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Nenahnezad Chapter Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 11, 2025 @ 3 pm

1. President Norman C. Begaye calls the meeting to order at 3:28 pm.
2. Community member Janet Stevenson gave the invocation.
3. President Norman C. Begaye read over the regular meeting agenda and requests for an approval of a proposed consent agenda.

Janet Stevenson motions to approve the consent meeting agenda. Mae Atcitty seconded the motion. The motion carries 21-0-1.

Resolution #2, #3, #4 will be combined. Resolution #8, #9, #10, #11, #12 and #13 will be combined.

Because resolution #12 was on the consent agenda to be included and it is now requested to be deferred by sponsor Lucinda Yellowman-Bennalley. Janet Stevenson motions to approve and Mae Atcitty seconded the motion. Motion carries 23-0-1.

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

Phyllis Thomas motions to approve the last meeting minutes. Thomas Nakai seconded the motion. Motion carries 22-0-1.

President Norman C. Begaye moves CCSD school members to speak on behalf of CCSD from the Guest list.

>Peter Deswood, assistant superintendent of CCSD. Mr. Deswood stated the data for CCSD is improving and thanks everyone for supporting CCSD.

>Ms. Amy Conley, director of CCSD, stated 4,230 students are enrolled.

>Seth Levin is the new Ojo Amarillo elementary school principal, and he welcomes anyone to tour Ojo Amarillo. There is currently a new preschool program starting from age 4.

>Mr. Isaiah Valdez is the new regional activities/athletic coordinator for CCSD including ROTC. Mr. Valdez informs everyone to follow on social media for updates.

>Sandra Westbrook, Kirtland HS principal introduces herself.

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5. Resolutions:

1.NZC-070-2025 - NENAHNEZAD CHAPTER APPROVES THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH ENDING AUGUST 2025.

Louise Wadworth motions to approve. **Art Bavaro** seconded the motion. **Motion carries 25-0-1.**

2. NZC-071-2025 - NENAHNEZAD CHAPTER APPROVES TO HIRE A PEP OFFICE ASSISTANT- PROJECT FY26-NZD-01.

3. NZC-072-2025 – NENAHNEZAD APPROVES TO HIRE A PEP MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR – PROJECT FY26-NZD-02

4. NZC-073-2025 – NENAHNEZAD APPROVES TO HIRE PEP LABORERS – PROJECT FY26-NZD-03.

Juanita Begay motions to approve Resolution #2 - Resolution #4. **Mae Atcitty** seconded the motion. **Motion carries 24-0-1.**

5. NZC-074-2025- NENAHNEZAD CHAPTER APPROVES/RE-AFFIRMS THE NENAHNEZAD CHAPTER COMMUNITY LAND USE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR FY 2026 – PROJECT FY26-NZD-09.

Janet Stevenson makes a motion to approve. **Mae Atcitty** seconded the motion. **Motion carries 24-0-1.**

6.NZC-075-2025 - NENAHNEZAD CHAPTER APPROVES THE PROJECT PROPOSAL FOR THE NTEC COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND.

Janet Stevenson motions to approve. **Lucinda Yellowman-Bennalley** seconded the motion. **Motion carries 22-0-1.**

7.NZC-076-2025 – NENAHNEZAD CHAPTER APPROVES THE MEMORANDUM OF OFFICE SPACE USE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY HEALTH REPRESENTATIVE AND THE NENAHNEZAD CHAPTER.

Bertha Negale motions to approve. **Mae Atcitty** seconded the motion. **Motion carries 24-0-1.**

8.NZC-077-2025 – NENAHNEZAD CHAPTER REQUESTING FINANCIAL COMPENSATION FROM THE OFFICE OF THE NAVAJO NATION PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT AND THE NAVAJO AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY, INC FOR THE NENAHNEZAD COMMUNITY ACTIVE FARMERS' CROP LOSS DUE TO THE FRUITLAND IRRIGATION PROJECT CANAL WATER SHUT OFF.

Lucinda Yellowman-Bennalley motions to approve resolution #8 through resolution #13. **Janet Stevenson** seconded the motion. **Motion carries 23-0-1.** Ms.Yellowman-Bennalley explains and goes into detail regarding each resolution she is sponsoring.

9.NZC-078-2025 NENAHNEZAD CHAPTER REQUESTING OF THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT AND THE NAVAJO NATION DIVISION OF NATURAL RESOURCES-WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT TO EXCAVATE THE FRUITLAND IRRIGATION PROJECT CANAL IN THE UPPER FRUITLAND CHAPTER

AREA TO CLEAR OF THE NON-NATIVE TREES AND WEEDS AND TO CONCRETE LINE OR PIPELINE THE CANAL TO ALLOW FOR MORE EFFICIENT WATER DELIVERY FOR THE ENTIRE SYSTEM.

10. NZC-079-2025- NENAHNEZAD CHAPTER REQUESTING OF THE SAN JUAN RIVER DINEH WATER USERS, INC. TO SEEK FUNDS TO CONCRETE LINE OR PIPE LINE THE FRUITLAND IRRIGATION PROJECT CANAL IN THE UPPER FRUITLAND AREA TO ALLOW FOR MORE EFFICIENT IRRIGATION WATER DELIVERY FOR THE ENTIRE SYSTEM.

11. NZC-080-2025- REQUESTING OF THE NAVAJO AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY, INC. TO ASSIST WITH EXCAVATORS AND HEAVY EQUIPMENT FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE NON-NATIVE TREES AND WEEDS ALONG THE FRUITLAND IRRIGATION PROJECT CANAL IN THE UPPER FRUITLAND AREA FOR MORE EFFICIENT IRRIGATION WATER DELIVERY FOR THE ENTIRE SYSTEM

12. NZC-081-2025 – NENAHNEZAD CHAPTER REQUESTING OF THE NAVAJO NATION OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT, NAVAJO NATION DIVISION OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE NAVAJO NATION RESOURCES COMMITTEE TO SUPPORT THE NENAHNEZAD CHAPTER IMPACTED FARMERS' REQUESTS FOR COMPENSATION FOR THE POWER LINE ROW AND TO CLEAR ALL THE NON-NATIVE TREES AND WEEDS ALONG AND BEYOND THE ROW.

Sponsor Lucinda Yellowman-Bennalley would like to defer this resolution until the owner of powerlines has been distinguished.

President Norman C. Begaye informs Lucinda Yellowman-Bennalley that because this is a consent agenda, the motioning party will have to agree with the request to defer.

The motioning party was informed and made aware to defer resolution #12 by sponsor Lucinda Yellowman-Bennalley. Janet Stevenson motions to approve and Mae Atcitty seconded the motion. Motion carries 23-0-1.

13. NZC-082-2025 – NENAHNEZAD CHAPTER REQUESTING OF THE ARIZONA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY-FOUR CORNERS POWER PLANT AND NAVAJO MINE TO CONTINUE THE MAINTENANCE OF THEIR RIGHT-OF-WAY ROAD THROUGH THE NENAHNEZAD CHAPTER.

Ms. Bennalley stated, the new APS manager is not willing to take care of the APS ROW. It has been taken care of for years by APS.

President Norman C. Begaye informs the community that CCSD has emailed a request from the CCSD school bus director to repair the road and stated that the debris from the trees and weeds are breaking their bus antennas. Also, there is a pothole that is before the San Juan River bridge that needs APS' attention.

6. Guests:

- A. Marianne Benally – San Juan County Election office. Ms. Benally gave updates for the 2025 San Juan County election school board and the processes of the 3 ways to vote. Ms. Benally informed the community members Nenahnezad could vote for District 1 and District 4 school board members. November 4, 2025 is the election day.

- B. CCSD school assistant superintendent, regional activities/athletic coordinator, Kirtland HS and Ojo Amarillo principal and CCSD director.
- C. Gervana Begay – Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren assistant. Ms. Begay introduces herself and states they are planning to attend the Northern Agency council meeting. She did receive the report of the NAPI breakage, and the cleaning process has started and is progressing. The clean-up will be completed by Sunday. The Navajo Nation’s president office is aware of the NAPI breakage and irrigation issue

7. New Business/Reports:

- A. Council Delegate Ricky Nez. Not present.
- B. Grazing – Harold Dodge. Mr. Dodge spoke on Resolution #10 and is requesting funding from the State. Mr. Dodge would like a copy of the resolution so he could present to the SJDWU. Grazing meeting was held at Sanostee chapter on September 11, 2025. The tally counts are still needed for all livestock. There is still probate issues. Mr. Dodge will be starting on a Fall vaccination program and will be very busy. Community member Lorenzo Yazzie asked about a probate question. Mr. Dodge informed the community ‘he will try and set up a probate session in the near future’.
- C. Farm Board – Shawn Mike. Not present.
- D. CHR – Maxine Tsosie. Ms. Tsosie is still providing home visits and taking vitals. Next week there is a cancer survival program in Window Rock. Ms. Tsosie will be providing health screenings during Elderfest at the Northern Navajo Fair. Ms. Tsosie is educating about the COVID 19 virus and there is an outbreak. COVID shots are available for the elders over 65 years old and young people.
- F. CLUPC – Gloria Lane. Not present.
- G. Veterans – The Veterans meeting was changed to Friday, September 12, 2025 @ 1730.
- H. Schools – CCSD school assistant superintendent, regional activities/athletic coordinator, Kirtland HS and Ojo Amarillo principal and CCSD director.
- I. Secretary Treasurer – Andrea Lope. Thanks, the community for attending. Reminded the community of the Flea market. And the officials will try to be consistent and schedule chapter meetings on Mondays.
- J. Vice President – Raechel Halwood. Reminded the community of the flea market and will occur on Saturday, September 13, 2025 from 8am-2pm. The PEP workers will conclude their work next week Friday, and applications are being accepted for a new session starting in October.
- K. Chapter President – Norman C. Begaye. Mr. Begaye thanked Navajo Nation NDOT for assisting in the clean-up at San Juan chapter area. The farmers that were affected by the rain damage should fill out the Crop loss damage application.

Next monthly planning and regular meetings:

OCTOBER:


Planning Meeting, Wednesday, October 15, 2025 @ 3 pm.

Regular Meeting, Monday, October 20, 2025 @ 3 pm.

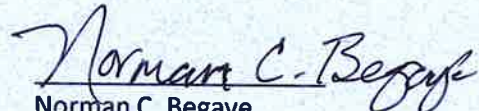
8. Adjournment – **Mae Atcitty** makes a motion to adjourn. **Louise Wadsworth** seconded the motion at 5:15 pm. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted:

Reviewed by:



Andrea F. Lope
Nenahnezad Chapter Secretary/Treasurer



Norman C. Begaye
Nenahnezad Chapter President



Raechel Halwood
Nenahnezad Chapter Vice President