mr. Benally and Mr. Begay, Paul Begay with to the food bank to get some food, our vice president helped a lot with getting those to some of the families. But like for example if I can say one of the constituents living out of 8850, they didn't have access to by hay or go get groceries because of the road conditions. So, I mean we have all of these GI Codes in place, but we don't have any hay. Does the constituents of Burnham chapter, would you like to see hay on there?

Members - yup.

Tanner B. - and that's what I'm recommending to the chapter, but I would like to request the constituency to make those amendments. Make the motion right now to make an amendment to procure some of these funds for hay. So like thank you. Thank you very much.

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Clara P. – okay. For hay. I want you to pull out your January financial reports right here, the thick one. Go to page 12, page 12 says your emergency fund. When you get these, look through them because over here you have GL codes, where everything's going and the description where money is going. Right there last, for this one the 11,000. Charles entered 4000 for purchasing hay, 2000 for purchasing diesel fuel, \$3,742.89 for purchasing wood, 2000 for repair maintenance construction equipment. It's in there. OK for that first fund, this second one he didn't put anything in for wood. I mean, sorry excuse me hay. But remember, livestock yeah sometimes we use it to feed us and like umm Tanner has been saying I've heard him mention several times winter's coming up be ready prepare for it if you need to downsize your some of your animals do so think about that is what we were told. And they're in the minutes from last year's all the three years that I've been here. So, and he's told you from to prepare for it, so when something like this happens then we, yeah, we can I don't know we can. Where's that paper. If that's what you want, then we can move some of this money but Charles, you have it that's your responsibility to move it. To get into the MIP and move it. To put some, put some into the hay account. Wood/Pellets, wood is very expensive for a truck load. A small truck bed full is like almost two 300 bucks, consider those things too. Pellets too, they went up the costs are over (written on the white board) there they went up, propane is the same when inflation is here the prices go up, they're not cheap. And remember this is a supplemental thing, it's not every single month. Every month that we're in the cold season. It's just a one-time help, that's all it is. So, a lot of us, I think there's some that have the mentality that we're gonna get we're gonna have big help right now, but no that's not the case. We only have a little bit of money. This 35,000 for our personal use will probably be a lot of money, but for the chapter use hm mm it's just a little bit. So, there is 4000 in there already I don't know if you want to put some more in there?

Tanner B. – Mr. President could I have the floor?

Harrison L. – go ahead.

Tanner B. – alright. I want to talk to you guys about this 4000 that's supposedly in the account when we had our recent emergency declaration I requested for the purchasing of hay. I was told there was no funding in there, but when we had our emergency funding meeting right here, they took the 4000 out. They took the 4000 they utilized it for right here diesel, propane, wood. There was no hay in there involved. So, I'd like to request the constituency again to make the request to motion for hay that's coming out of this 35,000. Thank you.

Harrison L. – that's the first one isn't it.

Clara P. – there's a balance of \$4,242.89, that 4,000 can still be put back into hay. The money is in the bank, it's in there. There is a GL Code associated with it, it's on your paperwork all of you have. So. Ernest.

Ernest J. – hello, again. This issue of money. If you think about it. Since there is some more money from the State, what do you think about it my leader to use that? You said there is some money available from that side. Since we have already prepared these as the secretary is informing us on. That way what the grazing official Tanner is requesting why can't we use that one for that. Since this is already allocated, that is my question on that. Emergency Fund from State.

Harrison L. – I don't know if they haven't given us one like that. Just the one from last year, the 75,000 that is already allocated. Bathroom Addition, powerlines, waterlines that is for that. So, the State of New Mexico says don't use it for other things only what it was intended for. That is the only thing. So, we have never received one from the state. Where is it at? I will go after it now. I will bring it back; we will bring it back with Charles.

Clara P. – so since we're discussing this 35,000. Let's do a motion and a second for the first two, "a", and "b" for the financial reports. There's a discussion now so we got to get the motion and second first and vote on that one, and we got to discuss that other one.

Harrison L. – the first one we haven't voted on it, the first two. Vote for that one first, then we can move on to this one. Is that right Fannie and who was the first one that motioned it.

Jane J. – me.

Harrison L. – who was it that first motioned it. Is that ok?

Fannie L. – it would be nice if the President has control of the meeting and if he asks, instead of the secretary/treasurer. We recognize you as the President, and we want that to be so. So yes, we can vote on "a" and "b".

Harrison L. – that's what I'm asking is that alright. Since you both motioned on it.

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Fannie L. – yes.

Harrison L. – so, number 1 and 2 right. You can approve it now so vote on it. The one that you attached to it number “e” that will be next is what you’re saying. So, vote on those two resolutions right now.

Jane J. – ok what we said was “a”, “b”, and “e”.

Harrison L. – “e”, yeah.

Jane J. – together three.

Harrison L. – you are all saying you want to discuss that so that is the reason why I asked you if you want to take that back out. That’s what I asked you and you said yes. That is the reason why you need to vote on “a” and “b”, then we will move on to “c”.

Fannie L. – “e” we need to amend that.

Harrison L. – when we get to that we will.

Fannie L. – ok.

Harrison L. – okay, we got to go to “c” afterwards. If you are in agreement raise your hand for “a” and “b”. You have the financial reports and how they were spent and for employees. This was already approved when we had a Special Meeting. So now the 35,000 will be what we will present to you on “e”. What’s the vote?

a. TTS-RES-24-02-21: APPROVING THE TIIS TSOH SIKAAD CHAPTER FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, ENDING December 30, 2023

M: Laverne Begay S: Theresa Johnson V: 22 in favor, 00 against, 02 abstain

b. TTS-RES-24-02-22: APPROVING THE TIIS TSOH SIKAAD CHAPTER FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY, ENDING January 31, 2024

M: Laverne Begay S: Theresa Johnson V: 22 in favor, 00 against, 02 abstain

c. TTS-RES-24-02-23: SUPPORTING RESOLUTION OF THE NAVAJO NATION TIIS TSOH SIKAAD CHAPTER TO DIRECT THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AND NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL TO PRIORITIZE REPAIR TO NAVAJO AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY ROAD N4104 (*sponsor: Leonard Palmer, NTEC Safety Manager*)

Harrison L. – now for “c”. Take a look at it. This one our friend is sitting here he will tell you about it himself. Let’s help him, many of you use that so he will tell you about it.

Edison S. – the springy road.

Leonard P. – hello and thank you for giving me the floor. To the officials, and members. I came here. I am from Upper Fruitland, he introduced himself. The topic I am talking about is the road that goes north, then you get to the pavement. You go a little way again and there is a road that goes to Navajo Mine. Maybe some of you have driven over it.

Harrison L. – Area 3.

Leonard P. – the road goes to Area 3. This road about 50 years ago BHP was saying this road will be repaved. The cost of it was going to be \$1.5million for three miles of road. BHP was going to pay for it. They met with BIA and told them they will fix it for them. They will fix it, make it level, smooth and good. What do you think they said? No, don’t bother the road. It stopped then and it just continued. Then BHP told us thank you and they moved. North American Coal moved in, and the leaders said the same thing. The road is very bad. Then you drive it, the road isn’t a washboard. It’s like bumps. So, they started saying they will fix the road again. The road was surveyed, they were told that the cost of it now is going to be \$3million. So, we told them we will pay for it ourselves and fix the road. Guess what they said?

Members – no.

Leonard P. – no. They told us it’s the Navajo Nation’s responsibility. When you go to the Navajo Nation what do they usually say? It is BIA’s responsibility, then when you go to BIA, they tell you to go back to Navajo Nation. They are just pointing fingers at each other. So, we don’t know. So now NTEC took over Navajo Mine. We, the work that is being done is yours. There is no white man running that operation. We are running it. So, there is talk again about repairing the road. Now we want BIA to repair the road since they are stingy with it. They are talking about repairing it in some way. They turned to me to go speak about it for them to work on getting the road repaired.

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Jane J. – you are dependable.

Leonard P. – yes. So, there was a resolution that was created and at Upper Fruitland they already voted and approved it. I was at Nenahnezad yesterday, today I am here. This resolution is just a Supporting Resolution. I am not asking you to pay for it, just to say we support you. That is what I want your help on. When I collect all of them, San Juan Chapter is next Sunday right? I will be at San Juan Chapter too. I will collect all four resolutions then I will sit down with BIA again, now they can't tell me it's like this and that and the people are saying this. That's enough, knock it off let's fix the road. The reason why I am saying this is, 110 chapters that Susie is talking about CHRP Program. It used to be just 27 chapters that haul coal out. Now, how much is it now Susie.

Susie B. – too many.

Leonard P. – yeah.

Harrison L. - 3,000.

Leonard P. – yeah about 3,000.

Harrison L. – 3,000 a month.

Leonard P. – 3,000 a month. There are many vehicles flowing in. So, what do you think they're saying when they are leaving? Your roads are awful Navajo Mine. You need to fix your road. They blame us instead, even though we keep telling them it's not our road. So that is the reason why I am here saying we need the road fixed, then I can sit with them. So, I need your support to fix this little road. Yes, it is awful. When you enter that road, it's true the vehicle starts bouncing. When you are hauling your coal out the vehicle starts hitting bumps. The shocks start to get ruined and even the trailer that you maybe using is the same way. I want the road to be smooth for you, that's the reason why I came here.

Harrison L.- alright. Any questions? Many of you use that road since you all get coal cards. When you get on that road you start bouncing all over the place, then coming back out, the same thing. Alright, thank you brother. Thank you for attending and discussing it for us. So, we will help you, help him.

Clara P. – nope I need to read it into the minutes.

Harrison L. – hold on, let's read it into the minutes.

Clara P. – read the resolution into the minutes.

Harrison L. – alright. Who were the motions?

M: Laverne Begay S: Jane Jones

Harrison L. – any questions? Let's vote, let's help him. Help yourselves.

V: 24 in favor, 00 against, 04 abstain motion passed.

d. **TTS-RES-24-02-24**: SUPPORTING AND APPROVING THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ) TO AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 26 OF THE NAVAJO NATION CODE TO ALLOW FOR IN-PERSON, ATTENDANCE AT TIIS TSOH SÍKAAD CHAPTER MEETINGS

Harrison L. – now we are on “d”.

Clara P. – this one they had presented it at the Navajo Nation Council meeting, and they approved it. It was sent across to the President's desk he vetoed it. It went back across to Nabikiyati during the Winter Session. It was brought up again in front of them, they approved it to bring it back on to the chapters. Each 110 chapters to decide how you want your meetings to be conducted, either all in person like this or virtual that means on the phone and also in person which is called Hybrid. So that is your responsibility to decide how you want to do that. Once we decide on that I'll read it, well I'll read it into the minutes then you can decide how you want it. Read it into the minutes. This one you said “c” and “f”.

Jane J. – “a”, “b”, “e”.

Clara P. – I wrote it down it says “c” and “f”.

Harrison L. – that is next. Were concentrating on “e”.

Clara P. – so separate it.

Harrison L. – yes, they separated it themselves. So, on this we are talking about. Would you want to have it like this sitting together is it better, or to allow for calling in. It was difficult when we used to meet like that. It wasn't good, they used to tell us after that we would turn them off when we weren't doing anything. Remember when you mute it then you speak, or you are told to unmute. Some didn't

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know how to do it, then they accuse us that we are lying and just hate them. So, it wasn't right. Now what I want for you all is to meet like this in person looking at each other.

Members – yes.

Harrison L. – or both. That is what you will be voting for.

Theresa J. – have some food.

Harrison L. – which one, who will make that motion. Motion to accept in person chapter meetings at Tiis Tsoh Sikaad chapter.

M: Jane Jones S: Lorene Anderson

Harrison L. – not the other one right.

Members – yes.

Harrison L. – alright, so now it's in the minutes. Now raise your hand for a vote. In person only.

Alice H. – Harrison we have to consider those that are home bound.

Harrison L. – yes, well that is like that.

V: 23 in favor, 00 against, 04 abstain motion passed for in person only meetings

- e. TTS-RES-24-02-25. APPROVING THE EMERGENCY FUND 17 BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,000.00 TO BE USED FOR EMERGENCY DECLARATION ISSUED BY THE NAVAJO NATION DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND THE NAVAJO NATION PRESIDENT WHICH DIRECTLY AFFECTS TIIS TSOH SIKAAD COMMUNITY.

Harrison L. – ok we are now on “e”. This is the one that you were discussing on Emergency Funds. The last time we had a Special Meeting and you approved it. And afterwards I told you that there is more coming in. That is now here 35,000 plus that. This is how it will be used. Charles will inform you about this. Charles.

Charles B. – hello to those that are sitting in the audience and our leaders sitting up here. I was hired as a chapter manager, and we discussed this last month and again at the Planning meeting. This money that is in here for the Emergency Budget. This one that is written on the board is from the carryover from last year. So, it was taken back out and allocated again, and they are saying these need to be purchased now. When we had the snow last month, we had not properly approved it yet and it wasn't used. So, it's still in there. So now it was approved for this one only (the one written on the board). So, pointing to the board, it was said these items will be purchased now. Diesel was allocated \$5,000.00; we just got an application for diesel fuel, and it was paid out and the diesel was delivered. Then Propane at that time was allocated \$500.00 but it wasn't spent yet. Then Wood is written on here, there wasn't any talk about pellets. We allocated \$2,000.00 for those Pellets recently we did that. About 3 months ago Rickie Nez told us how it should be used. So, all this \$11,742.89 the first one, then all these allocations deducted will leave a balance of \$4,242.79. So, this was just to be saved, and now we will use it all. People were saying the chapter house just stashed it and they almost said no. So, we need to use all this quickly the first one. The \$35,000.00 hasn't been touched yet. It's still just sitting there. So, when we use up all the other one and distribute it then when the time comes again, we will purchase some more. You all are saying hay, we will need to do an amendment and revise it. There's some money here that can be used but let me tell you. When it snowed, there was a lot. Paul went and cleared all the roads. He was even slandered for it. So, think about it, he really works for you all.

Members – yup.

Charles B. – he is only a temporary employee. He is not a full-time employee. He doesn't get paid for overtime. He works 8 hours a day, 5 days a week. So many people were asking for the snow to be cleared all the way up to their home on a weekend. Paul doesn't work on the weekend. That is the reason why there were unkind words thrown at us even to where we have holes. So that is the reason why watch your word, do you have no respect for those that work for you. That is like that. Many people were assisted, food there was none in there that was allocated. So, I called Echo and requested food and we got it and distributed them out. So that is the reason why that one wasn't used. We got assistance from ECHO, who is a non-profit organization, they really helped us. We packaged all of them and they were distributed to the people. That's the reason why too, do we need to allocate food as well. Last year there was food distributed at Albertson's, some people probably needed food. Some people probably live far, have no money, no food, think about that for them and

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approve of these for them that way. I have documents that about 25 seniors that are in dire need. Some are home bound, some have no vehicles or can't drive, so that's the reason why Edison Smith distributed out a lot of food going to homes and even getting stuck himself. We don't go out there, so that is the reason why we are arguing about it. Think about it like that, these people up here do help you. Be thankful for their help. We are saying this money is being given to use again, but there are still arguments about it. The reason why is, I lost my words here. There needs to be a plan that needs to be set up. I was up at 2a.m. It was bothering me, there are still concerns on how to use this money. So, looking at all these allocations I'm still asking how to use this money. I was filling out the documents on this. We haven't even entered the 35,000 yet. So now that one. You all are asking how to use them. Maybe we can use them for feed and grain. What he is saying from here (pointing to Tanner) is true, you need to make a plan. You don't start saying you need feed and grain until that emergency happens. You have to think ahead and get these things. Some of you may have sheep, livestock so some take their animals to the auction. Some take them to the butcher and get it processed for them and stock up their freezer. There really is no excuse to be in a situation where you are absolutely with nothing. So, with that be prepared. That is what I wanted to talk about, let's see how we will use that. We can probably allocate some more into these areas so increase them. On Propane I increased that to 15,000, many of you probably use a lot of propane. I don't know. But the thing is we don't want to run out of money. What size do we use 100#, or 40#, or 20#, that's why we have to do an assessment of who wants to buy propane because we can't give you all of it. We can't give you wood, we can't give you pellets, and then certainly we can't give you food. It has to be one of the four. So many of you are saying you have a need. If you want all four then we will spend all this amount. Thank you.

Harrison L. – alright. You are discussing “e”, so should we use that one. First we need a motion and a second then we can discuss that again. What do you think? Does anyone agree to that. I need a motion please. Otherwise, we're not going to use it. We need a motion, second.

Lorene A. – use this one here.

Harrison L. – the other one, 35. The one that's on the resolution.

M: Jane Jones

Harrison L. – the one that's on the resolution. This one (pointing to the white board) you discussed it at the Special Meeting and allocated for you. The new one, remember I told you that we were getting some more. This is it. What do you think about that one. We have a motion, who is the second.

S: Lorena Anderson

Harrison L. – now, are there any questions? Come up here. Three minutes.

Fannie L. – yes, hello. I don't know if you can hear me, but I want to do an amendment to that resolution to request the amount of \$4,242.89 to be reserved for purchasing hay for those that have grazing permits and those that have Tally counts. And then it would include all those people that have, that have Tally counts. And then I know that the other one is just reserved for those people that are within Burnham boundary. And that excludes all those people that are outside of Chaco Wash on the South side and on the West side. We have people that vote who are just across the boundary, across the wash, across the bridge, and they are excluded from these things since. If you guys are gonna be strict on who receives the, these things then you need to really abide by that and exclude all those people that are across the bridge because they are not under Burnham boundary although they are voters of Burnham chapter. So, I'm gonna hold you to that and that's all I want and then for the for the hay to be reserved for all those people that have Taly counts and so that would be my request for the amendment. Thank you.

Harrison L. – which one are you talking about. This one (pointing to the white board)?

Fannie L. – yeah.

Harrison L. – okay. That one is already approved, so it's already allocated so it will be directed to that. Now the new one that we got, the 35,000 that's the main one we are talking about.

Fannie L. – that's on “e”, I was referring to “e”.

Harrison L. – yes. Yeah that's “e”. It doesn't say 4,000 for that one. That one (again pointing to the white board) is last year's balance. Remember during the Special Meeting, those that attended you already approved it. It's ready. Now is the new one, I already told you we will be meeting on the new one. We got that one now. Discuss that one.

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Ernest J. – vote on 35,000?

Harrison L. – yes. Any questions. Tanner, Thomas who else was raising their hands. Three minutes.

Tanner B. – alright thank you Mr. President. I'd like to thank Mr. Benally, our Chapter Manager for clarifying how the emergency fund are going to be used. Whether it's diesel, propane, wood or pellets. Like you said you can only pick one and hay was included. Remember when we were told in previous chapter meetings, that we cannot utilize all of those funds. That's where hay was taken out. There was original allocation of \$4,000.00 for hay. But what we were told time and time and again that we cannot utilize the full \$11,000.00. The full amount, because there's gonna be more emergencies. Sometimes in the summer the president declares a drought, emergency declaration and sometimes we need to utilize those funds at that time. This \$4,242.89 was never going to be allocated for hay. We didn't know that \$35,000.00 was coming in from the Council. We didn't know at that time when we had this meeting. So, when we say it's right here, the funds are right here for hay that was never going to be utilized for hay in the first place to begin with. So now that we're talking about \$35,000.00 that can replenish the funds in our emergency budget. We can request another special meeting with the president, maybe we can request this amount because we're not talking about that right now. We're talking about \$35,000.00. What I would like to request is some funds from this \$35,000.00 to be utilized for hay because that's what the legislation states in this language. And like, you know you can only pick one, wood, pellets, propane. So, I would like to have an amendment to this resolution to include some of that \$35,000.00 for hay, maybe 6 or \$7,000.00 out of that 35,000. And then we can request a special meeting to utilize this. But remember we're gonna be told again that we can't utilize the full 35,000. That's what we were told, when we originally had this special meeting. Thank you.

Harrison L. – Thomas. What are you going to say, come up here.

Thomas A. – hello my leaders and my people. This 35,000 does it have to do with housing. Or a little bit. How about this one, if I buy the materials there's a house where my sister used to live in. I'll buy the materials; I need some PEP workers to put the sheet rock and cover it. But I'm going to buy the materials.

Harrison L. – we will look into it and see what it allows. It only allows for what there (pointing to the board).

Thomas A. – I know that, but this is a different issue.

Harrison L. – yeah.

Thomas A. – I'll buy the materials I just need some help to put the materials up like sheet rock, that's all. Like PEP workers. Because I asked for papers for material funding, they asked for Homesite Lease. I don't have a homesite lease. You're lucky that some of you have a homesite lease. They have livestock. All I have is two little chickens, they don't have any feed though. If I run out of food, I'll kill those chickens. But anyways, I need some help with those PEP workers. When I buy the materials, I need help to bring them back.

Harrison L. – alright.

Thomas A. – but this is a different issue.

Harrison L. – alright. Thank you. Theresa. Come up here. Three minutes.

Theresa J. – I just have a quick question. Remember two years ago we received hay, how much did that cost? Tanner.

Tanner B. – 26.

Theresa J. – based on that put some of this 35,000 to there. Let's hurry and approve this 35 so we can move on.

Tanner B. – 26,000.

Harrison L. – at that time you were given the big bales. All of you probably picked some up, two years ago. I didn't pick one up. So, let's discuss this since you're saying let's use this. You decide how you want to spend it. What do you think?

Fannie L. – yes.

Harrison L. – it's ok. How do you think about this? I don't know where there would be some hay, we will have to look into it. Where do we have hay?

A member – Kirtland.

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Harrison L. – in Kirtland, or Yellow Jacket pass Cortez. Once they have all the equipment, they can just haul it in for us. But let's discuss this first. Starting tomorrow Charles will work on this. In the meantime, he needs to look for hay wherever that may be. That way we know. NAPI just has the big bales, I don't know how much they would have. How much is their limit on how much they have left.

Tanner B. – they'll probably be running out here shortly.

Harrison L. – yes, they're probably running out here soon. So, we would have to find out where we can get some.

Tanner B. – they will have their first cut in July.

Harrison L. – they will have some in July jinni. I don't know we shall see at that time. So, if you discuss it then allocate it. They are saying have a Special Meeting for this, and that is the only one we will be discussing. But the only request we have is to approve this, then when, well, it's already at the bank. We just need to know how to use it. Now is to allocate them at a separate time Charles will do that, we will inform you again when that will be.

A member – vote.

Harrison L. – vote. Ok who made a motion and second it.

Clara P. – Jane and Lorena.

Harrison L. – Jane and Lorene. Okay. Vote to accept the Emergency Fund in the amount of \$35,000.00.

Ernest J. – 35,000

Harrison L. – yes, yes, yes.

Tanner B. – no amendments?

Harrison L. – for the Special Meeting, yes.

Tanner B. – oh.

Harrison L. – votes.

V: 19 in favor, 00 against, 05 abstain motion passed

- f. TTS-RES-24-02-26: APPROVING NAVAJO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (NDOT) TO INCLUDE ROAD 8850 IN THE CHAPTER BOUNDARY MAPPING AND FOR THE TIIS TSOH SÍKAAD CHAPTER TO COMPLETE RURAL ADDRESSING AND ARRANGE FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND SERVICING OF ROAD 8850 WHEN THE ROAD BECOME DAMAGED AND IMPASSABLE

Harrison L. – one more. That one she will tell us about it herself. Come up here. Three minutes.

Fannie L. – ok this resolution is. This is resolution TTS-RES-24-02-26. (She read the title). I only have three minutes and I'm just going to skip some of these. Okay and I have, this is my resolution okay. I have five exhibits that I attached. And the road 8850 as you can see on the board, the map that's in yellow. There's only the major roads that are on there. And 8850 is not on there, and then there's people that are walking out who have relatives in that area in 8850. And so, some of your relatives are residing in that area. Ok and our concern is that this road is not on this map, and it's not being recognized by NDOT, the Navajo Department of Transportation. And this road it runs all the way almost from 371 looking at the map, is on the east side which is straight line is that 371. And uh and the chapter is outlined by the Chaco Wash as you can see all those crooked lines that's Chaco Wash. And then it goes up which is another Chaco Wash because of Chaco Wash is it runs along that area. And so this road it goes from that straight line on the east side and then it almost runs all the way clear across to the other side of that Chaco Wash. So, it's at least about 15 miles or so it runs from 371 and also I think it goes to where the late Nellie Gleason used to live. And so that road is not recognized it's not on that map, but I looked on the rural addressing and rural addressing they have it on this one. And that's where I get my information from Rural Addressing. And so, the people on that road they've been requesting the help to get the snow off the road when it snowed really bad. And I hear my yazh Edison, he was going out to pull people out of the snow and he himself was getting stuck, and as you heard he helped deliver food to various people, and he used his own gas, he used his own gas to pull out people. And late at night he was out there pulling out people. And so, and so that area needs attention from the people from the voters that's what we're asking. We're asking for your assistance. And also, the situation on 8850 is that there's three pipelines running through there. So that's an issue, there's a Transwestern Pipeline, there's Western Pipeline, and Kinder Morgan. And um and our grazing area is on the pipeline okay. And on 8850, 2 miles of that

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road is under right-of-way. And then umm, and then there's another road further down which is not on the right-of-way, and it's close to where Evelina Begay lives. And there's another pipe that runs through there. And so uh we know that pipelines are critical and so I'm asking on here that. Ok I want the president, the Burnham chapter president to take authority because he is vested with that authority. Ok on one, on one "Therefore Be It Resolved" I put down Tiis Tsoh Sikaad Chapter shall work with NDOT to have road 8850 recognized and added to NDOT mapping. #2 Tiis Tsoh Sikaad Chapter president is charged with taking action to protect the life and property of the members of the chapter in case of an emergency or other crisis with this responsibility the chapter president shall organize an emergency team and formulate an emergency policy/plan for all of its citizens and including families using road 8850. That is the reason he needs to do a plan, how the people will be helped and those that live on road 8850 be forgotten. #3 Tiis Tsoh Sikaad Chapter shall take action to get all unnumbered roads and homes numbered in the rural addressing system to meet the chapters' role of meeting the safety and welfare of its citizens. We know that some roads are not numbered. So that needs to be made a priority and get them numbered. #4 Tiis Tsoh Sikaad Chapter shall identify all pipelines, and work with all pipeline entities, and other pertinent parties to find solutions on how those roads are impacted by pipelines and right away can be maintained and serviced during times when those roads become damage or impassable. These roads the pipes run across them, and it is dangerous if the grader goes across it. This is why it will be the responsibility of the chapter with whomever the responsibility parties are. It might be these people that use a pipeline, Western Transwestern Pipeline, Western Pipeline and Kinder Morgan. They can meet with them and then also from the Navajo Nation who are responsible for these issues and meet with them and fix these problems. Maybe even set up an agreement with these companies and have the companies be responsible for maintaining a certain area of the road. Sometimes the road over there gets very washboard during the summer. During times like that have the company that owns the pipelines take care of them, with an agreement can be possible. This is just forgotten and not addressed. That is what I am asking from you to help us with it. And I don't know if anyone has any questions.

Harrison L. – on this that she is discussing. There are several issues associated with this. Do you have any of these, holding some maps that Fannie presented. This is an ongoing issue, and it is very important if all the people know about all this. Make copies of the maps all of them and make them bigger. So, all the people know about it. It is true, there used to be lights over there many years ago. There are three pipelines in that area, they carry oil and natural gas. The owners are very hesitant to work on it. If you are going to blade across it, and end up nicking it, or cutting into it. They say that is very dangerous, from Kinder Morgan. So, Charles can inform us on that since he talked to them. It is better to have an in-depth meeting with them and discuss it well. This is just so you all know what is going on, and I am told what to do too. So, there are a lot of people that are responsible for this, the Navajo Department of Transportation, Kinder Morgan, Northwest Pipeline, and Transwestern Pipeline. So, the road goes across them to a certain area. They said it's very dangerous. So, the way I think about this is to let us look into it and get all the correct information will be better. Charles received some information that he can talk about. Hold on.

Charles B. – on this two weeks ago I called them due to the pipeline's crossings. I spoke with a supervisor that is responsible regarding the roads. That is who I spoke with. For me he told me we need to, yes there is a road from the main road to the Whiterock Plant that is ours. It used to be El Paso's a long time ago, but we took over it now, so we are overseeing it now. So, he did identify that there are three pipelines in that area, it goes under the road. He said, "we have the responsibility to oversee that road". So, from us if there is anyway possible to reach some kind of an agreement so you guys can go ahead and clear the land and grade it. But then he says they have the right-of-way; they oversee all that. So that is why it is their responsibility. So, it is very critical. Those pipelines that are crossing there is a matter of what BIA and NDOT is saying is right. Now on grading the roads we need to do it right, otherwise they say there's a liability issue. From Kinder Morgan they are saying the same thing. So how about our worker when he is blading and somehow the pipeline explodes and gets injured, then the chapter will be liable for it. It'll be your liability. That is the reason why we need to oversee that ourselves, it would be better that way. We will have a meeting, for us we will do a deep research on everything going all the way back into history. Take out all the papers

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from the archives and take a look at it right, and figure how it can be fixed. Then it is right NDOT and BIA don't recognize that road. NDOT does say we can do a proposal for it, then it has to get approved then right here it has to. The CLUP Secretary had a meeting with NDOT here and came together and met with us and they informed us about that. They said if you really want N5 to be worked on we would have to submit a proposal, that way all the signs will be replaced, and the s-curve and the potholes can all be repaved. It will be paid for by NDOT and BIA. Even though a proposal has to be submitted and it can take up to two years in order for that proposal to be agreed upon. And it's the same way with 8850 and who will oversee the road. But BIA and NDOT doesn't have 8850 on their inventory. That is the reason why they are not fixing it.

Harrison L. – so we need to really discuss this, and they are saying that it is very critical. They were told, we didn't say it from here. That is what they said, and we are valued. That is the main one for everyone. So, what do you think about it. Shall we just delay it or are we going to discuss it.

Fannie L. – this road 8850 only like 3 ½ miles has pipelines and as I mentioned this road is 15 miles long. And out of the 15 maybe like three miles?

Edison S. – it's ¼ mile if you add those pipes together.

Fannie L. – just like I would say like maybe like three and a half to four miles of that 15 miles is affective by pipelines. And then Priscilla Bizardi, she doesn't have any pipelines in her area. She is on the west side. So, in her area there's no pipeline. So, she's the one that was stuck in the snow while her kids were getting stuck in the snow, so she's really affected by this 8850 not being graded, or not being taken care of. And 8850, just a few miles is under they have pipelines under the roads. So, it's not fair to say you know the whole area is affected by pipelines. On this map 8850 is down here, just a small portion here is affected by pipelines. This one runs all the way through here almost to here, (to the Bigman's). That part is not affected by pipelines. And if you want to postpone it, would it be ok. Edison is affected by this, so he needs to say something about that.

Edison S. – hello to those that are listening. If I am going to say something on this, I have to step back and stand from the member's side. They say to recuse yourself. I am going to speak because I am a human that lives on 8850. On this road it would be good to have a meeting with them and defer this. The chapter manager said we will meet with NDOT, Kinder Morgan and all the parties. But we can easily tell them, we can call 811 and they can mark these pipes. We can hopscotch these areas, it's only two little spots. You add these two together they're only like 50 feet each. 100 feet maximum just to hopscotch and put some gravel down in that area. The grader will never drop its blade in these areas. We can do this. Everyone is just saying no on this. The pipe is not under this whole road. That is why. Just a supporting resolution be approved today is good too. If we just say no we are just laying in mud, in Burnham we just became pigs. That is it.

Harrison L. – alright. So, what do you think about it. Jane come up here.

Jane J. – hello to those that are sitting from there (the audience) and relatives. (she introduced herself). Anyway, my aunt and son, what they are telling you about. I know what it feels like to live on a muddy road. Ours is clay here and there. Okay there's enough voters here, why don't we vote for it just for a support resolution. Why is it taking it a long time since these pipes are not responsibility, they just oversee them. They should maintain that road from 371 up to wherever their plant is. My aunt travels on that, my zaidi she travels on it. The Bigman's Harrison and Wilson travel on it. From here they can't get across the wash. I'm sure the other one has strips of sand here and there. I'm sure they travel in that area too, and they live way out there.

Harrison L. – naazliindi.

Jane J. – way out there, I don't know how many miles from here maybe 30 miles.

A member – 50.

Jane J. – maybe 50 round trip.

Harrison L. – 100.

Jane J. – I know because I've been to their home and I know where their home is across from here, and that's why I'm saying this. Many years ago, they used to talk about Hunter's Wash, before I became a registered voter here. Before I even moved here. I used to come here with my mother, that always used to be the topic to make a bridge there. Before this bridge was even built. And to this day it hasn't been made. I think there was only cement that was laid down, telling us that it was done. We went across, I was saying where is the bridge that was prepared. Think about that too.

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Yes, they travel and it's wear and tear it's not our choice to live here but we love to live here. It's that way for those that have livestock. We carry on our grandparents' livestock, and our mom's and dad's we carry on that lifestyle. That is why we live out here. I always say to my sisters and brothers, I'm the smart one that moved back out here. I say that. Thank you. Let's approve this. Why don't we just do it. Then they will discuss it with my brothers here both of them since they are related to me. When you discuss something, you have to be determined for things to be done. You can't just depend on your official. You can't be timid; you go to places for it. They get tired of you.

Harrison L. – yes, yes, yes.

Jane J. – NTUA got tired of me, I also go to Fort Defiance. Even though my niece is a lawyer for NTUA, I go over there and talk to them with my words. Jonathan Nez is not a pleasant man, I always saying that. He's such a hasn't, he has an attitude. I didn't realize he was that tall. Here twice, the last meeting he came hauling in food. He didn't buy those. Those were all donated. He was being filmed while he was standing at the door. We were taught where did you come from you never stand at the door. I was standing from here looking up at him, making eye contact. Us Navajos don't know what eye contact is. He was talking a lot from here and he was being filmed from there. I don't know if I showed up in the news, I don't know. I just focusing on him. After that I told him, I'm the lady that left you a big note. They told us he was coming here, what'd I do? Cut out a cardboard and wrote a letter to him. My little brother here (Edison), I told him to give that to him. He replies who, I told him it's right on my door right there. Good thing my yazh (Kyle) was working here, I told him yazh please give that to him my child. He then gave it to him. He called to tell me the President read it and took a picture of it. The first time I met him here too, that was when I did that. The second time, that one I didn't write a note. I said oh no his wife is probably looking for me, I was saying I'm ready for her anyway.

Harrison L. - 3 minutes.

Jane J. – he came here again, that was when I did one on one with him. And that didn't take very long for us to get our electricity.

Harrison L. – okay.

Jane J. – only through your self-determination. Us Red Bottom Clan we have a mouth. We are not shy.

Harrison L. – you, you. Give me the microphone, give it here.

Jane J. – thank you. Thank you for coming you guys.

Harrison L. – she's lying she ran away with lots of turkey. She harassed Jonathan Nez, so she got lots of turkey. Alright. Going back. Since you are saying just a support, if that is what you want, I need a motion.

M: Kyle Boyd S: Wilson Bigman

Harrison L. – okay. We're just going to support it. Now we will meet on it, us officials, CLUPC, and Charles too. We're going to bring NDOT, Rural Addressing, Kinder Morgan, we will meet with all of them. If that happens then we'll tell you what happened. Okay.

Members – yes.

Harrison L. – alright. Okay we got a motion and a second. If you agree to it raise your hand. We are almost done, about 5 more minutes.

V: 18 in favor, 0 against, 4 abstain motion passed.

7. Reports (5 minutes each)

a. Navajo Nation Council Delegate – not in attendance.

b. Chapter Officials:

i. Chapter President – no report.

ii. Vice President – no report.

iii. Secretary/Treasurer – good afternoon. Me just going to go train with ASC again, we really need Charles to step in since Joletta's gone. We need you to step in and do that MIP. We really, I really need you to get a handle on that because that's part of your responsibility so. Just that training on Wednesday for that and maybe do minutes and try to get to know the MIP as well in case I need to enter something. But still they won't let me do it. As far as the website I did finally get somebody to post information for me on the website. I am told again

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that still is not my responsibility. I try to help out as much as I can, even redoing the accounts like the computers and software and stuff like that. Once they get stuck, then they let me know and I just get in there and help out again. So that's the only place that we're, I'm helping and trying to just let them do their own thing. And then when I'm needed then I come here. And the TIF is open, APS is going to open soon, NTEC is going to be open soon, so we need to get all these community projects going. We need to make a list of which one we are going to use on which one. So, there's a lot of things we can do. I'm just leaving up to Charles and see how far that goes, and that's about it.

- iv. Chapter Manager – yes. Thank you. I have only one report. We had a worker that was working for us for less than two months. She said she had some issues; I think her mother and father had health issues and she will be the only one taking care of them, so she just resigned from her job here. It has been some time that no one was working here and that's the reason why we got behind on some work. So, I started a little over four months ago, I didn't really learn all the paperwork procedures. Then she started two months ago, she really got a grasp on it but I guess she had issues therefore she said she couldn't anymore. So, it seems like we are back down to the beginning. So, I am here as well as Kyle and Paul, just the three of us will be working here. So, all the work that she did is now turned back on me. So yes, this is a lot of work and there are many different areas you need to work on like requesting for food, separating them here, and distributing them out. So, there is a lot of work. So yes, that is correct, and many are in dire need. It seems like we are standing alone, so just support us and talk to us right, we are just working. That is how we are working with the officials together, side by side. If you are against each other, then it's like dogs coming in from all directions biting at you. So, we need to talk to each other right and work with each other. A lot of you sitting in the audience are my relatives, I know you. So, I am pleading with you for that. Thank you.
- v. Grazing Official – just passed out my report on paper. I figured it was going to be a long meeting today. So, I put my report on there. Out grazing permittees meeting, there's a flyer attached to the back. So, I hope you're all in good health and good spirits. So, I appreciate what we've accomplished here today as a community together, but. Mr. President, and Ms. Secretary I would like my written report added to the minutes. Verbatim as it's written please. Thank you.
Harrison L. – okay. We'll add it on. How about CLUPC?
- vi. CLUPC – just a little bit of updates for the, I'll put that on paper too in the future. For the community cemetery we did have verification from the Bureau of Indian Affairs. There were four deceased grazing permits in that grazing area. And one of the permit holders Elsie Hoskie, we sent out notifications and we just verified their grazing area. So, we had the Bureau of Indian Affairs do their assessment and they verified the location for the cemetery. And they did include Harrison and Rita so that's why we do verification. We want to make sure that the grazing permit holders that are affected by any project are notified. And one of the things that comes up like we've expressed in the pass was, oh I wasn't notified, nobody told me therefore I don't want to support that project. So, we did, we notified her and we sent her some letters in the mail sending the resolution as well as a letter and the map of the area. So, the president LaMone actually had a chance to go and talk to her, and she's declined it but I but we are going to select a new location. We're hoping to get a Land Withdrawal Designation this month, however that didn't happen. So, the new location that we are gonna select might be up here, President LaMone was stating that this Console is now under the chapter's possession and possibly inside the Console there can be a chapter cemetery approved. But we are still talking about it President LaMone and my mother Rita for some grazing areas. There are some non-grazable locations and as a matter of fact this Wednesday when Navajo Nation Resources and Development Committee has on their agenda the approving the Cemetery Burial Regulations. So, I'll be listening to that this coming Wednesday that's what the Resources and Development Committee. They want to do away with family plots however families who still want to utilize their family plots still have to go through the Land Withdrawal Designation process, and that does include chapter

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supported resolutions for your family's loss, but we'd like to get a cemetery community cemetery done before any family plots are established. Otherwise, the new family plot will be considered a chapter community cemetery. So, we are still working on that. We know it's been a long time. The former land use planning committees have worked on it. We haven't gotten anything done, but there are some locations that are up here that have non-grazing areas that we are going to select. No forage, no vegetation, no grass, nothing. For the Navajo Housing Authority, we did discuss that this past Tuesday on the 6th. We did discuss that Harrison and Clara were here and all the land use planning committee. We did have Navajo Housing Authority and we are gonna have a public meeting with the Navajo Housing Authority, myself, the CLUPC and the chapter officials. And we're going to discuss scattered homes for NHA. You have to have a valid home site lease and they are doing some percentage of your income in order to build a home you'll be put on a waiting list. But I believe it's on March 21st. So, March 21st, at 10:00 AM we'll be I believe it's an all-day event. All day event CLUPC's going to have with NHA. NHA can do scattered homes, they can build homes for you and like I said they're doing a percentage of your income and as well as a 2% down payment (to Clara, Clara's answer was yes)? 2% down payment for the home. But like I said you have to have a valid home site lease. As a matter of fact, I was thinking about considering applying for the NHA scattered housing project. Harrison and my mother Rita had consented to me to have a homesite lease in their grazing area, and so I was considering having NHA build that for me, and I can just pay them what they what I owe them. But I think their homes are roughly around like \$300,000.00 something like that. And so, they were saying that a percentage of your monthly income like 50 to 150 to \$200.00 what you'd be paying for monthly payment for 30 years. So, I mean if I don't if I don't have the money to build my own home that's what I'm considering. It would be good for a lot of them, I know a lot of the community residents like your sons and your daughters, your nieces and your nephews, need homes and I would strongly consider utilizing NHA for that to build them a home because it is expensive. Other projects, Jane Jones requested for a culvert in her wash however we were told by the chapter officials that you need to come to the chapter and make that request. So yeah, so come to the chapter make that request. So, we're no longer gonna be talking about your case in CLUPC, because the chapter wanted to take over. So, but we were just told that we were an advisory committee, and we advised the chapter and that we were told that you need to come to the chapter, and CLUPC can no longer gonna be talking about that. So, we are trying to do some projects in CLUPC, they're like Rural Addressing. We were gonna have a I remember telling the chapter we're gonna have a recommendation for a listing of Rural Addresses homes for the numbers, and newly listed roads put into the inventory, but we didn't get a full inventory. So, we did not make that recommendation. So, we did put that off. So, we just wanted to let you know where we stand on that, and we are gonna continue working on it. We have, I have visited some people who have not who do not have the rural addressing members on their homes. We got them some applications started and there are some roads that don't have numbers. For example, if you are up there by Lilian Bluehouse there's a road that cuts across and kind of goes down by the coal mine, that one doesn't have a number up on top. I didn't check the bottom, but it doesn't have the number on top. So that's one of the roads that we will be requesting for a new number. So, I wrote to the local Rural Addressing committee overseer Mr. Baldwin stated that it was the CLUP. CLUP committee's responsibility to get that done. And we'd like to make our full assessment. I'd like to make a full assessment, we don't want to make any shortcuts, we'd like to try and get all of Burnham included in in there. So that when we make the recommendation or the advisor to the chapter, they have a full advisory packet or full advisory recommendation rather than just. So, for example, when it came down to road 8850. CLUPC didn't even advise the chapter to make that recommendation, and a good supporting resolution. We appreciate all of the community residents who supported it today and got it approved, but we didn't even get a chance to make that proposal. We didn't get a chance to follow what the CLUPC guidelines were in making a proposal to add that to the NDOT inventory, and some of these premature advisements or premature what you would call didn't really get the full advisory

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or full support of the committee just took place. So, when it comes down to the committee, we would like to see the CLUP committee make this full assessment, it's full recommendation and in gathering supporting documents, or other necessary material before we make that advisor to the chapter. And we didn't we didn't get to do that with the road 8850 chapter just kind of wanted to take over. So, we had the chapter just wants to take over then they can take over. But CLUPC needs to make its full assessment before we make those recommendations. So, I don't think there's really anything else for CLUPC but even though that road 8850 was supported today, we appreciate that. But again, from what we heard from Mr. Benally yesterday NDOT did come over and they said CLUPC should make that recommendation. So, but now it's in the chapter's hands, they can they can do all of that for 8850. But we still will fully comply within NDOT, we're not just gonna stop there since the chapter's gonna do it. Of course we'll always then, CLUPC will stand with the chapter officials, with the community and we'll do what we have to do to get it done. So, we're not just gonna say oh they're gonna do it, let them have it there's still some things that we have to do and we're all willing to do it all of CLUPC's members. So, well I hope you read the report for the grazing, for the grazing side it's all papers for you. So, but I appreciate it appreciate your time. It takes a lot to be here and CLUPC isn't, what I'm telling you CLUPCA isn't gonna like back off. We're not gonna just gonna stop because there's some roadblocks in the way again. Thank you.

8. Announcements

a. Date/Time of next Meeting

Chapter Planning meeting – Friday, March 1, 2024 @ 11:00a.m. (tentative, subject to change)

Chapter Regular meeting – Friday, March 8, 2024 @ 2:00p.m. (tentative, subject to change)

CLUPC Meeting – March 1, 2024 @ 10 a.m.

b. Other

Tiis Tsoh Sikaad Grazing Permittee meeting February 23, 2024, 10a.m. @ Burnham Chapter

District 13 Grazing Committee meeting March 6, 2024, 1pm @ Burnham Chapter

Northern Agency Grazing Committee meeting, March 14, 2024, 9am @ Red Mesa Chapter

February 14th, Valentines Day

February 19th, President's Day, Chapter closed.

9. Adjournment

Harrison L. – I need a motion for adjournment.

M: Jane Jones

S: Fannie Lookingglass

V: 18 in favor, 00 against, 05 abstain

Time of adjournment: 2:53pm