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LAKE VALLEY CHAPTER

Regular Meeting Minutes

June 22, 2025

12:00 Noon

The meeting was called to order by **Tony Padilla, Jr., Chapter President** at 12:06 P.M. Invocation given by **Betsy Dennison**.

Accepting and Approving the Agenda. The motion was carried by **Edison Tso** and seconded by **Stanley Blackie** with a vote of 16 in favor, 00 opposed, and 01 abstained.

Open Discussion on Accepting the Agenda:

Gloria Lorenzo:

I thought my mother's Housing Discretionary was going to be on the agenda today. **According to Lucinda Begay**, I have her application here, and I still need one more quotation to complete her request. The request was approved last month.

Betsy Dennison:

Resolution Number 04 regarding the earth dam name needs to be spelled out correctly and it has always been spelled that way. **According to Brenda Holgate**, I used Mr. Edison Tso statement, dated July 4, 2013, in the "Lake Valley Community at a Glance" article from the Navajo Times.

Edison Tso:

I **motioned** early to accept the agenda and I am now requesting that we only ask two questions per individual throughout this meeting process. **Second** by Stanley Blackie.

Brenda Holgate:

For your information before we finalize the acceptance of the agenda, we have one (1) add-on for approval it is the Chapter's sales tax allocation.

Lucinda Begay:

The sales tax allocation was recently released, and the Central Office is requesting a supporting resolution immediately. If the resolution is not approved today, then it will be a carryover into the Fiscal Year 2026 funding cycle.

Edison Tso:

At one of the regular Chapter meetings, I spoke about add-ons and I am not comfortable with last minute request. I will defer the request to our next meeting agenda for discussion.

Betsy Dennison:

I have been here for over 16 years and if there is a need for the add-on, then we should acknowledge it. If we wait until the following month, it causes delays.

Edison Tso:

Will then show us your break-down on the document provided it does not show a cost breakdown. **According to Lucinda**, the allocation will be earmarked into fund type 23 to purchase a chainsaw and wood splitter.



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Betsy Dennison:

Then we should add a language on the agenda to include any new add-ons.

Tony Padilla, Jr.:

We spoke enough on this item let us move on.

Accepting and approving the May 24, 2025, Regular Chapter Meeting Minutes. The **motion** was carried by **Edison Tso** and **second** by **Stanley Blackie** with a vote of **15** in favor, **00** opposed, and **01** abstained.

Accepting and approving the May 2025, Financial Report. The motion was carried by **Edison Tso** and second by **Stanley Blackie** with a vote of **15** in favor, **00** opposed, and **01** abstained.

Betsy Dennison:

Questioned. The San Juan County funds the Chapter did receive but lately none. We were informed that until you become a certified Chapter you will receive the funds. I have a question to Whiterock Chapter staff because we have some of the Whiterock community members that eat here at our Senior Center how are the funds being utilized?

Tony Padilla, Jr.:

I will share your comments with Delegate Simpson to seek additional information on this funding source from San Juan County and how it should be utilized.

Tabatha Harrison:

I am the Chapter Manager at Whiterock. Yes, we receive funds from San Juan County for our Senior Center but we do assist both Chapters. The last time we purchased hats and hosted a dinner for the Seniors. We follow our procurement, and we also assist with other needs.

Old Business:

A. None

New Business

A. Resolution Number LVC-2025-06-01 The Lake Valley Chapter hereby supports and approves the Intragovernmental Office Space Agreement for the Community Health Representative/Outreach Program Employee currently occupied by the Community Health Worker Assigned to the Lake Valley Chapter Community.

M: Edison Tso

S: Stanley Blackie

V: 15-0-1

Item 7-A:

Tony Padilla, Jr.:

The resolution was read into the record with no comments.

B. Resolution Number LVC-2025-06-02 The Lake Valley Chapter hereby supports, accepts, and approves the re-prioritized 2026-2030 New Mexico Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) for the Lake Valley Community.

M: Edison Tso

S: Tabatha Harrison

V: Tabled

Item 7-B:

Tony Padilla, Jr.:

The resolution was read into the record, any comments?



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Betsy Dennison:

Questioned? The resolution referencing Earth Dam on the ICIP list does not have a name label, and it is listed as number 17. I know that BIA was the oversight but today they are not involved. Our water is just running down Chaco wash. I believe that it should remain as one of our top priorities.

Janice Padilla:

I requested that this earth dam project be moved down because it is funded by ARPA. I am working on our community earth dam and working with our tribal entities and partners. We are working on them individually one at a time. The KinBiiNayolli dam repair Mr. Tariq with NN Water Resources said they cannot assist with this project because BIA had the oversight. Today, our BIA personnel is at a minimum and US President Trump cutting Federal funds and BIA is one.

Betsy Dennison:

We met with some Engineers, and we selected three. We agreed that the large dam would be fixed first. **According to Janice**, it was BIA that oversaw this KinBiiNayolli dam project but today nothing is happening. Therefore, I selected another alternative plan and working on it.

Tabatha Harrison:

I thought the Senior Center had its own ICIP Plan. **According to Janice**, regarding the Lake Valley Senior Center, it should be kept as it is.

Brenda Holgate:

For your information, the ICIP Fiscal Year was changed from 2026-2030 to 2027-2031 and the listing was slightly changed on Friday, June 20, 2025, and I was not informed? The participants was Mr. Padilla, Mr. Juan, Mrs. Begay including Mrs. Copeland, from CPMD.

Tabatha Harrison:

If changes were made on Friday, June 20, 2025, by Mrs. Copeland, Chapter Officials, and Personnel. Why was the Secretary/Treasurer not informed? **According to Lucinda**, I became very busy and attend several meetings on that day.

Edison Tso:

Since the ICIP was changed I recommend that **we table it** and discuss it at the next planning meeting. Schedule your meeting earlier before the deadline. I will make a **substitute motion to table**, and **second by Stanley Blackie** with a vote of **14** in favor, **00** opposed, and **01** abstained. **According to Tony**, if we do move and change our meeting dates then I need your present for a quorum to discuss and approve the two resolutions.

Tony Padilla, Jr.:

Our re-scheduled planned meeting will fall on July 1, 2025, beginning at 2:00 p.m. and move our regular meeting to July 8, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.

C. **Resolution Number LVC-2025-06-03** The Lake Valley Chapter hereby requests the Division of Natural Resources-Water Resources Technical and Construction to Fund the vast project by assessing and planning the repair of the "KinBiiNayolli dam construction in phases; Although the Bureau of Indian Affairs was the entity that oversaw the KinBiiNayolli dam for any repairs has breached its obligation and agreement. The huge undertaking of the



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construction of the dam involves several distinct phases, each requiring specialized skills and meticulous attention to detail. From initial planning to the final stages of reservoir filling and testing, each phase plays a crucial role in ensuring the dam's structural integrity and operation is efficient. The Lake Valley Chapter must ensure that the dam operates as intended, providing a reliable water supply for farming, livestock, and flood control mechanisms.

M: Betsy Dennison

S: Gloria Lorenzo

V: 16-0-1

Item 7-C:

Tony Padilla, Jr.:

The resolution was read into the record, with no comments.

Janice Padilla:

Once the resolution is finalized, I would like a copy so I can share with Mr. Tariq, NN Water Resources immediately.

D. Resolution Number LVC-2025-06-04 The Lake Valley Chapter hereby requests and approves the Lake Valley Chapter's Fiscal Year 2026 Unmet Need Request for one (1) Maintenance Man to ensure a smooth running of operations, your support, and approval to bring a Maintenance Man on board for timely repairs, having the maintenance man available immediately will assist us in addressing any issues effectively. The total amount requested is \$43,096 for each Fiscal Year.

M: Betsy Dennison

S: Tabatha Harrison

V: 15-0-1

Item 7-D:

Tony Padilla, Jr.:

The resolution was read into the record, with no comments.

E. Resolution Number LVC-2025-06-05 The Lake Valley Chapter Requesting approval for the installation of an HVAC system in our Building; this upgrade is essential for ensuring the safety and comfort of all Community Members who come to the facility for meetings and local events; the funds requested for this project are necessary to create a safe and welcoming environment, with an efficient HVAC system in place, we can test indoor air quality and maintain a comfortable atmosphere year-round, which is vital for the well-being of everyone who used the Chapter House for \$322,080.00 for Fiscal Year 2026 Unmet Need Request.

M: Betsy Dennison

S: Anna Dawes

V: 15-0-1

Item 7-E:

Tony Padilla, Jr.:

The resolution was read into the record, with no comments.

Presenters:

A. Arlenta Horse-Dickie, Manager, San Juan County Clerk Office

Mary Ann Benally, San Juan County Clerk Office:

The presentation will be on our local election for San Juan County which is coming up soon. Ms. Arlenta Horse-Dickie is the Manager, at the San Juan County Clerk Office.

Candidates Must be:

- A registered voter in San Juan County, New Mexico
- Not be convicted a felony
- Reside in the county or district
- Be a citizen of the United States



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- Be 18 years of age
- Filing day is on Tuesday, August 26, 2025, at the San Juan County Clerk's Office.

Reports – No reports were provided.

- A. Danny Simpson, NN Council Delegate – **No Present**
- B. Tony Padilla, Jr., Chapter President
- C. Janice Padilla, Chapter Land Board
- D. Lucinda Begay, Community Services Coordinator –
- E. Senior Center Representative – **Not present**
- F. Community Health Representative – **No present**

Announcements:

- A. Next Chapter Planning Meeting, July 01, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.
- B. Next Chapter Regular Meeting, July 08, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.

Adjournment at 1:56 p.m.

M: Michelle Johnson

S: Tabatha Harrison

V: Majority voted

Submitted by

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brenda Holgate".

Brenda Holgate, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer
On June 23, 2025