



**VII. Receive Chapter Governance & Business Reports:**

All speakers will be given 5 minutes to complete reports.

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| a. NN Council Delegate:                 | Interim Lester Yazzie    |
| b. Veteran's Organization:              | Commander, Henry J. Long |
| c. Community Health Worker:             | Ms. Samantha Chee        |
| d. Land Board:                          | VACANT                   |
| e. Community Service Coordinator:       | VACANT                   |
| F. Senior Program & Project Specialist: | Ms. Guarena Adeky        |

**Other Guests:**

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| g. UNM Thinking Zinc Trial:         | Ms. Sarah Adeky        |
| h. NM Senate Candidate:             | Mr. Keith Hillock      |
| i. Navajo Health Education - Gallup | Ms. Kelly Bitsilly     |
| j. Council Delegate Candidate:      | Ms. Arlen Nakai- Brown |

**VIII. Announcements/Brief Statements:**

1. March 19, 2024: Spring Begins.
2. March 26,2024: Special Election for Council Delegate Vacancy.
3. March 31, 2024: Easter.
4. April 07, 2024: Tsayatoh Chapter Planning Meeting at 1:00 PM.
5. If you are requesting assistance with Powerline Extension/Water Line Extension/House Wiring please stop by the Chapter and make sure your application is. Office of 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. Heavy Equipment (Motor Grader and Backhoe) are available. Call the chapter for more information.

**IX. Adjournment: 3:27 PM**

Reports and discussions at 1:25 PM:

- Ms. Sarah Adeky began by introduction by clans. Her report contained:
  - UNM College of Pharmacy is conducting research Thinking Zinc.
  - Volunteers for the study are needed.
  - Conducting research to understand if taking the daily recommended level of zinc protects our bodies from the effect of heavy metals in the environment.
  - Enrollment at Manuelito Chapter on April 6 & 7, 2024 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.
  - Open to people age 21-64 who are not diabetic or allergic to zinc and who have lived on the Navajo Nation for the last 3 years.

- Mr. Keith Hillock, NM Senate candidate reported that McKinley County has a high crime rate.
  - Low graduation rate.
  - Needs for resources for mental health, alcoholism, and other centers are needed in Gallup.
  - Family Medical Leave Act.
- Elizabeth Mosley mentioned freedom of speech. She also mentioned that her children were being slandered.
- Mr. Keith Hillock had a fender bender and the Police answering a call is too long.
  - Dirt roads need to be paved.
  - Resources need to be closer. Currently, they are in Crownpoint and Window Rock.
  - A sub-station is needed.
  - People need to work together.
- Elizabeth Mosley mentioned the sub-station will take a long time.
  - Prosecutor helps people.
- Ramona J. Nelson asked questions about Treatment Program in Gallup area.
  - Lack of Funds.
  - Indigenous and Murdered people.
  - Few Policemen available.
  - No collaboration between Navajo Nation and McKinley County.
  - Rehabilitation centers for homeless people.
- Mr. Keith Hillock will work to bring resources together.
- Ramona J. Nelson expanded on Capital Outlay projects.
- Navajo Health Gallup Office, Kelly Bitsilly reported about Hunta Virus.
  - The virus is caused by mice droppings, saliva and urine.
  - Use Clorox and be careful while spring cleaning.
  - Watch for coughing, fatigue, and muscle aches.
  - Seek medical attention

A quorum was finally reached and the meeting was called to order at 2:20 PM.

- Guarana Adeky made her report:
  - New bridge resolution and request was submitted as planning, design and construction.
  - New chapter was not submitted. It is not clear if a plan and design was completed.
  - McKinley County ROWs consent drive is not completed.
  - Internal Policy Review needs community members input. If is good then a resolution will be drafted.
  - AMS will be on training next week.
  - Security changes were made.
  - She mentioned staff email.
- Ms. Arlene Nakai-Brown, Council Delegate candidate reported on her platform.
  - Education, overcrowding of classrooms and overworked teachers.
  - Building of a new school on the southside.

- Treatment centers in Gallup and having more resources.
- Building a new sub-station.
- Provide transportation for patients who need transportation.
- Transportation for non-emergency.
- Elizabeth was given time to express her ideas.
- Ricky Begay asked about emergency funds for food, propane, and septic cleaning.
- Guarena Adeky said septic cleaning will be during better weather and will use cost share.
- Davina Spencer said she gave Ricky Begay's complaint to Anthony Begay.
- Ellen Young Thomas said Ricky Begay has not returned the McKinley County ROW consent form.

**Respectfully submitted by:**           /S/          Lucy Antone          on March 19, 2024