

TOLIKAN CHAPTER

Planning Meeting Regular Meeting Special Meeting

MINUTES

January 26, 2018

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

President Clark called the meeting to order at 12:40 p.m. with a quorum present.

INVOCATION: Harry Roy

REVIEW AND APPROVE AGENDA:

Lovena Lee read and reviewed the agenda.

Motioned: Melinda Wagon

Seconded: Darlene Horse

ACTION: It was requested to add Matthew Castiana to the list of scholarship applicants. And Representatives from Red Mesa School was added to the ANNOUNCEMENTS/VISITORS.

Darlene Horse stated she is representing her niece, Jamie Horse, an applicant for scholarship; but she is not on the list. She was informed the scholarship fund is awarded according to the policy. She was awarded last semester and will be eligible to apply again for the Summer Session.

The financial report attached to the agenda was corrected as a First Quarter Financial Report, not Fourth Quarter.

Two resolutions were added:

1. **Resolution # TC-006:** Approving Tolikan Chapter to accept the Fiscal Year 2018 "Special Revenue Fund" for Sales Tax in the amount of \$ 40,532.00 from Navajo Nation.
2. **Resolution # TC-007:** Approving Tolikan Chapter to accept the Fiscal Year 2018 Gaming Fund Carryover in the amount of \$11,523.14 from Navajo Nation.
3. **Resolution # TC-008:** Approving Tolikan Chapter to accept the Food Tax Fund in the amount of \$10,514.00 from Navajo Nation.

Vote: 26-00-01

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES:

Louise Scott read the minutes for December 10, 2017 regular chapter meeting.

Motioned: Harry Roy

Seconded: Irene Begay

Vote: 24-00-06

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VISITORS: 1. Luther Lee/Congress – Tom O’Halleman, 2. Representatives from Red Mesa School

President Clark:

-Ned Curleyhair, a registered voter and active member, passed on and his funeral is Saturday, January 27, 2018 at Immanuel Mission. Any one willing to donate money for his funeral expense can do so. (There was no donation made.)

-There are some activities scheduled by Four Corners Regional Health Center (See attached).

Lovena Lee:

-Medicaid Card has been updated – they are no longer using the Social Security number on the card to protect you from identify theft.

Mary Jane Betonie:

-The Senior Center is taking applications for field trips for the seniors.

2/15/18: Agency Local Senior Council is meeting in Shiprock.

-The Senior Center is waiting on a new stove, etc. to move into the old Head Start Building.

Arnold Slowman:

1/15/18: The training on uranium by USEPA was cancelled due to the government shut down. It will be rescheduled and announced on the radio, posting and mail.

2/21/18: Social Services will be here to train on child abuse, substance abuse, etc.

Allen Blackhat:

- Road # 5047 is damaged where the culvert is located. It needs to be repaired because it is a bus route.

Woody Lee:

-Safe Ride drivers take long trips with clients. Mr. Lee requested to have the chapter officials write a letter to their duty station informing them on how some of the drivers drive – they are speeding. President Clark will have an inventory completed on who is with the program, their driving location, etc.

Red Mesa Unified School:

Melinda Wagon introduced Blane Baker (Principal), Wanda Baker (Principal), Janet Schaffer and Kay Hemmerick (Special Education Supervisor) from Red Mesa Unified School. She is interpreting for them.

Blane Baker reported he is present with all the supervisors at the school. He thanked the chapter for the invitation to the chapter meeting. He is aware that the chapter has been providing refreshment at their graduations. There are 26 students enrolled from Sweetwater. Seven are seniors. Mr. Pierce attended the planning meeting January 19, 2018 and he said there were a lot of questions. Mr. Baker said they will provide information as much as possible. The District 27 Unified School has 500+ students enrolled, 34 at Round Rock School, 391 at Red Mesa School, and 75 at Red Valley School.

The schools get money for students enrolled from Arizona State Impact Aid, our funding source. They have to be in class daily. The school does not get tax money.

Red Mesa High School had a little over 300 students enrolled last year. The enrollment decreased and the budget decreased. But the school is not going to be closed. Some families moved away for employment. The staff is working on improving the school operation to increase enrollment.

Woody Lee: What is your long range plan to increase enrollment?

Mr. Baker: Continue to grow. Let the chapters know who we are. The high school is improved by providing College English class, training in nursing, college welding, computer, construction, etc. to attract students. Making sure we are student oriented. We improved our test scores. Red Mesa has increased their graduation rate. We are improving our services at the school.

Woody Lee: How about teacher retention?

Mr. Baker: They get an extra pay up to \$3,000.00 if they continue each year. They get housing incentive if they travel long ways and provide professional hours as an incentive.

Student to teacher ratio. There are 21 to 27 students to one teacher. If it goes over 30 then two teachers are required in the classroom.

Woody Lee said there are students that graduated from Red Mesa, went on to college and received PhD. What is the school board doing about the students losing interest in the school? How is security being improved for the school? Window Rock High School has the traffic slow down going by the school campus. Some schools do a check at the entrance to the school.

Mr. Baker said the superintendents met with the legislatives. We know some students want to come back. Some received guardianship into Arizona to return. It is the State law. Maybe Navajo Nation can do a legislative to see if the State law can be changed for Red Mesa School to get students from Utah State.

Security – we are making sure everything is in place. Visitors sign in and sign out. We need a central location for visitors to sign in and sign out. We are very concern about improving our security. Right now,

we have a good security system. The State Police keeps a close watch on the school. We have limited security guards due to the funding.

Irene Begay inquired on parent involvement and if the school holds parent meetings. :

Mr. Baker: The community and parent involvement is important. We do parent teacher conferences. We have Early Intervention and Parent Center. I will take the suggestion on the parent involvement back to the Superintendent.

Lorraine Yazzie stated she has grand children who are home students and asked if they can come to Red Mesa School for services.

Mr. Baker: Yes, they can come to the school for services.

Betty Yazzie reported she has grand children attending Red Mesa School. She expressed her gratitude to the supervisors for all the services provided by the school.

Kay Hemmerick reported she works with the Special Education at Red Mesa, Dennehotso, Round Rock, etc. She works with early childhood doing screening on vision and hearing. The school has connection with Navajo Nation for their concerns on funding and services with head start/pre-schools. The Tolikan community pre-school students can go to Red Mesa Pre-School. The school picks up the students at the end of N35 pavement from Sweetwater. They can screen the children, too.

Ms. Hemmerick asked what happened to Tolikan Head Start. President Clark explained a resolution was approved to have the building evaluated to have the program operate in compliance, but they just abandoned the building. Ms. Hemmerick said they can work with Tolikan Chapter and Navajo Nation.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Resolution # TC-001:** Approving the First Quarter Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2018 for Tolikan Chapter incorporated as the Balance Sheet – Detail Combining Balance Sheet and Statement of Revenue and Expenditures – Detail Combining Statement of Revenue and Expenditure for October 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 utilizing Micro Information Product (MIP). President Clark presented the resolution and gave the floor to Louise Scott to present the report on power point.

Motioned: Harry Roy

Seconded: Irene Begay

Ms. Scott presented a consolidated report from the Balance Sheet – Detail Combining Balance Sheet and Statement of Revenue and Expenditures – Detail Combining Statement of Revenue and Expenditure presented at the planning meeting by Chapter Administration. Seventeen (17) accounts are set up by Chapter Administration. Ms. Scott reported the beginning balance consisting of the carry over funds from Fiscal Year 2017, Revenues consisting of the annual appropriation from the Navajo Nation, Expenditures paid from October 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 and the Ending Balance as of December 31, 2017 for each account. The total Beginning Balance (carry over funds) is \$331,533.52, total Revenues is \$282,824.47, total Expenditures is \$ 116,741.75 and the Ending Balance is \$497,616.24. (See attached.)

Arnold Slowman presented his graphed First Quarter Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2018 on power point to make the report presented by Ms. Scott more clear and understanding. (See attachments.)

ACITON: Some inquiries made on the financial report are: 1) Why the Food Tax Fund is not being utilized?, 2) How much money was used for the Christmas/Thanksgiving dinner and the gifts?, 3) How much money is used to buy hay?, 4) What was the Emergency Funds used for?, 4) What is paid for out of the Capital Improvement Fund?, 5) How many PEP workers are working? And 6) How many veterans received funds?

President Clark explained a resolution was approved on how the Food Tax Fund will be used and it is still in the plan. And according to the financial statements presented to us, \$673.96 was used to buy hay, \$1,450.00 for fire wood that is a total of \$2,123.96 Emergency Fund used. The Capital Improvement Fund was used for three bathroom additions. There are five PEP workers and an additional four or five were hired temporarily. The Housing Discretionary Fund was used to assist eight residences for renovations. And two veterans were assisted. President Clark stated the chapter operates according to the fiscal federal law and policy of the Navajo Nation.

Woody Lee commended people presenting questions and concerns on the financial report. It is good to hold discussions. He reported the Navajo Nation Council voted on the revised Title 26 and the Food Tax Fund yesterday. We also get Fuel Excise Tax. The Navajo Nation Council is looking into the tax ordinance for a referendum election. We need to create our own tax ordinance with increments of ½ cent to 5 cents.

Vote: 21-00-04

2. **Resolution # TC-002:** Approving resolution to Navajo Nation Council Resource and Development Committee (RDC), Navajo Division of Transportation (NDOT) and Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Regional Office to keep the Project Construction Priority List for 2018 and to start the N35 highway construction for 6.8 miles in 2018 as scheduled. President Clark presented the resolution.

Motioned: Lorraine Yazzie

Seconded: Sadie Tso

Vote: 22—00-03

3. **Resolution # TC-003:** Approving resolution to Bureau of Indian Affairs - Division of Transportation (BIA-DOT) and Navajo Division of Transportation (NDOT) to re-route the Ant Spring Bridge Road for the feasibility study to be completed. President Clark presented the resolution and explained the location where the road will be re-routed, from pass the late Paul Hanley's residence to the bridge and up to the turn off to Willie Howe's residence.

Motioned: Woody Lee

Seconded: Sadie Tso

ACTION: Woody Lee made a comment on the 15 miles road maintenance by NDOT and if it could be increase to another 15 miles; and requested to reaffirm the resolution for an additional 15 miles road maintenance. The present 15 miles road maintenance is inadequate to improve the road conditions. Mr. Lee requested to include Resolutions # TC-004, TC-005, TC-006, and TC-007 in the motion.

President Clark stated Tolikan Chapter is in the plan for the 15 miles road maintenance. We asked for additional 15 miles maintenance on resolution which was approved and submitted to RDC. It is up to the RDC. The FET (Fuel Excise Tax) is according to this plan for 15 miles road maintenance. We did a letter responding to an inquiry regarding the 15 miles road maintenance for Tolikan Chapter.

President Clark reviewed the following resolutions requested to be included in the motion:

1. **Resolution # TC-004:** Approving resolution to Indian Health Service, Environmental Health and Navajo Tribal Utility Authority (NTUA) to complete the Water Line Extension Project for Immanuel Mission area as scheduled for all residences listed in the plan to the Herbert's residence.
2. **Resolution # TC-005:** Tolikan Chapter opposing the H.R. 4532 titled "Shash Ja'a National Monument and Indian Creek Nation Monument ACT".
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The motioning party, Sadie Tso, agreed to include these resolutions in the motion.

Vote: 21-01-03

SCHOLARSHIP: Resolution # 009.

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| 1. Sheltah Chase | 4. Laqueta Howe | 7. Juanita Howe |
| 2. Ranalda Tsosie | 5. Jennifer Begay | 8. Tiffany Maldonado |
| 3. Cheyenne Chee | 6. Chantesuta Harrison | 9. Matthew Castiana |

1. Enrichment Program: Raia Chase

President Clark called the students to the front for introduction. Those that were present were: Cheyenne Chee (represented by mother), Laqueta Howe, Chantesuta Harrison and Juanita Howe. Some of these students attended the chapter planning meeting.

Motioned: Harry Roy
Vote: 26-00-01

Seconded: Mary Jane Betonie

REPORTS:

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

David Tsosie: Horses are trespassing into the Ute Reservation. There should be a policy in place when the fence was being put up on the Ute Reservation. Some people are hauling horses from Navajo Reservation into the Ute Reservation fencing at nights. We asked and are looking forward to a meeting with BIA. If you are missing your horse(s) it may be there.

Natural Resources recognized and set up their dispatch operation during 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. seven days a week. Their number is 928-871-6451, Extension 6458.

Stolen horses are taken to Black Hat where you are required to show your grazing permit, branding information and will be asked to pay a fee if you find your horse there.

Northern Agency Veterinarian Clinic - there is a new doctor that comes there. Call ahead when you need their services. Health Certificate is good to have when you are hauling livestock. They sell medication at the clinic a little higher price than IFA, etc.

Motioned: Harry Roy
Vote: 16-00-01

Seconded: Arnold Slowman

Elsa Johnson and Linda Reeves of USEPA in San Francisco arrived. President Clark gave them the floor. Ms. Johnson introduced Ms. Reeves, Remedial Project Manager. The abandoned uranium mine assessment meeting scheduled on January 22nd was cancelled due to the government shut down. The group is investigating the abandoned uranium mines. After the investigation, the areas will be cleaned up. The update on the investigation will be presented at the abandoned uranium mine assessment meeting when rescheduled.

NEXT MEETING DATE: February 23, 2018 @ 12:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: 3:56 p.m.

Motioned: Woody Lee
Vote: "I" Unanimous

Seconded: Ray Willie

Submitted by:

Louise Scott, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer

Date

Attachments: 1) Cover Sheet, 2) Agenda, 3) Sign-In Sheet, 4) FCRHC Events Schedule and 5) Financial Report,