

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

CHAPTER MEETING PLANNING MEETING SPECIAL MEETING EMERGENCY MEETING
CHAPTER: TIIS TSOH SIKAAD AGENCY: NORTHERN NAVAJO DISTRICT NO: 13
DATE: September 9, 2024 TIME: 11:17a.m QUORUM: 31

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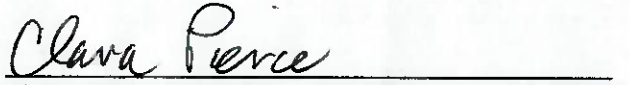
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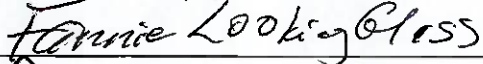
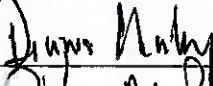
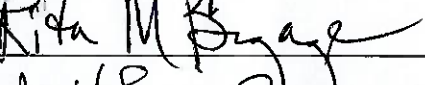
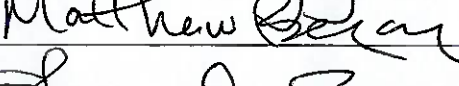

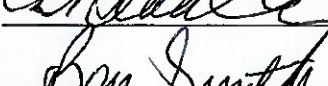
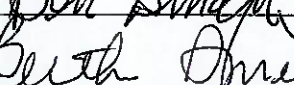



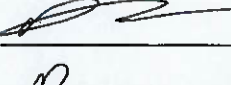
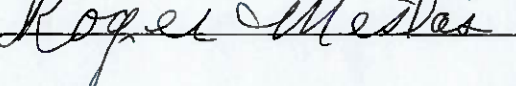


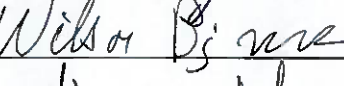
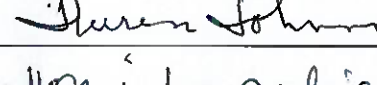
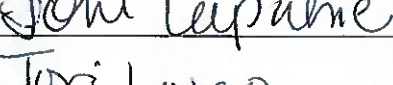
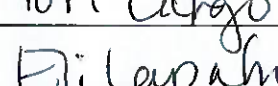
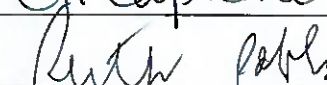
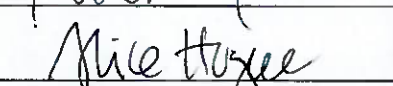


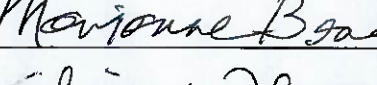
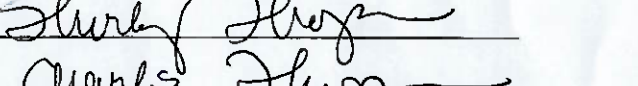
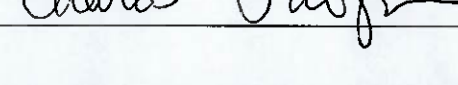
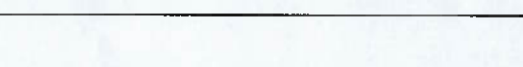
Regular Chapter Meeting

Sign-in Sheet

Date: September 09, 2024

1.  Harrison LaMone, Chapter President
2.  Edison Smith, Chapter Vice President
3.  Clara Pierce, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer
4.  Tanner Begaye, Grazing Official
5. _____ Rickie Nez, Council Delegate

Constituents:

1.  Tom Yazzi
2.  Fannie Looking Glass
3.  Danna Naby
4.  Rita M Begaye
5.  Matthew Begay
6.  Sandra Begay
7.  Donald
8.  Ben Smith
9.  Beth Smith
10.  Terkey Smith
11.  Jane Jones
12.  [unclear]
13.  [unclear]
14.  Roger Mestas
15.  Shirley Bradley
16.  Wilson Bivins
17.  Shuren Johnson
18.  Joni Lepahie
19.  Tori Largo
20.  Eji Lepahie
21.  Ruth [unclear]
22.  Alice Hoyle
23.  Andrew Parker
24.  [unclear]
25.  Marianne Bradley [unclear]
26.  Shirley Hoyle
27.  Charles Hoyle
28. _____

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Chapter Regular Meeting Agenda Monday, September 9, 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 – August 16, 2024
M: S: V:
5. Old Business:
 - a. Guest: Devin Norberto – Democratic Party of New Mexico
 - b. Guest: Arlenta Horse-Dick – San Juan County Election
6. New Business (subject to change during the Planning Meeting)
 - a. *TTS-RES-24-09-58*: APPROVING THE TIIS TSOH SIKAAD CHAPTER FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, ENDING August 31, 2024
M: S: V:
 - b. *TTS-RES-24-09-59*: APPROVING THE FIVE IN-HOUSE POLICY AND PROCEDURE AMENDMENTS
M: S: V:
 - c. *TTS-RES-24-09-60*: APPROVING THE TIIS TSOH SIKAAD CHAPTER FY 2025 NON-ADMIN BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$290,492.00
M: S: V:
 - d. *TTS-RES-24-09-61*: SUPPORTING AND APPROVING THE NAVAJO ELECTION BOARD OF ELECTION SUPERVISORS TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN EXPENSE REPORT DUE TO LAWS THAT WERE AMENDED AND THE NAVAJO ELECTION OFFICE DIDN'T EXPLAIN THE AMENDMENTS TO THE CANDIDATES
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 Regular meeting – Monday, September 9, 2024 @ 11:00a.m. (tentative, subject to change)
Chapter Planning meeting – Friday, October 4, 2024 @ 11:00a.m. (tentative, subject to change)

Chapter Regular meeting – Friday, October 11, 2024 @ 11:00a.m. (tentative, subject to change)
CLUPC Meeting – Friday, October 4, 2024 @ 10 a.m.

b. Other

Tiis Tsoh Sikaad Grazing Permittee meeting September 13, 2024 @ 10a.m.
District 13 Grazing Committee meeting September 11, 2024 @ Nenahnezad Chapter
Northern Agency Grazing Committee meeting, September 12, 2024 @ 9am Teechospos Chapter
Northern Agency Council Quarterly Meeting September 14, 2024 @ 9a.m. @ Nenahnezad Chapter
NTEC/District 13 Council Quarterly Meeting September 16, 2024 @ 9a.m. @ Nenahnezad Chapter
Cutter Lateral Quarterly Meeting September 18, 2024 @ 10a.m. @ Bahas tlah Chapter

9. Adjournment

M:

S:

V:

Time of adjournment:

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Chapter Regular Meeting Minutes Monday, September 9, 2024 @ 11:00a.m.

1. Meeting called to order by Harrison LaMone Time: 11:17a.m.
2. The invocation was given by Fannie Lookingglass.
3. Review and Approve the Agenda
Harrison L. – explained the agenda that was listed. So, if you are all in agreement, then someone please make a motion to we can move forward.
Motion to accept the agenda was made by.
M: Dennis Charley S: Fannie Lookingglass
Harrison L. – any additions, or changes. Is there one that you want to bring to the front for discussion? Questions. You have something (talking to Tanner)?
Tanner B. – yeah, Mr. President. Hello. I'd like to change 6 New Business "d" TTS-RES-24-09-61 I wrote a resolution for that here I would like this to be used in place.
Harrison L. – ok, when we get to it we'll review it.
Tanner B. – that's all. Thank you.
Harrison L. – okay. Is that ok for the two that made the motions, for the change. Are there other changes, or additions? Okay. If you are in agreement, please raise your hands. Higher, wave at me.
Vote: 16 in favor, 0 against, 1 abstain
4. Accepting the Last Meeting Minutes – August 8, 2024
Harrison L. – asked Clara to read the last meeting minutes into today's minutes.
Clara P. – read the last meeting minutes for August 8, 2024 into today's minutes for approval.
Harrison L. – thank you. This is for the last meeting, it was taking a little longer and people were starting to leave. But I asked them to come back in and they came back in and we were able to adjourn the meeting. So thank you. So is that correct, it can be corrected too. We can get both motions. If there needs to be a correction we can make corrections. If there is none then we can move forward.
Motion to accept the last meeting minutes
M: Matthew Begay S: Fannie Lookingglass
Harrison L. – this is just, yes there were a lot that weren't here, but this is only to support one another. So that is like that. Are there any corrections? If none then you can raise your hands to vote. Help one another. Everyone's vote counts. Don't think you don't matter.
Vote: 18 in favor, 0 against, 3 abstain
5. Old Business:
 - a. Guest: Devin Norberto – Democratic Party of New Mexico – not in attendance
 - b. Guest: Maryann Benally – San Juan County Election –
Hello, I will quickly go over this with you. Good afternoon and thank you for being able to come to your chapter again. I will be notifying you about the General election for the 2024 New Mexico General Election. General Election is Tuesday, November 5, 2024. This is federal, state, and county elections, on the outside. Not for the Navajo Nation. There are three ways to vote at every election. Absentee voting, early voting, and day of the election. She went over the procedures to do absentee voting and listed the locations to vote. She also informed the members of all the candidates that are running, which is listed on the paperwork she passed out. Normal election procedures. She also stated that they need poll workers and where to go for more information. She also introduced herself and where she works.

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Harrison L. – and thank you too for coming here to share that information on the elections. The last time we had enough workers but you can sign up too. We would need some for the Navajo Nation too. If you want to sign up then she is here now. The payment is more. Ok we are done.

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

a. **TTS-RES-24-09-58: APPROVING THE TIIS TSOH SIKAAD CHAPTER FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, ENDING August 31, 2024**

Harrison L. – the first one is what you always approve of. It's the monthly financial report on the money that are used, and informed you about it. It's over there on the table, you can read it and be aware of it. The next one is the in-house policies. We discussed this a little bit, and it will be read to you too. And discussed each resolution briefly.

Clara P. – read the resolution into the minutes. She went over the combining balance that includes the expenditure and the revenue on each fund account.

Harrison L. – okay. The paperwork was handed out to you, if you don't have any then ask Charles Benally and he will make you a copy. So, what do you think about it. Will you pick it up, or do you want to discuss it. This information is relayed to you on how the money was spent each month. We all can discuss it. It was spent last month. I need a motion to approve it. And thank you all for attending.

M: Rita Begay

S: Theresa Johnson

Harrison L. – are there any quesitons? If you are in agreement then you can raise your hands. Raise your hands now. Everyone, every vote counts. Help each other out.

Vote: 24 in favor, 0 against, 3 abstain

b. **TTS-RES-24-09-59: APPROVING THE FIVE IN-HOUSE POLICY AND PROCEDURE AMENDMENTS**

Harrison L. – next one. Please read it.

Clara P. – Charles I need a copy of the ones you distributed please. She read the resolution into the minutes. These five together is called In-house Policy, Bathroom Assistance, Financial Assistance, Housing Discretionary Fund, Summer Youth Employment, Scholarship Assistance, and Public Employment Program. So we had a meeting at San Juan College the administrative staff, Charles and AA Paula, and us here (Harrison and Clara). So, let's go to the financial assistance first. All these are for you to keep too, and these are the ones you can request at the chapter house. That's why it's called in-house. She read the new Purpose area and also read the new one and where the changes were. What she had requested was to print out the original put a strike through, put a strike through the old language and the new language would be underlined. And he didn't do that. So, that is how the purpose is written. The new ones we took out "burn out", we put in "medical emergencies" and "funeral". That's it. She went on to #2 and started reading where the changes were. There were some extra verbage in there on what Charles handed out that wasn't on the old one we went over at the college. I'm going to recommend we do a special meeting for this one. It's gong to take longer and we need to make corrections. Okay. Is that ok? There was wording that was inserted that wasn't supposed to be like that.

Harrison L. – alright. "b" will just be reschedule maybe in the next month for it. We will make corrections. We are told to fix these, and they are also the ones that you request for assistance with. For instance like when a loved one passes, for funeral, gas to go to a medical appointment. We will fix that part and relay the information back to you again when it's corrected. It will take longer on that. So we will do a special meeting for it. Let's move forward.

c. **TTS-RES-24-09-60: APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 NAVAJO NATION BUDGET ALLOCATION AND BUDGET FOR TIIS TSOH SIKAAD CHAPTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$290,492.00**

Harrison L. – next one.

Clara P. – read the next resolution into the minutes. On this one, on your financial report here. The in-house ones that equal \$290,492.00. Elizabeth gave all the chapters in the Northern Agency what our amount is. And I'm going to say this. This is Not a Carryover Budget, so don't label it as that. This is just the in-house stuff and it's that much. So, we talked about it, we made additions, added more money, and reduced some

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in some areas. She went over the changes. We made an increase due to the amount that was used and increased it a little more, so we have enough in there and to the majority ones that we really use. Okay?

Harrison L. – on this one. Next month will be the new fiscal year. This is just what they are projecting. It's up to you is you will pick it up and approve it. That will be how we will get the money and work with it again. I haven't been told that they picked it up and will be deposited. You will need to approve it before we get it. What do you think about it? The last one we will set a different meeting for it. We were told to fix them. That was for like fixing the house, student workers. Scholarship for students, bathroom addition some of you are requesting for that so we will discuss it in depth. That will be separate. This one is for the money part of it. What do you think about it? Or you can just approve it and then next month when we really get it then we will let you know about it again. Some one can make a motion on it.

Clara P. – this is also part of the operation for the chapter to run on. If it's not approved it can't function, because it really pertains to them like the staff and all these other funds. The money is taken out of there to pay for the bills so the chapter can operate on it. If this is not approved then they can't, probably have to shut down the chapter until it's approved. That's the only thing. Okay.

Harrison L. – alright. That is all we will let you know about it. Motion.

M: Rita Begaye

S: Jane Jones

Harrison L. – are there any discussions, or questions. If not then vote, raise your hands.

Vote: 23 in favor, 0 against, 4 abstain

Thank you.

- d. SUPPORTING AND REQUESTING THE NAVAJO BOARD OF ELECTION SUPERVISORS TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT THE 2024 ELECTION CAMPAIGN EXPENSE REPORT DUE TO LAWS THAT WERE AMENDED AND THE INFORMATION WAS NOT PROPERLY REPORTED TO CHAPTERS BY THE NAVAJO NATION ELECTION OFFICE OR THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE CHAPTER UNIT.

Harrison L. – on "d" many of you may have heard about this. We recently had an election on the whole Navajo Nation then after the election we were told to submit paperwork. Some did not really understand this. The Code Talker Day also was in the middle so with that it was like 9 days and not really 10 days. With that many people, when you are running as a candidate you are asked how much expense was used like how many animals were slaughtered for you, how many fry bread was also made. Things like that need to be reported. For me I told them no one gave me a sheep, and no one also made fry bread for me, or no one gave me any money. So since I was the only one running they were telling me I already won. So things like that you have to write down. It's called a campaign report and you have to turn them in. So the laws for that was amended and they didn't really understand it. There are 192 candidates that were disqualified, and our young man sitting here at the end was one of the ones that was disqualified. So on Friday when our Councilman came here he told us that. He told us let us see what the constituents say at the meeting. Will it still be a no or will they still want him to continue to hold that position because they voted for him. We have the resolution and it is up to you the members on what you want to do about this. "c that is what that is. Go ahead and read it.

Clara P. – okay I'm going to read both of them. He (pointing to Tanner) submitted one and I did the normal one that I usually do. Read Tanner's resolution into the minutes, then read Clara's resolution. And you guys all have the legislation that was passed in February. It's over there on the small table. And it explains in there everything, all the details, whatever wording that they struck out to replace with a new wording that they underlined. So everything is in there. The only thing is we didn't receive no kind of emails or anything from the election office or DOJ to talk about this change. I did go back through all my emails and I did not see anything.

Harrison L. – okay. On this many people were told that, so I don't know how you feel about this. I told the Councilman to make sure he attends our meeting regarding this since we will need to discuss this in depth, and what will you think about this. The community members are the ones that need to make a decision on this. So that responsibility is on you. Maybe let them continue to be a candidate, or properly notify the people since they didn't do that. It just seems like it was done all of a sudden and paperwork was sent to them. I don't know what you think about this. There are two resolutions on this and the secretary/treasurer did one and the other one the Grazing Official did it himself. Which way, but both of them are valid.

Clara P. – we need a motion and a second first.

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Harrison L. – hold on. We need to get a motion and a second first. Is that why you raised your hand? Or do you have a comment.

Fannie L. - I supports the first resolution because that's written more like a resolution. The second one is more like a letter, too lengthy, too wordy. The first one is to the point and I support the first one. I make a motion.

Harrison L. – okay. Both resolutions work, we just need to sit down and redo it.

Clara P. – we can't open it for discussion until we have a motion and a second.

Harrison L. – okay.

Jane J. – and I have a question to ask.

Harrison L. – okay.

M: Fannie Lookingglass S: Jane Jones

Harrison L. – ask your question. Come up here.

Jane J. – hello everyone and those sitting in here. There are many of you. It's the first time I have attended a meeting in a while. Thank you for coming, it's good. Even my in-law for coming. His vote doesn't count remember that. This on our child here. Did they explain it to him why they disqualified him? Is there a reason and what is the reason why he was disqualified. We've seen this article in the Navajo Times. Oh my name is Jane Jones and I reside here. I just now attended again. I don't go to the meetings a lot. So, that is all I want to ask my brothers and my sister. Why our child got disqualified? And then there is no explanation on the from there what is on the Navajo Times. Is it because they are fighting against each other and took it out on the election here. So I know he's not the only one. That is what I wanted to question. I'm not pretty happy with it. Here.

Harrison L. – (talking to Tanner). Did they tell you or anything? Can you explain that to the people.

Tanner B. – yeah.

Harrison L. – we are almost done, almost done.

Tanner B. - thank you Mr president, thank you very much, and to the voting public, constituents here. So, I did get disqualified from the 2024 Chapter Election and it was due to these newly amended campaign expense provisions. It stated that after 10 days of an election, primary, general or special election. You have 10 days to file a Campaign Expense Statement that's notarized to the Election Office in Shiprock. Some of the candidates they translated that verbage wrong within their certification letter that they recieved from the election office. It's that verbage states primary, general or special election and the Navajo Election Administration ment that after every election that Campaign Expense Statement was to be turned in by. A lot of the disqualified candidates weren't fully aware of these new campaign laws within the Navajo Election Office. And we interpreted those, that language on the certification letter differently then what the election office ment and because of that some of us got disqualified. This is the first election that I've had to turn in a campaign statement for the primary election. For the past 2 elections I've always turned in after the general election. That's what I did in the past two elections, that's what I was going to do again. I did turn in my campaign expense statement to the election office in Window Rock on September 3rd which was I believe it was Tuesday. I got a letter in the mail on August 31st, and it stated that I was disqualified. So, I went up to Window Rock and I filed with the office of hearings and appeals, and I turned my Campaign Expense Statement. The first business day after I received that letter. So, we are requesting the community's support for us. We didn't know. We didn't know about these newly amended laws as it was stated that the election office, the Navajo Nation Council, the Department of Justice didn't give this information to the chapters. They didn't give the Navajo public an opportunity to become fully aware of it. And some of us are disqualified because of that. So that's the reason why we're requesting this resolution to come through, and we're requesting the support because it's that voting choice it belongs to the public. And it's too much power to the election office to just say you cannot run because of not turning in your campaign expense statement. And for five years and as we're aware the next general election will be in for. So that means these disqualified candidates can't run for office for eight years, until the third general election into the future. And it deprives us of our liberty right to run for office, to become a servant to the Navajo people, to represent the chapter, and to provide services. To, in my position, grazing permit holders working neutrally amongst all the permit holders, providing services homesite leases, tally counts. We're working on getting a bulldozer for the earth dams. We have a lot of projects that are going through. So, and it provides these amendments

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these laws, it provides a negative impact to 192 of us. So, we're requesting the support from the Navajo people. Thank you.

Harrison L. – does anyone have a question. Or do you want the other one. Which one do you really want. From here (pointing to Clara) or the one that he provided. There were two made. The secretary/treasurer made one. He made the other one. Which one do you want.

Jane J. – probably one that he made, since he is an official for the grazing. We need to acknowledge that as well.

Harrison L. – you can combine them both together.

Clara P. - I would like to say something. Ok on, on this resolution you said that the “the election administration meant that it must be turned in after every election”. So, you did your own interpretation. Is there any kind of election follow up from the election office some kind of document to say that that is what they meant. And then, did everybody read the election thing. This was since February and there's a lot of strikeouts in there like some were requiring the old one for 30 days to do a grievance or something like that, but they redid it to 10 days. So, to me my thinking is we are the ones that want to run for an elected official. We are adults; we're supposed to act professionally. And I don't have anything against you or anything. But we are, you all say “you guys are leaders, you stand for us” so with that aspect we need to take on that responsibility to make sure that we are following all the laws that we raised our hands to do. Follow every Navajo Nation Law. So, if this was done back in February then they should have distributed to all the chapters, yes, I agree with that. And even the DOJ Chapter Unit should have contacted us to say, “hey we got a new law, we amended this legislation, you need to pass it on to your future candidates, for your constituents”. And to me another thing that is very important is we expect our scholarship students to follow and apply by the timeline that we set on this day July so and so by 5pm you need to hand in all your documents. Your application, all your transcripts, your driver's license, your award letter or I mean getting into the institution and your voters registration form. We tell them all that they need to bring in, all their documents by 5pm to request for money to go to school on. So, we as a leadership position we can't even follow that. It's not professional. Like some of you used to say, it doesn't look good. We need to carry ourselves higher if we are going to be running for candidacy, and we have got to make sure we follow all these laws. I know we were told that the first one I ran in January when I filed my candidacy papers that on this day, you need to bring all these back in. I know for a fact that he (pointing to Harrison) turned it in, because we were at a financial training at Nenahnezad. He got a phone call to say that you got to take in your expense report. He was trying to take off, but I said no our meeting is over about 1:30 or 2. So he ended up leaving until after we got done. And then we were released about 1:30 and I told him to hurry and go turn in your expense report. For him I know he went and turned in his stuff. So, the way I read this, it's pretty clear. I've read it so many times already. I'm like when, what are we talking about when we first saw it in the Navajo Times, I started downloading that stuff and I started looking at it. That is my interpretation of it. We need to hold ourselves more professional and be accountable for our actions to turn these things in if we expect our students to do it, we need to do the same. Okay.

Edison S. – I would also like to say something small on these 192 disqualified candidates due to what is called financial disclosure. Danny Simpson is the one that wrote this up he is a Councilman. When this went into law the people didn't understand it. So, from me we should not fail on this Navajo Reservation that is the reason why. In Proverbs 52, it says that they made a lasso for themselves. That is the same thing here. They approved it themselves, and DOJ made a mistake too by approving it. The people have a free choice to be represented, and DOJ didn't provide that. To me I look at it that DOJ made that mistake and stepped on the people that want to be a grazing official. For me I am saying for this to be forgiven, and to let them continue to run. That's all I want to comment on.

Harrison L. – alright. Is there someone that agrees. Fannie. Come up here, up here.

Fannie L. – introduced herself. And what Clara commented about, it is right. The candidate has to be accountable. They make the decision to run then they also need to turn paperwork back in, then they are told to turn the paperwork back in on a certain date, and what type of paperwork, and then they have to be notarized is what they are told. The paperwork is all listed and would be followed. This is not the first time; at each election they require a Campaign Expense Report. You list how much money was used or given to you. Or even an ad at the radio station. They do ask for all those. This is nothing new. You have to hurry

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and submit the paperwork. Those that served many terms should know, it's nothing new. So, I'm just wondering why Harrison had one interpretation and then Tanner has a different interpretation. So that is not professional. And then one good point is that it's correct that on these with the summer youth students that are requesting for scholarship. They have a deadline that they have to submit their paperwork by 5:00 on a certain date. If they don't do that then they don't get that money. So, I don't know, I think we're trying to support people you know after the fact because they made the mistakes themselves. So, this is something that's done at every, with every candidate that's running and it's nothing new. And then, and then what I heard is that I that people are gonna be assistant and that's gonna be impacted. From where I stand, I was told I was not going to be assisted, but that's my position at this point. So, I still support the first resolution because it's nicely prepared. And then the second one the words are just crammed in there, that is how I look at it. The second resolution is too long, too lengthy, and you know when you read something that's too long you get lost in that paperwork but the first one and that's to the point. So, I want to have us all hurry and support that one. And we have both motions on the first resolution. So, we just need to vote on that. Thank you.

Harrison L. – okay. So, you're discussing it and thinking about it. That is right. When Window Rock is requesting for things, they always let us know everything that is needed. There was one a while ago that was sent to us on our phones. That always happens. So that is correct. We do have both motions, even if we just have that one is okay too. What do you think about that? Even if that's the one it fine. It's written in there too to take a look at it again. If there are no other comments, then... are you making a comment? Ok come up here. Is there someone else too? We have a guest that is here, she can speak to us after this is completed.

Theresa J. – hello everyone. It's good that there are a lot of people here when that happens meeting quorum, the meeting starts on time. On this that is being discussed. It is correct, when I went to Shiprock after we worked here during the election. We were asking why we are not getting paid right away after we worked. They wanted to meet with all the Chief Polling Officers, that's when I went over there. They were saying we were going to be paid first. The rest have not been paid yet. It's been a long time, a long time which is not right. They are finally getting paid today. I was over there, and I witnessed them telling the people who were a candidate that information. At the next election, it's a small area and you can hear everything while you stand there. They write it down for you on when the expense reports are due. And they say don't forget to go to a certain place to get it notarized. Sometimes I speak to some from Huerfano. They were properly informed on when to turn in their expense forms. If they turn it in late then they will be disqualified. Even if people assisted with sheep, it was announced on the radio station. The cost of it needs to be disclosed on the paper and turned in. I witnessed that in front of me. Anyway, that is all I wanted to inform you about. It's us, even if we go to our doctor's office and we are 15 minutes late they stop it and they tell us they only gave us that time. Then you have to sit and wait for your next appointment. So, if we take care of our own expense report it better. So, the first one, it's right to the point like what Fannie is saying. And the other one is whatever the newspaper had is all on there. That is how I saw that. I don't know how many of you saw that on the Navajo Times on the first page. That is all I wanted to tell you. That's all.

Harrison L. – alright. So, you are saying that you want to approve the first resolution. So, hold on. This will be the last one, and then we will vote on it.

Tanner B. – ahxeehe Mr. President, thank you. And I can understand a lot of the concerns that are made here today, regarding the campaign expense statement and revisions. And as well as these resolutions. Clara's resolution, the one that she wrote does have some language that is agreeable to, and as well as the resolution that I wrote even has some language that is agreeable to. And I think it might be best if we can combine both resolutions into one resolution and vote on that, because that would really help us make a choice right here today to amend the resolutions and combine them into one. So that we can vote on it without having any sort of disagreements amongst the two, that's all you have. Thank you.

Harrison L. – okay. Who made the motions? Is that okay? Do you agree? Just add them both and combine them is what he is saying. Is that alright for the two that motioned. Who was it that motioned and the second.

Jane J. – Fannie and I.

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Harrison L. – Fannie is that ok, do you want to combine it.

Fannie L. – well it's too wordy the second one.

Rita B. – it's ok.

Alice H. – combine them both. We can't look down on a person like that. You know this meeting...

Harrison L. – come up here, up here.

Alice H. – when we have a meeting like this, we give it to our Diyin God. Let's act like we know who God is. We can't belittle anybody, let's put two together.

Jane J. – yes compromise.

Alice H. – combine them. Let's work together, come on. We can't be lopsided as a believer. That way. You know all men are equal. He is special and she is special somehow, they aren't educated the same way. We have to consider both. Thank you.

Harrison L. – okay. So that is like that, we will combine them both. Now you will vote on it, raise your hand everyone. All your vote counts.

Clara P. – wait. Is this to agree to just for the resolution.

Jane J. – to combine.

Clara P. – the resolution I understand that part. Is this to request the Navajo Election Board to extend the expense report the submitting of it. This is what the resolution is about. To ask them to extend it for the people that are disqualified.

Rita B. – so that is what it is talking about. Yes, that's what we are agreeing to.

Clara P. – yeah, the first one is to combine the resolution, we'll work on that that's fine. But this agreement for your voting is whether you want the Navajo Board of Election Supervisors to extend the deadline for the 192 disqualified applicants. That's what this resolution is about.

Harrison L. – is that okay. It is both being combined, that way we can approve it. Are you going to make a comment? Who else is going to make a comment.

Jane J. – wait, wait, wait.

Harrison L. – who else wants to make a comment.

Jane J. – we understand that. Okay and then, so other chapters that were disqualified are they doing the same thing what we are doing right now.

Clara P. – Delegate Nez recommends that the chapter, us to support the Navajo Board of Election Supervisors to support them to extend the submittal of the expense report. Delegate Nez says he doesn't have anything to do with it, it's up to you but the Election Board of Supervisors will report to them at RDC today. And we won't be here today because of it.

Fannie L. – I think we're in support of that first resolution which says to extend, but we need to know how long are we going to, how long are we requesting to get that extended. I don't think this has anything to do with being against somebody, because there are 192 individuals that are affected. And it is wrong to just accuse somebody to say that we are against somebody in this chapter house. So, I don't agree with that at all. Thank you.

Harrison L. – okay. Since we have both motions, just vote on it.

Clara P. – so his extension says 31 days, so we'll combine those.

Harrison L. – okay. If you're in agreement raise your hands.

Clara P. – in favor.

Harrison L. – to keep him in that position and extend the paperwork for them. Vote now for that. We are almost done.

Vote: 28 in favor, 0 against, 4 abstain

Motion passed.

Harrison L. – okay now for Ms. Horse Dickie.

Jane J. – Marianne Benally.

Clara P. – that's Marianne Benally. (back up to the Guests).

7. Reports (5 minutes each)

- a. Navajo Nation Council Delegate – no report.
- b. Chapter Officials:
 - i. Chapter President – no report.

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- ii. Vice President – I just have a small one. I go to the fair board meeting. The cost is increasing, they compare it with the inflation and only looking at the money part of it. They are saying they are going to charge parking fees in locations, and they are looking at just having an option of buying one ticket that will cost \$20.00 to cover the whole area. Also printing out tickets like that. Even at the Yeibicheii will be increasing, it is a huge project they say it equals the amount of 200 sheep. It is a heavy load for the Yeibicheii, it round to about \$80,000.00 for several days. That is a small report I wanted to share with you.
- iii. Secretary/Treasurer – for me our carryover is going to come in at the end of this month. At the next meeting just be on the look out for that. We will discussing that in a couple of weeks. So if your asking for anything right now we're going to have a cut off date, you can't ask for anything after the 20th. Okay. All our funding is going to be frozen. Remember it's the same every year. So just hang on and hold out for it til October. That's all I can tell you right now. Also we have a bunch of quarlerly meetings this month, and then we're good. We have three months left. That's all. Thank you.
- iv. Chapter Manager – hello everyone, I am Charles Benally I am the chapter manager here. So, on this I want to make a small report. I have eight items that I want to go ahead and cover. Recently, the last I guess the last month this is September. So, the ones we started in August is the ones that I want to talk about. #1 is we had a meeting at San Juan College. That was Harrison LaMone, Clara Pierce, and me, and Paula Begay we met there. So, what we discussed was what I passed out the policies and procedure. To make changes, that is the reason why we had that meeting the four of us. To take out some language and add some language that was how that was made. So, the policies I am talking about is Housing Discretionary Fund Policy, Summer Youth Employment. So, for the summer youth, the word "summer" will need to be taken out and just make it "Youth Employment" was what was said. Then Financial Assistance is the funeral and medical assistance that you are requesting for, all the paperwork was amended on what to bring in. Then the Bathroom Addition Assistance that one too. Then the Scholarship too. Also, the Public Employment Program is those that are working for us under the PEP, the policy was all amended. So, if you are just looking at it, it is not all taken out. Just some words were changed, and some were removed. Now I don't know where it will go, it may just be up to here. You can approve them. So, when we were talking about amending the policies the work was given to me, and I asked where are all the policies. And I wasn't given the policies, that is the reason why I retyped all the policies that were here six of them. So that is the reason why we met, and at the planning meeting I was informed to do it like this. I tried to ask how, and then the legislation was only given to me this morning to do it like that and like this. So, on all the policies myself and the Administrative Assistance all the editing that we had done are all up on the bulletin board. So, take a look at all of them to see what had been changed, and I typed up all the changes and what I passed out is what that is. So, we are told "Transparency" at the meeting, we used the paperwork that we had and the President and the secretary/treasurer whatever paperwork that was edited wasn't given to us. So due to that we edited what we had. It's right there. This when we are making copies it costs a lot, so all the paper that is sitting there will be copied again. Last time it cost more than what we made today. We are limiting how many copies we need to make for the meeting, is what we are saying. We were also informed that NTEC, or APS funding in the amount of \$5,500.00 was awarded to us and we were told that a sprayer needs to be purchased. An animal sprayer, and whatever is left then it will go into the food account. That is how it is separated. On the sprayer I already told Tanner about that one. I told him to hurry and bring in all the estimates due to the funding has a deadline of September 20th and it is closed after that. So, on how to spend the money and make that purchase will be delayed due to that so it's best to quickly submit the three estimates. He only submitted two and I still need one. And then we need a scope of work, how are we going to be using this sprayer and where will it be located, and it needs to be inventoried, do it right and identify it. Then how will it be used. Will it be free to do the spraying or how will the money be returned to us. So how it is going to be used needs to be with the scope of work, then it can be monitored. That is what is called transparency. That is the reason why we need a resolution to purchase that. He

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needs to quickly bring in the estimates so the purchase can be made before the money is locked up. Also, the Emergency Fund. Last year everyone was getting impatient when it snowed. The items hadn't been purchased yet and everyone was calling, wanting their share quickly wanting some wood or propane. So, before the money is closed, we need to hurry and purchase some wood and store it at the Quanxi hut. So, when it snows again it will already be there. There is no resolution on that too to purchase it. And then the budget is due September 20th and everything is going to be shut down. So that is the reason why the expending of the money needs to hurry and make purchases. Something like stipends, payroll payments. And we have three workers on the P.E.P. positions, an Office Aide, a Janitor, and you probably notice that it's clean and the weeds are pulled, the bathrooms are cleaned, he oversees the whole building by keeping it clean. And then PEP positions are all going to expire on September 20th and everything will shut down then. Then my work will be to do advertisement at the radio station, and posting at Speedway, so at the next fiscal year they will be hired at that time. Then the physical inventory, like the chairs that are there, tables and anything that has a sticker. For that we have to find all of them, and at the Consol building the heavy equipment is over there. We have to find all of them and verify that they are within our possession. So, we are now doing that. The janitor is helping me do that and finding all of them. The buildings are also part of our inventory. And the last one is about me. I am a Chapter Manager, on September 30th it will be a year. At that time, I already said I will not work here for long, I have work at home. Also, the people are arguing with each other. It was said that they wanted someone who was very well educated to be in this position. That is the reason why I submitted my application. I said at the time I won't be working for long I have grandchildren, and they are telling me why I am not going to restaurants they are missing me. That is the reason why I am informing you, it is very difficult here. I probably worked really good here so in September when the PEP positions are over, I will submit my resignation too. The reason why is the members sitting in the audience I worked with you well and appreciate it, you talk to me good and don't argue with me. From the chapter officials I am walking in negative words. My employees come up to me and ask me why we can't work with chapter officials, those sitting up here. They know it isn't hidden. I am standing here telling you the truth. That will be my last day on the 20th.

Harrison L. – okay. I think we are done. Just a little... yes.

Tanner B. – I have a question. Thank you, Mr. President. I heard Mr. Benally's report about the livestock sprayer. I have only submitted two quotes to the chapter as well as yourself Mr. President. The lowest cost of the Livestock Sprayer that I found was with IFA it's \$3,747.00 with tax is \$313.18, and the total is \$4,060.82. So, I found that one to be the lowest cost and I understand that we need a chapter resolution to get that.

Harrison L. – we need it.

Clara P. – we already have it.

Harrison L. – we done have it.

Tanner B. – oh that was September of last year. W

Harrison L. – it's still good.

Tanner B. – okay. Well with that then, I think that it would be okay if the chapter can go ahead and purchase that.

Harrison L. – okay.

- v. Grazing Official – thank you Mr. President, Mr. Vice President, Ms. Secretary/Treasurer and everyone here. I'm not sure if the public is aware, hopefully we gave you enough notice here. We're having a horse round up this week, the Navajo Nation Department of Agriculture is going to be coming today. So, we'll be parking all of the equipment over at my mother's place up there, and we're gonna be bringing in trailers, panels, equipment, dirt bikes, and we're just gonna be bringing in equipment today. Tomorrow we're gonna start the set up and we're gonna start the actual roundup. We will be on dirt bikes, ATVs, and horseback all that has been authorized by the chapter already. So, we're going to start up here in the same area that we were in October. We've been receiving a high number of reports of wild horses that are coming in on this side. We do know that there are some individuals that have horses out on the range lands that belong to permit holders,

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and we're going to keep those horses that are permitted here in Burnham. They're gonna go back to the owners if they're branded. We don't want to take away the property of whoever owns the horses, and it includes livestock as well. So, cattle, if cattle are not branded or if they're stray cattle from other districts, those are going to be picked up too. So, but we do know that there, there's some that have horses. Mr. Pablo is Justin's horse still out there.

Mr. Pablo – it's still out there.

Tanner B. – yeah. So, we will probably need you to be on site to verify that horse so he can get back because we want to get that back for him. So, but yeah, we will be doing the horse round ups. I do ask that the sheep and the goat herders please stay with your livestock. As you know that horses can run a really long distance, their stamina is really high, they have a lot of stamina, they have a lot of energy, they're out there every day roaming the range lands. So, we may be 13 miles that way, and then within 45 minutes, thirty maybe 20-30 minutes. We'll be way over here with horses. Horses can run a long distance, they can run a long time, they can run all day without getting tired. So, we will be covering most parts of Tiis Tsoh Sikaad chapter. So please stay with your livestock. We don't want your livestock to get lost. We had that happen to one of our permit holders who's here with us today. And it is detrimental to the permit holders when that happens. We didn't plan for that, but we just hope to get efficient notice to the public. So, we'll be doing that throughout the week. Our District 13 Grazing Committee is gonna be over at Nenahnezad Chapter this Wednesday, at 1:00. We're gonna have a permittees meeting here, this Friday. We're going to be showing you guys some videos of our round up, what we're doing, how many we capture, and we report that back to the public here at the permittees meeting. We'll have some food. So please join us if you want to come out and visit, if you want to come out and volunteer for a roundup. We ask that you volunteer. If you have any food donations or anything like that. We would like to request those, please. And then I think for the last day, we're gonna be on this side. We know that there's horses up there, way up there on the Moncisco Mesa Ridge coming down this way into the mine area along the wash here it's affecting a lot of permit holders. We haven't gotten to you guys on this side yet, but we're going to do that on the last day. So, but I hope that's all. Thank you all so much for supporting that resolution for the 192 candidates. We really appreciate it. We appreciate your time for coming out here. It's good to see everyone. So, thank you very much.

Harrison L. – okay. How about you Charles, do you have anything? Who was it that raised their hand. Ernest, wait. Come up here.

Ernest Johnson – thank you. Even if you ask a small question, it's good too. My relatives and the officials. Tanner, I have a question for you. What's that basket for. That small basket. Is that from you guys or from BIA?

Tanner B. – oh yeah BIA. I can answer that.

Ernest J. – okay.

Tanner B. – thank you for your question, Mr. Johnson. I'm not sure if you guys have seen these baskets. They're about this tall (doing hand gestures measuring), and they go down like that. It's a cube, they're located throughout the range lands. I think we have about 20 of them, that BIA Mr. Vince Tsosie from BIA in Shiprock, he put those out. It's called a Rangeland Monitoring Cage. What we're trying to, what the BIA is trying to study is that on open range grazing lands a lot of horses, cattle, sheep, goats they just graze. They graze wherever they want to, some of them they stray. Those ranged land monitoring cages are protecting the forage and the vegetation within that small area. I think it's a 3 by 3 or 4 by 4 cage. So, it's gonna allow the grass to grow, vegetation to grow. It's not gonna allow any livestock or horses to graze in that area. They're trying to study how much grass growth can happen within a period of one year to 10 years. So those are going to be out there for quite a while. It does say Range Land Monitoring Cage, property of U.S. Government. So that's what those are for.

vi. CLUPC – no report.

8. Announcements

- a. Date/Time of next Meeting

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Chapter Regular meeting – Monday, September 9, 2024 @ 11:00a.m. (tentative, subject to change)
Chapter Planning meeting – Friday, October 4, 2024 @ 11:00a.m. (tentative, subject to change)
Chapter Regular meeting – Friday, October 11, 2024 @ 11:00a.m. (tentative, subject to change)
CLUPC Meeting – Friday, October 4, 2024 @ 10 a.m.

b. Other

Tiis Tsoh Sikaad Grazing Permittee meeting September 13, 2024 @ 10a.m.
District 13 Grazing Committee meeting September 11, 2024 @ Nenahnezad Chapter
Northern Agency Grazing Committee meeting, September 12, 2024 @ 9am Teecospos Chapter

9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

M: Theresa Johnson

S: Rita Begaye

Vote: 22 in favor, 0 against, 3 abstain

Harrison L. – thank you. I asked Alice, she brought blue corn mush. I asked her to say a prayer for us as we safely head back to our home, and we had a good meeting. Thank you everyone, those sitting up here and members in the audience.

Alice H. – did a benediction.

Clara P. – time of adjournment.

Time of adjournment: 1:40p.m.