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Planning Meeting

September 04, 2019 Time: 9:00 AM

Many Farms Chapter House

I. Call Meeting to Order/Invocatio: Katherine O. Arthur, Chapter President

- II. Reading of Agenda
- Aljerino Tsedah, Vice President

III. Discussion Items

- A. Kee Allen Begay, Jr. Council Delegate/Estelle Benally, LDA
- B. Resolution An Action Relating to the Resource and Development: Approving A Request From The Technical, Construction and Operations Branch Of The Development of Water Resources To Reallocate Chinle Field Office Funds And Combine With Many Farms Irrigation Office Funds.
- C. Resolution- Recommending To The Honorable Navajo Nation Council To Exonerate The 2014 Navajo Board Of Election Supervisors Of Indirect Civil Contempt In The Case No. SC-CV-68-14, Which Prohibited The Performance Of Their Duties In Presiding Over The 2014 Navajo Election, In The Spirit Of "K'E" To Restore Harmony For The Well Being Of The People And The Navajo Nation.
- D. Resolution- Supporting And Acknowledging The Request By Comrade NELSON TSOSIE For Veterans Housins Assistance Through Chinle Agency Department Of Veterans Administration And Navajo Nation Veterans Administration.
- E. Trash Compactor update
- F. Support for IHS Projects update
- G. Financial Monitoring Review for August 2019

IV. Adjournment:

Chapter Meeting: September 09, 2019 at 1:00pm

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Sign-In Sheet
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Meeting called to order by Katherine O. Arthur, Chapter President at 9:15am.
 Invocation done by Kee Allen Begay, Jr.

II. Planning meeting agenda read by Aljerino Tsedah, Vice President.
Katherine O. Arthur commented that the agenda will be open to anyone that would like to add an item. Appreciated everyone for being here. A flyer Many Farms Chapter Special Election September 17, 2019 for school board member we have one candidate. While an election in the chapter voter registration closes until ten days after election if there are no complaints.

III. Discussion Items

A. Kee Allen Begay, Jr. Council Delegate/Estelle Benally, LDA

Kee Allen Begay, Jr- I will be leaving to attend a meeting with NTUA they are having a meeting at 10:00 they are having the Light up Navajo second phase will begin we had a report the last time and I gave you copies. Many Farms had nine community members hooked up, check list was copied I need for the chapter to go out and see how many need powerline connection. In my area with my close relative I ask them to go work with chapter. Homesite lease is an issue they are providing waiver to get them later on, I will ask I want NTUA to provide statement on home site lease. Yesterday Navajo Nation Council approved at yesterdays' meeting around one o clock. It is headed to presidents' office. Minor changes were made the president may veto, just go with the press release. I recommended the funds left let chapter get in line for funding the PEP or scholarship purposes, usually available in February or March some funds go automatically to UUFB or personnel lapse funds. Transportation meeting at 1:30 I want to go down to several turnouts the cattle guard are wide and culverts narrow. Hope we will hear good news on Highway 191 Good news on 191. The other one Mr. Jimmmy Yellowhair is working on the 70/30 distribution lot of delegates not supporting including me if it becomes law in the 2020 budget Many Farms will get \$8,500.00 less. Cottonwood will get \$4,600.00 less the other three chapter will increase Low Mountain will get \$9,000.00 more. Smaller chapters will get more funds we will also lose more money to other agency biggest gain will be Eastern they will gain \$152,000.00 Chinle Agency will lose \$32,000.00. Navajo people need to register. Lutheran Church recommendation by land department write a letter to issue out when will trespassing be issued I think

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there are more vehicles parked there I want to be careful the other one NRCS Mr. Tso is a member. Navajo Nation does not recognize them RDC approved policy, need an update pressure for funding working with USDA and individual farmers. I have several concerns that I am addressing which include Navajo Veterans, Uranium transportation, solid waste management there are several legislation I am pushing Landfill transfer station we need to continue to work on this if it is going to cost us plenty let it be we have had enough discussion provide big bins we have to sacrifice I dropped legislation to increase tax by one cent. If there are no question comment, I will be back at 1:30

Katherine O. Arthur - Thank you for being here and updating us.

Billy Begay – Can you help me and talk to Tariq. We need to get together to get farm ready for next year. We will need to have Kathy, Roland, Marlene, Marvin and myself. We need to get ditches cleaned up. We need to stop pointing fingers.

Kee Allen Begay, Jr.— Ok I will coordinate we will schedule, just let me know of a day that will be good for everyone schedule.

Billy Begay – Every time we schedule a meeting Marlene does not come. She says she has an appointment somewhere like Tuba City. I don't know why she does not go to Chinle. She does that when we schedule a farm board meeting.

Kee Allen Begay - The other thing, the legislation for combining Chinle and Many Farms. office is already approved.

Katherine O. Arthur – We have resolution B pertaining to this.

Kee Allen Begay, Jr. - Just modify it as a support action.

Katherine O. Arthur- Thank you for coming here and giving us an update. I am waiting on conference call I will walk out and take the call and Al you can take-over the meeting.

B. Resolution – An Action Relating to the Resource and Development: Approving A Request From The Technical, Construction and Operations Branch Of The Development of Water Resources To Reallocate Chinle Field Office Funds And Combine With Many Farms Irrigation Office Funds.

Katherine O. Arthur - This resolution is regarding the office located by Chinle Coca Cola. It was approved already we will change the wording to support combining office, equipment but I don't know about personnel.

Aljerino Tsedah – Its already a supporting resolution

Billy Begay - I have a question will there be one head honcho?

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Katherine O. Arthur – I really don't know this is a departmental action we will ask Tariq during the meeting. Process of combining will happen we can ask who will be supervisor.

What do you all think?

Aljerino Tsedah- I agree

C. **Resolution-** Recommending To The Honorable Navajo Nation Council To Exonerate The 2014 Navajo Board Of Election Supervisors Of Indirect Civil Contempt In The Case No. SC-CV-68-14, Which Prohibited The Performance Of Their Duties In Presiding Over The 2014 Navajo Election, In The Spirit Of "K'E" To Restore Harmony For The Well Being Of The People And The Navajo Nation.

Katherine O. Arthur -This happened in 2014 Herb Yazzie removed the Board of election. This comes from the Fort Defiance Coalition. Do we agree with supporting the resolution? What are your thoughts

Billy Begay- If you mess up you get the penalty. We got to stand by our law we have to support this that's the way I put it there is nobody above the law.

Aljerino Tsedah- It effects people area wide. It needs to go before the people. Katherine O. Arthur — Let it go before the people any others one for and one against. This is the same group that supported Descheenie when he was running for president. The Supreme Court took everyone down from position they were told you came up with your own law. If your driving and you break the law, it goes on your record if your expelled it goes on your record this is on there record. They are asking take it off there record they are asking us to support. Do we send it to the chapter if we take it to the chapter and if vote you vote against it, it will fail.

Billy Begay- Nobody is above the law

Alma Yazzie- I think. We greet everyone with K'e Alma Yazzie I am called when you come here. K'e is important my parent', sibling brother younger sister great grandparents we practiced this.

Billy Begay -Are we saying it's not going to go through or stop right here. **Aljerino Tsedah**- Take it to the chapter and let the people decide. Even if you make a small mistake people hold it against you like you are still doing it, but people change especially ten years later. That is why I am saying put it in front of the people the person who votes for will be forgiving if they vote against that person will hold people mistakes against them It is a matter of the heart or the mind that is how I think defer to the chapter.

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Katherine O. Arthur - Have it go to the chapter no body is above law or forgive them and have them start a new leaf.

Billy Begay- Who gave the resolution was it one of the people that made the mistake. **Katherine O. Arthur** – The Fort Defiance Voters Coalition is where this is coming from. This came from Lenora Fulton she was one of the one removed as well. This will go to the chapter

D. **Resolution-** Supporting And Acknowledging The Request By Comrade NELSON TSOSIE For Veterans Housing Assistance Through Chinle Agency Department Of Veterans Administration And Navajo Nation Veterans Administration.

Katherine O. Arthur — Oldest Veteran in our chapter is requesting for housing. The funds are not even coming through. But, Veterans are requesting for resolution and we are supporting. Were taking this to the chapter.

Billy Begay - Where is Nelson. Is he handicapped? How old is he? **Katherine O. Arthur –** Chapter did not recognize both parties.

E. Trash Compactor-

Katherine O. Arthur – We approved this in January we agreed that we would provide an area and staff. I called she asked if we still support, there was no problem but an issue was raised. I asked her to email me I have not received anything, I just asked and nothing has arrived. I did not work on this. I have not followed up. We did place a trash bind behind the chapter and thank you to everyone for abiding by the rules we did not have batteries put in there. We did not have people dump trash along the side of the bind. Kee Allen said he has a legislation to increase tax by one cent which will make it &% tax. He has four areas that the amount increase will go toward, this includes a landfill. I will check into it again. I will ask her to attend a meeting and have her give us an update.

Billy Begay- Thank you

Katherine O. Arthur- It should not have gone on the agenda. It needs to go on the next planning meeting agenda.

F. Support for IHS Projects

Katherine O. Arthur – My conference call is incoming take over the meeting. **10:07am Aljerino Tsedah took over meeting**

Aljerino Tsedah- We meant with OEH last week in Saint Michaels. We have projects Phase I, II, 2.5 and III. Phase II to Shawn Higdon. Fully funded NTUA has not started some of the projects but areas are staked out. Scattered projects are included as well. Bathroom addition are included. We will continue to support the projects

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supporting the current OEH projects. North of Rough Rock we have 79 homes identified. These projects will continue and will take time and we will support.

Alma Yazzie - I am suppose to be on the list. I am not living out there I am still working on the house out there. I will one day be living there. Put my name back on the list. I am suppose to appeal the decision with OEH. Renovation still ongoing 90% complete. I have a small water heater. I will appeal before Friday. Perry Reed came and they installed sink and water heater, they know me they did the services I want them to keep me on the list. It is said your not living out here I don't want gossiping I don't want hear say I will be the one living there I will end up there one day

Aljerino Tsedah —We don't determine the list. Go through your appeal they are they ones in charge of the listing.

Billy Begay- you have to have Home Site Lease grazing permit they had a meeting here yesterday. You just can't build a house anywhere. Were you here at the meeting. They have rules, we need to know then no one will be gossiping.

Alma Yazzie - I work closely with Roland Tso I got his signature yesterday.

Aljerino Tsedah- Homes site lease is a must I ran into an experience. The place where

I am at had electricity and water but the hookup could not happen because the house was not on a homesite lease any other question.

James Betoney - I am going off subject. When was this home site lease passed? when was it passed to have HSL

Roland Tso- 2016 is when it was introduces and 2017 it started.

James Betoney -Concern on Home Site Lease what about if a person decides to set up shop.

Roland Tso – I meant with RDC on Home Site Lease things that require traffic going through can be hazardous. Having vehicles repaired can be hazard to the environment because it could be leaking gas. Bottom line is liability. Someone gets hurt who is liable? If I set up a shop like carpentry, someone came in if they trip or a child turned on table and cut off their finger the parent can sue me If I am not bonded. Then the person can go and sue the Navajo Nation, they can say it is not their business but they ignored it the rules now they are liable. A church was abandoned and it was repaired an elderly lady tripped and the family got a lawyer the lawyer sued the Navajo Nation because they ignored the rules this happened in Baca/Prewitt/.

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James Betoney – Home Site Lease residential purpose but if they have business what do they do?

Roland Tso -We want to get them into compliance, get a pert get a business site lease. Come to planning and zoning work with RBDO

Aljerino Tsedah-Will this be a Supporting resolution? (referring question to Francine Harrison)

Francine Harrison - Just an update

Alerino Tsedah - correction this is an update not a supporting resolution, any other question

Roland Tso –Rerring remarks to Francine Harrison) There are names not on the list I will get them to you.

Francine Harrison -ok

G. Financial Monitoring Review for August 2019

Aljerino Tsedah - Are the reports ready?

Francine Harrison about five minutes

Aljerieno Tsdeah – We do this in front of you. When we open the planning meeting we say we have an open agenda is there anyone here that wants to speak on anything?

Billy Begay – What is going on going on my project I did not understand what Kee Allen said he was only taking to Kathy.

Aljerino Tsedah - He told you to come up with a good day and time. What does the minutes say?

Billy Begay - I am confused

Jacqueline Begaye -You find a date and time that is good and you let Kee Allen know.

Roland Tso – We need to coordinate with NAPI they are willing to bring out the implements and an experienced operator. I do not want anyone getting in the equipment and they are not certified.

Perry Slivers – I know a person, a Veteran that would be willing to learn the equipment. His looking for a job.

Roland Tso - We have to advertise we have to go with Navajo Nation laws we have to advertise we can't just bring anyone on board. Unfortunately it takes a long time. Good recommendation let the person know when the job gets advertised.

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Aljerino Tsedah -While were waiting on monitoring review will get update from Lenora Fulton even though we already defer the resolution to the chapter meeting. I will give you a few minute to elaborate.

Lenora Fulton- This started in 2014. The board of election made of Chinle Agency Norman Begay with one vacancy, Harry Brown Sr, a Marine, judge council delegate, Ruth Watson worked with headstart, Shiprock Wallace Charey San Juan Commissioner Veteran. Eastern Michael Comb Fran George worked with Hearstart Elderly Fort Defiance Tom White Jr a Marine Board of Supervisor Council Delegate Lenora worked with Navajo Nation WIC CHR also council 12 years Apache County Recorder three terms. We work with Title 11. During the election we had the ballots printed. Twelve days before the election we were told to stop the election. There is no law to stop the election. We were called to appear in court in Chinle we were not allowed to respnd and we were removed from our office and told not to run for office again for eight more years. We took it to the federal court but we were told this falls under the Navajo Jurisdiction so we took it back again and it was dismissed because the transcript was not attached. We have fifty one chapters in support. We are waiting on the remaining chapters.

Katherine O. Arthur - What does Exonerate mean?

Lenora Fulton - Same as a pardon. I want a clean record.

Katherine O. Arthur - What was the basis?

Lenora Fulton—They said you didn't terminate the election we didn't obey.

Billy Begay- who said that exonerate

Lenora Fulton- Fort Defiance Coalition

Billy Begay- It is not us.

Peery Slivers- clear this up exonerate

Katherine O. Arthur -I know what it means I asked because some people may not know.

Perry Slivers- It just means to release. The president does this every year it don't matter if you murder someone.

Roland Tso – Thank you chair if you think about it the one problem I have is that I do not want people to use this as a way to get out of a responsibility out of mistakes they made such as missing funds.

Lewanda Ben – I am the AMS. This is my first time here again. I am thankful for our new CSC.

Katherine O. Arthur reviewed financial reports.

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Billy Begay - Unemployment is your retirement if you use your unemployment **Katherine O. Arthur**-I am not sure about that **Aljerino Tsdah** — Thank you for the report **Katherine O. Arthur** — Thank you for your attendance. This month regular chapter meeting on Monday then at the end of the month we will have a special meeting for the carry over it takes twenty minute please listen out for this and help us by attending.

IV. Meeting adjourned at by Aljerino Tsedah 11:26am

Respectfully submitted to the best of my knowledge:

√acqueline Begaye, Secretary/Treasurer