





Tsayatoh !lahn1' 1dleehgi- Dineh Nahata' Alah Minutes

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Dam0o doo Naaki j9 nida'anish, Ats1 Biy11zh, D88' g0, Nakii Di M77l Y1zh7 d00 Bi'aan Naadiin Ashdla' Yihah, A[n7'n7'3 d00 T'11l1h1di azl99'go

Presiding: T11' naaznil7 Ellen Young-Thomas

- I. Call to Order By President Young-Thomas at 1:00 PM
 - Roll Call By Vice-President Yazzie. Ellen Young Thomas, Robert Yazzie, Lucy Antone, and Milton Davidson were present.
- II. Invocation Milton Davidson recited the invocation.
- III. Welcome/Introductions President Young-Thomas welcomed everyone.
- IV. Review/Adopt Agenda Vice-President Yazzie read the agenda.

 MOTION: Jayne Long Second: Dorothy James
- V. New Business: Action Items.
 - Resolution TSA #2025-02-001: Tsayatoh Chapter supporting the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority,
 Tribal Authorization Access Application to Construct, Operate and Maintain a Waterline and
 ARPA Project to serve Vernon Laughing's residence location on, over and across Navajo Nation
 Trust Lands within the vicinity of Tsayatoh, McKinley County, New Mexico.
 - 2. Resolution TSA #2025-02-002: Tsayatoh Chapter supporting resolution to add Selina Keryte for house wiring assistance in amount of \$3600.00.
 - 3. Resolution TSA #2025-02-003: Tsayatoh Chapter Supporting the Right of Way Application to the Navajo Nation for Installation of Fiber and all associated Infrastructure so Navajo Tribal Utility Authority (NTUA) can provide Broadband Services to Griswold Store and to the Community of Tse Bonito, New Mexico.

4. Resolution TSA #2025-02-004: Tsayatoh Chapter supports and urges the Navajo Nation Council the Office of the President and Vice-President, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs to waive all fees associated with obtaining a tribal identification card and extend the expiration date until the holder's 65th birthday.

5. Resolution TSA #2925-02-005: Tsayatoh Chapter supports the PNM Housing for plans, designs and to construct a Lagoon, install street lights, and improve the roads.

VI. REPORTS:

- A. 25th Navajo Nation Council Delegate, Hon. Lester Yazzie not present
- B. Tsayatoh Veteran's Commander, Mr. Henry Long present
- C. Community Service Coordinator, Mr. Jay Chee not present
- D. Tsayatoh Land Board VACANT
- E. Community Health Worker, Ms. Samantha Chee not present

IV. Announcements/Information

- 1. February 14, 2025 Valentine's Day.
- 2. February 17, 2025 Holiday, Presidents Day.
- 3. Tsayatoh Chapter Regular Meeting Tuesday, February 18, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.
- VI. Meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM.

Discussions:

- Donna Begay of NTUA requesting a supporting resolution for Right of Way and will be present at the General Meeting. Fiber being added to existing line from Navajo Nation Zoo to Griswold store. She is aware that there are no Permittees.
- ➤ Kathleen Arviso questioned Donna Begay's comment on no Permittee. The comment was there is no Land Board representative for Tsayatoh and Rock Springs chapters.
- > Henry Long commented on feasible studies.
- Donna Begay responded that there is already a line and fiber is being added.
- > Della McCray commented as well.
- Walter Hudson recommended waiting until there is a Land Board appointment.
- Anthony Begay said the Land Board does not work for the chapter. He oversees the Land Board Members for District 16. The permits have expired. District 16 Land Board is meeting within two days with BIA. He is responsible for 4 vacant Land Board positions. Certificate of Indian Blood, Plan of Operation, ID, and brand cards are required.
- Verna Arviso of NTUA is requesting for a supporting resolution on behalf of Vernon Laughing for 2,000 feet of Water Line extension. She said there are two permit holders within that area.
- > Walter Hudson said the area in question is near the Railroad tracks near Manuelito boundary.
- Anthony Yazzie explained the differences between Navajo Nation Grazing Officers in Arizona and New Mexico Land Board members. He talked about land exchanges.
- ➤ Larry Tsosie is a candidate for the Tsayatoh chapter vacant Land Board position. He worked as a Grazing Officer for 12 years.

Kathleen Arviso is a candidate for the Tsayatoh chapter vacant Land Board position. She has 12 years of experience and has been the secretary for District 16 Land Board. She learned the process.

- ➤ Della McCray reported receiving a letter from NTUA indicating there is lead in the water system. She is requesting assistance from the chapter administration to verify what the residence of the area is supposed to do. She has made telephone calls to the chapter and there was no answer.
- > Ellen responded and said the AMS has been absent for two weeks.
- ➤ Henry Long said during the planning meeting community members should talk about problems. He made recommendations for the Vice-President to work with chapter manager, secretary/treasurer to work with AMS and the President to work with the CSC. He suggested having wireless microphones for the community members attending the meetings.
- ➤ Ellen Young Thomas announced the Veterans meeting on Monday at 4:00 PM. The general meeting is on February 18, 2025, at 1:00 PM. She mentioned the budget FY'25. She already had a meeting with the CSC to assist her. She also mentioned traveling to Santa Fe to meet with Mr. Munoz, Patty Lundstrom, and Seth Damon. It will be a 2-day trip.
- ➤ Vernon Laughing and Carmenlita Nez are requesting water line extension by NTUA through ARPA project. They have children.
- Walter Hudson spoke to the Land Board candidates about many horses and the 10 studs. There have been no permittee meetings. The permit holders endure hardship. Discuss boundary of the Tsayatoh chapter. Horses do not have brands. He suggested having a strategic planning meeting to plan water lines, electricity, and cost of living. People do not plant anymore. Some hold the permits with no livestock. Assistance with homesite and residential leases, roads, septic tanks, and windmills. Arizona grazing officers have been signing homesite leases.
- > Ernest John mentioned a land issue, 160 acres and only one person takes over. Zion Claw is building an addition to existing shed. He wants assistance. He has 3 children. Fish and Wildlife have given their approval.
- > Kathleen Arviso said to maintain the letter.
- ➤ Ellen Young Thomas added a comment on whether there is an approved homesite lease or residential lease. IHS is responsible for waterline. The chapter does not build the whole house. They assist with windows, doors and repairs. The Housing Discretionary will not be available until March or April.
- ➤ Helene Crosby, Native American Election Program Liaison, requested to make a presentation at the general meeting on February 18, 2025.
- > Anthony Begay said bulls, studs and horses are the permittee's responsibility. He suggested the permittee corral them and call the Rangers. He also talked about Bird flu and the high cost of eggs.
- ➤ Rafael Martin said ranching is important. He talked about Veterans, agenda and teaching of K'e (relationship). He encouraged listening to people and living the long-lasting beautiful life. Practice clanship.
- ➤ Della McCray said she knew Rafael Martin when he was a policeman. She was secretary/treasurer at that time. She mentioned a letter from NTUA about lead in the water system. She wanted to know what is happening with the new hospital. The council delegate is not here. No information from him.
- Ellen Young Thomas will mention this to Jay.
- ➤ Ben Long talked a little bit about livestock, horses and land. He had applied for house wiring 1 year ago.

Ellen Young Thomas suggested he check with Jay.

REPORTS:

- ➤ Honorable Lester C. Yazzie was not present due to the budget meeting in Window Rock. Budget expiring on March 31, 2025.
- ➤ Milton Davidson, LDA to Lester C. Yazzie was present to make report. His first day as LDA was Monday. He was deemed qualified after a long background check.

He talked about ARPA (RRR) funds will not be returned to the government.

He reported that Tsayatoh chapter's 4 ARPA's project.

- (1) E911 Rural Address (Emergency) in amount of \$200,000.00
- (2) Bathroom addition in amount of \$1,603,495.00. Is the client list ready? IHS and NECA building restrooms are very nice.
- (3) House wiring to include meter loop for mobile homes. Homesite/residential leases required.
- (4) Warehouse to store Heavy Equipment. They are parked in the elements. New tires were purchased. Where is the new warehouse to be built?

Milton asked if Tsayatoh was ready for the 4 ARPA projects.

\$980,000.00 state line assessment.

\$358,000.00 for PNM housing and Tse Benito included.

Milton's recommendation is for chapter officials and staff to conduct meetings for the plans and have the project ready.

CLUPC is important because they know land status. Tsayatoh chapter does not have CLUPC.

Lester C. Yazzie is with Land Commission. He has knowledge of land exchange.

Milton suggested selecting a land board who is familiar with land status in New Mexico.

Max Yazzie of Water Resources reported the Windmill #16T339 has been repaired.

New hospital site might be Gamerco, New Mexico.

The water lines are all on one system.

- > Della McCray asked for assistance for a homesite so she may get water to her home.
- > Walter Hudson again brought up issue of rural address to be updated by McKimley County and use the funds allocated elsewhere.

He told about the PNM housing history.

- > Milton also talked about rural address and McKinley and the meeting at Fire Rock Casino.
- > Della McCray said she received house number from BIA. Fire stations supposed to be open all the time.
- > Rafael Martin talked about plans and projects.
- Ellen Young Thomas said the chapter will advertise for CLUPC members. The chapter does not have CLUPC. She mentioned that the current warehouse has railroad ties, Heavy Equipment buckets, blades and a flat bed trailer that is why the Heavy Equipment are parked outside. The doorway is too small to drive the Heavy Equipment inside. Suggestion was made to sell these items to community members. The white house has furniture that has been inventoried. Friday, February 7, 2025 is Indian Day in Santa Fe and there will be too many Natives. She said an appointment for two days will be made for one-on-one meeting with Seth Damon,
- Patty Lunstrom and Senator Munoz.
 Henry Long said the meeting has been productive. He agrees with Walter's suggestion of have a strategic meeting to make 5-year plans.

Veterans meeting on February 10, 2025 at 4:00 pm.

Eastern Agency Veterans meeting on February 12, 2024.

Veterans' commanders of western and central will be meeting at Twin Arrows on February 13, 2025.

He will make his report at the general meeting.

Veterans were allocated 50 million dollars and the Council took it back. He wants to know why. CSC and CHW were not available. Office Specialist was present but he did not give a report. Lucy Antone reported and requested a resolution to waive the fees for Navajo Nation IDs.