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## Tsayatoh Álahná' ádleehgi– Dineh Regular Meeting Minutes

*Damóo doo Naaki jí nida'anish, Atsá Biyáázh, Tseebíits'áadah gó, Nakii Di Mííl Yázhí dóó  
Bi'aan Naadiin Ashdla' Yihah, Amí'ní'á dóó T'ááláhádi azlíí'go*

*Presiding: Táá' naaznilí Ellen Young-Thomas*

- I. **Call to Order** – By President, Ellen Young Thomas at 1:12 pm.
  1. Roll Call – By Vice-President, Robert D. Yazzie
  2. Invocation – Community Member, Jayne Long
  3. Sergeant at Arms – President, Ellen Young Thomas said all are Sergeant at Arms.
  
- II. **Welcome/Introductions** – By President, Ellen Young Thomas. Guests were Land Board Candidates, Kathleen Arviso and Larry Tsosie. And later LDA, Milton Davidson.
  
- III. **Review/Adopt Agenda** – Vice-President, Robert D. Yazzie read the agenda. The Navajo phrases on the agenda was read in Navajo Language and the community members paraphrased. The agenda was adopted.  
MOTION: Kathleen Yazzie      SECOND: Jayne Long      VOTE: 12 - 0 - 4
  
- IV. **Review/Accept Financial Report:** - Lucy Antone, Secretary/Treasurer  
MOTION: Kathleen Arviso      SECOND: Benson Long      VOTE: 13 - 0 - 3
  
- V. **New Business: - Action Items.**
  1. 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.  
Sponsor: Verna Arviso, NTUA  
MOTION: Kathleen Arviso      SECOND: Benson Long      VOTE: 12 – 0 - 3
  
  2. Resolution TSA #2025-02-002: Tsayatoh Chapter supporting resolution to add Selina Keryte for house wiring assistance in amount of \$3600.00.  
Sponsor: Jay Chee, CSC.  
MOTION: Kathleen Yazzie      SECOND: Charlie Thomas      VOTE: 12 - 0 - 5



Tsayatoh Chapter. Jayne Long said the students may benefit from fiber installation. Chapter should buy and install computers.

- Council Delegate, Lester C. Yazzie explained that NTUA electric and water are different from Continental Divide Electric Company. Fiber is being constructed by NTUA to Tse Bonito.
- Lucy Antone presented the action item on waiving the fees on identification by Navajo Nation Records.
- Walter Hudson was not present therefore the action item on PNM housing was deferred.
- Council Delegate Lester C Yazzie made his report on:
  - Continuing Resolution on budget which will expire on March 31, 2025. Continuing Resolution on budget will last from April to September 2025.
  - Comprehensive budget and interest (revenue project) for 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter.
  - Five hundred thousand with COA is possible for the Veterans Organizations.
  - 25<sup>th</sup> allocation of utility funds from last year.
  - Summer Youth will be awarded a total of thirty thousand dollars depending on what is the balance.
  - 30 minutes was not enough time to meeting with New Mexico State Officials at the Round House.
  - Senator Shendo allocated funds to Public Schools. There are 37 pueblo students and there are 24 thousand Navajo students in New Mexico public schools. This should be balanced out as equal distribution.
  - New Administration in Washington, DC has executive order to remove Health workers from BIE, SIPI and Haskell. Robert F. Kennedy rescinded the executive order from Friday. Just waiting on the outcome.
- Milton Davidson completed his report on:
  - Rural address.
  - CLUPC.
  - New Warehouse to store Heavy Equipment.
  - RRR
  - Encouraged the officials to work administration.
  - One (1) ICIP project will expire in June 2025.
  - Council Delegate is busy. He is on the Land Commission committee.
  - Choose a land board that has knowledge of land status.
  - Gary Deschinny agreed with Milton Davidson on Rural Address.
- Henry Long reported that the 31 chapters Veterans Organization met at Baca/Prewitt chapter on Wednesday. He had a question on Navajo Nation Speaker asking the Governor for funds on Indian Day at Santa Fe. He wanted to know what the funds were to be used for.
  - 501 C trust fund has been approved.
  - Other agencies met at Twin Arrow Casino.
  - Encouraged veterans to come meetings.
  - He continued his mother's teaching that he defended his country, and he is to be stingy with giving land for homesites for people from somewhere else.
  - He encouraged those who receive assistance to come participate in the meetings.
  - He encouraged us to work together.
- Samantha Chee reported that she represents Red Rock community and Tsayatoh community.
  - Measles in Texas and on into New Mexico.
  - Suggested having vaccination.
  - Washing hands and practice good hygiene.

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- Helen Crosby made her report on registration for voting.
  - At the last election Tsayatoh had 306 voters.
  - After not voting for two presidential elections the name will be removed beginning April and May.
  - On the same day registration is available.
- Kathleen Arviso is a candidate for Land Board with Rock Springs and Tsayatoh chapters.
  - She told us about her qualifications, 23 years of experience with McKinley County.
  - Worked with 150 permit holders.
  - 12 years of experience as Land Board and as Secretary.
  - She has worked on Land withdrawals, biological clearances, and is familiar with land statuses.
  - Explained the permits begin in 1959.
- Jayne Long and Henry Long commented on whether the land board if elected will come to meetings.
  - Elders need assistance.
  - Policies in checkered board areas, allotments, private and McKinley lands.
- Larry Tsosie also a candidate for Land Board talked about his qualifications.
  - Worked at Gallup Lumber.
  - Overpopulation of horses.
  - If he called upon even late at night, he is willing to respond.
- Gary Deschinny made an announcement of his relative needing assistance with survey/archaeological clearances. He will come to the Planning meeting.
- Ellen Young Thomas asked him to perform the closing prayer.