

UPPER FRUITLAND CHAPTER  
CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2024 @ 5:00 PM  
IN-PERSON

- I. Meeting called to order 5:15 PM by Madame President Lynelle Lee
  
- II. Roll Call by Dora Smith
  - Council Delegate Rickie Nez
  - President Lynelle Lee
  - Vice-President Lisa Byrd
  - Secretary/Treasurer Dora Smith
  - Grazing Representative Roxanne Lee
  - Farming Representative Albert Lee
  
- III. Invocation by Lisa Byrd
  
- IV. Review and Approve the Agenda
  - Motioned by Robert Allen, seconded by Cecelia Antonio
  - Discussion as follows, Farm representative Albert Lee request to defer resolution (d) Supporting Tom Mason Polt #211 until October chapter meeting due to resolution is still in development, October it will be ready for implementation. Madame President Lynelle Lee motion both parties agreed. Chapter Manager Alvis Kee request to add resolution (f) and (g) budget transfers. Both motion parties agreed.
  - Vote: 18 in favor, 00 opposed, 01 abstained; 18-00-01 *Motion Passed*
  
- V. Approval of meeting minutes for Chapter Meeting held August 13, 2024
  - Motioned by Cecelia Antonio, seconded by Janet Pinto
  - No Discussion
  - Vote: 24 in favor, 00 opposed, 02 abstained; 24-00-02 *Motion Passed*
  
- VI. Old Business
  - a. NONE
  
- VII. New Business
  - a. Accepting August 2024 Budget report Chapter Secretary/Treasurer Dora Smith
    - Motioned by Cecelia Antonio, seconded by Alvis Kee
    - Discussion as follows Madame President Lynelle Lee made correction total fund balance of \$897,859.01 instead of \$3,826,796.55 which Sec/ Treas Dora Smith reported.
    - Vote: 22 in favor, 00 opposed, 02 abstained; 22-00-02 *Motion Passed*

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- b. Accepts and Approves the Monthly Financial Reports (Balance Sheet, Statement of Revenues and Expenditures, and the Budget to actual) for the Month of August 2024 with attachments A & B. Sponsor Alvis Kee
- Motioned by Robert Allen, seconded by Janet Pinto
  - No Discussion
  - Vote: 23 in favor, 00 opposed, 02 abstained; 23-00-02 *Motion Passed*
  - **FRUI FY24- 09- 407**
- c. Supports and Approves Capacity Builders, INC, in applying for the Title V Competitive Sexual Risk Avoidance Education (SRAE): New Mexico Application and Implementing same upon award of the Grant. Sponsor Eudora Redhouse
- Motioned by Alvis Kee, seconded by Juanita Sheek
  - Discussion as follows on behalf of CBI; I am requesting a tribal resolution from the community of Upper Fruitland Chapter to support CBI's efforts to apply for the Title 5 Competitive Sexual Risk Avoidance Education: New Mexico grant. The purpose of the program is to expand an evidence- based program to youth between the ages of 10-19. This program will be delivered to the PE classes of middle and high schools. Our team of Prevention Educators are highly trained to deliver evidence- based programs to youth with fidelity. Topics include healthy relationships, communication, abstinence, social emotional learning, and life skills while decreasing youth's engagement in risky behaviors. All program content will be age-appropriate, medically accurate, and culturally relevant. I'd be happy to address any questions currently.
  - Vote: 21 in favor, 00 opposed, 01 abstained; 21-00-01 *Motion Passed*
  - **FRUI FY24-09- 408**
- d. Supporting Resolution recommending Tom Mason Plot #211 has excess farmland, but encroachment has made it unusable for farming, limiting agricultural productivity. Sponsor Albert Lee
- Motioned to Defer Robert Allen, seconded to Defer Cecelia Antonio
  - Discussion as follows, Farm Board Albert Lee request to defer resolution to next month October Chapter Meeting.
  - Vote: 17 in favor, 00 opposed, 01 abstained; 17-00-01 *Motion to Defer*
- e. Supports the need for establishing a road about 0.14 of a mile in distance from NAPI Road #4087, leading into the new Upper Fruitland Cemetery. Sponsor Alvis Kee
- Motioned to Robert Allen, seconded by Laurence Bekise
  - No Discussion

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- Vote: 22 in favor, 00 opposed, 01 abstained; 22-00-01 *Motion Passed*
  - **FRUI FY24- 09- 409**
- f. Upper Fruitland Chapter authorizes Chapter Administration to transfer Funds within the San Juan County Grant Fund 20 to purchase food for Senior Center in the amount of \$1392.61. Sponsor Alvis Kee
- Motioned by Robert Allen, seconded by Alvis Kee
  - No Discussion
  - Vote: 23 in favor, 00 opposed, 01 abstained; 23-00-01 *Motion Passed*
  - **FRUI FY24- 09- 410**
- g. Upper Fruitland Chapter authorizes Chapter Administration to transfer Funds within the LGA Grant Fund 10 to pay on invoices from Abila & ImageNet Consulting in the amount of \$350.00. Sponsor Alvis Kee
- Motioned by Robert Allen, seconded by Priscilla Mason
  - No Discussion
  - Vote: 21 in favor, 00 opposed, 01 abstained; 21-00-01 *Motion Passed*
  - **FRUI FY24-09-411**

VIII. Introduction, Presentation or Recognition of Guests

- a. San Juan County Clerk — Arlenta Horse- Dickie, Bilingual Coordinator reported on Disseminate information regarding community election reported candidate filing for 2024 New Mexico General Election will be Tuesday November 05, 2024.
- Be a registered voter in San Juan County, New Mexico
  - Not to be convicted of a felony.
  - Reside in the county or district.
  - Be a citizen of the United States
  - Be 18 years of age Major Parties for 2024 Election Cycle
  - Democrat Party
  - Republican Party
  - Libertarian Party
- Early Voting October 8-18, 2024, San Juan County Clerk's Office
- b. Dissemination of 4 Corners Indigenous Farm Assessment (4CIFA) results — Brandon Francis- ABSENT
- c. NMSU Ag Science Center @ Farmington 2023 Annual report — Kevin Lombard- ABSENT
- d. Dissemination of NNR-19.333 – “Engaging Navajo Elementary Schools Randomized Controlled Trial of Y’eego! Healthy Eating and Gardening” — Kevin Lombard & Brandon Francis- ABSENT

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IX. Reports

- a. Council Delegate Rickie Nez, ABSENT
- b. Chapter Manager Alvis Kee reported meeting with Community Heating Resource at WCC. November 6 coal will open at Navajo mine, ticket will be available at the chapter. October 1<sup>st</sup> coal will be delivered to the chapter for community, chapter we will have coal bags, truck will be sufficient to haul coal.
- c. Chapter President Lynelle Lee reported that there were 39 applicants for scholarships, we did have 3 denials and 36 approvals. We are letting the community know that these are the students receiving the chapters scholarship funds. The total amount given this round is \$12,840.00. We still need volunteers to take over and pick up the slack on scholarship committee. The chapter officials have been doing then for the past 4 years and would like the community to take that over. We 3 officials have all been attending the San Juan River Farm board meeting and the district 13 Grazing meeting so we may have a better handle on situation that may arise in the local community. At these meeting the Grazing red book and different things such as decrees, conservation plans and transfers step by step at those meetings. If something is going on within your farm or grazing area these meeting would help solve those issues. I also sit on the Navajo Nation Fair board meeting and that started an hour ago so I will be turning the meeting over to Madame Vice President Lisa Marie Byrd. Last year our chapter helped with water, sanitizer and 4 baskets for the Yei bi Cheii.

Approval:

Kaden Bee-Engineering at San Juan College Freshman,  
Genita Begay-Pre-Health Science San Juan College Sophomore,  
Jenelle Berthiaume-Nursing San Juan College Sophomore,  
Shyheim Bileen- Chemical Engineering New Mexico Institute of Mining and  
Technology Sophomore,  
Kaleigh Coolidge-Exercise Science- Gillete College Freshman,  
Adreanna Eaton-Civil Engineering New Mexico State University Junior,  
Kendra Ellison-  
Riley Ervin-  
Carletta Hardy-  
Justin Harrison-  
Antoine Harry-  
Myles Harvey-  
Malori Johnson-  
Aubrey Jones-  
Jovita Kee-  
Patricia Lamone-  
Chase Lujan-

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Juston Mason-  
Caleb Mason-  
Timoteo Mauga-  
Fillisi Mauga-  
Cassandra Salaba-  
Jolynn Scott-  
Nicole Smith-,  
Mary Smith-  
Tomika Takahashi-  
Bernadette Toledo-  
Summer Tsosie-  
Kobey Wallace-  
Rhiannon Watson-  
Rabe Yazzie-  
Solaine Yazzie-  
Aaliyah Yellowhair-  
Treva Yellowhair-  
Denials-

Lex Atcity, Jasmine Lamone Trujillo and Kaylieyonaj Yellowman

- d. Chapter Vice President Lisa Byrd thanked the community for attending the chapter meeting and reported that she wanted to add on to what Madame President Lynelle Lee regarding scholarships, we officials have been assessing and approving these scholarships for the last 4 years and it is nice to see a student who started as a freshman graduate with honors as an engineer. The student is Matthew Barber who has worked as a SYEP worker and was awarded past scholarships has fulfilled his education with a little assistance from the Upper Fruitland Chapter. The second item she reported was roads recognizing that it is a major issue within our chapter area, and the complaints. NDOT has a new project manager, and her name is Amanda Tolino, she has created a link for work order to be submitted for road work needed in the Northern Agency. I have already filled out a couple work orders for Upper Fruitland as soon as she sent it. The link offers services such as grading, culverts, and things of that nature. She discussed working with the community and CLUP-C on pinpointing other areas that need some work. I have sent a follow up email asking where Upper Fruitland stands on that list and I will report that next month, please keep in mind that this is monsoon season that emergencies take precedent over routine maintenance. She was invited to a meeting with the CEO and President of PNM Don Tarry to discuss PNM's future after plant shut down and stacks demolition. His plan is to keep PNM open and seek other resource avenues such as solar and gas since the Four Corners is an energy hub. Further explaining that is the reason for meeting with entities such as PNM, NTEC, NNGE and NAPI is to keep the lines of communication open. And how that is done is through our

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quarterly meetings with the district 13 Leadership that consists of 4 chapters Upper Fruitland, San Juan, Nenahnezad and Burnham chapters. These meetings are open to all these entities mentioned but NTEC has taken the initiative to be considerably forthcoming and keeping the local chapters in the Loop. NTEC has also been funding their Community Benefit Fund, that funds people who pass the application process, funding begins from \$5,000.00 to \$20,000.00. Applicants much use the funding for a community project that will help the community at large, so if anyone knows someone who may benefit from this then please have them search NAVENERGY and all the information can be found there. She also reports that this coming Saturday September 14, 2024, is our quarterly Northern Navajo Agency Council meeting, that meeting is all 19 Northern chapters at once that takes place once every three months. And at that meeting that where the Navajo Nation President will report to us, the Navajo Nation Division heads and that where we get to question the President. One of the questions Madame Vice President asked Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren was where the Gold King Mine Spill money is for the farmers, and still have not been able to get a straight answer from that yet. Adding on to what Alvis Kee reported on the Community Coal Program meeting held today, she did not have a lot of questions because they have a very detailed presentation but just had a huge compliment for NTEC. Because NTEC gives the Navajo People 2.4 million dollars in coal a year to keep Navajo People and their homes warm. They serve all 110 chapters and have gone even further and started a new program of bulk delivery to faraway chapters like Inscription House, because some people are not able to travel to NTEC to get coal and she Thanked them again for that outreach. And if you have any questions, you can always leave a message for me at the front desk of the chapter.

- e. Chapter Grazing Representative Roxanne Lee, ABSENT
- f. Chapter Farming Representative Albert Lee introduced himself in Navajo, Rezwide had a meeting in Crystal chapter, all the area chapters, farmers all gather up, budgets, conservation plan. AIF fund assessment for farm improvement across the reservation. The money allocated will not be used for farm equipment, mostly for pipes, contractors. Department of Agriculture is controlling the funds. All certified chapters will be eligible to get \$50,000.00 from AIF. Its still on the board for discussion. If allocated the farmers will just use the funds themselves. It is the end of crop season, I have (2) more crop report to SJFB. Asking the community to attend farm permittee meetings at the chapter.
- g. CLUP-C President Robert Allen reported the community to attend CLUP-C meeting Thursday September 12, 2024 @ 10 am, no updates until after meeting.
- h. Upper Fruitland Chapter IHS Representative Priscilla Yellowman reported on home meal delivery with the Senior Center is shorthanded, on holidays, or events. Joint home visit with the PHN on referrals for wellness check-up from pregnancy, birth,

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toddlers to kids, young teens, adults and elder. Need to pick up (4) more high-risk clients. We go by a criteria form. Get checked (2) times a month or more. Going to Health Fair events in our Shiprock Service Unit area in the four corners. Covering Teec Nos Pos until the position is filled. Going to be helping with vaccination clinics, flu vaccine, RSV vaccine, Covid shots. Winter is coming up, check on family members that are elders.

- i. Veterans, ABSENT
- j. Fairground Committee, ABSENT
- k. Senior Center Representative (QTR- Sept) Marylee Toledo, Cheryl Todacheenie (cook) reported for Marylee, introduced herself in Navajo explained we cover three communities which are- Upper Fruitland, Nenahnezad and San Juan Chapter. Congregate registrations as of August 2024-182. Home delivery registrations as of August 2024- 28. As of January 2024- we are serving ages 50 and above, our numbers for registration have increased and our food budget has increased as well. But we try our best to service everyone daily. PSII of Shiprock is doing a great job for our program. Past months we have been busy with events like; Elderfest with IHS of Shiprock, Elder conference in Kirtland, yearly elder fests at the fairs, elder lunch in Cortez, CO and some centers went camping and they have fun. Representatives from Santa Fe coming in and visits from the Navajo Nation DALTCS office. Operation at the center is going well. We would also like to thank the Upper Fruitland Chapter, staff for assisting in getting requests out when we need it- trips and supplies for the center. It is greatly appreciated.

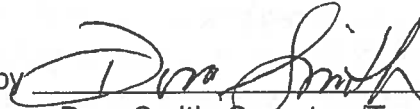
X. Announcements

- a. Navajo Mine CHRP Meeting — September 10, 2024 @ 12:00 PM, WCC
- b. Zumba — September 10, 2024 @ 6 PM- 7 PM, WCC
- c. Reservation Wide/ Grazing Officials (Joint) — September 10, 2024 @ 9 AM, Crystal Chapter, Virtual/ Zoom Meeting: ID: 810 792 2894 Password: 87420
- d. District 13 Grazing Meeting — September 11, 2024 @ 1:00 PM, Nenahnezad Chapter, (Virtual) ID: (605) 468- 8723 PIN: 5135988#
- e. Veterans Meeting — September 11, 2024 @ 6:00 PM, UFC Meeting Hall
- f. Northern Agency Grazing Meeting — September 12, 2024 @ 9:00 AM, Teec Nos Pos Chapter
- g. CLUP- C Meeting — September 12, 2024 @ 10:00 AM, UFC Meeting Hall.
- h. Northern Agency Council Meeting — September 14, 2024 @ 9 AM- 4 PM, Nenahnezad Chapter
- i. NTEC/ District 13 Leadership QTR Meeting — September 16, 2024 @ 9 AM- 12 PM, Nenahnezad Chapter
- j. Upper Fruitland 4-H Club Meeting — September 16, 2024 @ 6:00 PM, UFC Meeting Hall

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- k. Zumba — September 17, 2024 @ 6PM- 7PM, WCC
  - l. Grazing Permittee Meeting — September 24, 2024 @ 6:00 PM, UFC Meeting Hall
  - m. Navajo Nation Voter Registration Closes — September 26, 2024 @ 5:00 PM, (No Registration)
  - n. Next Planning Meeting: Tuesday, October 01, 2024 @ 5 PM In-Person
- XI. Next Chapter Meeting: Tuesday, October 08, 2024 @ 5:00 PM, In-Person
- XII. Adjournment at 7:10 PM
- Motioned by Robert Allen, seconded by Cecelia Antonio
  - Vote: 18 in favor, 00 opposed, 01 abstained; 18-00-01 *Motion Passed*

Minutes submitted September 10, 2024, by



Dora Smith, Secretary/Treasurer