



FOREST LAKE CHAPTER

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FOREST LAKE CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES January 14, 2016

- I. Meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m. by the Chapter President, Helena Begay and a quorum was present.
- II. Invocation was given by Jerry Begay
- III. Announcements
 - a. 1/21/16 Red Dog meeting at Pinon NDOT at 10 a.m.
- IV. Review and adoption of the Meeting Agenda
 - Motion: Charlene Begay
 - Second: Yvette Silver
 - Vote: 18 in favor, 00 opposed, 08 abstained
- V. Review last Chapter Meeting minutes, and reading of December's financial statements
 - Motion: Jerry Begay
 - Second: Dan Benally
 - Vote: 20 in favor, 00 opposed, 06 abstained
- VI. Unfinished Business- None
- VII. Resolutions:
 - a. FLC-16-01-001: Approving and Accepting Sales Tax Revenue in the amount of \$53,500
 - Motion: Charlene Begay
 - Second: Yvette Silver
 - Vote: 19 in favor, 00 opposed, 07 abstained
 - b. FLC-16-01-002: Approving Funds for 24 Scholarship applicants
 - Motion: Jackie Bizahaloni
 - Second: Dan Benally
 - Vote: 20 in favor, 00 opposed, 07 abstained
 - c. FLC-16-01-003: Approving Funds for four PEP positions – Maintenance, Grader Operator, Office Clerk and Janitor
 - Motion: Dan Benally
 - Second: Jackie Bizahaloni
 - Vice President said people pose questions as "why do we not switch out positions and have other community members work?". Jerry Begay said there are community members who wish to work. President said when positions become available, applications are available at front office.
 - Vote: 21 in favor, 00 opposed, 06 abstained
 - d. FLC-16-01-004: Selecting a Peacemaking Representative from the Forest Lake community. Certification of the appointment of Jerry Begay as Peacemaker representative for Forest Lake Chapter
 - Motion: Fred Bedoni Jr.
 - Second: Charlene Begay

Vote: 16 in favor, 00 opposed, 10 abstained

VIII. New Business

- a. Discuss Community Cemetery sites proposals. CLUPC President Jerry Begay talked of the issue and getting a proposed site. The CLUPC members discussed this and is requesting community input. John Mike said he advised to bring to the Chapter meeting, but feels there is not enough community members to make a discussion. Alice Yazzie stated they went through the same within the community she lives in. One possible site in South of Oak Ridge area.

Motion: John Mike motioned to defer and move up discussion when there are more Community members present. This discussion will be rescheduled at another time.

Second: Alice Yazzie

Vote: 20 in favor, 00 opposed, 06 abstained

- b. Fund Approval for three (only 2 members announced at time of meeting) staff members to attend the Rural Addressing Summit at Twin Arrows on January 13 and 14.

Motion: Jerry Begay

Second: Dan Benally

Vote: 16 in favor, 00 opposed, 10 abstained

After the motion/second and vote, Ella James opposed the fund approval for Ella Benally to attend the Summit. She stated she is a regular employee and should not be compensated for the travel. President advised will be noted in the chapter minutes and let Community Service Coordinator know of this.

- c. Fund Approval for lodging/meals/mileage for Fern Benally to attend The Water Rights Conference in Phoenix AZ on January 20 and 21. Vice President Fern Benally talked of her request and how she would like Chapter to pay for the above. She plans to pay for the training cost of about \$500.

Motion: Fred Bedoni Jr.

Second: Charlene Begay

Ella James asked how this conference will benefit the chapter/chapter members. Vice President responded back by saying she attends most of the meetings on her own time and own expense. She also reports to the community members following a trip. At time of meeting the Chapter has not received confirmation of the training from the Window Rock Community Development office.

Vote: 17 in favor, 00 opposed, 10 abstained

IX. Visitor Reports: other programs/Tribal organization:

- a. Cheryl Whitney- Votor Outreach for Navajo County. President Helena also stated Pinon NHA staff also did her report prior to the meeting and asked for a motion to accept those reports.

Motion: Alice Yazzie to accept the report prior to start of the meeting and put into the meeting minutes

Second: Earl Kescoli

Vote: 18 in favor, 00 opposed, 09 abstained

X. Reports of Officials

- a. Council Delegate/LDA: Claudia Jackson reported on behalf of the Council Delegate. Ms. Jackson read from Council Delegate's monthly report. Council Delegate requested a resolution indicating how the Gaming Revenue money will be utilized. President Helena gave her the resolution and when it was approved. LDA said Council Delegate attended Special Session on December 30 and legislation 0301-15 Approving Supplemental Funding from the Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance in the Amount of \$132,412.87 for a Powerline Extension to Four Relocation Households in the Navajo Partitioned Land Area of Forest Lake Chapter Community, but failed to reach 2/3 votes.
- b. Grazing Representative: no report. Irene was not present
- c. Community Service Coordinator: no report. Ella is in training
- d. Pinon NHA-Maggie Blie-James updated community members of housing vacancy in Forest Lake Low Rent Housing. There is one vacant home. Pinon NHA is accepting housing application for a three bedroom house for the Pinon Housing and hope to have families move in by March.
- e. Senior Center: Elsie Benally reported there are no funds for glasses. There are funds for hearing aids and will refer community members to Chinle for further testing, there are funds to Community members for dentures and will be referred to Fort Defiance for

further testing. Once these these documents are completed, they will refer to Window Rock. This past Tuesday, the Local Senior Council had their monthly meeting. She reported she continues to work on documents to renovate the Senior Center and has been working with CIP Leland Dayzie in getting documents in. Fall Prevention today at the Senior Center; Indian Health Services staff did Tai chi with community members. Senior Center elders vary in participation from elders coming to the Center and those are giving meals in the home. Ella James is a member of the Navajo Aging Council. She needs more involvement from Council and Chapter officials for their support. Next meeting is February 09, 2016.

- f. LCWSA: Ella James a steering committee. They are having problems with conducting meetings, coordination and coming together as an organization.
 - g. Chapter Officials: Vice President Fern Benally reported her monthly Black Mesa Review Board meeting; No cost to get wood permit; Wood load out (N9) on Saturday, Sunday and holidays; Coal load out on and permits are available on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, and closed on holidays. Sandy Pullock working on the water issue and will keep members posted and thanked community members for their support. She also attended Special Session and is aware of the votes. They said the Chapter has money to cover cost. She would like to meet with NTUA and other entities to lower cost. She also is in favor of gettin N41 paved; and would cost \$22 million. She plans to communicate via email; Navajo Nation Vice President also support and would advocate for the N41 pavement. The Manymules proposals were given to the Navajo Nation Speaker and rescheduled visit. John Mike had requested for rental of the chapter for fund raising but was informed to pay fee. He feels this is a lot for them to pay. President said the AMS position is opened.
 - h. CLUPC Board: no report
 - i. Head Start Program: no report
 - j. Forest Lake Veteran's Association: Jerry Begay attended the last Veterans' meeting. Issues of concern of getting own Veterans building within the chapter compound.
 - k. Health Board: no report
 - l. CHR: no report. Elsie Benale stated a meeting with the CHR, who requested for an office. She said she does not have the room to place her there. She suggested to place her at the trailer. President Helena said there is no other place and suggested to have her speak with Senior Center Supervisor. Chapter President said will continue to talk about providing her a space.
- XI. Others:
a. None
- XII. Next Planning Meeting: **February 04, 2016** at 10 a.m. and **March 04, 2016** at 10 a.m.
- XIII. Next Chapter Meeting: **February 18, 2016** at 1 p.m. and **March 17, 2016** at 1 p.m.
- XIV. Benediction/Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 3:38 p.m. adjourned due to no quorum

Prepared by:

 Brenda White, Secretary/Treasurer