



**RED MESA CHAPTER**  
Red Mesa, Navajo Nation, Utah



**June 19, 2017**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**MINUTES**

- I. MEETING was CALLED TO ORDER** at 5:28pm by President Herman Farley.
- II. INVOCATION** was conducted by Mr. Nelson Boyd.
- III. AGENDA was REVIEWED** by Sec./Treas. and motion was made by Ms. Minnie John and was second by Ms. Rebecca Benally to **ADOPT** it as presented with a request by Ms. Minnie to add on another request to the UNTF for five people for handicap ramp at \$3,000 each: Marilyn Holly, Esther Holly, Lillie Thomas, Cynthia Topaha, and Susan Begay.  
Motion was voted with: 19-FAVORED, 00-OPPOSED, and 04-ABSTAINED
- IV.** Motion was made by Ms. Minnie John and was second by Mr. Sam Dee to **APPROVE** the hard-copies of **LAST MEETING MINUTES from May 4, 2017**. Motion was carried with a vote of: 24-FAVORED; 00-OPPOSED; and 01-ABSTAINED
- V. The Sec./Treas. REVIEWED the FINANCIAL REPORT for May 2017** and motion was made by Mr. Jim Benally and was second by Mr. Norman Nakai to **APPROVE** it as presented with a recommendation to the San Juan County to provide the balance on the funds allocated for Red Mesa Chapter- Roads and Senior Center funds.  
Motion was voted: 28-FAVORED; 00-OPPOSED; and 02-ABSTAINED

**VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- 1. Apache County Office, Mr. Edison Wauneka presented information on the Rural Addressing and indicated main purpose of it is for emergency use. He indicated San Juan County, Utah seems to work well with the people in the county. Ms. Julia Benally works with Apache County and is becoming more familiar with the people at public events regarding the Rural Addressing project. She introduced herself and gave brief information of her work duties. They are interested in coordinating the Rural Addressing project with San Juan County, Utah.  
Ms. Julia Benally is working closely with Cynthia Topaha and is currently collecting data on the Red Mesa Chapter community.
- 2. June 20, 2017- San Juan School Board Meeting at San Juan School District Office  
New Interim Superintendent is Ron Nielson for San Juan School District  
New Principal at Montezuma Creek Elementary School is Connie Todachinnie

**VII. NEW BUSINESS-RESOLUTIONS:**

- 1. **Approving a budget transfer within the Red Mesa Chapter Gaming Funds (Electric, Propane, Internet, Telephone, and Water).**

|                 | Telephone  | Internet   | Electric   | Propane    | Water      | TOTAL       |
|-----------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| <b>Current:</b> | \$5,530.00 | \$5,600.00 | \$2,391.00 | \$2,000.00 | \$720.04   | \$16,241.04 |
| <b>New:</b>     | \$2,100.00 | \$2,100.00 | \$6,500.00 | \$3,421.00 | \$2,120.04 | \$16,241.04 |

Motion was made by Ms. Mary Louise Harvey and was second Mr. Edward Tapaha to approve the above listed budget transfer in Red Mesa Chapter Gaming Funds.  
Motion was voted: 28-FAVORED; 00-OPPOSED; and 01-ABSTAINED

2. **Approving Chapter Resolution requesting the Utah Navajo Trust Fund- Dine' Advisory Committee and Board of Trustees to allocate funds for housing expense in the amount \$15,000 for Marylene Topaha Housing Project.**

Motion was made by Ms. Mary Louise Harvey and was second by Ms. Susie Nakai to approve Chapter Resolution requesting the Utah Navajo Trust Fund- Dine' Advisory Committee and Board of Trustees to allocate funds for housing expense in the amount \$15,000 for Marylene Topaha Housing Project.

Motion was voted: 36-FAVORED; 00-OPPOSED; and 01-ABSTAINED

3. **Approving Chapter Resolution requesting the Navajo Revitalization Fund Board to allocate funds for housing expense in the amount \$75,300:**

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| 1- | Helen Tsosie    | \$15,000        |
| 2- | Ira Tsosie      | \$15,000        |
| 3- | Kolenya Holly   | \$15,000        |
| 4- | Melissa Mastach | \$15,000        |
| 5- | James Watson    | \$15,000        |
| 6- | Octavia Long    | <u>\$300.00</u> |
|    |                 | \$75,300.00     |

Motion was made by Ms. Mary Louise Harvey and was second by Ms. Susie Nakai to approve Chapter Resolution requesting the Navajo Revitalization Fund Board to allocate funds for housing expense in the amount \$75,300 for the above named individuals, with deferring Octavia Long to the Chapter Discretionary Funds, so total is \$75,000, not \$75,300.

Motion was voted: 36-FAVORED; 00-OPPOSED; and 01-ABSTAINED

4. **Approving Chapter resolution requesting the Utah Navajo Trust Fund-Dine; Advisory Committee and Board of Trustee's to allocate funds of \$1,500.00 for Archeological Clearances and Land Survey Plat to establish a homesite lease for:**

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| 1. | Judy Whitehorse -       | \$750 |
| 2. | Irene Nakai/Ronald Hunt | \$750 |

Motion was made by Ms. Mary Louise Harvey and was second by Ms. Susie Nakai to approve Chapter resolution requesting the Utah Navajo Trust Fund-Dine; Advisory Committee and Board of Trustee's to allocate funds of \$1,500.00 for Archeological Clearances and Land Survey Plat to establish a homesite lease at \$750 each for Judy Whitehorse and Irene Nakai & Ronald Hunt.

Motion was voted: 36-FAVORED; 00-OPPOSED; and 01-ABSTAINED

5. **Supporting a request to the San Juan County Commissioners to fund the Red Mesa Chapter Transfer Station Project.**

Motion was made by Mr. Sam Dee and was second by Mr. Edward Tapaha to support a request to the San Juan County, Kelly Pherson, to provide assistance to fund the Red Mesa Chapter Transfer Station Project by San Juan County, Utah.

Motion was voted: 33-FAVORED; 00-OPPOSED; and 01-ABSTAINED

6. **Supporting and approving for Land Commissioner's membership for Mr. Henrico Benally and Nelson Boyd.**

Motion was made by Mr. Sam Dee and was second by Mr. Edward Tapaha Nakai to support and approve for Land Commissioner's membership for Mr. Henrico Benally and Nelson Boyd.

Motion was voted: 33-FAVORED; 00-OPPOSED; and 01-ABSTAINED

7. **Approving for (05) five community members to seat on new established Red Mesa Chapter's non-profit organization as Board of Directors:**

1. Luci Begay,
2. Wilford Jones,
3. Edward Topaha,
4. Sam Dee
5. Kenneth Joe Sr.

Motion was made by Mr. Stanley Sam and was second by Mr. Jim Benally to approve the above named (05) five community members to seat on new established Red Mesa Chapter's non-profit organization as Board of Directors. They will establish the articles of incorporation. No stipend payments were mentioned at this time.

Motion was voted: 34-FAVORED; 00-OPPOSED; and 03-ABSTAINED

8. **Supporting and requesting the Navajo Nation Water Resource Dept. for water haulage and repairing the valves of the windmills in the Red Mesa Chapter community, and to conduct better maintenance of the windmills.**

Motion was made by Mr. Sam Dee and was second by Mr. Edward Tapaha Nakai to support and request the Navajo Nation Water Resource Dept. for water haulage and repairing the valves of the windmills in the Red Mesa Chapter community, and to conduct better maintenance of the windmills.

Motion was voted: 33-FAVORED; 00-OPPOSED; and 01-ABSTAINED

9. **Requesting the Navajo Nation to assign a Ranger to serve in the District #9 for livestock inspections and to coordinate duties with the Grazing Officials in monitoring livestock within the communities.**

Motion was made by Mr. Sam Dee and was second by Mr. Edward Tapaha Nakai to request the Navajo Nation to assign a Ranger to serve in the District #9 for livestock inspections and to coordinate duties with the Grazing Officials in monitoring livestock within the community.

Motion was voted: 33-FAVORED; 00-OPPOSED; and 01-ABSTAINED

10. **Requesting the Utah Navajo Trust Fund to fund \$15,000 for five people for handicap ramp at \$3,000 each:**

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| 1. Marilyn Holly | 3. Lillie Thomas  | 5. Susan Begay |
| 2. Esther Holly  | 4. Cynthia Topaha |                |

Motion was made by Ms. Mary Louise Harvey and was second by Ms. Susie Nakai to request the Utah Navajo Trust Fund to fund \$15,000 for the above named individuals for handicap ramp at \$3,000 each.

Motion was voted: 36-FAVORED; 00-OPPOSED; and 01-ABSTAINED

## VIII. REPORTS

- a) San Juan County Commissioner, Rebecca Benally, reported on the road projects and the meeting that was held regarding the roads pertaining to the San Juan County. The road improvement requests will begin from the Chapter with a Resolution and will be forwarded to Larry Joe; he will then forward it to the Navajo Nation Transportation Dept. and the Navajo Nation Council Resource Committee.

The Navajo Nation is requesting the San Juan County Road department to begin removing all the San Juan County road signs and they will be replacing them with the "N" and with their own numerical system.

PILT (Payment In Lieu of Tax) funds allocated for the Senior Centers, Roads, and Recreation funds. A total of \$28,000 allocated to Red Mesa Chapter for Senior Center, Roads, and Recreation.

San Juan County Road #457 will be the last main road project San Juan County will be working on prior to the Navajo Nation taking over the roads.

Although the San Juan County engineer completed the road inventory, the Navajo Nation has their own procedures and will be conducting their own inventory again.

b) Grazing Official, Henrico Benally, introduced himself. He informed about the Permittee Meeting that was held last Thursday and a discussing was held on Permit Transfer and Probate. Next meeting still pending in July, at that time he will give information on the Permit Transfer.

c) Utah Navajo Trust Fund Dine' Advisory Committee, Ryan Benally, reported they had their meeting in Monument Valley in May. They awarded (06) six High School Seniors at \$600.00 from each Utah Chapters; Red Mesa Chapter allocation beginning fiscal year 2017 is \$210,408. The allocation is based on registered voters. He wanted to make a correction from the last report, on the carry-over funds. He informed the funds can be carried into the new fiscal year. At his last report he informed that it couldn't be carried over.

Red Mesa Chapter powerline project for six (06) applicants were all approved.

UNTF no longer has ownership of the 900 pieces of the Shumway Anasazi collection at the Edge of Cedars Museum. UNDC has half of the ownership. Ms. Vickie Joe expressed that we should no longer cater to the UNDC because it is no longer in existence. Mr. Benally informed the UNDC is just an organization group and UNTF has no ties to it. They do not receive any royalty funds.

Their next meeting will be July 7, 2017 at Dennehotso Chapter. The deadline for proposals is June 28<sup>th</sup>.

He has applied again for the Dine Advisory Committee position to represent Red Mesa Chapter because the policy requires three candidates from each Chapter and currently there is only one applicant. The decision will be up to the State Governor Herbert.

Motion was made by Mr. Edward Tapaha and was second by Mr. Ryan Benally to **APPROVE the REPORTS** as presented. Motion was carried.

**IX. NEXT MEETING:** Planning Meeting July 10, 2017 at 5:30pm  
Regular Meeting- July 17, 2017 at 5:00pm

**X.** Motion was made by Mr. Edward Tapaha and was second by Mr. Ryan Benally for **ADJOURNMENT of the MEETING.** Motion was carried and MEETING was **ADJOURNED at 8:43 pm.**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:**  **DATE:** 6/19/17  
**Marlene Dee Ben, Sec./Treas.**

