



The Navajo Nation Becenti Chapter
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BECENTI CHAPTER
Chapter Regular Meeting
MINUTES
November 16, 2021 @ 10:00 AM

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1. **Call Meeting to Order:** President Jonathan Perry called the meeting to order at 10:10 am.
2. **Invocation:** Presented by President Perry.
3. **Recognition of Guests and Visitors:** President Perry acknowledged and thank the Chapter Officials, Administrative Staff, Community Members in attendance and those attending via teleconference.
4. **Review and Approval of Agenda:** Marjorie Lantana-Vice President reviewed the agenda. Several corrections were noted and those will be changed. Motioning parties are Katherine Arviso and Barbara Whitehair. The vote was 11 in favor, 0 opposition and 0 abstention.
5. **Review and Approval of Last Meeting Minutes of October 19, 2021:** The Secretary/Treasurer Arviso-Arthur reviewed the meeting minutes. Some corrections were noted and will be corrected. Motioning parties are Katherine Arviso and Mary Joe. The vote was 12 in favor, 0 opposition and 0 abstention.
6. **Review and Adoption of Financial Report for Period Ending October 31, 2021:** The financial report was reviewed by Secretary/Treasurer Arviso-Arthur

It was explained that the deficits in the financial report is changing each month and what is seen today will be different next month. An example was in January 2021, the General Fund was \$3,324 in the red but today, the deficit is only \$587.88. The chapter is careful not to over expend and it is important to share the financial status with the community. By next month, there should not be any more deficits.

The motioning parties approving to accept the financial report are Katherine Arviso and Marilyn Becenti. The vote was 13 in favor, 0 opposition and 0 abstention.

7. **Presenters:** None
8. **Unfinished Business:** None

9. New Business:

- a. **BCNOV-22-140** Resolution Approving the Purchase of Office Supplies from Staples Office Supply in the Amount of \$796.31 from 03-Land Claims 6300-Office Supplies. Motioning parties are Katherine Arviso and Marilyn Becenti. Vote was 13 in favor, 0 opposition and 1 abstention.
- b. **BCNOV-22-141** Resolution Approving Housing Discretionary Financial Assistance in the amount of \$210.00 for Applicant #HD2022-11-004. Requesting Security Doors and Sheetrock for Mobile Home. Motioning parties are Marilyn Becenti and Barbara Whitehair. Vote is 12 in favor, 0 opposition and 1 abstention.
- c. **BCNOV-22-142** Resolution Approving Housing Discretionary Financial Assistance in the amount of \$385.00 for Applicant #HD2022-11-005. Requesting Siding, Sheetrock, Insulation, Nails and Drywall for Mobile Home Interior Walls. Motioning parties are Marilyn Becenti and Barbara Whitehair. Vote is 13 in favor, 0 opposition and 0 abstention.
- d. **BCNOV-22-143** Resolution Approving Becenti Chapter to Obtain a Speedway Universal Diesel Card to Purchase Fuel for the Chapter's Heavy Equipment. Motioning parties are Marilyn Becenti and Mary Joe. Vote is 15 in favor, 0 opposition and 0 abstention.
- e. **BCNOV-22-144** Resolution Approving an Alternate Road Improvement Project to be Implemented During Times of Rain and Snow Emergencies Utilizing Funds from the Navajo Nation Capital Improvement Project \$180K; Line Item 6102 – Contractual Services in the Amount of \$5,000 to be Designated to Hire Heavy Equipment Service. Motioning parties are Katherine Arviso and James Wolff. Vote is 14 in favor, 0 opposition and 0 abstention.
- f. **BCNOV-22-145** Resolution Approving the Purchase of Apples, Oranges and Nuts for Distribution to 300 Community Members during the Christmas Holidays Utilizing Catering/Purchasing Food-Line Item-6813 from the Unhealthy Food Tax Fund-40. Motioning parties are Barbara Whitehair and Marilyn Becenti. Vote is 14 in favor, 0 opposition and 0 abstention.

10. Reports:

- a. **Jonathan Perry, President:** President Perry reports that Roderick Begay of Department of Justice (DOJ) is accepting of the current Five Management System language. The manual is a lengthy book that includes Personnel, Fiscal, Property, Records and Procurement Management. There will be continue work on the language and exhibits. The next step will be to address the six (6) page check list. By following

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the Monthly Compliance Review Form check off list each month, the chapter is demonstrating that it is following the FMS that is important when it seeks certification. The Veteran Building continues to be the subject of the chapter and CPMD as it continues to look at phase 2 funding for construction. At the next staff meeting, the chapter will invite CPMD to call-in to discuss further project details. Other information, President Perry is a representation of our chapter as he is tasked with serving on the Advisory capacity with the State of New Mexico wherein strategic plans for State, Navajo Nation Environmental issues. The staff are doing good and the chapter now has Wood Permits available. Charmayne Hosteen attended training in Window Rock on providing permits to community members.

- b. Marjorie Lantana, Vice-President:** Vice-President Lantana provided a brief report that included Firewood Collection/Hauling on November 9th. She is aware that community members are faced with many issues and leaking roof is one. She also mentioned the road maintenance is a necessity however there are different property. On Friday & Saturday, November 12-13, she volunteered to help RezDawg veterinary service at the chapter. She informs that Becenti was an excellent host. There were 112 dogs/cats completed on day one with ten (10) volunteers assisting. On day two (2), 122 dogs/cats were vaccinated and twelve (12) volunteers. There were different vaccines available at a low-cost. The group lodged in Grants since NTU had a rise in Covid 19 on campus. She thanked Marilyn and Abel Becenti. She also acknowledged that people were expressing the need for a Vet Clinic in Crownpoint.
- c. Arlene Arviso-Arthur, Secretary/Treasurer:** The Secretary/Treasurer reported on her work in preparing agendas and minutes for the staff, planning, regular chapter meetings and resolutions for the month. She also made chapter revenue deposits. Her report for this month was brief. Due to some technical issues with her lap top, some of her work was lost.
- d. Mark Freeland, Council Delegate:** Delegate Freeland thanked Becenti Chapter for being accountable and transparent in all areas of the FMS. During the FMS Certification process, the auditors will check all areas.

To Abel Becenti's concern as to why other chapters are already using their equipment and to this, President Perry responded by explaining that each chapter is different in establishing their equipment use. Some chapters already had heavy equipment and it was easy to add the new equipment to their already existing policies and procedures. On the other hand, other chapters, like Becenti, didn't have heavy equipment therefore, it is just now establishing all the policies that will govern the equipment. We found that the Policies & Procedures we were to follow was very vague therefore, we put together our own. Each chapter is unique. At one time, chapters were informed it was not necessary for CDL operators for the equipment but that is not so. There is liability involved for CDL operator to haul and operate equipment. We need to protect chapter and equipment operators and will continue to work in the best interest of our chapter.

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We need to be aware that some chapters are certified and others not and this makes all chapters unique.

The discussion covered the \$2M that will be distributed to chapters evenly. It is important for chapters to develop and have expenditure plans that could be inclusive of a fuel card, cost of CDL Training, hire 3rd person as maintenance/operator. The chapter needs to be accountable for the fuel card, travel and expenditure for the heavy equipment. Katherine Arviso commented that unqualified operator could result in equipment problems and agrees that the chapter should have a fuel card. The expenditure plan should also include employing local people to work.

Delegate Freeland informed that the infrastructure bill was signed yesterday. Among the Tribes, Navajo stands to receive the largest amount and that amount has yet to be determined. The Navajo Nation President is looking at unveiling a hardship component in the amount of \$500-600 per person. It is realized that everyone is in need of money as there is limited discretionary funds. Delegate Freeland further spoke about Plan #1 Acquisition to Chapters in amount of \$2M. How will it be used? There are many of our people displaced and need housing and \$80-100M could go there. Perhaps mobile homes could be purchased for these families. Renovation and weatherization is needed for elderly, special needs families, etc. Prioritizing on who needs these services needs to happen at the chapter level. There are homes with mold. As for homesites, power and waterlines are needed; some families are still living on kerosene in their homes. What needs to happen with allotment leases and how do we work on this; there are specific concerns he went on to say. The process of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) first \$900M may be directed toward hardship in that the Speaker's legislation speaks to paying electricity bills for all. People are encouraged that funds for this is coming. The utility companies will get a lump sum to pay accounts. In addition, the Tribe is \$40M in the hole since no money is coming from mining as in previous times. The Tribe relying on band-aid now. Delegate Freeland reports he is waiting for Herbert Enrico, Crownpoint Land Board for the Tri-Party Agreement that will give us better idea on land status. There is a legislation on this issue by Delegate Freeland. The NABI Chair is the spokesperson for Arizona, New Mexico and Utah. The population of Arizona and Utah is part of the Navajo Census however, New Mexico is not. New Mexico numbers are part of the New Mexico count. There is limited law enforcement in NM. As for the upcoming weekend, there will be wood hauling this weekend and there will be food for participants. Wood hauling in the McGaffey area for Ponderosa Pine. Participants are to meet at Bashas Sunday. Reminder that there is a Thanksgiving Dinner at Whiterock Chapter on Friday. Lastly, Kerr McGee Settlement Trust funds used for land acquisition for Eastern Navajo Agency. The Tribe is seeking additional land acquisition to turn into Trust Land within Eastern Agency. In closing, Delegate Freeland shared that State of New Mexico does have additional funds from Oil & Gas and available in the Capital Outlay this coming year. Chapters need to seek these funds with the help of our representative, Mr. Shendo. He further informed that Budget & Finance cut the matching funds for chapter Capital

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Improvement for chapters and also that Standing Rock is getting a new school and Bashas' is seeking remodeling to possibly include Starbucks. The hotel venture is again a focus and the construction of ODY Youth Center is in progress at Crownpoint.

Abel Becenti commented that the information provided was very good and appreciates the reports.

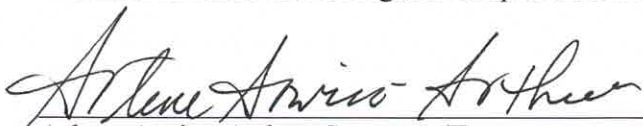
Motioning parties accepting the reports are Katherine Arviso and Marilyn Becenti. Vote is 14 in favor, 0 opposition and 0 abstention.

11. Announcements:

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| a. Regular Chapter Meeting | 10:00 am | November 16, 2021 |
| b. Chapter Staff Meeting | 10:00 am | November 29, 2021 |
| c. Thanksgiving Family Days (Chapter Closed) | | November 25-26, 2021 |
| d. Navajo Nation Forestry Permits Available @ Becenti Chapter | | Mon-Friday exception
Holidays. |
| e. Eastern Navajo Agency Council Meeting | 8:00 am | December 4, 2021 |
| f. Chapter Planning Meeting | 10:00 am | December 7, 2021 |
| g. Comm. Land Use Planning (CLUP) Meeting | 10:00 am | December 8, 2021 |
| h. Regular Chapter Meeting | 10:00 am | December 21, 2021 |
| i. Chapter Staff Meeting | 10:00 am | December 27, 2021 |

12. Adjournment: The motioning parties to adjourn the meeting are Marilyn Becenti and James Wolff. Vote was 12 in favor, 0 opposition and 0 abstention. The meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.

The final minutes of the Regular Chapter Meeting is hereby submitted on December 22, 2021 by:


Arlene Arviso-Arthur, Secretary/Treasurer
Becenti Chapter