



**VI. Announcements/Information**

1. March 09, 2025 – Daylight Savings Time. Move your clock forward 1 hour.
2. March 11, 2025 – Special Election at Tsayatoh Multi-purpose Building 9:00 am. Chapter closed
3. March 17, 2025 – St. Patrick's Day.
4. March 20, 2025 – Spring Begins
5. March 25, 2025 - Tsayatoh Chapter Regular Meeting at 1:00 pm.

**VII. Meeting adjourned: 4:48 pm**

MOTION: Jayne Long

SECOND: Priscilla Martin Deschene

VOTE: Unanimous

Closing prayer by Gary Deschene

**DISCUSSIONS/REPORTS:**

- Sarah Begay inquired into the Housing Discretionary Funds.
- Jay Chee responded. The intake of application for the Housing Discretionary Fund was opened yesterday. An applicant may apply once for 2 years rotation. All documents must be completed. Homesite and residential lease must be submitted.
- Walter Hudson asked when the policy changed.
- Ellen Young Thomas responded that the policy changes were completed, and the community members have passed the resolution. Waiting on DOJ's response.
- Jay Chee explained more about the policies.
- Walter Hudson asked to post it on the website.
- Samantha Chee is requesting for amended and update resolution for the intergovernmental agreement for five (5) years.
- Walter Hudson asked about CLUPC's budget. Application instead of the Letter of Interest.
- Ellen Young Thomas explained more on the CLUPC. There has not been a CLUPC for 16 years. Last CLUPC was when Walter was in the office.
- Jay Chee mentioned stipends in amount of \$4,500.00 is set for CLUPS to pay the President, Vice-President and Secretary. Collecting data, land status will be volunteered. Stipend will be paid for one (1) meeting. The plan of Operation book could not be found.  
Jay has many obstacles to work on. Chevron is asking for updates and is trying to give land back to chapter.
- Council Delegate, Lester C. Yazzie also mentioned the chapter needs CLUPC in place. Capital Outlay funds, long care services, and DALTCS in June 2025. What are the chapter's needs for the community. New Chapter and ICIP in July 2025.
- Jay Chee said the CLUPC has been advertised, and no one has applied. There are no qualifications. Orientation of roles and responsibilities will be available. There are no funds for consultants.
- Milton Davidson said having CLUPC is important. They must have knowledge of land status, work with CSC and chapter officials. They must have knowledge of plans and projects. Right of ways for roads and powerlines.
- Jay Chee said CLUPC applicants do not have to have experience. They can learn and think of ways to work with officials and chapter administration and council delegate. He is available to assist. There will be a passage of resolution for installation of CLUPC.
- Robert D. Yazzie said it is a learning process.

- Walter Hudson is interested in planning and consulting. He has worked with the Agency Local Government Act. A budget to cover members. A five (5) Year plan must be in place. \$4,500.00 is not enough. Tsayatoh chapter CLUPC manual must be certified. Data, survey, travel, printed documents, computers and workforce are needed. If summer youth is used there is a safety issue. Gas mileage must be paid.
- Nora Bia suggested having a nomination to select CLUPC members.
- Ellen Young Thomas said it is up to the people.
- Vanessa Esparza, daughter of Priscilla Martin Deschene, wants assistance with the homesite lease process.
- Walter Hudson suggested that one should mention ancestry when asking for homesite.
- Ellen Young Thomas said this will be entertained at the regular meeting.
- Lester C. Yazzie talked about the continuing resolution on budget. He voted green for six (6) police officers to guard the President Nygren for six months. The Summer Youth Employment Project funded in amount of 30 thousand dollars, utilities, supplemental and waste using 50/50. White House in Washington, DC is using scare tactics. Health and Education layoffs have been rescinded. Plans are changing daily and weekly.
- Nora Bia talked about accident happening on the road through their allotment. The incidents have torn down fence lines and fence posts. She mentioned the trash along the road and under the bridge. She wants to know who cleans out the cattle guards.
- Ellen Young Thomas said the previous Land Board members meet on first Fridays of the month. She voted against the Arizona/New Mexico fence line. An individual had come to the chapter and indicated there would be citations given for trash dumping. Earth Day is for cleaning. Only a few people come to help clean. She also mentioned there are no grazing permits given to the people.
- Kathleen Arviso, a Land Board Candidate, said BIA sent letters directly to the people not to Land Board members. New applicants.
- Walter Hudson mentioned that the ENAC meeting was Saturday at Manuelito Chapter. Vice-President, Richelle Montoya has no vehicle, budget and guard. Therefore, Johnnie Johnson and ENAC executive members are trying to assist the Vice-President with funds. Lester C. Yazzie is the Land Commissioner, and he might be able to legislate funds. Before the special meeting on March 13, 2025. The Nygren recall was 11,734 signatures short. LGA in 1998 has a policy in place that the Council Delegate does not attend chapter meetings.
- Lester C. Yazzie said he had a meeting on Saturday with the Hopis. He voted green for Nygren to have six policemen guarding him. It is for six months. Buying a vehicle for the Vice-President might not be feasible because it takes time to purchase it.
- Henry Long reported a Veterans' meeting on March 10, 2025, at 4:00 pm. Veterans need assistance with housing discretionary funds for repairs. How many Veterans homes were supposed to be built? Navajo Nation Veterans is supposed to seek fundings on behalf of the Veterans. The Veterans Organization has asked for 10% increase but it is 4%. There was a meeting at Baca-Prewitt chapter on February 12, 2025. Chapter Officials and CSC invited him and Jayne to Santa Fe. He was impressed with the CSC speaking on their behalf. They met with Representatives, Senators, BIA Deputy Director and the Governor. They traveled there to seek fundings. There is fundings for Veterans, but the Navajo Nation must be proactive on behalf of the Veterans.
- Jay Chee commented on the NNDOT and BIA Meetings regarding ROWs. Fencing along the roads will take some time with McKinley County Roads, BIA, and Navajo Nation Dept. of Transportation. These offices have policies and regulations.

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The Santa Fe trip was positive. Government to Government policy was noted. During Indian Day they were scolded why the Council Delegate was not present. Tsayatoh chapter has received a total of \$900,000 to build a new chapter. There will be no more reauthorization of funds that are expiring.

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There are funds for Weatherization and Winterization. There are 35 programs. Navajo Nation Veterans Program must seek these funds on behalf of the Veterans. Veterans get free glasses, hearing aids and purchase a new vehicle to provide transportation for medical care. We need to be proactive and account for the Veterans to use \$249,000. The current warehouses have been cleaned out to store the Heavy Equipment. People were asking what happened to them. The Heavy Equipment are being used by the voters of Tsayatoh and non-registered members. The hearsay must stop. The maximum housing assistances is \$1,000.00. He is working hard for and with the people.

- Walter Hudson suggested that the chapter reserves two slots for the Veterans for the housing funds. Government to Government is good. Told a story of Edward T. Begay and Peterson Zah. Legislation presented by Senator Pinto and Leonard Tsosie. He commented on the winterization and weatherization and the 7.4 million dollars for the roads. The funds for Tsayatoh went to Superman Canyon Road. That fund was supposed to be replaced.
- Jay Chee stressed advocating for the people as a group. Time has changed and we must understand each other.
- Gary Deschene commented on how well the chapter administration is progressing. He encouraged everyone to work together. Honor the Veterans.
- Jayne Long is thankful for taking a trip to Santa Fe. She is impressed by the CSC. How well he presented on behalf of the chapter officials and the Veterans. It was a learning process. Seth Damon was impressed with the CSC, who provided all documentations used to ask for more fundings.
- Priscilla Martin Deschene was also objective with the CSC's performance. Policy/procedures changes. The Leaders are the role models.
- Land Board candidate, Kathleen Arviso gave her speech about her qualifications. She is knowledgeable about land status. She has performed tally counts. She is asking for registered voters to vote for her. The special election is on March 11, 2025.
- Ellen Young Thomas made a comment regarding having the Land Board working with District 19 and 20. She mentioned this year might be a drought year. Last three years ago, non-permittees were given hay, salt, corn, and 4-way. None were given to permit holders. Noone herds sheep anymore. Shearing season is here and vaccinations are due for the animals.
- Larry Tsosie, a Land Board candidate, also gave a speech about his qualifications.
- Ellen Young Thomas said Council Delegate represents 6 chapters. Veterans need housing. The five-year plans are always planned every July. There is no disk in the chapter office. The chapter officials are not invited into the office. Ellen Young Thomas commented that she is working on Hunters Point Road and found the center line survey at DePauli Engineer.
- Jay Chee talked about policy being in place for a long time. Changes are daily and weekly. Tsayatoh West Road is under construction and will be chip sealed. Chapter Officials and CSC are seeking more funds in the amount of \$4.7 million to complete the road. ROW is in question currently. Jay announced that daylight savings time is on March 9, 2025, and we must move our clocks forward 1 hour.

Infrastructure applications are due next Friday. NAPI food boxes will be distributed until September or October. The special election will be held on March 11, 2025, and the chapter administration will be closed. Three land board candidates are Kathleen Arviso, Larry Tsosie, and Glen Jim.

- Walter Hudson commented on project plans. He mentioned the Navajo Language certification at UNM-Gallup on Saturday.
- Ellen Young Thomas talked about the ARPA now RRR.
- Jay Chee commented on the 3 projects: Warehouse, Rural Address and HVAC. These projects have business numbers.

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