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**White Rock Local Government
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 18, 2024**

- I. **Roll Call** - Roll call was made by Norman Henry, Council President
 - Council President, Norman Henry
 - Council Vice-President, Gilbert Roger
 - Council Secretary Treasurer, Nancy Brown
 - Land Board Member, Irwin Jim
 - Council Delegate, Danny Simpson
 - Chapter Manager, Tabitha Harrison
 - Administrative Assistant, Tina Pablo

- II. **Call Meeting to Order** – Meeting called to order by Norman Henry, Council President at 12:00 noon.

- III. **Invocation** – Invocation provided by Michael Etcitty, community member.

- IV. **Review and Approval of Agenda** - Agenda was read into record by Gilbert Roger, Council Vice-President. Motion made by Anthony Henry to accept meeting agenda without any changes. Motion seconded by Carol Johnson Vote: 14-0-1

- V. **Review and Approval of Previous Journal of Proceedings** – February 20, 2024 meeting minutes. Nancy Brown, Council Secretary Treasurer read into record previous journal for February 20, 2024 Regular meeting minutes. Motion made by Tina Pablo to accept meeting minutes without any changes. Motion seconded by Anthony Henry Vote: 14-0-1

- VI. **Review and Approval of Financial Report:** Combined Balance Sheet – February 2024. Nancy Brown, Council Secretary Treasurer read into record the fund balances for Combined Balance Sheet for the month of February 2024.
 - Lester Begay – three CIP fund accounts; how can it be used. Nancy Brown responded & stated that all the CIP fund accounts are used for infrastructure projects.
 - Gilbert Roger, Council Vice-President stated that since the Chapter is certified, the Chapter should submit a FY2025 Annual budget directly to the Navajo Nation requesting for additional funds for utilities, which is in the negative due to insufficient funding.
 - *Danny Simpson, Council Delegate encouraged the Chapter to submit a budget. Also, to consider utilizing the Personnel fund to lower the negative Land Claim fund. Tabitha Harrison, stated that using Fund 02/Personnel has been considered, but was discouraged by Navajo Department of Justice. All of the fund is already budgeted, which includes the retirement for administration.

- VII. **Guest Speakers**
 - 1. Office of San Juan County Clerk – Arlenta Horse-Dickie
 - Maryann Benally provided information on the 2024 New Mexico Primary Election, which will be held on June 04, 2024. Some of the information provided was on; absentee voting, early voting, alternate locations for early voting, 33 voting sites on election day, when is last day to register, sample ballots will be available in May. Poll workers or Interpreters needed. Candidate listing.

Norman Henry, Council President
Gilbert Roger, Council Vice-President
Nancy Brown, Council Secretary / Treasurer

Danny Simpson, Council Delegate

Tabitha Harrison, Chapter Manager
Tina Pablo, Administrative Assistant
Irwin Jim, Land Board Member

VIII. Alstéédaa Resolution (Old Business) - None

IX Aniidi Resolution (New Business)

Approval

1.

PEP

- Office Assistant and Laundry Attendant
- Work Hours: Monday, Wednesday & Friday
- Start date: 04-01-24 to 06-21-24
- Application Deadline: 03-28-24
- Interview date: 03-29-24

Motion made by Lester Begay to approve PEP. Motion seconded by Carol Johnson. Vote: 13-0-1

Resolutions

1. **WRC-024-015:** BUDGET REVENUE FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2024, \$159.99.
Motion made by Lester Begay to approve Resolution #WRC-024-015. Motion seconded by Herman Henry. Vote: 14-0-1
2. **WRC-024-016:** ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE AMENDED UPDATED WHITE ROCK LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMERGENCY PLAN.
Motion made by Lester Begay to approve Resolution #WRC-024-016. Motion seconded by Anthony Henry. Vote: 13-0-1
3. **WRC-024-017:** SUPPORTING NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION CO-85-23 TO AMEND THE NAVAJO NATION LOCAL GOVERNANCE ACT TO ALLOW VIRTUAL/HYBRID CHAPTER MEETINGS.
Motion made by Lester Begay to approve Resolution #WRC-024-017. Motion seconded by Anthony Henry. Vote: 8-5-1

X. Reports

Danny Simpson, Council provided brief report on the following:

- ARPA fund – June 30, 2024 NN deadline to identify where funds will be utilized. Other options being considered is to put the ARPA funds in general fund by identifying fund as lost revenue
- Agriculture fund/Livestock Management Incentives – deadline to apply has been extended to March 29, 2024. Please inform the livestock owners to apply online
- School Board Apportionment Plan was approved & most positions were regionalized. Lake Valley and White Rock were included with Crownpoint school.
- Animal Shelters – funds being considered to re-establish animal shelters at the agencies.
- BBN9 project – rights-of-way problems, NN will be able to sign consent.
- NM Funded projects – research in why funds were not being used, Navajo Nation was not responding back to Capital Outlay office. Communication problem.
- Lake Valley Transfer Station – meeting set up and recommended to add another day, so transfer station will be open Friday & Saturday. Working on invoicing the NN

All other reports will be made until next month.

XI. Next Tentative Regular Council meeting – April 15, 2024 at 9 a.m.

XII. Announcements

- 03-20-24: Spring begins
- 03-25-24: Monthly Collaboration meeting @ 9 a.m.
- 03-26 to 30-24: 15th Annual Vietnam Veterans & Women Warrior Honor Walk
- 03-31-24: Easter – HAPPY EASTER DAY
- COAL – 03-30-24 Last day to pick up coal. Open only Friday and Saturdays
- WOOD PERMIT \$5.00/month/2 loads – Contact White Rock Chapter administration.

NOTE: Carol Roger recommended the Chapter backhoe be used to fill the road near the Chapter by the bridge to alleviate further damage to vehicles going into largo road pothole. Also, to inform the San Juan Couty Roads Department to fix the area, maybe by installing a culvert. The area is starting to be a problem and hazardous.

XIII. Adjournment - Regular meeting adjourned at 2:13 p.m. Motion made by Anthony Henry to adjourn meeting. Motion seconded by Carol Johnson. Vote: 13-0-1