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AGENDA REGULAR MEETING SAN JUAN CHAPTER September 7, 2025 2:00pm

- I. **Call to Order** at 2:13pm President Angelita A. Benally
- II. **Invocation (Prayer)** Lavina Crosby
- III. **Pledge Of Allegiance** All
- IV. **Approval of Previous Regular Meeting Minutes:** [August 10, 2025](#) timestamp 2:27
Read by: Deidra Cly-Ryals (Motioned) Lavina Crosby (Second) Annie BlueEyes
Vote: Favor 15 Opposed 0 Abstained 1

AGENDA REGULAR MEETING SAN JUAN CHAPTER August 10, 2025 2:00pm 1) Call to Order at 2:11pm President Angelita A. Benally 2) Invocation (Prayer) Council Delegate Rickie Nez 3) Pledge Of Allegiance All 4) Approval of Previous Regular Meeting Minutes: [July 13, 2025](#) Read by: Deidra Cly-Ryals (Motioned) [Juanita Ayez \(Second\) Eva Tso](#) Vote: Favor 21 Opposed 0 Abstained 1 5) Approval of Agenda: Read by: Sophina A. Tyler (Motioned) Lavina Crosby (Second) John Tso Vote: Favor 21 Opposed 0 Abstained 4 President Angelita A. Benally—I do want to make a correction. Letter D under New Business; it should say “REAFFIRMING THE NAVAJO NATION COMMISSION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TO EXPEDITE THE ALLOCATION AND DISBURSEMENT OF \$6,533,730 FROM THE AGRICULTURAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND TO DROUGHT-IMPACTED CHAPTER AND LIVESTOCK OWNERS.” I ask for the correction on that one. We’re going to make an adjustment, under New Business letter C, were going to withdraw that. Lavina and John since you accepted the agenda, are you guys okay with that? (Both says YES) Are you okay with LETTER D, I made a revision. I said 66 million, are you okay with that? (YES they say) LETTER C, were going to have a Special Meeting for the students.

Vice-President Sophina A. Tyler—With all the changes, all in favor raise your hands please. We’re voting for the agenda. 6) Introduction of Guest(s): 7) Old Business: A) [Resolution to Approve the Appointment of Two Community Members to Voluntarily Serve as Alternates on the Interview Panel for Job Interviews](#) Sponsored: [Angelita A. Benally \(Motioned\) Arnold Dan \(Second\) Derek Tso](#) Vote: Favor 22 Opposed 0 Abstained 2 [Juanita Ayez—I nominate Gayle Goldtooth President Angelita A. Benally—Gayle, you were appointed. Gayle Goldtooth—I wanted to be on the next committee. Can I do both? President Angelita A. Benally—yes. We have Gayle Goldtooth as one of the alternates.](#) B) [Resolution to Approve the Appointment of Two Community Members to Voluntarily Serve on the Housing Selection Committee, with a Third Member Serving as an Alternate](#) Sponsored: [Angelita A. Benally \(Motioned\) Juanita Ayez \(Second\) Eva Tso](#) Vote: Favor 22 Opposed 0 Abstained 3 [Silva McKinley—I’ll volunteer Gayle Goldtooth—I’ll volunteer](#) C) [Resolution to Approve the Appointment of Two Community Members to Voluntarily Serve on the Request for Proposal \(RFP\) Committee, With a Third Member Serving as an Alternate](#) Sponsored: [Sophina A. Tyler \(Motioned\) Randy Yazzie \(Second\) Lavina Crosby](#) Vote: Favor 25 Opposed 0 Abstained 2 [Juanita Ayze—I would like to appoint Derek President Angelita A. Benally—Derek, do you accept the appointment? Derek Tso—Yes](#) 8) New Business: A) [Resolution to Approve The San Juan Chapter Financial Reports for the Month of July Ending July 31, 2025](#) Sponsored: [Deidra Cly-Ryals \(Motioned\) Randy Yazzie \(Second\) John Tso](#) Vote: Favor 22 Opposed 0 Abstained 1 B) [Resolution Adopting the Newly Chapter Meeting Rules Of Order Developed By The Department of Justice—Chapter Unit For All Chapter Meetings](#) Sponsored: [Sophina A. Tyler](#)

(Motioned) Randy Yazzie (Second) Silva McKinley Vote: Favor 17 Opposed 1 Abstained 1 C) Resolution for Reaffirming the Navajo Nation Commission on Emergency Management to expedite the allocation disbursement of \$6,533,730 from the Agricultural Infrastructure Fund to Drought Impacted Chapters and Livestock owners. Sponsored: Shirley A. Tsosie (Motioned) Silva McKinley (Second) Randy Yazzie Vote: Favor 17 Opposed 0 Abstained 2 D) Introduction of Housing Discretionary Seminar for the San Juan Chapter Community Registered Voters Vice-President Sophina A. Tyler hands out flyers to community members. 9. Reports From: Navajo Nation Code (NNC) Title 2: Council Delegate Rickie Nez–Land reclamation near Morgan Lake by NECA. Land was given back to the Navajo Mine. B. Navajo Nation Code (NNC) Title 26: a) President Angelita A. Benally–I attended the Grazing meeting on August 6. And team meeting on August 1. Permittee meeting in July 18. This coming wednesday, CPMD meeting for all Chapter officials in Sanostee. b) Vice-President Sophina A. Tyler–We really started working on getting ourselves more organized. Been working as a team. Trying to work on the concerns of customer service, lack of information, application sent last year. All that information were working on. We're hoping to expedite a lot of those. Coming up with new ideas. The community members are aware of the process. Main concern is the ongoing audit. We're still in the process, that's not done. No response back from our auditors. They'll let us know what kind of issues were having. c) Secretary/Treasurer Deidra Cly-Ryals–I've actually been here at the Chapter House lately. Getting to know our AA, Clare Pierce. I'm learning the budget forms. All the forms as a treasurer I should be learning. I've been understanding what all the codes are. It's still a learning C. Navajo Nation Code (NNC) Title 3: a) Farm Board Representative Herbert Cly–Last Tuesday had a meeting at Aneth, Utah. The southside of the river, sand dunes took over the farms. One of the community members want to know how we can make the back into farm land. San Juan River we don't want to use that water from the San Juan River. A lot of people have died in the San Juan River. Underground water, the windmills is what they use. Probate, No Judge. The other way is peacemaking court, at the Chapters it will be quicker. LUP permit, Passed it on to your kids or siblings. Sublease land; No verbal agreements needs to be written down to avoid dispute. The main thing of the sublease is five years only, hay only. Friday at Nenahnezad Chapter House; Buu Nygren first term his campaign work; Bring up all your concerns. At one time, two years ago requests to meet with president at office in Windowrock. They agreed to the meeting. But the President wasn't there when we went. They said he was in Washington. Meeting was cancelled. Farm board has concerns/issues. Ag department Mike Maloney and Jesse Jim. An irrigation department. Upper Fruitland Equipment. Two weeks, they said. Send a letter. They will notify you. Everyone had five minutes to speak, an hour long meeting, special meeting next month, meeting with AG department in Windowrock. Permittee; Last meeting on the 19th. Second meeting for this month. Farmers talked over the issues. Fire restriction; Fill out another form for each thing you burn (fire restriction). Coming from Windowrock and Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren. \$500 fine. b) Grazing Board Representative Shirley A. Tsosie–Last meeting August District Meeting on Wednesday. I want to thank a community member for bringing goodies. August Agency Meeting at TeecNosPos. July Grazing permittee meeting, Almost all showed. District 13th at Nenahnezad Chapter House at Sept 3rd at 9:00 AM. Next Agency at Rock Point. Grazing picnic meeting at Jackson Reservoir Mancos State Park. Grazing Permittee meeting August 22nd here at San Juan Chapter. Next class will be on Conservation Plan and topic of interest. Watch your dogs. Resolution from the Agency about the drought. This has been since May, this isn't new. Letters from Department of Agriculture. Permit holders have made a contract with Navajo Nation and BIA. They have to renew tally count every year. This Red Book covered by all livestock graze on the Navajo Reservation must be covered by authorized grazing permits issued by Superintendent. Registration of Recreational livestock Any individual who wishes to keep recreational livestock within their boundaries of their homesite must register the animal with the department. They will receive a Certificate of Registration from the department. The department shall not deny any individual a certificate of registration for any reason. April 2nd Letter produced by Dept of Ag Jesse Jim. Mandatory livestock inventory. Must complete a tally count. April 3rd Letter issued by Dept of Ag working with the BIA. Annual livestock inventory requirement Itemized description. Chickens, ducks, pigs must be counted. May 22nd New Mexico Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham Issued an executive order 2025-210, Declaring a state of emergency due to severe drought conditions and heightened wildfire risk across the state, where San Juan County is included as a primary disaster area. May 30th Commission of Emergency Management and the Navajo Office Of the President and Vice President declare 2025 drought emergency. Urges livestock owners to reduce numbers. The monetary declaration is to support Windmill repair, water storage units, Distribution of water supplies throughout drought impacted Chapters. AIF, infrastructure needs. June 6th Rerelease, Emergency drought. Low Precipitation. The Commission Chair Ricardo RoanHouse. Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren letter, No Navajo Household is left behind. June 29 Fire restriction letter Protect the public and natural resources. Prohibited fireworks, field burning, opened fire (wood/coal/charcoal), firearms, chainsaw, fire torches, welding machine, No smoking. Only propane/gas for livestock branding. Fines up \$5,000 Report any wildfires. Reaffirming for you permit holders and livestock owners. D) Others: c) Navajo Department Of Health–CHR/Outreach Program Maxine Tsosie–Hello everyone. Checking on High risk and elderly in this area. I do welcome check checkpoint. If they have any food or they need water or their medication refill. Public health nurse northern Navajo Medical Center is Laura Martinez and we do referrals from doctors or other departments. She looks for students that needs immunization. Missed appointments for elders. Reports elder abuse. Last 3 months going to different training. Albuquerque was colon/return cancer for 2 days. Zoom meetings.

QPR suicide awareness, one day in Farmington. Navajo Nation purchase card on zoom. Two days at Upper Fruitland Chapter. 8 local San Juan Clients. Twice a month help out the driver with shopping or other errands. Future plans; training one in Windowrock, 2 days for co-cancer survivorship. Need more information, come see me. Also our annual Navajo Nation Department, Annual Community Health Conference is 3 days in Phoenix in October. I have another New Mexico Community health annual conflicts in October, that's two days in Albuquerque. I come out here twice a week, Tuesday and Thursdays. If I don't visit you, you're doing good. So keep up with your immunization shot. Your flu shot or check your COVID shot. Thank you. 10) Calendar Announcements: 11) Next Meetings: Special Thursday August 19 @ 6PM. Planning–September 04, 2025 @ 6pm; Regular–September 07, 2025 @ 2pm 12) Adjournment Time: 5:32 pm (Motioned) Gayle Goldtooth (Second) Lavina Crosby Vote: Favor AYES

George Arthur–What happened to my request? The two turn-out gates.

President Angelita A. Benally–Last month we didn't put it on the agenda/meeting. You weren't here for the Planning Meeting. Is that something you want to add?

George Arthur–Nobody said anything about me being here. It was on that agenda. Yes!

President Angelita A. Benally–You want to add that to the agenda? Were at Minutes, when we get to agenda will add it.

Vice-President Sophina A. Tyler–make sure I got everybody, I got Eva, John, Minnie, George, Lavina, Marlene, Paulina, Annie, Cindy, Arnold, Sylvia, Florence and Carmen. Did I leave anybody?

V. Approval of Agenda: timestamp 17:25

Read by: Sophina A. Tyler (Motioned) Arnold Dan (Second) Eva Tso

Vote: Favor 17 Opposed 0 Abstained 1

AGENDA REGULAR MEETING SAN JUAN CHAPTER September 7, 2025 2:00pm 1)Call to Order 2)Invocation (Prayer) 3)Pledge Of Allegiance 4)Approval of Previous Regular Meeting Minutes: August 10, 2025 5)Approval of Agenda: 6)Introduction of Guest(s): A) Marianne Benally–San Juan County Clerk Office B) Lauren Bernally–Naeva (Farmington Office) C) Christina Aspass–Central Consolidated School District Updates 7)Old Business: 8)New Business: A) APPROVING (Enter Name) AS A MEMBER OF THE SAN JUAN CHAPTER COMMUNITY-BASED LAND USE PLAN COMMITTEE (CLUPC) TO SERVE A TWO-YEAR TERM B) APPROVING OF THE CHAPTER STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$700.00 C) APPROVING R&J TREE SERVICE TO TRIM TREES ALONG ROUTE N361 AND N362 FOR \$17,850.00 9) Reports From: A) Navajo Nation Code (NNC) Title 2: Navajo Nation Government Council Delegate Rickie Nez B) Navajo Nation Code (NNC) Title 26: Navajo Nation Local Governance Act President Angelita A. Benally Vice-President Sophina A. Tyler Secretary/Treasurer Deidra Cly-Ryals Chapter Manager Dinah Paul C) Navajo Nation Code (NNC) Title 3: Agriculture and Livestock Farm Board Representative Herbert Cly Grazing Board Representative Shirley A. Tsosie C) Others: Community Land Use Planning-Committee (CLUP-C) President Vacant Seat – Revising the outdated manual. Lower Fruitland Veterans Organization Commander Ernest Reed Navajo Department Of Health–CHR/Outreach Program Maxine Tsosie 10) Calendar Announcements: A) Sept 9th @ 9am - Housing Discretionary Seminar @ San Juan Chapter B) Sept 11th - Northern Agency Grazing Officials Meeting @ Sanostee Chapter C) Sept 15th - District 13 Council Meeting @ Upperfruitland Chapter @ 1:00pm D) Sept 16 – Quarterly CVO Meeting @ San Juan Chapter Veterans Rm E) Sept 20th - Northern Agency Council Meeting @ Upper Fruitland Chapter @ 9:00am 11)Next Meetings: Planning–October 07, 2025 @ 6pm; Regular–October 12, 2025 @ 2pm 12)Adjournment Time

President Angelita A. Benally–George would you like to be added? Just to clarify, I think what happened was you were on the agenda the last time. Now keep in mind the new policy for the chapter rules of order if you're sponsoring a resolution you have to be in attendance, if you're not in attendance then we have to be taken you off of the agenda but Attendance. If you're not in attendance, then we have to take you off of the agenda. But we did already have your resolution prepared. The resolution for the one year requested is going to say; resolution of the San Juan chapter approval to request the Navajo Nation department of water resources shiprock irrigation office to initiate an assessment on irrigation infrastructure and purchase two turnout gates to benefit local community member. Sponsorship by George. Go ahead add that to the agenda, Letter “D”. Arnold, are you okay with that? Eva? (Both Agree to Add)

Vice-President Sophina A. Tyler–Add one Resolution “E”; Monthly Financial Reports for the Month Ending in August 31, 2025

President Angelita A. Benally–Is that okay Arnold, to add that to the agenda? And you, Eva? (Both agreed

to adding to agenda)

VI. Introduction of Guest(s): timestamp 24:14

- A. Marianne Benally–San Juan County Clerk Office–Hello, Good afternoon. (Hands Officials Flyers) Explains local voting, Location, ballots and early voting
- B. Lauren Bernally–Naeva (Farmington Office)–Today is National Grandparents Day. NAEVA local office for couple of years, I'm a civic engagement manager. Joseph Hernandez District #4, house of representatives we call the Indigenous energy organizer. The two things that our office does is; Advocacy for voting and Civic issues. Our people have issues, opportunities of pro/con of votes. Hands on experiment 6 high school students work with us and those 6 high school students advocated and provided testimony to the House and Senate speakers. Tribal regalia at school events, violation of human rights. That was one of the bills that these students were allocated on. 20 tribes work with, indigenous leaders to Washington D.C. Three items that we think are very important; One is our health care. We want to make sure that Medicaid and Medicare are fully funding IHS because a lot of us become more than that. Number 2 is the STOMP Act; Cultural properties that we want our traditional cultural properties protected. And the third thing that we're going to be advocating on deals with issues surrounding clean air. Clean air; protection of Chaco Canyon. All of our funding comes from private donors, so we're fortunate to have a robust budget to provide these opportunities to our needs. I am responsible for the parties in office now and we just opened that office up at the end of January. Advocate Navajo Electorials. San Juan County re-district. Push Navajos to vote. Hiring young locals; to provide voter registration. Senate Bill 16 every Party can vote for the primary elections. 180,000 voters; 3rd party category. Navajo voting power. 665 W. Main (Walters Realty Building)

Syliva McKinley–Who are these people that are running in our district? There are a lot of things out there that are changing that we don't know about.

Arleta Horse-Dickie–Would like Syliva information to sit down and help her understand. (leaving flyers for our community members)

- C. Christina Aspass–Central Consolidated School District Updates–Rodney Armenta/Cindy Theordore (Transportation Coordinator)–Reach out to Chapter–assistance with Road Condition, and anything with the Bus routes. Friday (Mr. Carlson) we drove the routes. Concerned about trees overhang. Trying to service to far end, Chapter made a turn around spot for us but now it needs attention. Concern is the Children safety. Bus still passes through but roads still being worked on. But there is a lot damages still. 2. canal (crossover) is not safe for our Buses that measure 18½' wide and 10.6' high. Daily travel had no issues but now weather caused issue. Thank you to the parents that adjusted their pickup/dropoff location due to the washouts.

Arnold Dan–Thank you and appreciate you guys. Looking for drivers?

Rodney Armenta–Thank you. That all goes to the leadership, we do a lot of training in house. Everything is done in house. We have trainers that can give CDL's on site. We train and train, safety is our number one priority. We take it very seriously. Proud of them.

President Angelita A. Benally–Have to collaborate with NDOT or the irrigation department. This process takes time.

Charlene Arviso–Thank you for the roads. Wear and tear on vehicles.

Rodney Armenta–Over growth. Roads are bad. Timely pick up. Make the children get the free food the school offers.

Lavina Crosby–This is the same as New Business "C"?

President Angelita A. Benally–Yes.

VII. Old Business: timestamp: 1:05:08

VIII. New Business: timestamp: 1:05:11

A. APPROVING (Enter Name) AS A MEMBER OF THE SAN JUAN CHAPTER COMMUNITY-BASED LAND USE PLAN COMMITTEE (CLUPC) TO SERVE A TWO-YEAR TERM

Sponsor: Dinah Paul (Motioned) Charlene Arviso (Second) John Tso

Vote: Favor ___ Opposed ___ Abstained ___

Secretary/Treasurer Deidra Cly-Ryals–APPROVING (Enter Name) AS A MEMBER OF THE SAN JUAN CHAPTER COMMUNITY-BASED LAND USE PLAN COMMITTEE (CLUPC) TO SERVE A TWO-YEAR TERM WHEREAS: San Juan Chapter is a duly Certified Chapter under the Navajo Nation Government pursuant to Resolution No. CD-86-82 and pursuant to N.N.C. §103 and they are delegated and authorized to review all matters affecting its community people; and 1. San Juan Chapter has a Community-Based Land Use Plan Committee already established which consist of several

members. 2. (Enter Name) has been nominated and accepted this position; (Enter Name) will complete a term of 2 years from September 2025 to September 2027. 3. San Juan Chapter is approving (Enter Name) as a member of the Community-Based Land Use Plan Committee. NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: San Juan Chapter membership hereby approves and appoints (Enter Name) as a new member of the Community-Based Land Use Plan Committee to serve a two (2) year term, the term will end on September 2027. CERTIFICATION We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered at a duly called meeting at San Juan Chapter (New Mexico) Navajo Nation, at which a quorum was present that the same was passed by a vote of in favor , opposed, and abstained on this 7th day of September 2025.

President Angelita A. Benally—Looking for two community members. We're told from our Chapter Manger, we needed two new members. Faith and Gayle time has expired.

Charlene Arviso—2 year member, I was told my membership is over. Is my time up? I thought I had one more year. I want to stick with it for the community. It's not moving forward my panel. Help me understand

President Angelita A. Benally—Being a previous CLUPC member I believe that they're supposed to meet once a month, you know, the planning and deciding on what they want to do for their community members and projects, land withdraw, so forth. It's not four years, it's two years. There is a stipend but I'm not too sure how much the stipend is. I don't know if it's change or increase. Will go ahead and move this to the next meeting. Charlene and John, you want to withdraw your motion? (Both say YES)

B. APPROVING OF THE CHAPTER STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$700.00

Sponsor: Dinah Paul (Motioned) Charlene Arviso (Second) Lavina Crosby

Vote: Favor 14 Opposed 0 Abstained 2

Secretary/Treasurer Deidra Cly-Ryals—APPROVING OF THE CHAPTER STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$700.00 WHEREAS: 1. San Juan Chapter is a duly Certified Chapter under the Navajo Nation Government pursuant to Resolution No. CD-86-82 and pursuant to N.N.C. §103 and they are delegated and authorized to review all matters affecting its community people; and 2. Pursuant to San Juan Chapter Fiscal Management Policies and Procedures, Chapter V. Internal Control Policies and Procedures section K; and 3. San Juan Chapter is vested with the responsibility of handling the Chapter Student Financial Assistance Program funds (CSFAP) allocated by quarters, which started on October 1, 1998; and 4. There are 1 full time students and 0 part time who are registered voters of San Juan Chapter and has been admitted to an accredited college pursuing a degree; and 5. San Juan Chapter resolution recommended for a direct payment to the students from the CSFAP funds administered by one of the following organizations: San Juan Chapter; Scholarship Claim Funds. NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: San Juan Chapter hereby approves the Chapter Student Financial Assistance Program funds for 1 full time students in the amount of \$700.00 each and 0 part time students in the amount of \$400.00. CERTIFICATION We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered at a duly called meeting at San Juan Chapter (New Mexico) Navajo Nation, at which a quorum was present that the same was passed by a vote of in favor, opposed, and abstained on this 7th day of September 2025.

Syliva McKinley—I think I understood full-time \$700?

President Angelita A. Benally—Yes, we have one student.

Syliva McKinley—Is this for all the time? Or is it just for this time? Part time how much?

President Angelita A. Benally—Always for full time. Part time is \$400. This resolution is for one student.

Eva Tso—is there a way to up the full time student, like to \$1,000, can we do that?

President Angelita A. Benally—This coming fiscal year is in October. That's probably something that we can consider. So keep in mind that depending on the availability of funds, we can increase the amount. If there's not a lot then we have to drop it back down. So just kind of keep that in mind, but that's something that we can probably consider this coming fiscal year for our budget.

C. APPROVING R&J TREE SERVICE TO TRIM TREES ALONG ROUTE N361 AND N362 FOR \$17,850.00

Sponsor: Dinah Paul (Motioned) Syliva McKinley (Second) Lavina Crosby

Vote: Favor 15 Opposed 0 Abstained 1

Secretary/Treasurer Deidra Cly-Ryals—**APPROVING R&J TREE SERVICE TO TRIM TREES ALONG ROUTE N361 AND N362 FOR \$17,850.00** WHEREAS: 1. San Juan Chapter is a duly Certified Chapter under the Navajo Nation Government pursuant to Resolution No. CD-86-82 and pursuant to N.N.C. §103 and they are delegated and authorized to review all matters affecting its community people; and 2. San Juan Chapter primary roadways N361 and N362 in the San Juan Chapter community has needs for the trees to be trimmed for the School Bus Route usage, there are several buses from Central Consolidated School District, Nenahnezad Community School and Navajo Nation Headstart that travel these roads on a daily basis to pick up our children; and 3. San Juan Chapter is requesting that these trees be removed from hanging over the highly traveled road within the San Juan Chapter Community. NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: San Juan Chapter membership hereby approves R&J Tree Service to proceed with the tree trimming along N361 and N362 within the San Juan Chapter Community not to exceed \$17,850.00. CERTIFICATION We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered at a duly called meeting at San Juan Chapter (New Mexico) Navajo Nation, at which a quorum was present that the same was passed by a vote of in favor, opposed, and abstained on this 7th day of September 2025.

D. RESOLUTION OF SAN JUAN CHAPTER APPROVAL TO REQUEST THE NAVAJO NATION DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, SHIPROCK IRRIGATION OFFICE TO INITIATE AN ASSESSMENT ON IRRIGATION INFRASTRUCTURE AND PURCHASE TWO TURN-OUT GATES TO BENEFIT LOCAL COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Sponsor: Dinah Paul (Motioned) Syliva McKinley (Second) Minnie Atcitty

Vote: Favor 14 Opposed 0 Abstained 2

Secretary/Treasurer Deidra Cly-Ryals—**RESOLUTION OF SAN JUAN CHAPTER APPROVAL TO REQUEST THE NAVAJO NATION DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, SHIPROCK IRRIGATION OFFICE TO INITIATE AN ASSESSMENT ON IRRIGATION INFRASTRUCTURE AND PURCHASE TWO TURN-OUT GATES TO BENEFIT LOCAL COMMUNITY MEMBERS** WHEREAS: 1. San Juan Chapter is a duly Certified Chapter under the Navajo Nation Government pursuant to Resolution No. CD-86-82 and pursuant to N.N.C. §103 and they are delegated and authorized to review all matters affecting its community people; and 2. San Juan Chapter serves community members who rely on agriculture to meet essential human needs, including food, health, income, and livestock essentials; and 3. San Juan Chapter depends heavily on the Navajo Nation's water resources so local farmers may produce healthy crops and provide water to livestock; and 4. San Juan Chapter depends on reliable and efficient water infrastructure for local farmers to irrigate their farm operations with minimal interruptions; and 5. San Juan Chapter seeks financial support for an assessment of the current irrigation infrastructure and for the purchase and installation of two turn-out gates so our local farmers may reduce cost, produce healthy crops and conserve water. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The San Juan Chapter membership hereby supports and approves the request for the Navajo Nation Department of Water Resources—Shiprock Irrigation Office to cover all expenses associated with conducting an assessment of the current irrigation infrastructure, and to purchase and install two turn-out gates, in order for our community members who are farmers to continue with successful farming operations. CERTIFICATION We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered at a duly called meeting at San Juan Chapter (New Mexico) Navajo Nation, at which a quorum was present that the same was passed by a vote of in favor, opposed, and abstained on this 7th day of September 2025.

George Arthur—I think the Vice-President should take over because the President is conflict of interest

Farm Board Representative Herbert Cly—George, contact irrigation department for the headgates?

George Arthur—No not yet, I need this to talk to Marlin.

Farm Board Representative Herbert Cly—There are other Farmers wanting headgates. Also to relocate. They don't have no materials.

George Arthur—That's all I need. Yes I can or No I can't.

Farm Board Representative Herbert Cly—The other way maybe purchase one of your own and maybe they install it.

George Arthur—Actually it needs to be purchase. Her and I have a problem. We need that. Let me just ask the community to pass this and I'll take this to Marlin and other...

Vice-President Sophina A. Tyler—No questions? Lets vote.

E. APPROVE THE SAN JUAN CHAPTER FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE MONTH ENDING AUGUST 31, 2025

Sponsor: Dinah Paul (Motioned) George Arthur (Second) Carmellita Benally

Vote: Favor 14 Opposed 0 Abstained 2

President Angelita A. Benally—The resolution, we added this every month, the chapter administration is supposed to provide the financial statements, right? There's three of them that's supposed to be provided to you guys. They didn't have

that provided at this meeting. To put it on record, we put the letter E, on here. To let you guys know that. Since we don't have it, were requesting that we're going to defer this to next month's meeting. Can I get a motion for affirm it?

Syliva McKinley–If this is a Directive from the top. It seems like it should be followed through. Financial reports should be here, not delaying it or moving it forward.

President Angelita A. Benally–Thank you for addressing that. And that has been addressed before to our Chapter Administration. Were going to readdress it again. Lets get a vote to defer this to the next meeting.

F. REQUESTING THE NAVAJO NATION OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT, NAVAJO NATION OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER, 25TH NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL, NAVAJO NATION DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, NAVAJO NATION COMMISSION ON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, AND NAVAJO NATION DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES-SHIPROCK IRRIGATION OFFICE TO ASSESS, EVALUATE AND ASSIST THE COMMUNITY OF SAN JUAN CHAPTER AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES WITH DAMAGES CAUSED FROM THE AUGUST 26, 2025 FLASH FLOOD IMPACTS

Sponsor: Herbert Cly (Motioned) Syliva McKinley (Second) Charlene Arviso

Vote: Favor 17 Opposed 0 Abstained 1

IX. Reports From: timestamp: 1:33:53

A. Navajo Nation Code (NNC) Title 2: Navajo Nation Government

a. Council Delegate Rickie Nez

B. Navajo Nation Code (NNC) Title 26: Navajo Nation Local Governance Act

- a. President Angelita A. Benally**–combining all reports together. US three officials on August 26, we attended the N36 meeting that's pertaining to those maps there. (points to the West Wall) August 14 and 15, Deidra, went over to the audit correction meeting. August 19th, we had a special meeting here. August 26th we had emergency meeting regarding the flood. August 29th we had a team meeting.

George Arthur–You had your emergency meeting. What is the benefit for the community members that had damages?

President Angelita A. Benally–Explaining Emergency Meeting held on August 26th regarding the flood. End results (aftermath) community business called, helped with equipment, manpower, food, emergency items. Daily updates for Navajo Nation Departments. We're not prepared. Emergency funds; no GL codes (accounts). Implement action plan for future.

George Arthur–Leadership in community, response was okay with what we could. No one was hurt. Grateful no incident. My follow-up; you know what the damages. Leadership is looking at the infrastructure. Crop Damages. You guys did the community assessment, you did a good job. What about individual damages, whose doing that and what options are there?

President Angelita A. Benally–Couple members have filled out forms. There are forms for property damages, called the multi-purpose form. If you have any damages that occurred due to the flooding, come fill out the form. Chapter House has form to fill out due to flooding.

Charlene Arviso–Garden; damages, keep documents

George Arthur–There is a service that's available. He (Rickie Nez) might be away of it, Navajo Nation Insurance. Putting a lot on Council Delegate. I am willing to Help community members/Council Delegate with forms and anything dealing with...hail storm destroyed crops, no one did anything. We invest to side resources to help individual farmers. Does the Chapter have a way to communicate with community. Time is important, on community needs. I'm trying to be optimistic, they probably forgot about us.

President Angelita A. Benally–Chapter Administration suppose to be conveying all that information to the community. 3-4 times not response to my emails.

Syliva McKinley–I really appreciate you sharing all that.

b. Vice-President Sophina A. Tyler

c. Secretary/Treasurer Deidra Cly-Ryals

d. Chapter Manager Dinah Paul

C. Navajo Nation Code (NNC) Title 3: Agriculture and Livestock

- a. Farm Board Representative Herbert Cly**–George, Your right, we sent a resolution to

WindowRock, they don't do nothing about it. When flood came emergency meeting, took 30 minutes to come from my home, Muddy. (Explains the night of the emergency meeting) Roads turned to River. No funding. Irrigation department trying to ask for help for the past four years. We need to build up the roads. Culverts need to be replaced/repared. Department keeps saying no manpower or equipment. Crop damage, Jesse Jim got with her. Total loss, cannot do anything. Cannot reimburse farms, no money. Be prepared, because were not. Ask your neighbor for help. Backhoe here we don't have a operator.

Charlene Arviso–AG has no money. 2017, feed and hay. USDA counting people. Coming in 2027. Take pictures of damages.

George Arthur–Brought up insurance. CDK Insurance? Livestock/farmers \$17,000,000 for Native land. Window Rock/Department of AG; Ergyle to be involved with insurance. Tribe pays into it. I don't want to put our Leadership into compromising situation. Send it to leadership in Window rock. To me this is an emergency. My son planted about 2 acres, new alfalfa, his third cut, Sells \$5,000. Instead he uses internally. I understand the irrigation probably won't be reopened.

Herbert Cly–Main canal; Shut off. I don't know if they will turn it back on. Our canal one side has caved in. Once water turns back on, we'll go between dirt and concrete.

George Arthur–Financial impact from damages.

Herbert Cly– NTEC Operators don't know where to dig (move dirt) Water line and Phone line.

Charlene Arviso–1 mile to ditch. Work on your fields. They say why you working, it's going to happen again.

- b. Grazing Board Representative Shirley A. Tsosie**–Thank you committee. Your next District 13 Grazing meeting is at Upper Fruitland on October 8. Next Agency is Sanostee on September 11th. San Juan will be hosting the Agency meeting on Oct 8th. Next Grazing Permittee meeting on Sept 22nd.

D. Others:

- a. Community Land Use Planning-Committee (CLUP-C) President Vacant Seat** – Revising the outdated manual.
- b. Lower Fruitland Veterans Organization Commander Ernest Reed**
- c. Navajo Department Of Health–CHR/Outreach Program Maxine Tsosie**

X. Calendar Announcements: *timestamp: 2:30:38*

- A.** Sept 9th @ 9am - Housing Discretionary Seminar @ San Juan Chapter
- B.** Sept 11th - Northern Agency Grazing Officials Meeting @ Sanostee Chapter
- C.** Sept 15th - District 13 Council Meeting @ Upperfruitland Chapter @ 1:00pm
- D.** Sept 16 – Quarterly CVO Meeting @ San Juan Chapter Veterans Rm
- E.** Sept 20th - Northern Agency Council Meeting @ Upper Fruitland Chapter @ 9:00am

XI. Next Meetings: Planning–October 07 @ 6pm; Regular–October 12 @ 2pm *timestamp: 2:30:44*

George Arthur–District 13, you were requesting luncheon? We're waiting for a letter. Should be coming if you wrote one.

Grazing Representative Shirley Tsosie–I'm going to be providing the food myself. Letter has been written. It's okay.

Vice-President Sophina A. Tyler–To clarify, she withdrew her request

Syliva McKinley–Going back to what George was saying about the resolution concerning the situation we've been talking at length...will there be another draft he's asking about? How's that going to go? Cause if we keep pushing something, it's finally going to be.

President Angelita A. Benally–Herbert, do you want to sponsor what there saying? That resolution. It's pertaining to farm.

Farm Board Representative Herbert Cly–Yeah I can do that.

President Angelita A. Benally–Herbert will be sponsoring that resolution.

George Arthur–Emergency Resolution right now

President Angelita A. Benally–At that time was need. The incident was happening at that moment.

George Arthur–If we wait till October, we won't hear anything. Someone needs to come out here and assess the damages.

Vice-President Sophina A. Tyler–Who are you recommending we send this resolution to?

George Arthur–to the Dept of Ag, NN President, NN Speaker

Vice-President Sophina A. Tyler–NN President, NN Speaker, Dept of Ag, Emergency Management Team

George Arthur–As we speak Nenahnezad is preparing resolution similar to this.

President Angelita A. Benally–Instead of doing a emergency meeting, what we can do is add it on to the resolution right now. We can go back. Arnold and Eva is still here, we can do that. Is that what you want to do?

George Arthur–I can ask the motioning party to add this to the exist agenda. Due to the fact that it is a emergency.

President Angelita A. Benally–Is it okay with you; Arnold and Eva, to add this resolution onto this agenda?

Syliva McKinley–Would it be “F” then?

President Angelita A. Benally–It would be letter G. Right? (Officials said F) It would be F. Arnold and Eva would that be okay?

Vice-President Sophina A. Tyler–So just to reemphasize, since we're going to be adding this on, it's just to clarify that we'll come up with the proper language of a resolution, but so that we understand what's happening is what you're asking is, We reached out to the key individuals in the departments within the Navajo Nation, asking them to evaluate the area here. So that it's properly documented and hoping that some kind of solution will be provided to the communities. Correct?

George Arthur–Yeah. Part of the verbiage would be; individual family/famers having damages. Something like that. You know how to write it.

President Angelita A. Benally–So we added that to the agenda. Motion to vote, can i get a motion?

(Motioned) Syliva McKinley (Second) Charlene Arviso Vote: Favor 17 Opposed 0 Abstained 1

**XII. Adjournment Time: 4:52pm (Motioned) Syliva McKinley (Second) George Arthur timestamp: 2:38:57
Vote: Favor AYES Opposed _____ Abstained ___**