

TOLIKAN CHAPTER

Planning Meeting [] Regular Meeting [X] Special Meeting []

MINUTES

November 12, 2017

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

President Clark called the meeting to order at 1:16 p.m. with a quorum present.

INVOCATION: Harold Castillo

REVIEW AND APPROVE AGENDA:

Lovena Lee read and reviewed the agenda.

Motioned: Mary Jane Betonie

Seconded: Rosalinda Nelson

ACTION: A request was made to add the following resolutions in the motion to approve the agenda and President Clark reviewed the resolutions as follows:

1. **Resolution # TC-087:** Approving Tolikan Chapter Administration to purchase coal for the elders and disabled in need of winter home heating from Peabody Coal Company and pellets using Emergency Fund to keep some in stock for any emergency and some for resale.
2. **Resolution # TC-092:** Approving resolution to Navajo Nation Parks and Recreation to improve the entrance road and parking area of the Four Corners Monument using the money generated for the monument.
3. **Resolution # TC-091:** Supporting resolution to Navajo Nation Veterans Administration, Navajo Nation Office of Controller, Navajo Nation Veterans Board of Commission, Navajo Nation President Russell Begaye and Vice-President Jonathan Nez to consider Veterans Trust Fund assistance checks for Tolikan Chapter veterans, surviving spouses and Gold Star Mothers to be direct deposited into individual bank accounts.
4. **Resolution # TC-088:** Approving resolution to authorize Tolikan Chapter Administration to purchase firewood from Navajo Nation Forestry Department utilizing the Emergency Fund some to keep in stock for any emergency and some to resale.

Vote: 13-02-04

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES:

Louise Scott read the minutes for the October 8, 2017 regular chapter meeting.

Motioned: Willie Howe

Seconded: Mary Jane Betonie

ACTION: An inquiry was made on the status of the resolutions approved in October 2017. **President Clark** called on Lovena Lee to report on the resolution and she gave the following report:

1. **Resolution # TC-078:** Accepting and approving the Fourth Quarter Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2017 for Tolikan Chapter incorporated as the Balance Sheet – Detailed Combining Balance Sheet utilizing the Micro Information Product (MIP) Software. **THIS RESOLUTION IS FILED IN THE CHAPTER ADMINISTRATION.**
2. **Resolution # TC-079:** Approving Tolikan Chapter to advertise for an additional Peace Maker to serve on the Shiprock Agency Judicial Court, Navajo Peace Making Program. **CHAPTER ADMINISTRATION HAS NOT PUT OUT AN ADVERTISEMENT.**
3. **Resolution # TC-080:** Approving resolution to Navajo Department of Health to transfer Tolikan Congregated Meal site (Senior Citizen Center) to Tolikan Chapter to operate under Chapter Administration effective January 2018. **THIS RESOLUTION IS STILL SITTING IN THE CHAPTER ADMINISTRATION OFFICE.**
4. **Resolution # TC-081:** Approving resolution to Navajo Nation Department of Emergency Management and Community Development Program to accept the Tolikan Chapter Emergency Preparedness

ALERT/CERT Plan of Action. (Due October 20, 2017). **DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT IS STILL WORKING ON THIS PLAN WITH THE CHAPTERS DEVELOPING ONE REGIONAL PLAN FOR CHAPTERS REPRESENTED BY INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL DELEGATE, I.E. ONE REGIONAL PLAN FOR TOLIKAN, MEXICAN WATER, ANETH, RED MESA AND TEECNOSPOS CHAPTERS.**

5. **Resolution # TC-082:** Supporting resolution to the 23rd Navajo Nation Council to override the Navajo Nation President for vetoing approved appropriations for Navajo Nation Fiscal Year 2018. **NAVAJO NATION PRESIDENT RECONSIDERED AND APPROVED SOME OF THE VETOED 2018 APPROPRIATIONS.**

Resolution # TC-084: Approving resolution to Navajo Nation Forestry to allow Tolikan Chapter to have the authority to issue firewood permits for the community members. **THIS RESOLUTION HAS BEEN SUBMITTED AND THE CHAPTER ADMINISTRATION IS NOW ISSUING FIREWOOD PERMITS.**

6. **Resolution # TC-085:** Supporting the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) known as Summer Meals Program at Sheep Springs Chapter and approve the Summer Food Service Program Application to Central Consolidated School District for Fiscal Year 2017. **THIS RESOLUTION IS FOR SHEEPSPRINGS CHAPTER.**
7. **THE RESOLUTION ON FOUR CORNERS REGIONAL HEALTH CENTER GOING PUBLIC LAW 93-638 HAS BEEN TABLED FOR FURTHER ACTION.**

Vote: 16-00-03

ANNOUNCEMENTS/VISITORS: 1. Fran Pahe, Adult Advocate, Eve's Place Community Services, 2. Red Mesa School Superintendent, 3. Sharon John, Navajo Tribal Utility Authority (NTUA)

President Clark called for Fran Pahe and superintendent of Red Mesa School, but they were not present. Sharon John was present and she gave a power point presentation.

Sharon John, NTUA, got the floor and started off introducing herself. She reported on NTUA's Vision, Mission and Values statements, Organizational Structure (Customers, Navajo Nation Council, Natural Resources & Development Committee, etc.), Shiprock District Service Area, Choice Wireless, Kayenta Solar Farm, Shiprock Sub-Station #1 (Upgrade), Automated Meter Instrument, a good NTUA Call Center 1-800-528-5011, 7 am to 7 pm., Navajo Nation – Gallup Pipeline (Farmington all way to Gallup through Tohlokai, NM, Rocky Mountain Electric Power – Utah Navajos living in Aneth, Montezuma Cree=k and Mexican Water are now under NTUA corrections made at NTUA expenses and still improving, NTUA Community Power Line Projects, NTUA Corporate Headquarters Building, Burnham & Shiprock Watering Point.

The floor was open for questions and answers:

1. Harry Roy stated we are all using electricity. Lightening affects the electrical equipment, refrigerator, etc. If it ruins your equipment, what happens? And the disconnection for non-payment—some people are not working. We have food in the refrigerator which has to be on to preserve the food; but when the electricity is turned off, the food goes to waste. And it is more hardship for those that are not working nor have no income when their electricity is disconnected. Can they make some kind of arrangement?

Sharon: NTUA bill is issued every month. You have five days after the due date to pay. You can make arrangement with Customer Service how you will make the payment. Lightening – If the lights go off due to power outage, the refrigerator should be left closed to keep it cold until electricity comes back on.

2. Will NTUA allow people to switch to solar panel?

Sharon: NTUA solar panel will not be used. You have to get the solar panel at your own expenses.

3. Who owns NTUA?

Sharon: It is an enterprise of the Navajo Nation. The main electric is from Tucson and Rocky Mountain.

4. Seniors-are there still discount forms for elders?

Sharon: The elders have to meet the qualification for the discount with their income, etc. NTUA application for life-support discount requires the doctor's signature and it is just for electric. If you are 3-4 months behind it will be disconnected.

5. Tolikan Chapter passed a resolution to have the gas line extended from Red Mesa to Sweetwater, what happened on that?

Sharon: Talk to Jason at NTUA.

6. Is there any future plan on using the wind turban?

Sharon: It is still being considered.

7. During the power outage due to lightening on the west side of Tolikan Chapter, you still the lights on the east side. Why is that?

Sharon: From Red Wash this way, it is Red Mesa NTUA Office area.

Lena Clark:

12/17/17: Thanksgiving/Christmas Dinner

Willie Howe:

11/18/17: Turkey Dinner at my church. Joe Cody will be preaching starting Friday and all day Saturday.

Woody Lee:

11/18/17: San Juan County under Salt Lake is facing a big problem. They are having a public hearing on their voting area, etc. They want to change the map. This includes the school district for school board election. A map will be displayed.

Mary Jane Betonie:

Complaint – her sisters and brother's residences need to be watched when they are away working. This goes for everybody all over. Let us watch over each other every day.

OLD BUSINESS: None

President Clark gave floor to Lovena Lee to conduct the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Resolution # TC-086:** Approving Tolikan Chapter to utilize chapter funds in the amount of \$2,190.00 from Land Claims Fund, Sales Tax Fund and 01 Account for community Thanksgiving/Christmas and Appreciation Dinner December 17, 2017 and the December 16, 2017 Christmas Parade entry winners, first, second and third prizes.

Land Claims Fund-----\$1,900.00 – Food, Candy, Apple, Oranges, & Peanuts

Sales Tax Fund----- \$ 200.00 – Gifts (Pendleton Blankets)

01 Account Fund----- \$ 90.00 -- Parade Prizes: 1st \$40.00, 2nd \$30.00 & 3rd \$20.00

Lovena Lee presented the resolution.

Motioned: Harry Roy

Seconded: Jim Jordan

ACITON: A brief discussion was made on the policy covering the funds listed above, money is too low for the gifts and we run short on food during dinners and that somebody should be in charge of serving meals, and who will be receiving gifts.

The chapter officials explained the policy covering the funds have been reviewed with the Chapter Administration. Two people left, Sarah Lee, retired from chapter manager position, and Leslie Tsinnijinnie,

was an office aide, who will be receiving the gifts. It was recommended to include Matilda Begay who was a cook for Senior Center and the late Pearl Ben who retired as a head start teacher (she was never recognized).

President Clark stated that Chapter Administration will be informed that the \$200.00 is not enough to purchase Pendleton blankets for four people. Chapter Administration may have to take donations to come up with the money to purchase the gifts.

Vote: 19-00-06

2. **Resolution # TC-089:** Approving Tolikan Chapter Administration to revise the Plan of Operation for the Tolikan Chapter Truck. President Clark presented the resolution and reported the Chapter Administration is not available to present the Plan of Operation; therefore, she tabled the resolution.
3. **Resolution # TC-090:** Approving the blanket resolution for Public Employment Program (PEP) projects for Fiscal Year 2018: 1. Home Improvement, 2. Office Aide and 3. Temporary Support Service. President Clark presented the resolution. This is done every year.

Motioned: Roy Begay

Seconded: Willie Howe

ACITON: A question was raised if the PEP is only for home improvement and if they could be doing other projects to gain experience and skills, i.e. road maintenance, assist people with man power and should more PEP workers be hired. The same people seem to be getting home improvement job done. The PEP should be allowed to assist with emergency situation like during winter it gets real muddy and the roads become impassable for people, etc. The PEP workers' work site is the chapter. We see them driving to their project site, do they get reimbursed for mileage?

President Clark explained the chapter sometimes uses the USDA funds with match funds from the chapter. The office aide position really needs to be filled. Leslie did a lot for the chapter including doing checks and records assisting the Administrative Assistant. Temporary Service Support Service – this is for volunteers to cook for dinners, chop fire wood, hay hauling and staking, and coal hauling. The Chapter Administration is responsible to assign the projects to the PEP. We do not allow body-system. Home improvement is for those in need. Our PEP workers all have different skills. Two received training to do plumbing. Arnold Slowman and Kathy Nevayatewa are not here to explain. They will be asked to attend the next chapter meeting to give us a report on PEP.

President Clark reported the chapter has an Emergency Preparedness Plan in place in case there is an emergency.

Vote: 19-00-05

5. **Resolution # TC-093:** Opposing H.R. 3990 – National Monument Creation and Protection Act. President Clark presented the resolution.

Motioned: Harry Roy

Seconded: Mary Jane Betonie

ACITON: President Clark gave the floor to Davis Filfred to explain the intent of the resolution. Aneth land is ruined from oil. We want to prevent the monuments with artifacts, etc.; therefore, we are opposing the National Monument Creation and Protection Act.

President Clark gave the floor to Lovena Lee to continue with the discussion or take a vote. Mrs. Lee called for other questions, comments or vote.

Harry Roy stated that Bears Ears has oil and uranium and people are attacking it. Where will the money go to, Window Rock? How will this be in the future? Shiprock is also talking about a monument for Shiprock rock.

Mr. Filfred responded saying that he does not have information on Shiprock rock. These plans are for

employment and economic development. Donald Trump is coming next month regarding the issues on the monuments. We are protecting our land for our children to see as is in the future.

Vote: 24-00-01

6. **Resolution # TC-094:** Approving resolution to Tolikan Chapter to allow Tolikan Local Senior Center to move from the Chapter House into the old Head Start Building to utilize the building with the St. Mary Food Bank. Lovena Lee presented the resolution.

Motioned: Mary Jane Betonie

Seconded: Dorothy Jake

Vote: 20-00-03

REPORTS:

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| 1. Chapter Officials | 5. Chapter Administration | 9. DNA Representative |
| 2. Grazing Committee | 6. TCDC | 10. Northern Agency Fair Board |
| 3. Council Delegate | 7. Veterans Committee | 11. Peace Maker Representatives |
| 4. Senior Local Council | 8. CHR | |

Davis Filfred reported he attended several Veterans Day events. This is 242 years for the Marine Corps. People held dinners in appreciation for the veterans. Some have loved ones returning, etc. RDC is meeting at Red Mesa Chapter tomorrow. November 16th is Utah Tribal Leaders meeting in Salt Lake City.

The council delegates met with Navajo Nation President about his vetoed appropriation items. His vetoed items included funding for the Legislative Assistant Services, the Grazing Committee, and the Senior Center. Today, we heard he signed the legislation. He vetoes the Grazing Committee fund because they get paid from Natural Resources. We told him they are covered with red tap, etc. But the budget is approved.

Grand Canyon Escalade – \$65 million is being requested to Navajo Nation to build the escalade. But it is not approved. Veterans Act was also vetoed by Navajo Nation President. We are doing an over ride and requested for special session.

The Four Corners Monument – the road is really bad when it gets muddy from rain or snow. Wheel chairs and vehicles get stuck. Mr. Filfred and Woody Lee are working on this with legislation.

David Tsosie reported that tally count is over until next year. Thirty-eight (38) tally counts have been completed. Last Agency Grazing Committee meeting, we had the ranger orientate us. He said if you do not get the tally count done after two years it is questionable. If you sale your livestock do a Bill of sale. And branding—horses are branded at six months old on up. If you are selling your livestock, you will be asked why you had them branded late if you have them branded late. This is getting serious. Grazing Permit, some have more than one names listed on the grazing permit. This will affect the main person on the permit. It is now required to have one name on the permit. Transferring permits from elders. An elder that is receiving retirement or social security income are encouraged to transfer the grazing permit to a younger person. The home site lease form has been revised. Permittee's meeting is held monthly—one will be scheduled this month. Mr. Tsosie is inviting all officials and permit holders to attend to listen to representatives from Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources. The meeting will be on the conservation plan. There are always a few attending.

Motioned: Irene Begay

Seconded: Harold Castillo

ACITON: A discussion was held on the permit holders that are social security recipients being advised to transfer the permit to younger people. Lovena Lee elaborated on how the grazing permit influence requesting for assistance even from senior center.

A question was raised on the new chapter.

Davis Filfred responded stating that the Budget and Finance Committee, Seth Damon, President, said we will get money from Navajo Nation General Fund where each council delegate will receive \$1 million for the

chapters they represent. If approved, Mr. Davis will receive \$1 million that will be divided at \$200,000.00 to each of the four chapters he represent. Aneth is separate. Then after the New Year, some more money will be distributed. Matching fund is available from Sihasin. If the legislation moves forward for the proposal submitted \$6 billion, the Legislative Advisor, told the council not to support me. I was told to see Carl Smith without the legislation. We have a lot of work. We will meet with Carl Smith next year. Mr. Smith is really stubborn. We will meet with him with the chapter officials and chapter manager from Tolikan Chapter. This fund can be our seed money, the \$200,000.00 and the match fund from Sihasin. We are doing all we can but there is no money.

Vote: 21-00-02

NEXT MEETING DATE: December 10, 2017 @ 12:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: 4:20 p.m.

President Clark announced this concludes our meeting and asked for a motion and second to adjourn.

Motioned: Mary Jane Betonie

Seconded: Emerson Jake

Vote: "1"

Submitted by:

Louise Scott, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer

Date

Attachments:

-Sign-In Sheet

-Meeting Cover Sheet

-Agenda

Enclosures:

-Resolutions