



The Navajo Nation Becenti Chapter
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BECENTI CHAPTER
Chapter Planning Meeting
DRAFT MINUTES
January 6, 2022 @ 10:00 AM

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1. **Call Meeting to Order:** President Perry opened the meeting at 10:10 am.
2. **Invocation:** Darlene Wilson provided the invocation.
3. **Recognition of Guests and Visitors:** President Perry welcomed all Chapter Officials and those attending per the tele-communication system and the Chapter Administration staff.
4. **Review and Approval of Agenda:** Marjorie Lantana reviewed the agenda. First motion by Arlene Arviso-Arthur and seconded by Mikelle Lantana. Darlene Wilson requested the inclusion of an additional item.

Charmayne Hosteen received quotes for rack and running boards. The rack must be specifically designed to fit the RAM Truck. One option is to take the truck to Colorado and leave it there while the rack is constructed. The Construction Equipment Company, LLC of Albuquerque quoted the cost range of \$3000-5000. San Juan Farmington quoted \$761.62 for the Running Board. All quotes have been obtained.

Vote accepting the agenda with additions is 10 in favor, 0 opposition and 0 abstention.

5. **Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes of December 7, 2021:** Darlene Wilson and Marjorie Lantana motioned to accept the minutes with corrections. Vote was 11 in favor, 0 oppose and abstention.
6. **Review and Adoption of Financial Report for Period Ending December 31, 2021:** Arlene Arviso-Arthur requested to defer this item to the Chapter Regular Meeting for review.
7. **Presenters: Addition:**
 - a. Navajo Sustainable Agriculture (NSA) Project by Mikelle Lantana
 Mikelle is the Assistant Field Coordinator with the NSA Project that is a collaborative effort with the New Mexico State University (NMSU). The funder is U.S. Department of Agriculture Public Enrichment. The program reaches into San Juan, McKinley and Cibola

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Program is soil testing for gardening or conservation practices. She went on to say that there are many programs available under USDA that include Livestock and Plant related subjects. She further expanded on NSA teaching the various cuts of meat and how to prepare them. The agricultural cycle; referring to the cycle of breeding, weening and selling livestock, sheep, or other animals is very important for farmers/producers to know and be successful. Knowing the price of cattle prices throughout the year is important so that one can get the best prices for calves. There are zoom meetings on various information for producers to tune in on. There is also first-aid kit sessions for producers as there are no veterinary clinics for our animals. This kit allows producers to tend to the animals themselves. Producers can complete a form on topics of interest and a monthly newsletter. There will be two webinars per month. *(Mikelle prepared a written presentation that is available upon request from the Chapter Administration).*

b. Dine' Food Sovereignty Alliance by Darlene Wilson

Darlene's presentation covered policies needed for our Dine' to consume food that does not have pesticides and meat free of chemicals that are better to eat. Such action would support farmers, ranchers and other organizations to have food policy councils to create and produce Navajo food that is in line with our own culture and philosophy. Policies that would encourage traditionally grown food for schools, markets, etc. The farm-to-school approach would encourage traditional/cultural food in schools and even develop curriculums on food production that is relative to Dine' culture and traditions. Help agriculture and livestock increase land base for traditional food, produce and to include meat. Darlene referred to the Huerfano Chapter that served Vegan Burgers and other vegetables to the public. A community member also spoke of the Pitts Ranch producing milk that was delivered to the Crownpoint Boarding School years ago. She also added that a farm located approximately 3 miles west of Crownpoint produced vegetables for the school as well. Darlene went on to say that we can establish Farmer's Markets for organic farming. She is introducing a resolution on this topic today. She will provide the same presentation at the Chapter Regular Meeting January 18, 2022.

8. Unfinished Business: None

9. New Business:

a. BCJAN-22-158 Resolution Supporting the initiative of the Dine' Food Sovereignty Alliance in Establishing Navajo Traditional Food and Agriculture Policies; Food Safety Standard Policies; Farm to School Policies and other Policies as needed; and Supporting other Necessary Amendments Related to Navajo Nation Policies Based on Consultation with Dine' Citizens.

b. BCJAN-22-159 Resolution Approving the Purchase of Nerf Bars (Running Boards) from Construction Foutz Wholesales LLC-2301, San Juan Boulevard, 2301, Farmington, New Mexico for the Becenti Chapter Heavy Duty 2020 Dodge Ram 5500 Crew Cab 4x4 Utilizing Fund 25-180,000K Capital Improvement Outlay Navajo Nation Supplemental Funds, Line Item 6503-Repair and Maintenance-Vehicle in the Amount of \$761.62.

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c. BCJAN-22-160 Resolution Approving the Purchase of an 11 Ft. Bed Stake Sides for the Becenti Chapter Heavy Duty 2020 Dodge Ram 5500 Crew Cab 4x4 from Construction Truck Equipment LLC – P.O. Box 16020, Albuquerque, New Mexico Utilizing Fund 25; 6503 - Repair & Maintenance – Vehicles in the Amount of \$3,698.00.

Motion Marjorie Lantana and Marilyn L. Becenti to move the above resolution to be moved to the Chapter Regular Meeting of January 18, 2022 for action. The vote is 10 in favor, 0 opposition and 1 abstention.

10. Reports:

a. Jonathan Perry, President:

President Perry reported that he, Secretary/Treasurer Arviso-Arthur, ASC staff Casey Begay and Adrianna Carviso interviewed four applicants where two applicants with drew and one never responded. There was only one interviewed and she was chosen as CSC. She is Charmayne Hosteen. Mr. Begay informed the ASC will reevaluate the other candidates and interview them for the existing AMS position that is vacant. In the coming weeks, the Officials will begin updating the FMS manual again. The Land Board Election has a person on board now and the chapter will have discussion with her on the Agriculture Livestock funds. Today is one year that we, the Officials, have been in office. Our work has been successful with Standing Committees becoming active and well organized. Their documents are together. President Perry commended the committees and officers for the work they are doing. He went on to say that last week, the emergency legislation quorum from 10 to 25 was not acted upon by the NN Council therefore, if no action occurs before January 18th, we will open the meeting to a quorum of 25 community members. President Perry will provide additional items on his next report on January 18, 2022 Chapter Regular Meeting.

b. Marjorie Lantana, Vice-President:

Marjorie reported that on December 28, 2021, she made a chapter deposit of \$424.11. She also participated in a zoom meeting of Twin Arrows. She noted that the Burial Assistance will be an ongoing discussion by Ms. Neswood, Division of Heath and the Navajo Nation Council. Ms. Pine with CHR Program explained the care involved with COVID on Navajo and that the CHR position at Becenti is still vacant. Mr. G. Silversmith of NNDOT also provided a report. On December 30th, she did not zoom the meeting as the reception was bad. On Monday, due to icy road conditions, she contacted NM Hwy Department. They informed I-40 was first to be service and the canyon south of Crownpoint was next. She went on to say that she missed the interview due to her frozen pipes. The Land Board Election was on January 4, 2022 and forgot to vote. On Wednesday, the Navajo Nation President provided a Special Announcement about having signed the Hardship Assistance legislation that approved \$2000 per adult and \$600 per child.

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c. Arlene Arviso-Arthur, Secretary/Treasurer:

She reported the voter registration will re-open on January 15, 2022. The registration process closed during the Land Board Election. Her work continues to surround the chapter meeting documentation and is completing it in a timely manner. The financial statements are being prepared by ASC Mrytis Begay and reported to community at meetings. The discussions held at the Staff Meetings by the Officials are very helpful to identify issues or resolutions that need to be addressed at Planning/Chapter Meetings. She also reported her participation in the interview process for a Community Services Coordinator. She explained there were four (4) candidates but only Charmayne Hosteen was interviewed. There were two staff from ASC office that also participated in the interview process. She will provide additional information at the Chapter Regular Meeting on January 18, 2022.

d. Mark Freeland, NN Council Delegate:

\$2,000 per person Legislation is signed by President Nez which leaves \$1M. \$112M is left and up for grabs at this time. It is hopeful it will go to the chapters. There is legislation to allow for carry-over of Navajo Nation Employees Annual Leave. \$111M left may go to the 8 regional chapters. Delegate Freeland is dropping legislation for Crownpoint Hotel, C-Store and Becenti Veteran Center using Sihasin Funds. There could be more for chapters but \$2M up in the air right now. President Perry asked how Sihasin Funding can be justified for the Veteran Center? It is not an economic development. Delegate answered that justification could be that all preliminary preparations are complete and ready for construction by time the legislation goes through. Mr. Freeland will provide more details at the chapter meeting. Tomorrow, special meeting at the NN Council to consider three-quorum requirement for chapter meetings.

Motioning parties are Darlene Wilson and James Wolff to accept the reports. The vote is 10 in favor, 0 oppose and 0 abstention.

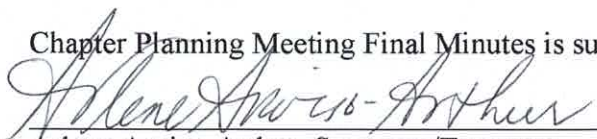
11. Announcements:

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| a. Voter Registration Re-Opens | | January 15, 2022 |
| b. Becenti Chapter Veterans Organization | 10:00 am | January 11, 2022 |
| c. Becenti Comm. Land Use Planning Committee | 10:00 am | January 12, 2022 |
| d. Chapter Regular Meeting | 10:00 am | January 18, 2022 |
| e. Chapter Staff Meeting | 10:00 am | January 31, 2022 |

12. Adjournment:

Motioning parties are Darlene Wilson and Mikelle Lantana to adjourn the meeting. The vote is 11 in favor, 0 opposition and 0 abstention. Meeting adjourned at 2:08 pm.

Chapter Planning Meeting Final Minutes is submitted on February 1, 2021 by:



 Arlene Arviso-Arthur, Secretary/Treasurer
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