



It is our personal responsibility to restore harmony and balance. We must learn to resolve our own problems and teach our children Traditional Dine values that will be a positive influence in their lives. We emphasize that our Dine people solve their own problems by talking it out and finding justice, rather than depending on the courts. You have to do it on your own. Teaching Traditional Dine values to our younger generation is vital to the well-being of the Dine. Youth engagement in Peacemaking is a high priority.

Priorities:

- Restorative Justice
- Traditional teaching- language & Culture
- Inclusiveness of all Faiths
- Children and Family Hozho
- Status accorded to Elders
- Vulnerable Adults
- Extreme Family Discord

Services Offered:

- Dine Traditional Peacemaking
- Dine Family Group Conferencing
- Life Value Engagement

Service Approved Through:

- Referrals by court, schools or agencies
- Division of Social Services
- Office of the Prosecutors
- Probation Services
- Schools
- Other Agencies and Professionals
- Walk ins welcomed
- Court requests, we work with those. Name change, etc. You have to petition the court and if they allow peacemaking, it'll come through.

Darlene Smith: Where are you located?

Myron Begay: We are located in the modular building between district court and bethel church at the intersection.

Frank Smith: Do you still have a peacemaking representative from each community?

Myron Begay: I am looking for those. I don't have one from Sanostee. I have applications. All you have to do is fill them out. Then we ask about traditional and faith-based knowledge. Then we go from there. If you want, you can ask the Chapter for a resolution to sponsor you.

Frank Smith: So, what you are saying, you can get either picked with your application or the Chapter. One or the other?

Myron Begay: Yes, one or the other.

Frank Smith: Which proceeds which?

Myron Begay: It's either or. You can fill out the application and then let your Chapter Officials know that you want to get sponsored with a resolution.

Frank Smith: Let's say, you have a good application but when it comes to the Chapter. The chapter has a disagreement with that person, how do you they'll get picked. What if they don't like that person.

Myron Begay: We will do interviews and a background process will be done as well.

President Haskie: Do you have the requirement list?

Myron Begay: Application asks for your name, address, census, DOB, age, Chapter affiliation, speak Navajo or write, employed, email, phone number, list traditional methods, knowledge of Anglo-American methods. Can submit completed form and W9 to the office with your resolution.

Vice President Henderson: Do they get some kind of compensation?

Myron Begay: They get \$80 for their Yeel. I am usually the one that does the selection for certain sessions. Say there is one here. I can send you here. I take care of 17 Chapters. If there is a session, I can request you do it. I can also do them. It's per session. We provide the curriculum.

President Haskie: How long do they serve?

Myron Begay: Once you are in, you are in.

Vice President Henderson: Do you only deal with what you mentioned? Or do you deal with courts suggestion?

Myron Begay: That is what we do. If the family court sees that peacemaking will help, they'll do a referral. Everyone has to agree to it. If something comes up in the session, the session will end and go back to the court, if it cannot be resolved.

**7) OLD BUSINESS: NONE.**

**8) NEW BUSINESS:**

- (a) Resolution No. TAT-24-04-36. ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2024 WITH ATTACHMENT A & B. Sponsor: Chapter Staff & Officials**

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.

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: We did have a review of our financials, happy to announce we are doing everything correctly. The usage, no concern of our finances.

President Haskie: We had a training in Farmington yesterday, regarding this. They do that almost on regular basis to make sure those who are taking care of the money are doing it right. Our AMS takes care of that, he is smart and he knows where everything goes. We have to be careful. You have all the information in your packets.

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: If you look at the last document, the Detailed Budget to Actual. There it shows what we budget for, for the year, how much we've used for the past 6 months and how much we have left. It's detailed there.

Nelson Begay: This is a lot of money we are looking at. For the Chapter, our second quarter overall. We are almost through the fiscal year. Are we okay for the third and fourth quarter? If we don't use it, I don't know which one will go back to Window Rock or carryover it over to the next year.

President Haskie: Yes, we are okay. The one we are really using is the PEP. The workers use most of the money. Then scholarships too. We used up one of the money bags. Now we are getting more funding for summer youth employment. Right, our AMS? Yes. She did mention there is one in the red but when we get that money, it will take care of that small amount. We are okay. Usually if we don't want to carryover, the CSC will make sure to use up that money.

**Motion by Harrison Barber**

**Second by Nelson Begay**

**Memberships vote 25 in favor, 0 opposed and 4 abstained to approve the resolution.**

- (b) Resolution No. TAT-24-04-37. SUPPORTING THE REQUEST TO APPROVE A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION TO THE OFFICE ASSISTANT FOR FY 2024- 1ST ROTATION. Sponsor: Chapter Administration & Officials**

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn read resolution into record.

Frank Smith: Was the position fairly advertised for that position, since there is a three-month extension.

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: Yes, it was advertised for 10 days. Then the position became vacant, when that happens, you go back to your interview pool and select the next one. So yes, the position was properly advertised. This person will be completing their three months at the end of March. If this resolution does not pass, the extension does not go through, then it gets re-advertised.

**Motion by Rannitta Henderson**

**Second by Arlenta Horse-Dickie**

**Memberships vote 25 in favor, 0 opposed and 3 abstained to approve the resolution.**

- (c) **Resolution No. TAT-24-04-38. ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE NAVAJO NATION GENERAL FUND SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 25,000.00 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024. Sponsor: Chapter Staff & Officials**  
Secretary/Treasurer Washburn read resolution into record.

President Haskie: We are getting prepared for this funding that Council will soon be approving.

Nelson Begay: Not sure how this will work out. Back in the day, the 70's we used to work 10 days and be working the roads and using the shovel. Those days are over. What will the students be working and how long? For our community, we have some young people who live off the reservation, if we can provide a job for them. Is there a program they can get a job and work in the city.

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: This budget includes hiring 14 additional high school students and 12 additional college students. Every summer we hire close to 60-70 kids for the summer. They work two weeks at a time. Legally under 18, they work 64 hours for those two weeks. Then over 18, they work 80 hours for those two weeks. This budget includes their taxes, Medicare, workers compensation. We also have allocated \$3,500 to their project supplies. Last year they made dog houses and bought the lumber. Then we also try to cook with them. There are some students who don't know how to cook, so we try to teach them that. Last year, they really enjoyed making pizza. The projects all come back to the CSC and she'll be making out those. This resolution is accepting the funding coming in. The last part, we work with those students who can't come back, they have worksite agreements. We have a supervisor at their location to oversee them. That is an option for the students too.

Frank Smith: With the 25,000, does that add with the 31 thousand in there already? So, it would be 56,000.00?

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: Yes, that's the next resolution.

Frank Smith: Second, I see this when we hire summer students. For equality reasons, I always see the same students working an extra time. I hope we hire all of the ones that apply. Parents will see that and say, my kid didn't get hired. That's not fair. Give all of them the opportunity to work.

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: I was apart of the past two years students who worked. I know what Frank is talking about, like I said earlier about our financial review. It's because we follow the policy and procedures. There are incidents where the parents are not registered with the Chapter and they want their kids to work there. They must be registered for three months prior to wanting to work. There were two situations where that was the issue. We advise them to get registered and by the time we are at our last group, it might be past the three months. There are a lot of students/parents who forget to turn in their application. Three or four days later, they are trying to turn in their documents. We tell them, we can't accept it them. There is a deadline for a reason. The auditor comes in, they look at your deadline and the time stamp of when the application came in. They ask, how come you accepted this after the deadline, the policy is not being followed. Is this individual being favored? That's why we must follow those deadlines. Those are the situations we come across. Yes, because of those, we didn't hire them. Otherwise, 98% of the students get hired. Additionally, from what Frank stated. One year, we only had 20 students who applied. We had all this money to use and Window Rock was saying, no more summer youth money because they aren't using it. We scrambled and told the students to re-apply and we were able to get more students. So yes, again they re-applied and that is how we used the funding.

Melissa Eskeets: What is the age limit to start?

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: Policy states from 14-25 years old and they have to be active in school. They must be in school and even those who just graduated High School, must be going into college. They have to be continuing.

Arlenta Horse-Dickie: What is their pay?

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: College is \$10.20/ hr. and High School is \$9.50/ hr. I know other Chapters, like Shiprock get way more. So, their pay is way higher. So, it'll depend on each Chapter what they get. We can't spend it just on a few students with a high pay.

Kristen Simo: I also understand, academic standing must be good too.

President Haskie: Make sure you bring in your applications, so those issues don't come up.

Frank Smith: I understand that they have to have a certain grade point average BUT also need to consider their disabilities. Academically might not be up there, because they take SPED classes. Their parents are voters and we really shouldn't say that. Some might be sick and have to go to the hospital. We shouldn't use this against those kids.

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: We've not had one student on probation or with bad grade standing. We haven't had that come up, nor with the disabilities. That is something we would have to consider if we came across that.

President Haskie: I would like to bring up the CSC to talk about this.

Zelma Bodie: I have been thinking about what the students will be working on. I was given this task to take on. You want anything educational for your children and what can influence their life. I know parents are working and have a routine after school. I see that because I am raising my grandkids. I am still thinking about what the students will do. I would like to include the parents and have a day set aside for a family project. Even at home, they separate to their rooms and that's about it. Even down to our cell phones, that's what our children always focus on. It has made things harder for the kids to focus on other items. Plus, these days, there are a lot of new scenarios that affect the children. Even the way you talk to them, you have to be cautious. I have thought about these projects but I really would like to include faith into these items. On the side, I am still learning about the work here. Navajo Nation has their policies and the Chapter has their policies as well. When you are working, you have a set of rules to follow. If you don't, we get over seen by ASC on our operations. Then they bring our policies and make sure that they work off of that. It's difficult. Additionally, I am still finishing up items from 2022-2023. So, on top of that, we have other items to follow. Sorry, I am talking to another direction.

Frank Smith: Can we get back on the agenda here.

**Motion by Rannitta Henderson**

**Second by Freddie Mark**

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

- (d) Resolution No. TAT-24-04-39 . APPROVING THE USAGE OF THE CHAPTER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS AND APPROVING THE PROJECT APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 56,440.64 TO ADVERTISE, ACCEPT APPLICATIONS, INTERVIEW AND HIRE COLLEGE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FOR THE SUMMER OF 2024. Sponsor: Chapter Staff & Officials**

**Motion by Rannitta Henderson**

**Second by Cindy Duncan**

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn read resolution into record.

No discussion.

**Memberships vote 29 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstained to approve the resolution.**

- (e) Resolution No. TAT-24-04-\_\_\_\_. APPOINTMENT OF \_\_\_\_\_ TO SERVE ON THE SHIPROCK NORTHERN NAVAJO FAIR BOARD REPRESENTATIVE OF THE TSE ALNAOZTI'I CHAPTER. Sponsor: Chapter Staff & Officials**

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn read resolution into record.

President Haskie: This position will end in December. Right now, we have Rannitta as the representative. I was under the impression; you start before the next fair. The person we select will be going from January 2025. Those who are interested, please let us know and we will vote.

Frank Smith: You said it ends in December?

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: Yes, that's in the resolution.

Frank Smith: We put our interest in back in September. Then we just put under the carpet. That's false advertisement. Nothing ever happened with it. It was brought up at the Agency Council and they recommended that one of the Chapter officials sit on it. I don't think it's up to them. It isn't their Chapter. It's ours and we vote here. We shouldn't be listening to them. We have every right to pick who we want to pick. I am here and been waiting since September. It just seems like when some of us apply, it just gets put under the carpet. I have my letter here since 2023. It's not being done right here. Let's get it over with and pick someone. Shouldn't hold these things up. Also, whoever sits in this office, will be done in December 2024. Guess someone will have to be picked after that.

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: From my understanding, when we brought it back up in September. We were told that it's too close to the fair, so don't put some one in there. So, we didn't vote on it. That's why it needs to be properly handled and allow these to put their hat in, instead of waiting another year.

Frank Smith: To me, that's properly done when you advertise. What is improper about it?

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: They said we took too long to advertise.

Frank Smith: That wasn't our fault. Why you making it our fault?

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: No, I am saying it was us. That we put in the agenda too late.

Frank Smith: But we did the right thing and applied.

Melissa Eskeets: Why can't we do it now and replace somebody now.

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: That's what I am saying, to do it now. That's why we should take care of it now and not wait another year or a few weeks before the fair. This will officially open it.

Vice-President Henderson: Who else, besides Frank that applied.

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: We need to open nominations for those who want to apply.

Motion to open nominations by Amanda Sandoval

Second by Rannitta Henderson

Nominations made:

1. Frank Smith- based upon September 2023 interest- accepted nomination.
2. Remnita Henderson- accepted nomination.
3. Randall Bedah- accepted nomination.
4. Amanda Sandoval- accepted nomination.
5. Benifer Charley- accepted nomination.

President Haskie: I want to say something about this position. When we have a fair board member. It's important whoever is in this position, keep us informed. Not sharing what is happening, that is not good. We need someone to inform the Chapter. The Chapter is looked at for help and how do we know that. The money is always a concern. Tell us about that. We didn't get that information until way after. That is why I asked about it at the Agency Council. I asked, who should be sitting as the representative. They explained, it's good to have a Chapter official in that seat, so they can work with the Chapter. It's good that we have people here who are interested in this. We need to have that communication open with those people. So, I would like to nominate Jourdan to be included as our representative.

Nelson Begay: Where does it say, it will be for next year?

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: It will be for this year; it will cover this year's fair to December.

Nelson Begay: It will end December 2024?

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: Yes, it says that in the resolution.

Frank Smith: We nominated ourselves and yet you have to nominate someone. Why isn't she nominating herself? This isn't right. Seems like you guys just want to do it your way.

Melissa Eskeets: That isn't fair.

President Haskie: Okay.

Rannitta Henderson: When this was advertised, I thought we submitted our letter of interest. Did all of us, that accepted the nominations, have a letter of interest.

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: The last two will need to turn theirs in. It needs to be included in the record.

Motion to close nominations by Harrison Barber

Second by Frank Smith

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: These are 5 individuals. You all have a paper slip. Write your vote of who you chose. That is how we will vote by paper ballot.

1. Frank Smith
2. Remnita Henderson
3. Randall Bedah
4. Amanda Sandoval
5. Benifer Charley

Frank Smith: Question, just for equality, we need to have respect for the elders who can't spell our names. It's a democracy. We need to respect that. It's still be done wrong. We need to step out and let the people vote.

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: Do you not want to vote?

Frank Smith: It's not that. It's just not being done right.

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: It's not fair that you guys don't get to vote, you should be included in the vote too. It'll also be included in the resolution.

Melissa Eskeets: They can put theirs up there and they can go out, after they vote.

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: The 5 who are nominated, write down your vote and then the rest will vote.

Nelson Begay: Let them at least introduce themselves.

President Haskie: They can say a small speech.

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: First one, Mr. Smith.

Frank Smith: Nominations are already closed. We are voting. I think we are just taking to long. We want to vote. It's already closed. We are just keeping this going.

President Haskie: The rest can say something. You did have your change to talk.

Darlene Smith: Can you write their names up on the board?

President Haskie: The others need a change to talk and introduce themselves.

- Candidate Speech-

Rannitta Henderson: Introduced self and clans. I am the Fair board member for the past couple years. I take care of the Yeibicheii. Stanley Hardy from Two Grey Hills and I are told to oversee that. Our cooking house was burnt down and did get rebuilt. We are talking about improving the grounds. Talking about making a report at the meetings, we haven't been placed on the agenda. We did finally get information on our financials, which was shared at the agency council recently. I have worked very hard on the grounds and ready to make some improvements on it. We talk about our children; we want them to learn about Yeibicheii and even Song N Dance but there isn't a lot of interest. The person chose, the fair board member has a lot of areas to consider when being on this board.

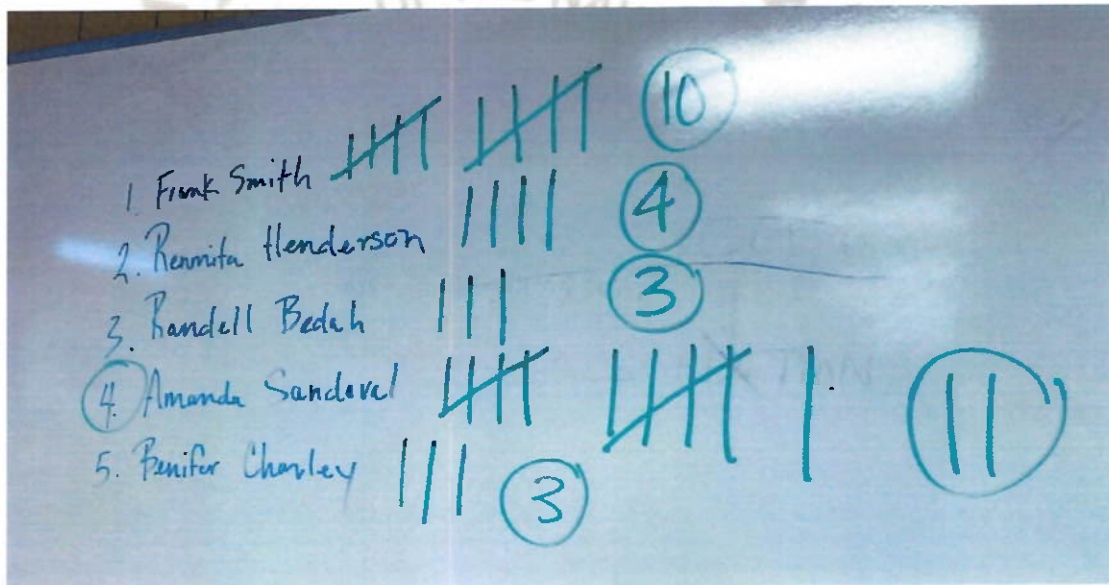
Randall Bedah: Introduced self and clans. I have interest in becoming a Fair board member. I have been going to the meetings for the past 5 years and I do see what is going on. If nominated, I will do my best to represent the community. I can't promise anything because this would be new to me. If you guys put your trust in me, maybe the Chapter and the fair would go better. The communication would be better. Even down to cleaner restrooms for the elders. Working with everyone and everyone doing their part. Working with the officials, the people, I don't mind that. I will do my very best. I think someone new needs to be in there and a change. That's all I ask of you guys.

Amanda Sandoval: Introduced self and clans. I'm from this community. I left after I graduated to serve in the US navy. I stayed in for four years. Was stationed in Japan and after I came back, I came back to my community and I volunteer here a lot for the chapter. I'm also the vice commander for the veteran's organization and the reason why I want to go on to the Fair Board is because there's been no improvements all these years. I want to know where the funds have gone. How come even getting the area paved for the elderly. The ones that are in wheelchairs and everything. I think the fair should be a lot better more like Window Rock. They have bathrooms than porta potties. I think there should be a lot of improvement there and then communicating back here with the chapter. That is why I wanted to be on the Fair Board.

Benifer Charley: Introduced self and clans. I put in my letter of interest for this position. I work as the van driver for the past 6 years for the senior center.

*5 candidates placed their ballot in the box.*

Voting by paper ballot: President Haskie opened each ballot, handed to Secretary/Treasurer and tallied up on the white board. Vice-President put the paper ballot in order to verify the voting count. Counting was done in front of membership viewing.



**Voting Results:**

1. Frank Smith- 10 votes
2. Remnita Henderson- 4 votes
3. Randall Bedah- 3 votes
4. Amanda Sandoval- 11 votes
5. Benifer Charley- 3 votes

*Voting Outcome: Amanda Sandoval won the election.*

President Haskie: Now we have the results, Amanda has 11.

Frank Smith: Only three of us went out, what about the other two. This is not being done right again. I don't understand what you guys are trying to do. Seems like you are trying to do it your way.

President Haskie: Wait Frank, everything you say.

Frank Smith: I am the voter here!

Melissa Eskeets: He has every right to talk.



No discussion.

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

**9) REPORT(S):**

a) Council Delegate, Amber K. Crotty- written report provided and added to meeting minutes.

b) Chapter Business Update

Community Service Coordinator, Zelma Bodie reported.

- Housing Discretionary: Ongoing and should be done by July. Currently working on 30 projects. Moving slowly but surely.
- May Calendar is available. We have been having a lot of donation meetings going on. There are some Bingo's and Cake Walks. Meetings are on there too. Pick up one. If you can go online, there is a calendar on there too.
- Scholarship applications for the Summer is available as well.

c) Veterans Organization

Commander, Nelson Begay reported.

- We all Veteran connections in our community.
- March 17- Chapter meeting and reported. D
- March 29- National Vietnam Veterans Event in Shiprock. Was a good event, included trail ride and parade. Additionally, there was a honor walk.
- March 30- Woman Veterans Recognition at Civic Center. Heard it was a good event as well. The vice commander and secretary joined in.
- April 11- Monthly meeting for April by NNVO. It was a schedule change and it was the day before it was originally scheduled. There is some jini about this meeting. Saying minutes were incorrect. Until I see that, I'll report that next month.
- April 14- TVO had their meeting. Guest speaker from Northern Agency Acting Manager. She is still at the office and is working on the financials. We met with her and she is training the newcomers in that office.
- April 20- we had a Bingo but couldn't do it because we didn't have enough support. Main agenda for these fundraisers is for our color & honor guard.
- May 19<sup>th</sup> is the next meeting.

d) Grazing Official, Alonzo Cohoe

- 2 field clearances
  - 6 tally counts
  - Attended both grazing committee meetings
  - Attended both Chapter meetings
  - Sunday is my monthly information meeting with Grazing and Land Use Permit holders
  - Saturday- Nenahnezad is doing herd health,
  - May 16<sup>th</sup> is the next monthly meeting.
  - NM Indian Livestock Days is on May 15<sup>th</sup> to May 17<sup>th</sup> at Route 66 Casino.
  - Today- Fire Rock had a presentation about livestock as well.
  - Last Thursday- Beef Quality Assurance training was done. Plan to bring these people out here too. We need 10 ranchers. Trying to get sheep and goat one.
  - Vaccinate 8 weeks before your animals go up to the mountains. It helps their immunity.
- Darlene Smith: Do you do vaccines for the community people?  
Alonzo Cohoe: If you buy everything. I will show you how to do it and then the rest you will do. If you want to get me everything, you are talking about \$10/head. Medicine costs a lot and they are large bottles. Usually vaccinate 50 or more from one of those bottles. Those are the owner responsibility but I will show you and watch you.

Motion by Direne Curley

Second by Darlene Smith

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

**10) NEXT MEETING:**

1. May 2024 Special Chapter Meeting: 05/01/2024 @ 11 am.
2. May 2024 Planning Meeting: 05/05/2024 @ 12 pm
3. May 2024 Chapter Meeting: 05/19/2024 @ 12 pm

**11) CONCLUSION OF MEETING; ANNOUNCEMENTS-** May 2024 Calendar events announced to membership.

**12) ADJOURNMENT**


Motion by Direne Curley

Second by Nelson Begay

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

**Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.**

**Submitted by: Secretary/ Treasurer Jourdan Washburn:  on 04/29/2024.**

**Chapter Administration Rec'vd: **

