



RED MESA CHAPTER
Red Mesa, Navajo Nation, Utah



August 20, 2018
REGULAR MEETING
AGENDA



I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

II. INVOCATION

III. REVIEW AND ADOPT AGENDA

IV. REVIEW AND APPROVE LAST MEETING MINUTES- July 13, 2018

V. REVIEW AND APPROVE FINANCIAL REPORT for July 2018

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. August 23, 2018 -Whitehorse High School Open-House at 1:30-6pm
2. August 28, 2018- Navajo Nation Primary Election for President and Council Delegates- Red Mesa Chapter will be closed
3. Introduction: Charlaine Tso, candidate for Council Delegate (Red Mesa, Tolikan, Aneth, Mexican Water, and Teecnospos Chapters)

VII. NEW BUSINESS-RESOLUTIONS:

1. Approving and supporting Red Mesa Chapter internal budget transfer in Fund 23- Sales Tax from budget line 6401- Space Rental to 6202-Travel in the amount of \$2,000.
2. Approving and supporting Red Mesa Chapter internal budget transfer in Fund-16- Veterans from budget line 6724-Building Materials to 6202-Travel in the amount of \$500.
3. Approving Fiscal Year 2018 General Fund Supplemental for Chapter Official Stipend in the amount of \$5,368.
4. Supporting a Request for Navajo Pride Benefit Fund in the amount of \$5,000 to be utilized as a supplemental funding for Red Mesa Chapter Scholarship/Student Financial Assistance for all eligible post-secondary education students.
5. Requesting and supporting to continue with Phase II gravel road construction on San Juan County Road #457, south of San Juan River to Willis Whitehorse residence, south of Aneth, Utah.
6. Requesting for repairs on the severely damaged foot bridge south of Aneth Store, which is heavily utilized by local residents, (Whitehorse family).
7. Opposing "Hardening" of the Bears Ears Meadow

VIII. OTHERS:

1. Re-appointment of Red Mesa Chapter CLUPC-Floyd Tsinijinnie, Neslon Boyd, and Cynthia Topaha
2. Red Mesa Chapter Veterans' additional funding request to Navajo Nation Council

IX. REPORTS:

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| a- Council Delegate, Davis Filfred | d- Grazing Official |
| b- San Juan County Commissioner, Rebecca Benally | e- Chapter Official |
| c- Utah Dine' Committee Rep.- Ryan Benally | f- Red Mesa Chapter CSC |

- X. NEXT MEETING:** Planning Meeting September 10, 2018
Regular Meeting- September 17, 2018

XI. ADJOURNMENT



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August 20, 2018 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

- I. MEETING** was **CALLED TO ORDER** at 3:30pm by President, Herman Farley.
- II. INVOCATION** was conducted by Mr. Edward Tapaha
- III. AGENDA** was **REVIEWED** by the Sec./Treas., and a motion was made by Mr. Edward Tapaha and was second by Mr. Bruce Benally to **ADOPT** it as presented.
Motion was voted: 25-FAVORED; 00-OPPOSED; and 05-ABSTAINED
- IV.** Motion was made Mr. Wayne Begay and was second by Mr. Allen Holly to **APPROVE** the hard-copies of the **LAST MEETING MINUTES from July 13, 2018**.
Motion was voted: 26-FAVORED; 00-OPPOSED; and 09-ABSTAINED
- V.** The **Red Mesa Chapter FINANCIAL REPORT month ending July 31, 2018** was **REVIEWED** by the Sec./Treas. by presenting to the people and explaining the provided copies of the Balance Sheet with all account balances; with July 2018 total fund balance at \$186,020.20, along with a pie chart; the Statement of Revenue & Expenditure for the month of July 2018 was provided showing (08) eight accounts, (*General Fund- \$870.09, Land Claims Trust- (\$548.33), Supplemental Youth- \$13,482.28, Chapter Stipend- (\$3,000.00), PEP- (\$4,168.94), Chapter Project (\$1,113.75), NN Sales Tax- (\$1,299.38), and Unhealthy Food Tax- (\$150.00)*) were spent during the month. Total Expenditure was \$24,632.77; and the bar graph showing expenses and revenues was also provided. Motion was made by Ms. Vickie Joe and was second by Ms. Donna Benally to **APPROVE** the Financial Report as presented:
Question was asked how much was returned to Red Mesa Chapter on the horse sales conducted by the Grazing Official and the Ranger. So far, nothing has been turned in to the Chapter accounts from the horse sales. The Grazing Official will be asked to make a report on it when he comes in.
Mr. Wayne Begay recommended the funds coming from the horse sales be put into an account to purchase hay and feed for the livestock.
Motion was voted: 28-FAVORED; 00-OPPOSED; and 07-ABSTAINED
- VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**
1. Mr. Neal Crank updated information on the County and State candidates and the election. Voter Registration/Verification Drive- August 23rd – 11am to 5pm at Red Mesa Chapter. Willie Greyeyes, a candidate for San Juan Commissioner has been put back on the ballot for the election.
 2. August 23, 2018 -Whitehorse High School Open-House at 1:30-6pm
Ms. Kim Schaefer, WHS Principal, Over 20 different tables set up for information; Teachers will have meet and greet with parents; Dinner at 6:30; Lightening Cloud Concert at 7pm; Introduced the new Assistant Principal- Derrick Begay. He is from the Gallup, NM. Has a doctorate in Education. He indicated they are focusing on attendance this year. Goal is 93% attendance this year- students could miss only three days during the year.
Ms. Elsie Dee, School Board member, encouraged parents to have their children attend school each day and encouraging community members to attend the school

activities and meetings. She appreciates working with the parents and will be working with them by the end of December 2018.

Mr. Jack Whitehorse Jr. inquired on the picture of his dad, Ben Whitehorse that was posted at Whitehorse High School at one time. He is trying to locate it, if it is in a storage, the family is asking for it. It is a memorabilia and the family would like to have it back. He asked Mrs. Schaeffer for it. They are residing in Winslow, AZ now.

3. August 28, 2018- Navajo Nation Primary Election for President and Council Delegates- Red Mesa Chapter will be closed
4. Charlaïne Tso, candidate for Council Delegate (Red Mesa, Tolikan, Aneth, Mexican Water, and Teecnospos Chapters) introduced herself. She is from Tolikan and had rallies, where she presented her platforms. She is a graduate from Red Mesa High School. She taught English in Spain. She has an independent business and worked on many grant projects. She encouraged everyone to vote.
5. Early Election is now open at Shiprock Election Office
6. Mr. Stanford Tsosie asked this past spring, they encountered cattle rustling in their area and brought up their concern at the meeting. He inquired on the status of the Resolution and said he is asking because he has family members that have cattle alongside the San Juan River, and many of them were stolen. He was given a response, it was presented at the Northern Agency Council Meeting, was voted on, and from there was forwarded to the Resource Committee. Council Delegate, Davis Filfred responded the Resolution is still pending in Window Rock along with many others.
7. August 21, 2018-Navajo Utah Revitalization Meeting in Blanding, Utah
8. August 23rd- Navajo Utah Commission Meeting
9. Navajo Nation Council Budget session on-going this week
10. September 7, 2018- Elder Wellness Day at Red Mesa Senior Center- Information on Elder Abuse, Elder Bullying, Fall Prevention, Opioid Abuse, Emotional Wellness, and Dementia. Games and Door Prizes on both events for September 7th and 8th.
11. September 8, 2018- "Honoring our Elders" Trail Ride from Southern Company Powwow Grounds, south of Montezuma Creek to Red Mesa Chapter beginning at 8:30am. 7:30 am- Breakfast will be served in the morning prior to the beginning of the Trail Ride. Stories will be shared pertaining to horses, etc. Lunch will be served at the Red Mesa Chapter.
12. Northern Navajo Fair meeting was last Friday and was attended by Ms. Marilyn Holly. She indicated the DOJ attended the meeting and observed it. Mr. Dan Smith is still the President of the committee. Next meeting will be next Thursday. They are asking for the theme for this year's Northern Navajo Fair and she is asking for some suggestion for it. She was asked to contact the Elk Petroleum for funds. They are seeking for funds and sponsors.
13. There will be no Utah Navajo Fair this year due to the old Fairgrounds was sold. Maybe until three more years. They are still seeking for new site. Locations being considered are: Monument Valley, Ratherford Community area, and Mexican Water area near Todahaidekani area. The site is not confirmed yet.
14. Utah Navajo Health Systems now in operations again since beginning of the month. The old building will be given back to the Utah Navajo Trust Fund. The building and the operation belongs to the Utah Navajo people. Location belonged to the State but was purchased from them.
15. The Bears Ears issue will have public comments available to anyone that wants to make a comment. Mr. Woody Lee encouraged people to submit a comment on why the Bears Ears was reduced regardless of the many oppositions on keeping it original size. He will provide the website at the next Planning Meeting.

VII. NEW BUSINESS-RESOLUTIONS:

- 1. Approving and supporting Red Mesa Chapter internal budget transfer in Fund 23- Sales Tax from budget line 6401- Space Rental to 6202-Travel in the amount of \$2,000.**

Motion was made by Mr. Wilford Jones and was second by Mr. Edward Tapaha to approve and support Red Mesa Chapter internal budget transfer in Fund 23- Sales Tax from budget line 6401- Space Rental to 6202-Travel in the amount of \$2,000, to utilize for Travel Expense for daily chapter operations, projects, and activities for the benefit of the community.

Motion was voted: 24-FAVORED; 00-OPPOSED; and 05-ABSTAINED

- 2. Approving and supporting Red Mesa Chapter internal budget transfer in Fund-16- Veterans from budget line 6724-Building Materials to 6202-Travel in the amount of \$500.**

Motion was made by Mr. Wilford Jones and was second by Mr. Edward Tapaha to approve and support Red Mesa Chapter internal budget transfer in Fund-16- Veterans from budget line 6724-Building Materials to 6202-Travel in the amount of \$500 to be utilized for eligible Red Mesa Chapter Veterans clients to defray expenses for Veterans medical expenses.

Motion was voted: 24-FAVORED; 00-OPPOSED; and 05-ABSTAINED

- 3. Accepting and Approving Fiscal Year 2018 General Fund Supplemental for Chapter Official Stipend in the amount of \$5,368.00**

Motion was made by Mr. Wilford Jones and was second by Mr. Edward Tapaha to accept and approve Fiscal Year 2018 General Fund Supplemental for Chapter Official Stipend in the amount of \$5,368.00.

Motion was voted: 24-FAVORED; 00-OPPOSED; and 05-ABSTAINED

- 4. Supporting a Request for Navajo Pride Benefit Fund in the amount of \$5,000 to be utilized as a supplemental funding for Red Mesa Chapter Scholarship/Student Financial Assistance for all eligible post-secondary education students.**

Motion was made by Ms. Vickie Joe and was second by Mr. Wilford Jones to support a request for Navajo Pride Benefit Fund in the amount of \$5,000 to be utilized as a supplemental funding for Red Mesa Chapter Scholarship/Student Financial Assistance for all eligible post-secondary education students.

Motion was voted: 28-FAVORED; 00-OPPOSED; and 03-ABSTAINED

- 5. Requesting and supporting to continue with Phase II gravel road construction on San Juan County Road #457, south of San Juan River to Willis Whitehorse residence, south of Aneth, Utah.**

Motion was made by Ms. Vickie Joe and was second by Mr. Wayne Begay to request and support to continue with the Phase II gravel road construction on San Juan County Road #457, south of San Juan River to Lone Mountain, south of Aneth, Utah.

Motion was voted: 33-FAVORED; 00-OPPOSED; and 03-ABSTAINED

6. Requesting for repairs on the severely damaged foot bridge south of Aneth Store, which is heavily utilized by local residents, (Whitehorse family).

Motion was made by Ms. Vickie Joe and was second by Mr. Wayne Begay to request and support the repairs on the severely damaged foot bridge south of Aneth Store, which is heavily utilized by local residents

Motion was voted: 33-FAVORED; 00-OPPOSED; and 03-ABSTAINED

7. Opposing “Hardening” of the Bears Ears Meadow

Motion was made by Ms. Donna Benally and was second by Mr. Bruce Benally to oppose “Hardening” of the Bears Ears Meadow. A parking lot, campground and restroom facilities is being planned along with a stock pond but the Native Americans are opposing it due to the sacred sites and are asking that the site be kept sacred and to leave it as is.

Motion was voted: 24-FAVORED; 00-OPPOSED; and 07-ABSTAINED

VIII. OTHERS:

1. Re-appointment of Red Mesa Chapter CLUPC-Floyd Tsinijinnie, Nelson Boyd, and Cynthia Topaha.

Motion was made by Mr. Edward Tapaha and was second by Mr. Samuel Nakai to re-confirm the Red Mesa Chapter CLUPC members as Floyd Tsinijinnie, Nelson Boyd, and Cynthia Topaha and to continue being paid for their Meeting stipends at \$125 per meeting. Ms. Vickie Joe recommended to have a representative from the Ratherford area to serve on the committee because a representation is needed. She added they need to make a report on their activities and plans since they are being paid from the Chapter budget for their meeting stipends.

The Unmet Need budget will be submitted along with the new members to be appointed for their stipend payments. In addition funds for their strategic plans, and work sessions will be included.

Recommendation was made by Mr. Edward Tapaha to have five members to be on the CLUPC Committee.

Ms. Doris Tsinijinnie indicated projects are planned but along the way other issues come up, such as the land owners start opposing it or the project begins to linger on too long within the Administration and the interest dissolves.

Mr. Wilford Jones recommended Mr. Allen Holly to be considered as one of the CLUPC member to represent the Ratherford area.

Mr. Nelson Boyd informed he attended the CLUPC meetings on a voluntary basis and was not being paid stipend for it.

Motion was voted: 26-FAVORED; 00-OPPOSED; and 04-ABSTAINED.

2. Red Mesa Chapter Veterans’ additional funding request to Navajo Nation Council

Motion was made by Ms. Doris Tsinnijinie and was second by Mr. Wilford Jones to support a request to the Navajo Nation Council for additional funds for the Red Mesa Chapter Veterans’ for their activities and operation of the organization.

Motion was voted: 30-FAVORED; 00-OPPOSED; and 04-ABSTAINED

IX. REPORTS:

a- Council Delegate, Davis Filfred reported:

-Mr. Willie Greyeyes is put back on the ballot for election. Lt. Governor supports the Native Americans.

- State of Utah is in process of passing the law to sell marijuana. It is used for medicine and recreational use.

- "638"- Red Mesa Four Corner Health Center -was presented to the HASS Committee after two years. They had many questions such as how the Area Director feels about it. It is now at the Legislation Council. Some people are concerned about it due to the past.

- Budget at \$172,159,000 next fiscal year. \$14m- Legislative, \$102m- Executive

-August 15th- Road meeting with San Juan County Road Dept. They were shown a sample of a new product they are using for road repairs. The new product costs less than what they usually use.

- Meeting with NTUA- Within Red Mesa area there are 16 projects being proposed and needing funds for it. 25 Projects have been completed.

-BIA: Sharon Pinto last day was last Friday. There is a new BIA Regional Director.

Mr. Filfred is very concerned about the relocation of the office to Albuquerque or Nevada.

-Mr. Wilford Jones inquired on the Siih Haasiin Funds that were allocated to the Chapters at \$1m. Mr. Filfred responded the \$100m was divided among 24 delegates and there was a list of the Chapter projects he was given.

Per Herman Farley: Red Mesa Chapter was informed they have \$1.16m and list of projects were considered (Chapter renovation, new Administration Building, Chapter Warehouse, Recreation, and Pavillion). We were informed we only had \$238,000. The Siih Haasiin Committee at their own discretion, made their own decisions. We did not get the \$1.16m. The difference was given to the other Chapters for their Projects. We may have helped the other Chapters but the bottom line is that we were not consulted back on it.

Mr. Filfred concluded the Siih Haasiin Funds had stipulations tied to it. Aneth Chapter did not get any because they have over million dollars they have not spend yet.

- b- Utah Dine' Committee Rep.- Ryan Benally made a brief report that back in 1984 Cavco mobile homes were purchased and Red Mesa Chapter had a resolution last month requesting for title to the homes but according to the UNTF they do not have the title to the mobile homes. The original Certificates were sent to the homeowners.

-The Grand Opening of the new Family Dollar Store was last week. A lot of utility lines and sewage lines were installed next to the building for future business developments. Ideas are welcome. The old Sewing Plant will be utilized into a Multi-purpose building.

- As of April 2018. The UNTF is \$74m.

- Mr. Allen Holly asked if UNTF has many requirements/regulations to establish a business like the Navajo Nation. He was informed UNTF has 18 acres of land in Montezuma Creek and now is a good opportunity to get a business started.

Mr. Benally was asked to advocate on behalf of the people especially the elderly, regarding the stipulation by the UNTF, that a homesite lease is needed for the minor home renovations.

-Many of our children were purged from the voter registration due to their residence. They are residing off the Navajo Nation for work or school and got purged because of it.

X. **NEXT MEETING:** Planning Meeting September 10, 2018
Regular Meeting- September 17, 2018

XI. Motion was made by Ms. Cynthia Topaha and was second by Mr. Bruce Benally to **ACCEPT THE REPORTS and ADJOURNMENT** of the Meeting. Motion was carried and **MEETING was ADJOURNED** at 7:32pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:


Marlene Dee Ben, Sec./Treas.

DATE:

8/20/18

