

TOLANI LAKE CHAPTER

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**Planning Meeting
Thursday July 2, 2020 (DST)**

NOTE: Meeting will only address topic/business that are directly related to COVID-19, the Navajo Nation Emergency Declaration, and/or budget authorization/approvals per CMA-09-20, a Resolution 24th Navajo Nation Council.

PROPOSED AGENDA

I. PRELIMINARIES

- A. Meeting called to order at _____ am (DST)
- B. Roll Call
- C. Invocation
- D. Review and Adopt Agenda
- E. Review and Approve June 10, 2020, Regular Chapter Meeting Minutes

II. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

III. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. RESOLUTION # TL-07-1A-20: REQUESTING AND APPROVING TO HIRE TWO (2) PART-TIME PEOPLE TO MAINTAIN AND ASSIST AT THE CHAPTER HOUSE DURING THIS NAVAJO NATION EMERGENCY PANDEMIC COVID-19
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IV. REPORTS: *(topics and update, directly related to COVID19 only)*

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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| 1. TLC Chapter Planning Meeting | August, 2020 | 10am (DST) | Tele-conf |
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| 11. WNAC Meeting | Sept, 2020 | | |

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

PLANNING MEETING
MINUTES

TELECONFERENCE MEETING

Thursday July 2, 2020

Meeting call to order by:

Meeting calls to order on Thursday July 2, 2020 at _10:11_ am (DST), by Alfred Thomas, Chapter President with a quorum of (_5_ officials + _6_ community call in = _11_ for teleconference). Welcome address to chapter members.

INVOCATION GIVEN BY: Leland Dayzie, Vice President

Roll Call:

1. Alfred Thomas, President	Present	4. Thomas Walker Jr., NN Council Delegate	Present
2. Leland Dayzie, Vice-President	Present	5. Leslie Williams, Grazing Official	Present
3. Rena M. Edwards, Sec/Treasurer	Present	6. CSC-vacant	Vacant

Also _7_ community members and guest called in to join us as follows:

1. Lloyd McCabe, CLUPC
2. Cecelia Kescoli
3. Gary Biakeddy
4. Etheline Biakeddy
5. Velma Huskey
6. Eunice Begay, ASC-Dilkon Area office

DISCUSSION:

- 1) WELCOME ADDRESS by President
- 2) Thomas Walker Jr. – due to Covid19 the NN will continue to conduct weekend curfew for another month; Currently certified chapters are almost back to full time business hours and the non-certified chapters are still on scheduled business hours part-time services; NN government are still closed causes lack of services during this state of emergency; currently there are discussion to re-open the GRANT, BIE, schools but still in the plans; plans are to slowly re-open with on-line classes; Government hospitals will continue the 24/7 essential services; but 638 hospitals are also key essentials 24/7 operation due to covid-19 mitigation and prevention is on going, covid-19 is also on going at the assign areas, most at risk are the families who live as multiple units in one households; at first the prediction for the month of June was to flatten the curve on the daily graph chart, since the positive number increase into July, NN extend the curfew into August; two month ago the Dr. Yellowman, CDC called on the water tank at kayenta was available for re-purpose, she asked us CD if our District need water tank, Thomas accepted the tank for the FBFA in Tolani Lake Chapter, so they delivered tank to FBFA area at Black Falls water point; the tank is 5,000 gallon, Az

dept of Emergency Management had partnered with National Guard to deliver water tank and also contracted to deliver water, the contract expired May 30th so Emergency Management office contact NN to take over the cost for water delivery, since then NNCD immediately contact NN Controller office to cover the cost but at the time Controller office was closed due to the 2 staff on leave sick, so the request is held up because nobody is available to process invoices and payments; very frustrating at the moment trying to move this along. Even Chief of Staff to the President is not making the effort to act on these emergency issues, these are emergency issues; during yesterdays NNCD meeting cancellation of all public event and NN fairs was approved, legislation passed; NHLC are out of funds for legal services; the council presented by legislation to President to budget 55,000 out of UUFB, currently waiting for Presidents approval; two weeks ago legislation#116-20 (Fund Management procedures) was submitted to President an ailing legislation which Prezident asked for about a week before NNCD approved for Procedures & Policies Appropriation, Title-12 (Emergency Fund); thru this legislation 115-20 asked for Cares Act funds to be utilized. Again President complicates the process, he amended to emerge the 2 legislation. CD made amendment changes; 55 million Appropriation to each 110 chapters in the works but based on the 50/50 formula, not all chapters have equal amount of voters; Appropriated 3.5 million for the Burn-out homes "complete total loss" to replacement; as for waterline extension for plumbing and domestic and bathroom addition, 3.5 million appropriated; the Tolani Lake Yadeskidii water extension needs Expenditure Plans; the Cares Act Expenditures need a task force to plan and take charge, suggested by NN President; but various people say it should be decided by elected officials since they are voted in by the people themselves; currently all new legislation passed by NNCD are sitting on Presidents office; the President always envision differently from the NNCD;

- 3) Alfred - Line Item veto is delaying our chapter operation and projects; Thomas hasn't respond to some projects at our chapter; even the NHLC/THAW are asking the chapter to provide the list of projects, we thought they supposed to have all information by now; also the expenditures plans are delaying when will it ever be ready to start spending and start on these projects;
- 4) Thomas Walker Jr. – respond, legislation no. 116-20 sent to President office last Wednesday, he has 10 days to respond; Cares Act deadline is September 30, 2020; currently requesting for extension; NHLC/Navajo THAW are contractors, their main assignment is to do comprehensive assessments;
- 5) Leland Dayzie – for the FBFA Proposal different departments asking for proposal; it started with NHLC; now the Navajo THAW, NHLC, President office are asking for proposal;
- 6) Thomas Walker Jr. – responds Cares Act Fund for Navajo THAW was recommended to have the Tolani Lake Enterprise be the physical sponsor and the director for NHLC is Robert Black; Cameron chapter currently doing assessment for Navajo THAW;
- 7) Leslie Williams – Navajo THAW came into our chapter offering services to plan few months back; seems there are endless projects happening; Cares Act fund is complicating to request lately;
- 8) Rena Edwards – comment when emergency Cares Act fund came in, it should have been taken as Emergency, what part of Emergency doesn't our NN President don't understand, by complicating the expenditures plan by line item veto legislation passed by Councils; suggestion to pursue taking away the line item veto from President in near future; the way NN government is set up is mimicking the Whiteman's way from Washington D.C. such as the 3 branch Executive, Judicial, etc; in the past our leaders didn't have 3 branches so it was compatible for us indigenous tribe to handle funds coming in from Washington, we are as Navajo are Sovereign Nation; our government should be set up to spend funds with out the long process; other concerns are that NN Vice President campaign rally in Oklahoma while our people are struggling with pandemic, he should be a role model and also comply with the restriction of out of states travels and the weekend curfew; other concerns Navajo Thaw group came into our chapter months back introducing their services to assist the FBFA resident to develop homes, economic development and lately not a

word about more promises and hope from there part; we should create a resolution to have them move things along quicker immediately; other concerns is to create a resolution to the office of the NN President to immediately move the Cares Act Expenditure Plans because the deadline to spend it is nearing;

- 9) Thomas Walker Jr. – respond, the veto can be over turn and the line item veto is not an option to over turn; in order to take the line item veto President is up to the people by legislation and have council delegate sponsor it; as for Lizer traveling majority of people are complaining but his argument is that he’s out attend meetings on be half of the people, his works are “He’s advocating for the people”, Thomas suggest maybe invite him to answer questions; as for the issues and comments on the Emergency expenditure process is very very bureaucratic;
- 10) Cecelia Kescoli – concern about water hauling issues;
- 11) Lloyd McCabe- concern on lack of water availability in the Grand Falls area and the El Paso water station wearing down due to over load of water hauling because there’s no other water station for people to get water; he suggest maybe local chapters or council delegate can pursuit in purchasing a new water pump for the water station; Thomas responds El Paso water station testing was conducted in the past for any kind of contamination but it was safe for livestock not sure about domestic use; this water station is located in the industrial area; fortunately Cameron and Leupp chapter have wind mill as an option but Tolani Lake doesn’t have any active wind mill; Lloyd gave Thomas the wind mill number for Grand Falls (5T525);
- 12) Gary Biakeddy commented but could read what he was saying due to static of his phone;
- 13) Velma Huskey – comment the 600 million from Washington DC was a huge hope for our waterline projects in Tolani Lake area, especially the Yadeskidii area; lately all these promises and hopes to get projects done are dissipating; what’s going on with the Water User Association water tanks is anybody gonna fill these tanks soon? Velma’s frustration on hearing excuses and blaming the covid19, for not moving things along and complete projects; what about the election year are the same chapter officials continuing for another year?
- 14) Thomas responds – election for state, county and federal are continuing as normal; but NN election office suggestion is to post-pone the 2020 primary and general election; then others suggest to skip the 2020 Primary election and just do the General election in November, 2020; legislation for post pone of election is currently at Presidents office; due to the pandemic NN government offices and business will not re-open soon, another into August right now; Govenor Ducey has reopen some essential businesses but face mask is mandated; NN is not quite ready to re-open because covid19 cases are still climbing;
- 15) Leslie Williams – thinks the primary election should have still been done, now the way things are its going to complicate the election process; suggest for council delegate to lobby the NN President seems right now theirs no communication in prioritizing the people first; Tolani Lake Enterprise discuss water shed planning and surveys; some option would be find a tool for purifying non-domestic water; Leslie disappointed that Ag Division director Rudy Shebala stopped the selling of feral horses;

• Resolutions added to the chapter meeting Agenda are:

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ANNOUNCEMENT:

- Alfred Thomas – Monday June 29, 2020 at 2pm conduct an interview for the Chapter CSC position; interview an applicant Timothy Nelson from Canyon Diablo; currently back ground check pending. His starting time would be within 2 to 3 weeks. Also possibly delay by the NN Personnel office due to shut down of government;
- Leland Dayzie – opinion that Mr. Nelson is very well educated currently working on his masters degree and plenty of work experience; he plans to stay for a while help out with getting things in order at the chapter;
- Alfred Thomas – Chapter meeting is Thursday July 9, 2020 at 10am dst; also the demolition of 36 Dome units in process right now; DeWayne will fill the water storage tanks; ranchers need to pay up on the monthly dues;

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C. Adjournment:

Adjournment of meeting announced by Chapter President at _12:38 pm_ (dst); officials and community all in favor to adjourn.

MINUTES TAKEN AND SUBMITTED BY RENA M. EDWARDS, SEC/TREASURER:

Rena M. Edwards _____ Date: June 3, 2020 _____