



Shiprock Chapter Government of the Navajo Nation



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SHIPROCK REGULAR CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES

September 19, 2025 – Friday at 1:00 PM

Meeting location: CCSD BOARD ROOM

VIA Teleconference and in Person

A. Dial one of the following Phone Numbers:

1 (346) 248 7799 (or) 1 (669) 444 9171

B. Enter Meeting ID: 889 3806 3084

C. Enter Passcode: 863907

1. Call Meeting to Order by Raymond John Time: 1:28 pm Mr. Raymond John ask Joe Smart to do the pray. Mr. Joe Smart said he would

2. Invocation by Joe Smart

Mr. Joe Smart introduce himself. He talk about how his last name came about. He said his last name use to be Buck. He said his father went to World War II and during that time the army had change their last name from Buck to Smart. He is related to Emma Buck who was his aunt. Some of his family were living by the river and their last name were Buck. One of them was Elsie Buck who was related to him Ever since his Dad last name change so did our last name.

3. Roll Call:

President Raymond John Sr. Present Vice President Debra A. Yazzie- Present
Secretary/Treasurer Loretta John Present Grazing Official Sarah Denetclaw-Begay Present
Farm Board Lawrence Begay Present Honorable Council Delegate Eugenia Charles-Newton Present

7. Old Business

B. Resolution: 09-14-25-71 ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE CHAPTER RULES OF ORDER.
Sponsor: Loretta John, Secretary/Treasurer

Un-tabling the resolution from Tabling the resolution from August 10, 2025

Motion: Aja Atencio Second: Beverly Maxwell

Vote: 20 - 0 - 10

Motion by: Ajay Atencio Second by: Beverly Maxwell

Dimetra Simms and Cheryl Martin wanted to table the resolution and they both motion to table the resolution on September 14, 2025.

Motion: Dimetra Simm Second: Cheryl Martin Vote: 12-5-7

No quorum. Meeting was adjourn at 3:06 pm

Motion: Aja Atencio Second: Beverly Maxwell

Vote: 23 - 1 - 6

C. Resolution: 09-14-25-73 APPROVING A BUDGET TRANSFER IN FUND 15. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT (PEP) FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,972.09 TO PAY FOR OUTSTANDING IRS TAX PAYMENTS AND PENALTIES AND INTEREST FEES. Sponsor: Loretta John, Secretary/Treasurer

Mr. John explain why we are doing the resolution. He said that ASC had to find out where the Chapter owes the

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IRS payment they had to investigate it and come to find out it was from last year.

The resolution was table from the prior Chapter Meeting August 10, 2025. Mr. John ask for a motion to un-table the resolution.

Motion: Bertha Etcitty Second: Joe Smart

Vote: 24 -- 1 - 2

Mr. Raymond John, President, ask Ms. Loretta John, Secretary / Treasurer to read the resolution into records. Ms. Loretta John, Secretary / Treasurer read the resolution for the records including the attachment "A". Ms. John inform the Community members why the resolution was needed. Payment for the IRS taxes were needed to be paid. The payment for the IRS taxes was from 2024 payment which the former CSC did not paid. After this a motion was made

Mr.

Motion by: Ajay Atencio Second : Garry Jay

Mr Raymond John asked the community members if there was any questions. If not to do a vote

Vote: 29 - 0 - 4

8. New Business

- A. Resolution: 09-14-25-79 - APPROVING THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF August 1, 2025 THROUGH August 31, 2025, COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES, COMBINING BALANCE SHEET AND BUDGET TO ACTUAL REPORTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,501,934.03. Sponsor: Loretta John, Secretary/Treasurer

Mr. Raymond John, President ask Ms. Loretta John, Secretary / Treasurer to read the resolution into records. Ms. Loretta John, Secretary / Treasurer read the resolution, including the Attachment "A", Statement of Revenue, Balance Sheet and Budget to Actual. After reading the resolution Mr. John ask for a motion.

Motion by: Thurman Balchinclowing Second by: Elsie Nolan

Mr. Raymond John ask if there was any question. There was none and vote was made

Vote: 28 - 1 - 2

- B. Resolution: 09-14-25-80 -APPROVING THE SHIPROCK CHAPTER FY 2026 PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT PROJECT (PEP) TO HIRED TWO OFFICE AIDE, Sponsor: Loretta John, Secretary / Treasurer.
- C. Mr. Raymond John, President asks Ms. Loretta John, Secretary / Treasurer to read the resolution into records. Ms. Loretta John, Secretary / Treasurer read the resolution, including the Attachment "A", Ms. John read the resolution into records. She read the Project Application (Job description) to the community. Ms. John explained the PEP is for 6 months and it is on the job training. If you have someone that wants a job to have them, come in to apply. Mr. John said PEP is training for 6-months. They learn how to work with people and



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in that way, they get a experience. Cheryl Martin ask if this is temporary employment and Mr. John said it is. Mr. Raymond John asks for a motion

Motion by: Ajay Atencio Second by: Thurman Balchinclowiing

Mr. Raymond John ask if there was any question. There was none and vote was made

Vote: 29 - 0 - 2

- D. Resolution: 09-14-25-81 – REQUESTING FOR RESPECT OF TRADITIONAL CEREMONY AND PREVENTION OF NOISE INTERFERENCE FROM ACTIVITIES SET-UP ADJACENT TO CEREMONIAL GROUNDS. Sponsor: Bertha Etcitty.

Mr. Raymond John, President, ask Ms. Loretta John, Secretary / Treasurer, to read the resolution into records. Ms. John, read the resolution to the community. When the resolution was read Mr. John ask the community to do a motion and second

Motion by: Garry Jay Second by: Ajay Atencio

Mr. Raymond John ask the Sponsor, Bertha Etcitty to come up and explain her resolution. Bertha explains why the resolution was done. The resolution is for respect of the ceremony. She talks about the farmers and how it use to be when her mom was around. She said when the Yei Bei Chei is going on there was always a band playing real loud and also the revival playing, and it drowns out the Yei Bei Chei singers. Bertha said she respects the revival, but they should not be yelling out saying the Yei Bei Chei are devil worshippers. That is very disrespectful to say that about the ceremony. It is very distributing when the music is really loud and it is hard for the medicene man and patient to have the ceremonial done. Bertha said “yes she does go to the Country and Western dance but having the music right next to Yei Bei Cheii is disrespectful. Bertha said “A long time ago when the Northern Navajo Fair came about only the Yei Bei Cheii and Farmers were there. Farmers were selling farms that they had grown. As the years started. Carnivals, Rodeo and other events were added.” Dances, Rock and Roll and Revival were added too. For three years in a row that was what was going on. Yet the Yei Bei Cheii was still going on.” We need this resolution to be put in place.

Vote: 28-0-4

- E. Resolution: 09-14-25-82 SUPPORTING AND APPROVING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SHIPROCK CHAPTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND APPROVING PLAN OF OPERATION. SPONSOR: BETTY OJAY.

Raymond John said that the Sponsor Betty Ojay was out of town and was not able to make to the meeting, Ms. Ojay had ask President Raymond John, to put the resolution aside until the next Planning Meeting. Mr. John said they will have an updated Plan of Operations at that time. Resolution was not table at all.

- F. Resolution: 09-19-25-083 RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 03-09-23-033-SHIP AND AMENDING AND REALLOCATING \$362,000.00 FOR THE SHIPROCK CHAPTER RENOVATION PROJECTS FROM THE \$17,000.00 PROJECT NAMED “ELDER CARE; \$60,000.00 PROJECT NAMED “UTILITY HOOK UP”, \$200,000.00 PROJECT NAMED “(15) SECURE LAND DESIGNATIONS” AND ADD 36 ACRES TRACTS PROJECTS IDENTIFIED ON THE APPROVED SHIHASIN PROJECT LIST

Mr. Raymond John, President, explain why we are doing the resolution. He said it was for the Chapter

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renovation, including furniture. He said he was working with Rory Jaquez on the project, along with Vice President Debra Yazzie. The funds were just sitting there and we needed to use the funds. Mr. John gave the floor to Debra Yazzie, Vice President and Debra said the same thing and the project was almost completed. Mr. Raymond John, ask Loretta John to read the resolution into records. And Ms. Loretta John read the resolution to the community. Mr. John ask for a motion

Motion by: Thurman Balchinclowing Second by: Ajay Atencio

Ms. John ask the community members if they understand what was said. She explain to the community where the funds were coming from. Mr. John, said the funds wee just sitting there and before they take the funda back, Rory Jaquez wanted to have the community members approve the resolution to take the funds to be use for Chapter Renovation. The construction is Four Season from Ganado. We had OOSHA come in to test the Chapter inside and they said was good. OOSHA wanted to do a walk through, Eugina Charles-Newton is the one who really work on the funds.

Vote: 30 - 0 - 2

9. Announcement: (3-minutes)

A. 3 ways to vote for the 2025 Regular Local Election which will be held on November 4, 2025: Sponsor: Arlenta Horse-Dickie / Mary Ann Benally

Mary Ann is the one doing the announcement. We do update on the election that are coming up. For now School Board election and CCSD. The 3 ways to vote. I put the flyer at the Chapter House. If you need to update your application, you can do so. The election is on November 4, 2025. You can do absentee voters, and in person. The voting is for Central Consolidated School District and general obligated school. No one will be taken off as long as you vote every year. You have to be 18 years to vote.

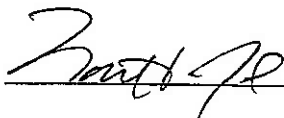
10. Roll Call President Raymond John Sr. Present Vice President Debra A. Yazzie- Present
Secretary/Treasurer Loretta John Present Grazing Official Sarah Denet-Claw-Begay Absent
Farm Board- Lawrence Begay Present Honorable Council Delegate Eugenia Charles-Newton absent

11. Next Meetings

A. Next Planning Meeting October 01, 2025 @ 4:30 pm – Meeting will be here at
B. Next Regular Chapter Meeting October 12, 2025 @ 12:00 pm

12. Adjournment:

Motion by: Arnold Yazzie Second by: Bert Sandoval Vote: 30 Time: 3:16 PM





Loretta John, Secretary / Treasurer

Date