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## TSAYATOH CHAPTER

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**TSAYATOH CHAPTER REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 17, 2024, AT 1:00 PM  
TSAYATOH, NAVAJO NATION, NEW MEXICO 87301**

- I. **Meeting Call in Order: 1:05 PM**
- a. **Official Roll Call:** Ramona J. Nelson, Ellen Young Thomas, Lucy Antone, Davina Spencer, Jay Chee, and Lester C. Yazzie
  - b. **Invocation:** Ramona J. Nelson
  - c. **Sargeant at Arms:** Ellen Young Thomas
- II. **Review and Adoption of the AGENDA: The agenda was read and adopted.**
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| MOTION: | Sarah Begay   | SECOND:    | Ella Peter    |
| VOTE:   | -13- In Favor | -0- Oppose | -4- Abstained |
- III. **Review and Acceptance of the Monthly Financial Report: Monthly Financial was read and accepted.**
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| MOTION: | Arlene Soce   | SECOND:    | Ernest John   |
| VOTE:   | -14- In Favor | -0- Oppose | -6- Abstained |
- IV. **New Business: (Resolutions/Action Items). There was a motion/Second for Action Item TSA #2024-11-001.**
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| MOTION: | Ernest John        | SECOND: | Nora Begay |
| VOTE:   | There was no vote. |         |            |
- Discussion was ongoing when there was a motion for amended consent agenda for action items # 1 through 10. There is no more discussion.
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| MOTION: | Elizabeth Mosley | SECOND:     | Ernest John   |
| VOTE:   | -5- In Favor     | -3- Opposed | -8- Abstained |
- 1. Resolution TSA #2024-11-001: Support and approve to buy 6 tires for the Grader in amount of \$6,251.12.
  - 2. Resolution TSA #2024-11-002: Amend and Approve the Continuing Resolution for Budget FY2025 in amount of \$149,070.50.
  - 3. Resolution TSA #2024-11-003: Approve the request for Capital Outlay funds for Tsayatoh West Road in amount of \$4.7 million to chip seal.
  - 4. Resolution TSA #2024-11-004: Approve the Funds request in amount of 10 million dollars for

construction of new chapter.

- 5. Resolution TSA 2024-11-005: Approve the revised Public Employment Program Policy and Procedures.
- 6. Resolution TSA 2024-11-006: Approve the revised Heavy Equipment and vehicle Policy and Procedures.
- 7. Resolution TSA 2024-11-007: Approve the revised Housing Discretionary Funds Policy and Procedures.
- 8. Resolution TSA 2024-11-008: Approve the revised Scholarship Policy and Procedures.
- 9. Resolution TSA 2024-11-009: Approve the revised Youth Employment Policy and Procedures.
- 10. Resolution TSA 2024-11-010: Approve the revised Facility Usage Agreement form.

**III. Receive Chapter - & Business Reports:**

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| a. Honorable Council Delegate:    | Mr. Lester C. Yazzie    |
| b. Veterans' Organization:        | Commander Henry Long    |
| c. Land Board:                    | Ms. Davina Spencer      |
| d. Community Service Coordinator: | Mr. Jay Chee            |
| e. Navajo Tech, Navajo Mine       | Mr. Leonard Palmer, Sr. |

**IV. Brief statements and announcements:**

- 1. November 28, 2024: Thanksgiving Day. Tsayatoh Chapter Admin closed.
- 2. November 29, 2024: Family Day. Tsayatoh Chapter Admin Closed.
- 3. December 01, 2024: Tsayatoh Chapter Planning Meeting at 1:00 PM.
- 4. December 07, 2024: Eastern Agency Crownpoint Meeting at Tsayatoh at 9:00 AM.
- 5. If you are requesting assistance with Powerline Extension/Waterline Extension House Wiring please stop by the Chapter and make sure your application is on file and update your information. Continental Divide Electric Company (CDEC), Office of Indian Health Service – Sanitation Facilities and Construction (IHS/OEHE) is also requesting that an application must be on file, or an application submitted. House Wiring must have all documents on file with the Chapter to move forward. **(Reminder: all services will require an approved Home Site Lease/Residential Lease).**
- 6. For Heavy Equipment availability, call the Chapter for more information.

**V. Adjournment: 2:53 PM.**

MOTION:	Elizabeth Mosley	SECOND:	Ernest John
VOTE:	-14- In Favor	-3- Opposed	-8- Abstained.

**REPORTS/DISCUSSIONS:**

- During the new business discussions on action item #1 the following began questions:

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Della Mc Crea, Kinsley Smith, Mike Soce, Dorothy James and Leroy James all commented on why the grader must have new tires. Why it is not in the warehouse? Who the operator is? Della continued to complain about the grader pulling up big rocks she must toss aside after the grading process.

- Jay Chee named the operator (Richard Nez and Lester Yazzie). He mentioned the complaints made by community members at the last grading service. Della admitted that she was one of those complaining.
- Jay Chee explained that P&M Housing is located on a BLM land status. BIA has jurisdiction over that area.
- Elizabeth Mosley made a comment and motioned to amend the consent agenda to combine the action items #1 through #10. Therefore, there is not more discussion.
- Leonard Palmer, Sr. and Larry Palmer were present to make their presentation on Navajo Coal Mine (Navajo Tech).
- Della complained that the coal she hauled at one time was just rocks and dust. It cost her haul the coal.
- Lester C. Yazzie made his report:
  - \* Funds Spent; ARPA (RRR) not used will be set for hardship by serving the seniors first. How do we spend it?
  - \* Special Election.
  - \* 50 million set for bathroom additions. HIS has funds for waterline.
  - \* 100 million is one of the legislative that the NN President has signed.
  - \* Renovation of homes is included.
  - \* Homesite/residential leases are required. Client list.
- > Della mentioned her house wiring.
- > Lester C. Yazzie mentioned the Land board work with land status and permit holder and their livestock.
- Nora Begay commented on her application for electricity and ROW. The stakes are there. She has applied for the bathroom as well.
- Ellen Young Thomas said community members calling her reference the AIF Benefits Navajo Nation Grazing Permittees. She mentioned Mike Halona and Patrick Sandoval.

Respectfully submitted by: IS/ Lucy Antone on November 18, 2024