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TSAYATOH CHAPTER REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 20, 2022 @ 10:00 AM

TSAYATOH, NAVAJO NATION, NEW MEXICO

15 PEOPLE ALLOWED IN CHAPTER AND

Via-Conference: (701) 802-5243 / Pin#: 4787618

- I. **Meeting Call in Order:** 10:35 AM
 - a. **Official Roll Call:** Presiding Chair. Ellen Young Thomas and Lucy Antone
 - b. **Invocation:** Pauline Lee
 - c. **Recognition of Guests and Officials:** Mrs. Thomas acknowledged those in attendance.
- II. **Review & Adoption of AGENDA:** Mrs. Thomas read the agenda and was adopted. Mrs. Thomas then continued and called on Ms. Becky Begay.
 - MOTION: Pauline Lee
 - SECOND: Kathy Yazzie
 - VOTE: -18- in Favor
 - 0- Opposed
 - 8- Abstained
- III. **Review & Acceptance of the Meeting Minutes:**
(Inclusive approval of conducting official business).
- IV. **Review and acceptance of the Monthly Financial Summary:**
Lucy Antone read the (10/1/2021 – 9/30/2022) Summary Budget to Actual.
Mrs. Thomas continued by calling on Deborah Milford who did not call in.
- V. **New Business:** (*Resolutions/Action Items*).
Mrs. Thomas read and explained each item and resolutions were passed.
 - 1. Resolution Tsa-2022-09-001: Approve to Remove David Lee's Signatory from any and all Tsayatoh chapter accounts.
 - MOTION: Jayne Long
 - SECOND: Kathy Yazzie
 - VOTE: -16- In Favor
 - 0- Opposed
 - 10- Abstained
 - 2. Resolution Tsa-2022-09-002: Scholarship award to 6 students.
 - MOTION: Pauline Lee
 - SECOND: Ronald Yazzie
 - VOTE: -16- In Favor
 - 0- Opposed
 - 8- Abstained
 - 3. Resolution: ARPA Defunded CARES AND ARPA Funding.
Item was deferred to October 2022 meeting.
 - 4. Resolution Tsa-2022-09-003: FY'23 Budget in amount of \$271,552.
 - MOTION: Kathy Yazzie
 - SECOND: Pauline Lee
 - VOTE: 17- In Favor
 - 0- Opposed
 - 6- Abstained
 - 5. Resolution Tsa-2022-09-004: Reopen the Chapter for in person (15) and teleconference meeting.
 - MOTION: Kathy Yazzie
 - SECOND: Pauline Lee
 - VOTE: -16- In Favor
 - 0- Opposed
 - 6- Abstained

6. Resolution Tsa-2022-09-005:	Navajo Department Transportation to continue courtesy grading the 15 miles.
MOTION: Pauline Lee	SECOND: John Kee
VOTE: -15- In Favor	-0- Opposed -6- Abstained
7. Resolution Tsa-2022-09-006:	Land Withdrawal for Joint Regional Solid Waste with Manueilito and Red Rock Chapters.
MOTION: Jayne Long	SECOND: Pauline Lee
VOTE: -15- In Favor	-0- Opposed -7- Abstained
8. Resolution Tsa-2022-09-007:	Requesting the Tsayatoh Chapter Grazing official to Cresearch and verify Tsayatoh grazing permits and accurate tally counts.
MOTION: Kathy Yazzie	SECOND: Pauline Lee
VOTE: -17- In Favor	-0- Opposed -6- Abstained
9. Resolution Tsa-2022-09-008:	Veterans' Plan of Operation.
MOTION: Charlie Thomas, Jr.	SECOND: Nicholas Young
VOTE: -17- In Favor	-0- Opposed -6- Abstained
10. Resolution Tsa-2022-09-09	NDOT and Tse Bonito Ridge Road repair.
MOTION: Pauline Lee	SECOND: John Kee
VOTE: -17- In Favor	-0- Opposed -6- Abstained
11. Resolution Tsa-2022-09-010:	Tsayatoh Chapter FY'22 Budget Carry over. Item was voted on to be presented at a Special Meeting on 9.30.22
MOTION: John Kee	SECOND: Pauline Lee
VOTE: -17- In Favor	-0- Opposed -6- Abstained

VI. Receive Chapter Governance & Business Reports:

All speakers will be given 5 minutes to complete reports.

Other Guests:

1. Navajo Highway Safety: Ms. Deborah Milford
2. Bureau Reclamation: Ms. Becky Begay

Chapter Officials and Chapter Administration:

a. Honorable Navajo Nation Speaker:	Mr. Seth Damon
b. Legislative Assistance:	Mr. Lester Yazzie
c. Veteran's Organization:	Commander, Henry J. Long
d. Community HealthWorker:	Ms. Samantha Chee
e. Land Board:	Mr. Ernest Reeder
f. Community Service Coordinator:	Ms. Roberta Benally
g. Project Manager:	Ms. Saraphina Blackgoat

VII. Announcements/Brief Statements:

1. September 22, 2022: Autumn begins
2. October 04, 2022: Tsayatoh Chapter Planning Meeting @10:00 AM.
3. Community Members pick up coal vouchers at Chapter.
4. If you are requesting assistance with Powerline Extension/Water Line 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 Sanitation Facilities and Construction (IHS/OEHE) is also requesting that an application must be on file or submitted an application. House Wiring must have all documents on file with the Chapter to move forward. **(Reminder: all services will require and approved Home site Lease/Residential Lease).**

5. Heavy Equipment (Motor Grader and Back Hoe) are not available. No Operator. Notify the chapter for more information.

VIII. Adjournment: 12:55 PM

Reports and Discussion:

- Ms. Becky Begay and Hilda Castillo Smith, of Bureau of Reclamation made a video report on Managing Water in the West.
 - Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project from San Juan River to Gallup.
 - From Ya'Ta'Hey, NM to Window Rock.
- Question on Courtesy Grading fees was answered by Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Benally (CSC). Registered Community Members and Non-Community Members. Fees for Heavy Equipment are posted on the website and inquiry may be made to the Chapter Administration.
- Kathy Yazzie asked who is the Board and how is the tally count taken?
- Mrs. Thomas answered, the Land Board is Ernest Reeder (B0). He represents Rock Springs Chapter and Tsayatoh Chapter. He is out of town and should be back on Tuesday. Community members are asking for Homesite/Residential leases.
- Mr. Henry Long, Commander encouraged the listening audience to participate in all chapter matters.
 - He introduced himself by clans. He is the Commander for Veterans' Organization at Tsayatoh. There were 39 members and maybe more have joined.
 - He appreciates widows and children of all Veterans.
 - Since there was No in person meeting it has been difficult for his organization. He will schedule a meeting with the Chapter Administration's permission.
 - Eastern Agency Veterans Office and Window Rock Veterans Central office have stopped fundings. FY'23 budget is available but have not been released to Veterans Organizations.
 - No communication from both Window Rock and Crownpoint Veterans Office. The Council Delegates will determine the fundings.
 - He also spoke on behalf of the CSC, Mrs. Benally. He encouraged working with her on chapter business. We had CSCs before. He encouraged having a positive attitude when coming to the chapter.
 - He also talked about the old chapter that has been demolished. He said we may have a new beginning when the new chapter is built.
- Mrs. Benally responded to Mr. Long's request for a Veterans' meeting.
 - CDC's guidelines will be practiced.

- The Chapter was cleaned very well and has been sanitized.
- Mr. Long reported on the Plan of Operation Resolution of the Veterans' Organization.
 - He was told to have the Chapter Officials prepare the resolution.
 - It will be forwarded to Crownpoint Agency Veterans Office.
 - This will help the Veterans financially.
 - It will be used for recognition of the Tsayatoh Chapter Veterans Organization.
- Mrs. Roberta Benally, CSC made her report.
 - Welcomed everyone (In person and those who called in).
 - Three Chemicals were used to sanitize the chapter by Mr. Ashley (Custodian).
 - Coal vouchers are available. Get coal from Farmington.
 - Use truck or flatback to haul coal.
 - Tsayatoh West Road phase I is in progress and the chapter officials and she are working with McKinley County Roads.
 - Tsayatoh West Road phase II is the next project and will be seeking funds.
 - Navajo Nation Workforce Office Assistant is Olivia Joe who will be with our chapter for 6 months
 - Deloria Ashley will be hired for PEP Office Assistant
 - Advertising for Project Manager and part-time Heavy Equipment Operator.
 - End of FY'22 and in October FY'23 budget will have more funding to assist with powerline and waterline. Pick up applications at the chapter. Inform the chapter for homesite leases and residential leases.
 - A special meeting on the FY'22 Carryover on September 30, 2022 at 10:00 AM.
- Della McCray asked questions:
 - What is the workforce?
 - Vacant President's position?
 - Housing Discretionary?
 - Project Manager is temporary? This should be permanent position.
 - Morning meeting is difficult for her. She had an appointment to listen in to this meeting. She encouraged a positive working with the CSC.
- Mrs. Roberta Benally answered the questions asked.
 - Olivia Joe is from Navajo Nation Workforce department and will work with Tsayatoh Chapter for 6 months.
 - Mrs. Deloria Ashley will be hired for (PEP) Office Assistant for 6 months.
 - The president has resigned and Vice-President is acting President.
 - FY'22 is ending and will begin with FY'23 in October 2022.
 - Chapter has the PEP which funds Office Assistant and Project Manager and are temporary. Navajo Nation will better answer having permanent position.
- Della McCray asked, What happened to having the chapter meetings in the evenings?

- Mrs. Thomas responded to this question and it will be answered later. After calling out to Saraphina to give report. Saraphina and Samantha were out to lunch.
- Mrs. Thomas responded to Della's question.
 - The community members were given an option on when, time and date to have chapter meetings. There is a resolution for justification.
 - President David Lee resigned on August 31, 2022. There will be an announcement for the vacancy from the Navajo Nation Election Office. Then there will be a special election. Vice-President is acting President. Vice-President and Secretary/Treasurer will conduct the meetings.
 - Homesite leases and residential leases.
 - More Fundings. Projects have to be shovel ready
 - Meeting on Tsayatoh West Road on 9.22.22.
 - Public Hearing was held to gather names for discretionary housing funds for repairs, bathroom additions, waterline extension, house wiring and powerline extensions.
 - New Chapter was discussed and blueprint of the new chapter was presented to chapter officials.
- Pauline Lee made a comment. She appreciated having the Chapter reopen to in person meeting. She usually catches a ride to the chapter for the meetings.
- Mrs. Thomas made more comments before concluding the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by: IS/ Lucy Antone