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## NENAHNEZAD CHAPTER

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Farm Board Member

Nenahnezad Chapter Regular Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, June 18, 2025 @ 3 pm

1. President Norman C. Begaye calls the meeting to order at 3:30 pm.
2. Community member Mary Gould gave the invocation.
3. President Norman C. Begaye read over the regular meeting agenda.

**Irene Mike** motions to approve the regular meeting agenda. **Louise Wadsworth** seconded the motion. **The motion carries 16-0-1.**

Lucinda Yellowman-Bennalley wants to amend the agenda and add one late resolution. Secretary-Treasurer Andrea F. Lope stated she did not receive the resolution via email.

4. Secretary-Treasurer Andrea Lope read over the last meeting minutes.

**Juanita Begay** motions to approve the last meeting minutes. **Louise Wadsworth** seconded the motion. **The motion carries 20-0-1.**

5. Resolutions:

**1. NZC-053-2025 - NENAHNEZAD CHAPTER APPROVES THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH ENDING MAY 2025.**

**Thomas Nakai** motions to approve and open discussion. **Irene Mike** seconded the motion. **The motion carried 20-0-1.**

**2. NZC-054-2025- NENAHNEZAD CHAPTER AMENDS NZC-08-2025 TO INCLUDE PURCHASES OF HARDWARE FOR EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY AT VALLEY TRADING POST.**

**Mary Gould** motions to approve and open discussion Resolution #2, #3, #4 and #7. **Rose Harvey** seconded the motion. **The motion carried 20-0-1.**

**3. NZC-055-2025 - NENAHNEZAD CHAPTER AMENDS THE ADDITIONAL FUEL REQUIREMENT POLICY FOR EQUIPMENT.**

Secretary Treasurer Andrea F. Lope explained to the community members that the extra fuel cost will not be required.

**4. NZC-056-2025 - NENAHNEZAD CHAPTER APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 "SPECIAL REV FUND - INTERNAL - TAX SALES" BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$53,630.00.**

**5. NZC-057-2025 - NENAHNEZAD CHAPTER SUPPORTS CAPACITY BUILDERS INC. FOR A GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION FOR CULTURALLY BASED HARM REDUCTION BY AND FOR NATIVE COMMUNITIES IN NEW MEXICO.**

**Bertha Negale** motions to approve and open discussion. **Rose Harvey** seconded the motion. **The motion carried 21-0-1.**

Amanda Johnson explains the supporting resolution and the history of CIB. Capacity Builders will be introducing the Good Medicine bundle on August 1, 2025 to July 1, 2026. They will introduce Indian ceremonies, language classes, traditional healing, drum circles, talking circles, traditional singing/dancing, storytelling, arts, traditional foods and youth cultural camps.

>George Arthur asks about the grant funding. The grant is federally funded and collaborated with NM Tribal Behavioral Health providers assoc. and American Indian opportunity.

>Capacity Builders staff is also visiting other local chapters.

**6.NZC-058-2025 - NENAHNEZAD CHAPTER REQUESTING THE NAVAJO NATION RESOURCES COMMITTEE, NAVAJO NATION MINERALS DEPARTMENT, AND THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON THE POWERLINE/PIPELINE LEASES RENEWALS IN THE DISTRICT 13 AREA.**

**Jeannie Benally** motions to approve and open discussion. **Bertha Negale** seconded the motion. **The motion carried 21-0-1.**

>Lucinda Yellowman-Bennalley explained the resolution in Navajo and the power line pathway along the farms. It is called the Nine-Mile Loop. Ms. Bennalley stated the Nenahnezad Chapter and community should be aware who owns these power lines.

After the owners of the powerlines is established then there will be another resolution presented referring to certain requests from the farmers

>Irene Mike asks, if PNM is not in service anymore, do they own that powerline? President Norman C. Begaye stated, once this resolution is passed and moved forward, the question should be answered.

**7. NZC-059-2025 - NENAHNEZAD CHAPTER APPROVES OF Youth EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (YEP) COLLEGE STUDENT SUPERVISOR, PROJECT NO. YEP-25-10.**

**8. NZC-060-2025 – NENAHNEZAD CHAPTER OPPOSES NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL LEGISLATION NO. 051-25 TO APPROVE THE NAVAJO NATION**

**UTILITY-SCALE AND ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM TAX 12 N.N.C. 1301-1304,  
AND OPPOSES THE AMENDMENT OF 24 N.N.C. 208 408, AND 609**

**Lucinda Yellowman-Bennalley** motions to approve and open discussion. **Juanita Begay** seconds the motion. **The motion carried 19-0-1.**

>George Arthur explained the resolution in Navajo and stated that the Navajo Nation council is wanting to generate new revenue by taxing or adding additional costs for the future upcoming businesses.

>Charles Yazzie asked if this was double dipping. Mr. Arthur stated this is an additional cost for helping to improve the utility services within the community and other communities.

6. Guests:

A. Amanda Johnson – Capacity Builders.

B. Taylor Yazzie – New Mexico Tech student. Ms. Yazzie introduces herself; she is currently a master's student studying Hydrology. She is currently working on getting water samples within the area but no water mills can be found and are covered up in the NAPI area. She is currently asking the community where there are wells. Sampling will occur from June 23 through July 11, 2025.

C. Marianne Benally – San Juan County Election office. Ms. Benally introduces herself. Ms. Benally spoke of the criteria to be a candidate for the upcoming election. Ms. Benally also gave the areas of the different openings. Ms. Benally gave the phone number and website of the San Juan County clerk's office. Ms. Benally displayed the ballots.

D. Shawn Mike – Newly elected Farm Board member. Mr. Mike introduces himself as the newly elected Farm board member. Mr. Mike is willing to help farmers reap the benefits of their farms.

7. New Business/Reports:

A. Council Delegate Ricky Nez. Not present.

B. Grazing/SJWUA – Harold Dodge. Not present.

C. Farm Board – Future farm board member Shawn Mike introduces himself.

D. CHR – Maxine Tsosie. Not present.

E. CLUPC – Gloria Lane. Not present.

F. Veterans – Veterans Secretary, Raechel Halwood. Next meeting, Thursday, July 10, 2025 @ 530pm.

G. Schools – Not present.

- H. Secretary Treasurer – Andrea Lope. Secretary-Treasurer. Spoke about public forum Thursday, June 19, 2025. Ms. Lope asks the community to come and support NTEC.
- I. Vice President – Raechel Halwood. June 19, 2025, spoke of the public forum regarding Coal from 9am to 4pm.
- >The handicap ramp is being worked on.
  - >Zumba exercise Tuesday and Friday, 6pm – 7pm.
  - >The baseball field is being renovated.
- J. Chapter President – Norman C. Begaye. President Begaye introduces himself. President Begaye stated there is an appreciation dinner called 'Light Up Navajo' for NTUA throughout the summer except July 4, 2025.
- >President Begaye speaks of the public forum Thursday. NTEC visited 88 chapters and gave a presentation of NTEC. President Begaye stated there are questionnaires for whoever wants to speak during the public forum.
  - >Current fair board member Delphina Dayish is stepping down. Anyone interested, please contact President Begaye.
  - >Northern Agency meeting Saturday June 21, 2025 @ Cove Chapter.


Next monthly planning and regular meetings:

Planning Meeting, Thursday, July 10, 2025 @ 3 pm.

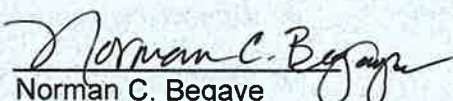
Regular Meeting, Monday, July 14, 2025 @ 3 pm.


8. Adjournment – **Louise Wadsworth** makes a motion to adjourn. **Juanita Begay** seconded the motion at 5:21 pm. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted:

  
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Andrea F. Lope  
Nenahnezad Chapter Secretary/Treasurer

Reviewed by:

  
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Norman C. Begaye  
Nenahnezad Chapter President

  
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