

So, if they can touch base with someone like this group here. To give them, what's going to be all about to go to workforce encourage young people and learn how they can prepare.

Harrison Barber: Question directly to Michael from the presentation, is there a possibility for you to come back sometime to schedule this? A workshop? Not in this type of meeting. My thought is that I think it's good information because I'm kind of like going through the same thing that you are going through, I left my job 27 years ago now. I'm one of the home-based owners and you don't know if you set yourself in that path there's always going to be a revenue coming to your account. So, those are some of the things and I know has some people don't take the time to think of these types of things. People don't take their time to think about this. Maybe during the summer, especially when the kids are out of school. If you can come back to do that.

Vice-President Henderson: Is there a Navajo interpreter?

President Haskie: During the workshop, to have one there.

e) ~~Democratic Party of NM Tribal Outreach Organizer NOT PRESENT~~

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7) OLD BUSINESS: NONE.

8) NEW BUSINESS:

(a) **Resolution No. TAT-24-09-62. ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 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 and presented on the projection screen.

Motion by Direne Curley Second by Glenn Duncan

Nelson Begay: Fund 34, question. Most of our community understand about the Agricultural Infrastructure Fund incentive program for the livestock owners and the farm owners. Was there any funding come to the chapter? I attended a meeting and they mentioned this. There next meeting is Oct 16th. Asking if they can get someone there to explain that program. Any given to the Chapter before?

Alonzo Cohoe: AIF, there was 7 million dollars. . The local altogether it was like \$7 million. Each chapter got the 50/50. 50% goes to registered voters, 50 goes to the grazing permittees. That was year 2022. We got \$32,000. Hay was purchased. The requirement was you have a tally count for the past two years, within your sheep units. If you are overgrazing, you didn't get any. Then the other portion, for registered voters. If they had livestock, they were given hay too. Beyond that, we had some left over and got grain and salt blocks were given out. That's why it's zeroed out. AIF is with the Navajo Nation Department of Agriculture. They have the same setup. Grazing Permit, tally count and under your sheep units. Then they have the land use ones too. Records have to show that you planted and that you tried and even show your loss. Then they have a garden program. You have to show that you plant and your crop report. It was a quicker return on the land use but some had to wait two years to get their payout. Some were approved and they are still waiting. They don't give us those details. We probably won't be told anything until November or December on the funding if it was given all out or if any left over. We do not know what they will be giving next year. It was 1500 for under 50 units, 2500 for above 50 units. As long as you are not overgrazing and tally counts are done. That's their setup. We have 210 grazing permits with \$32,000. Red Valley, less than 100 grazing permits and they got over \$50,000. We have more permittees and not the same amount.

Memberships vote 36 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstained to approve the financial report and resolution.

- (b) **Resolution No. TAT-24-09-63. ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT POLICY & PROCEDURES FOR TSE ALNAOZTI'I CHAPTER.**
Sponsor: Chapter Staff & Officials
Secretary/Treasurer read resolution and Policy and Procedures into record.
Motion by Kori Tso **Second by Frederick Clark**
No discussion.
Memberships vote 37 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstained to approve the policy and resolution.

- (c) **Resolution No. TAT-24-09-64. ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE ROAD MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH TSE ALNAOZTI'I CHAPTER AND BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS- NAVAJO REGION-BRANCH OF TRANSPORTATION- SHIPROCK AGENCY.** *Sponsor: Community Road Committee*
Secretary/Treasurer read resolution and BIA Road Maintenance Agreement into record.
Motion by Direne Curley **Second by Nelson Begay**
James Tso: It would be good to add in this, about the operator and the costs the Chapter uses.
President Haskie: I think we asked for reimbursement for diesel fuel. They didn't want to.
Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: Last year when we wanted to amend the agreement, we asked for reimbursement for diesel fuel for the hours spent on the BIA routes for the equipment operator. We also wanted to put in taking out and replacing culverts. We did ask BIA but this agreement, because of the liability of those and their own budget with the federal government it wasn't an option.
James Tso: The condition the road is in, it's a liability. How is that not taken into consideration.
President Haskie: We can discuss that with the Road Committee. They do request those people to meet with them.
Harrison Barber: I have that same question. NDOT and BIA used to come out and meet. There is so much conflict there. We've asked them to come back out because of who does what on these roads. Struggle between the two. It hasn't happened to sit down with them. Jourdan has tried several times to invite them. Alfred Reed from BIA doesn't come out to meet. I'd want both parties here at the table but he is always on travel. We are almost done with our term. We were told, because of the federal agreement, can't really do much about it. I think we have every right to make those decisions from the Chapter level but I don't think we will be able to sit down and talk about it.
Memberships vote 29 in favor, 0 opposed and 2 abstained to approve the resolution and agreement.

- (d) **Resolution No. TAT-24-09-65. ACCEPTING THE PROJECT APPLICATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 TO ADVERTISE, ACCEPT APPLICATIONS, INTERVIEW AND HIRE FOR ONE OFFICE ASSISTANT, ONE HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR AND ONE CUSTODIAN/MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEE.** *Sponsor: Chapter Staff & Officials*
Secretary/Treasurer read resolution and project applications into record.
Motion by Fernando Duncan **Second by Direne Curley**
No discussion.
Memberships vote 30 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstained to approve the project applications and resolution.

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- (e) **Resolution No. TAT-24-09-66. AN ACT REQUESTING THE TSE ALNAOZTI'I CHAPTER REVENUE REPLACEMENT RESERVE FUNDING FOR \$1,136,010.00.**
Sponsor: Chapter Staff & Officials

Secretary/Treasurer read resolution into record.

Motion by Zelma Bodie

Second by Kori Tso

Nelson Begay: I understand this has been allocated to the Chapter for some time. Why is not reported on the monthly budget? That way we know and where we stand with this funding.

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: This one million one hundred and thirty-six thousand for the revenue replacement reserve funding is not money we are ever going to physically have at the chapter. This is money that Window Rock has. The federal government, the ARPA money that they got in Window rock, they allocated it to the to delegate and then she made it our job to fund these certain projects. No money comes into our physical hands or this chapter. If we were a certified chapter this would come into our accounts and then would show up on our financial report. So, we don't really have this money. We work with Window Rock offices because they have the money.

Memberships vote 31 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstained to approve the resolution.

- (f) **Resolution No. TAT-24-09-67. AN ACT SUPPORTING THE CHAPTER ADMINISTRATIONS PROJECT APPLICATION FOR THE NAVAJO TRANSITIONAL ENERGY COMPANY- 2025 COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND.** *Sponsor: Chapter Staff & Officials*

Secretary/Treasurer read resolution into record.

Zelma Bodie: NTEC is providing funding to benefit the community. Named: Winter Ready tools. This is due October 4th and would like to get this turned in right way. I am submitting this because, this year, there was community members who don't have the tools to get firewood. We were fortunate to have those logs but it was hard for some of them. This is why I am thinking of those who need that extra help. I would like to request a wood splitter, chainsaw and the materials with it. Including the maintenance, chainsaw and all the other tools. I have yet to detail everything but I am working on this, since it's due by the 4th. We would like to make this a project and possibly hire people to do this from the Chapter. This will benefit the community members and help them with these services. This is why I am asking for a supporting resolution.

Motion by Nelson Begay

Second by Kori Tso

Harrison Barber: Due to previous years, when you get the equipment, identify serial numbers and all that. I don't know how many equipment walk away and are never found. Chainsaws, a mixer, those all walked out.

Memberships vote 36 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstained to approve the resolution.

9) REPORT(S):

- a) **Council Delegate, Amber K. Crotty-** Not present. Written report provided to membership. Attached to minutes.
- b) **Chapter Business Update-** No report items.
- c) **Veterans Organization-** Commander Begay provided verbal and written report. Attached to minutes.
- d) **Grazing Official, Alonzo Cohoe**
 - 1 homesite lease clearance
 - 12 tally counts. Still coming in and doing more this week. This should be the last week. Make sure to contact and schedule before the end of the year.

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- *All meetings attended. Gentleman from Oklahoma, going to present what he was talking about. The electronic GPS ear tags. Meeting on the 18th.*
- *Make sure you are taking care of your overstocking.*
- *Still waiting on the horse round up schedule. All the paperwork to include Sanostee, was submitted.*
- *End of work year, turning in all the needed documents.*

Nelson Begay: Any update on those who took wool/mohair to Window Rock? They said they would be paying them out in September/October.

Alonzo Cohoe: No reports from Dept of Ag of that. Paying out, they were told 60-90 days on their payout.

- e) **Community Health Representative, Berlinda Dickson-** Berlinda provided verbal and written report. Attached to minutes.*
- f) **Community Land Use Planning Committee-** No committee members present.*
- g) **Northern Navajo Fair Board Representative-** No representative present.*
- h) **Community Road Committee. Vice President Barber reported.***
 - *August 6th- Met with Northern Agency Planner- Amanda Tolino. She joined our meeting and scheduled a meeting for us in Window Rock. We did a road assessment. From the North-5012, to the East-5005, then to the South. Those are the major areas, including to the West, the wash crossing, where the main wash is. She scheduled a meeting on the 29th at Tse Bonito at Navajo DOT.*
 - *We asked about project at the junction, it should have started. There was over \$600,000 allocated for improvement. The report given to us; I wasn't convinced with it. Donald Jackson was the project manager but no other information. The files were too large to look at, so Priscilla Lee was going to look into it. Joe Peterman told us; we used up all that money. Seems like he didn't have any documentation to support his claims. Priscilla said she would look into it.*
 - *We submitted a proposal for the west wash crossings, under TTIP. Please remember, this is going to take time. This money comes from Washington. But this project bridge will be on the 2025 request.*
 - *Also asked about the project on 5010 that a survey was done. But there was state money allocated to that road. The question we had: how can we use that money. There are three areas that need a lot of work. It's \$400,000 and that's not going to cover all of it. So hoping to work with BIA.*
 - *The culverts on 5012, that's been on the list. BIA is supposed to be here working on these areas. They bring all their equipment and then they get a call to go a different direction. Then they leave. We have nothing to show for progress again, for this month. It's frustrating to deal with that.*
 - *Committee will be ending the term with next quarter report. Hopefully keep all these projects going with the next four-year term.*

Fernando Duncan: I understand about the whole situation that Harrison is talking about. Thank you to the CERT team during the last, the culvert almost washed out they were there. It's not just the culvert, there is a wash and the water comes down from right there and into the road. I paid to get some work done there one week, four days later, it was all washed out again. Whose jurisdiction is that part? How is that being considered? Is that private, do I have to pay? The rainwater is affecting our culvert and now it's plugged up. I am sure that's everywhere but it's stressful to see if this needs to be brought to the Chapter.

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I know there is the road committee but those days don't work with my schedule. There needs to be more support from members that direction. A lot of affected areas that way. Harrison, I know you know about this and the past years.

Harrison Barber: Talking about 5012, then to your home, that's the culvert you are talking about. It's a 12 or 14" pipe. My understanding, BIA system road is 10 feet right of way. So they should be responsible for that issue but I am not sure why, they don't meet about these types of things. After those 10 feet, is up to you, residences. According to the plan of operation, you do have to pay for it. Unless you have a medical statement from your doctor if you are a higher medical risk. Those accompany the work orders. If you don't have that medical statement, you do have to pay for it. I tell people, if there are several families affected there is nothing wrong with putting the funds together and help each other. I mentioned this to Cynthia about the weeds and how it's clogging up those culverts. We might have to bring this to BIA's attention. Now we don't have an operator. It's hard to hire and keep one. This position needs to be away from PEP, I keep mentioning that.

Billy Yazzie: Talking about the roads, its just the ones who live right here that are talking. I live way North. If there wasn't so many people complaining, we could have had our road paved that direction. They just think about themselves, not like people use their farms or even use the land these days. This is for our children, grandchildren. Now we have a new set of officials coming in. That road was supposed to get more gravel but not sure what happened to it. That needs to be looked at, what happened to that. We will be looking at new officials for these things to get improved. Only those close to here are being considered, think of those who live way out there. Even to get firewood, our roads are bad up there. Do something before your term is over. We need to teach our children the language, they are our future. Those are things to think about for our children. We need strong individuals as our leaders. Keep things moving forward.

Harrison Barber: The gravel was supposed to be 1.5 miles. To gravel a road, it's over \$14,000.00 for one mile. That is why it was shortened. I also found out that area, the CSC was told to get certain equipment and materials to maintain that portion. However, it was never done and now the gravel is just pushed to the side. I found out that 5012 was proposed into two phases. Maybe I'll find out a real answer about that. We need everyone's input. We need your support with these things. We have to keep moving forward for these improvements.

Motion by Fernando Duncan **Second by Leticia Washburn**
Membership votes 30 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained to accept the reports.

10) NEXT MEETING:

1. **September 2024 Special Meeting: 09/25/2024 @ 12 PM** (May change because of the continuing resolution- not sure the amount the Chapter will be receiving.)
2. **October 2024 Planning Meeting: 10/07/2024 @ 9 AM**
3. **October 2024 Regular Chapter Meeting: 10/16/2024 @ 4 PM**

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11) CONCLUSION OF MEETING; ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Food Distribution on Thursday- need volunteers to help package and give out the food.

12) ADJOURNMENT


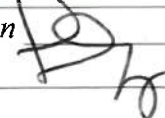
Motion By Harrison Barber **Second by Fernando Duncan**
Membership votes 28 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained to adjourn the meeting.

President Haskie adjourned meeting at 3:54 p.m.

Meeting Minutes Prepared by:

Jourdan Washburn- Secretary/Treasurer

Chapter Administration received Meeting Minutes on

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