

Tse Alnaozti'i' Chapter
March Chapter Meeting Minutes

In Person Meeting

March 17, 2024 (No quorum)

March 24, 2024

1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 1:42 p.m. by President Haskie

2) ROLL CALL

- a) Chapter President, Jeanne Haskie: PRESENT
- b) Chapter Vice-President, Gerald Henderson: PRESENT
- c) Chapter Secretary/Treasurer, Jourdan Washburn: PRESENT
- d) Chapter Grazing Officer, Alonzo Cohoe: PRESENT
- e) Honorable Council Delegate, Amber K Crotty: PRESENT

3) INVOCATION

Invocation given by Vice-President Henderson

4) REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn read agenda into record.

Motion by Amanda Sandoval

Second by Nelson Garfield

President Haskie: Only change is the April Meeting is on the 21st.

5) REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Kori Tso

Second by Arlenta Horse-Dickie

Memberships read minutes while waiting for quorum. No changes or deletions.

Memberships vote 29 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstained to accept the minutes.

6) GUEST SPEAKER.

- a) **San Juan County Elections Office- Information on Elections- Arlenta Horse-Dickie reported.**
We came out in January to announce the filing date information. They have yet to make an official candidate listing. We will be back next month most likely with that information. We are providing three different types of ways to vote. That's on the paper I handed out to you. (*Flyer included in the minutes*). (*Flyer explained*) You can ask for absentee applications, even the Chapter has it as well. You can also go online and ask for the absentee ballot. There will also be early voting at select locations, all on the sheet given out. The last option to vote is on Election Day. You can also check voter registration and register online. There is also same day registration.
Nelson Begay: We can vote online?
Arlenta Horse-Dickie: Register and request for absentee online. You cannot vote online.
President Haskie: Make sure you vote because they check on how many votes from here. We benefit from that.

7) OLD BUSINESS: NONE.

8) NEW BUSINESS:

- (a) **Resolution No. TAT-24-03-32. ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2024 WITH ATTACHMENT A & B. Sponsor: Chapter Staff & Officials**
Secretary/Treasurer Washburn read resolution into record.
Motion by Zelma Bodie **Second by Arlenta Horse-Dickie**

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn read resolution into record. Secretary/ Treasurer Washburn read financial reports with attachment A & B. Budget to Actual, Revenue and Expenditures and Balance Sheet to membership. Reports were provided to membership by paper document. Nelson Begay: The emergency funding of \$35,000.00, with these emergency situations. Is there a plan on how to use it? Every year we have so much distributed across the nation. Especially during winter months. We get this money to help. Our conditions are different every year. Are there any plans and supplies for our livestock.

President Haskie: Last month's meeting, we talked about this one. We talked about how to use the money. There are priorities set. The first is taking care of the high risk-elders-handicapped. The second we look at those with health concerns. The last one is the livestock. The last priority. It's your own responsibility and you chose to have those animals. You have to buy your own feed. When they send us emergency money, we get the money when the emergency is over.

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: From the fund management plan that we follow. All chapters are supposed to be following their fund management plan.

- Priority 1 – Given to the welfare and care high risk and elders with health-related conditions.
- Priority 2- Consideration of the main traveled roads that would allow community members to get items. Also, can be repair and maintenance, diesel for your equipment.
- Priority 3- Supplies to sustain a family of 5 up to three days or until weather is cleared up. This is where firewood, coal, propane would be helped with.
- Priority 4- Supplies for animals if livestock is used for their livelihood. Assistance cannot go over \$200.

Additionally- allocation follows:

20% for Mitigation

20% for Preparedness

20% for Response

20% for Recovery

20% for Matching Funds- such as paying matching funds to another vendor.

That is how the \$35,000.00 was distributed. 9,000 to diesel, 15,000 to repair and maintenance, 2,000 for personnel which will take care of Priority 1 and 2. Then going into Priority 3- 5,000 for firewood, 4,000 for propane. Now all of the 35,000 is allocated.

Harrison Barber: On the report, on expenditure line Fund 08, should be Fund 09.

Arlenta Horse-Dickie: Same issue, on Line 11- Should be Fund 53.

Memberships vote 27 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstained to approve the financial report and resolution.

- (b) **Resolution No. TAT-24-03-33. APPROVING ZELMA BODIE TO BE ADDED AND REMOVE MAE MALLAHAN ON THE AUTHORIZED CHECK SIGNATORY ON THE SANOSTEE CHAPTER WELLS FARGO CHECKING ACCOUNT. Sponsor: Chapter Administration & Officials**

Motion by Amanda Sandoval

Second by Kori Tso

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn read resolution into record.

No discussion.

Memberships vote 25 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstained to approve the resolution.

- (c) **Resolution No. TAT-24-03-34. APPROVING THE CHAPTER ADMINISTRATION'S PROJECT APPLICATION TO EXPEND CHAPTER PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (PEP) FUNDS TO ADVERTISE, ACCEPT APPLICATIONS, INTERVIEW AND HIRE FOR ONE CUSTODIAN/MAINTENANCE AND ONE HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR FOR THE 2ND ROTATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024.**

Motion by Kori Tso

Second by Arlenta Horse-Dickie

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn read resolution into record.

Candidate filing fee; open up in April 25th 2024. It's a short turn around it and closes May 8th. So that's about two weeks to talk about it with your family and then the first vote will be July 30th. In terms of what's important when it comes to some of the financial matters, I know on social media they always ask what's going on with the ARPA money. So, I wanted to make sure you know how you're going to benefit. We also have to talk about as a chapter; we have another pot of money, about 6.2 million for bathroom additions and so far, we only have one community member from Sanostee on that list. If we don't meet the ARPA deadline, the delegates and the President have said we'll find general funds, Navajo Nation money to make sure that you don't lose any of your projects through ARPA. President is always saying you're the largest community in our district and I agree and so my expectation is to see then everything that you need from the community go through resolution and we have that available. I'm always in contact with Miss Washburn and we'll follow up on your sales tax. The other area to look at is your gaming distribution, so maybe we can have that conversation next month.

Amanda Sandoval: Legislation is 0025-24. Are you saying the chapters getting another vehicle or is that the truck that they have now?

Delegate Crotty: Your secretary knows I mean I know but I'll let her explain.

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: When we were originally told the chapters are getting cares act money that's the listing including the backhoe. There were four items that we asked for. We received the backhoe and we were waiting for the vehicle but it didn't go through quick enough before the expiration date, so that we went into our sales tax money and bought the truck ourselves. Hoping there might be a reimbursement because of what happened but that was not even an option. So this, is the original request, so we will be getting an additional truck.

Delegate Crotty: Do we want a reimbursement? I would just need to know how a discussion and see if you want that reimbursement and how it impacts your funding and I could see if the law allows it. If it doesn't even if we extend it, I can make an amendment to see if we can reimburse the chapter.

Amanda Sandoval: Another question, is that the ATV that's out there?

Secretary/Treasurer: All new equipment.

Delegate Crotty: Any way that you want to do it because purchasing these equipment do take a long time.

President Haskie: She is asking a good question because the money we use for the truck we have was out of our account because we needed it really bad so we got that now we have this one. It's a 1 ton, this one we have is not 1 ton. It won't handle heavy kind of stuff. So if we can get this money back and put back into your account it would be really good we could use it for something else. However, she won't know until you ask.

Delegate Crotty: Until you tell me.

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: Would we lose out on getting that vehicle if we request for reimbursement. That's what I want to know.

President Haskie: Now if we want that one ton, we don't have to say anything. She can do that but if you feel that road committee to me, they're the ones that have a lot to do with you know the way their used. A lot of times they have to haul a lot of heavy stuff so maybe it's better we keep it right.

Delegate Crotty: Have a discussion and that's why we always want like a 5-year plan. You do have a capital outlay, 5-year plan. We have a roads plan. You should have an operating and maintenance plan. As you're getting new equipment you want to make sure for your bulldozer that you're also planning out how you're going to haul it and the trailer or the stuff you may need. Then also in case for the grader because those tires are very expensive. You don't want them to be on the road because it takes a toll on it. You may want to invest in the trailer or if the one ton truck can meet your needs for the bulldozer or you may have to think about like a semi like a small semi and then see what the price difference is too.

President Haskie: When do you need to know?

Delegate Crotty: Special Council Session for ARPA next week but this probably won't go until April 15th so the mid, so you probably can meet again talk about it plan it out with Miss Bodie and your team. If you don't have time to come back as a chapter meeting, if you could write a letter. They're going to start coming out and inspecting all of the equipment because Navajo Nation, we purchased millions of dollars of equipment. So, we're going have inspectors come out and just see how it's like maintained. How the chapter you know just making sure to like are you are you are you planning like a warehouse to start cover like so that your equipment can be in a covered location, just like best practices. If you have before your operator leaves maybe you could talk with them and say OK what are best practices so that you could have that.

Sterling Lewis: You can probably just haul the backhoe with the one ton. You're going to need a semi for the others.

Delegate Crotty: How much is a semi?

Sterling Lewis: All together it's 53 feet. Hauling 80,000 pounds. One with a day cab.

Delegate Crotty: High end is about \$240,000.00. You might want to look at that, see what the price difference is and then just plan it out though. Just keep talking and planning it out.

President Haskie: Good idea, we need to put our heads together and decide what to do so let her know alright

Nelson Begaye: If we decide to reimburse, does it require a resolution?

Delegate Crotty: Thank you for the question so once you decide as a community or with some planning and some options and you if you want the reimbursement. I need a letter. I need to make an amendment and that will take if we could get it ready by the week of April 15th. This is probably when this legislation will be heard and I'll need to speak to the sponsor chair Brenda Jesus with resource and development but we're going see that my committee because I'm on budget and finance and I can make the amendment there. The second thing too is if you want to additional money like let's say you're like we want that semi. I could also request an amendment once we know how much that cost and if this is not enough then we add it on just like what we're doing to the bulldozer. I would say within the next two weeks let me know I think that gives you enough time to plan things out and what you have but I would suggest if you're getting the bulldozer and the grader that you look at equipment that could handle that.

President Haskie: Let's meet after this meeting to discuss that.

b) Chapter Business Update

- Housing Discretionary ends on March 29th.
- Home Assessments for ARPA- Home improvements- Roof repairs.
- Septic Tank Cleaning assistance- 3 to 4 people a month. Fill out an application. You pay half of the fees.
- Road Maintenance- Our operator finished all the roads but it rained. BIA and Navajo DOT are here. We do not oversee their schedule nor do we tell them where to go. We advise them of bus routes. They only do the main roads. Legally they do not do private roads. Navajo DOT does 15 miles per Chapter. BIA begins on 5010. Then the Chapter works between. We have 8 major dirt roads compared to other Chapters that have only 1 road. We ask BIA and NDOT for help when we have no operator. Now Aaron is leaving, it was good that we had him here. We will be advertising for another operator.
- Saturday- Egg coloring and Cake Walk. Sunday- Easter Egg Hunt in the old BIA Compound.
- Reviewed April Calendar events
- On April 4th; new regulations on family plots, cemetery. A lot of people in this situation in our community. Tell your neighbors to come over and listen in. These changes just happened with RDC. We have over 40 family plots in our area. This is a very important topic that people need to hear about. So come by and listen in.

c) Veterans Organization, Commander Begay reported.

- New officers since January.
- In February- message to all Commanders from Shiprock. Veterans Trust Fund is off. They put everything on hold. A specialist was sent over to review. She got everything reviewed and was corrected. Sanostee is still in the plus side. Some Chapters are out of their funds.
- March 4th- Northern Veterans Organization. They are handling the Vietnam Veteran Day Event in Shiprock.
- March 8th- Northern Navajo Veterans Organization- 19 Chapters in the Agency. There were no commanders at this meeting. They made a motion to vote and make nominations. Male Commander: Nelson Charles. Female Commander: Elouise Brown. Secretary: Laura Chester. Those are the new officers and then got on the agenda. Our previous Commander was given another job. The female commander stepped down before that meeting, hence the vacancy.
- March 29th: Vietnam Veterans Day- parade, honor ride, trail ride.

d) Grazing Official, Alonzo Cohoe

- 1 homesite lease; with some changes.
- 3 field clearances that are pending.
- 3 tally counts. Weather has been pushing these around.
- Attend local and chapter meetings every month. Projects coming up.
- The power renewal from Tuscon- getting leases renewed.
- Waterline process and consents still going. Water to be up this way 2029.
- Cemetery withdrawal is about 90% on it's way.
- Cell Tower is still in process.
- Agriculture Infrastructure Fund; new deadline is this Friday. Tell you family members, for those who have grazing permit, land use permits and home gardens. Apply for that before the deadline.
- April 4th District 12 Meeting. Cannot make the burial/cemeteries meeting.
- Also working with CLUPC as a member; Cemetery, Chapter compound, CLUP Manual and Helipad.
- Farm and Ranch Information meeting; April 18th at 1 pm.

e) Community Health Representative, Berlinda Dickson

- Home visits with Public Health Nurse. I'm finding some elders that have no family support have physical disabilities. I'm trying my best to keep him out of the nursing home but you know, I feel this should be home or they feel comfortable but there are times that you know the nurse recommends a nursing home. When it comes to a decision, the family doesn't want that. I don't want them going there but I'm trying my best to you know do welfare tests especially on the elders and the disability.
- Picked up 4 new high risks.
- Educating about Hantavirus. It's out there. Symptoms are the same as COVID.
- Measles is out there too, in the children. No cases out here. They get two doses. I still do the presentation to the people about it.
- Stay on top of disinfecting.
- There are some community members who are in the hospital because of COVID. It's getting very tiring. Some that I see on a weekly basis are there.
- I have masks, sanitizer in my office. There are even test kits. I found out people are throwing them on the side of the road. I picked them up.
- Doing home assessments. People ask about housing concerns. I tell them it's with the Chapter.

- Reminder: I don't do referrals, they come from your primary doctor.
- The clinic is open now. Tuesday and Thursday. 10 am to 3 pm. Call ahead.
- Still cover Mexican Water.
- Continuing to do screening. Elderly fest. Training two new CHR's. Still hiring as well.
 Delegate Crotty: With your assessments; provide your high risk. Trying to get funding for the additional homes.
 Betty Smith: My brother is disabled. He wants his house remodeled. Can he get help?
 Berlinda Dickson: We are working on things with him.
 Monroe Johnhat: With that funding; is there a way that anyone can do re-modeling for them? I did that in Arizona.
 Berlinda Dickson: We don't have funding for that.
 Delegate Crotty: The housing discretionary, comes from the Chapter. Then they hire.
 Kori Tso: If you're willing to pay that person to do the work.
 Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: If you apply through housing discretionary with the Chapter. You do have the option to hire your own people. They would pay you. The Chapter would only provide the materials but not the labor. One person did hire her own work. She paid him- private services with the home owner.
 President Haskie: Everyone with housing that applies has been getting material assistance.
 Glenn Duncan: As the CHR said, to take care of yourself. My daughter is a doctor. She tells her family; your health is important. Get seen if you need to. If you wait to long, it's going to longer to get better. Make sure to take care of yourself.

f) Community Land Use Planning Committee- No information to present.

g) Community Road Committee; Harrison Barber reported.

- Term ending in December. Look for someone who is going to push these projects.
- Proposal submitted for N5010-South went to Navajo DOT- TTIP. Get the area at the cornfields fixed because of the pooling water.
- Proposal submitted for N34- West improvement with bridges at the water crossing. It's going to take a long time. There are a lot of steps before we get funding. Survey's have to be done for all of them. It wasn't done that way years and years ago. We end up going through the same cycles. I always question BIA and NDOT. Maybe because we pressure them, they don't come out to the table to discuss these items. We advocate for the people out there. Our council delegate is a good resource. We submitted TIF for 1 million dollars to get this planning started. Then we have to ask for more money for construction.
- The south road has had many surveying done and even up towards the mountains was done. We could have used the money somewhere else. Ray Nahkai stated once, how come the south road is not a priority. I told him, it's up to you push these. He was representing the South side. He left. Now we had to step up to cover all these areas. We only have three members now.
- 491/N34 intersection is supposed to get elevated. Money was allocated. Work was supposed to start this, Summer. We are asking for a status update. I just saw on the email I asked Margie Begay to look into it. I never got contacted by Mr. Jackson. We are waiting. It's all about talk but we haven't seen any action to these projects. Even including N36 was an older project.
- Last Tuesday, CLUP Manual has to include roads in there. I presented that to them. I hope we don't screw it up. I have less confidence in our own people. That needs to be in the manual, including future road projects. I hope the new people move these projects.

Motion by Amanda Sandoval

Second by Glenn Duncan

Memberships vote 26 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstained to accept the reports.

10) NEXT MEETING:

1. April 2024 Planning Meeting: 04/03/2024 @ 10 am
2. April 2024 Chapter Meeting: 04/21/2024 @ 12 pm

11) CONCLUSION OF MEETING; ANNOUNCEMENTS- NONE.

12) ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Benifer Charley

Second by Harrison Barber

Memberships vote 25 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstained to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Submitted by: Secretary/ Treasurer Jourdan Washburn: _____ on
04/02/2024.

Chapter Administration Rec'vd: _____

