



The Navajo Nation Becenti Chapter
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| Jonathan Perry PRESIDENT | Marjorie Lantana VICE-PRESIDENT | Arlene A. Arthur SECRETARY/TREASURER | VACANT LAND BOARD | Mark Freeland COUNCIL DELEGATE | VACANT CHAPTER CSC | VACANT CHAPTER AMS |
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BECENTI CHAPTER
Regular Chapter Meeting
MINUTES
October 19, 2021 @ 10:00 AM

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MINUTES

1. **Call meeting to order:** The meeting was called to order at 10:13 am by President Perry.
2. **Invocation:** Presented by Vice-President Marjorie Lantana.
3. **Recognition of Guests and Visitors:** President Perry recognized the online callers, Administration staff and Officials that were in attendance.
4. **Review and Approval of Agenda:** Vice-President Lantana reviewed the agenda. The motioning parties were Marjorie Lantana and James Wolff to accept the agenda with minor corrections. The vote was 8 in favor, 0 oppose and 0 abstention.
5. **Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes:**
 - a. Chapter Meeting Minutes of September 21, 2021.
 - b. Special Chapter Meeting Minutes of October 7, 2021

Secretary/Treasurer Arviso-Arthur reviewed both above minutes. Both minutes were accepted together by motioning parties Barbara Whitehair and Marjorie Lantana. Minor corrections were noted. The vote accepting both of the minutes was 11 in favor, 0 oppose and 0 abstention to accept both minutes.
6. **Review and Adoption of Financial Report for Period Ending:**
 - a. Financial Report of September 30, 2021.

Secretary/Treasurer Arviso-Arthur reviewed the financial report consisting of Statement of Revenues and Expenditures and Balance Sheet-Detailed Combining Balance Sheet. President explained the report does have some deficits that have been corrected since that time. The ASC, Officials and Chapter Administration worked together to develop the new FY Chapter Budget and Carry-over Budget that was used to replenish the deficits. The motioning parties in accepting the financial report were Marjorie Lantana and Marilyn Becenti. The vote was 11 in favor, 0 oppose and 0 abstention.
7. **Presenters:** None.
8. **Unfinished Business:** None.

9. New Business:

a. BCOCT-22-130 Resolution Supporting the Recommendation of the Three (3) Community Roads within the Becenti Chapter Service Area to the Navajo Department of Transportation (NNDOT) and the Resources and Development Committee of the 24th Navajo Nation Council to be Included in the Roads Improvement Project Priority Listing (1) Littleboy Road: Regional Road-7114, Tribal Route-4879, BIA Route-2879; (2) Freeland Road: Tribal Route & Regional Route (joining roads)-7778, Tribal Route-7770, BIA Route-7774; and (3) Benally Road: Regional Road-4867, BIA-1435.

The motioning parties accepting this action were Marilyn Becenti and Mary Joe. The vote was 10 in favor, 1 oppose and 0 abstention.

b. BCOCT-22-131 Resolution Approving the Becenti Chapter Plan of Operation.

Motioning parties are Arlene Arviso-Arthur and Marilyn Becenti. Vote was 11 in favor, 0 oppose and 0 abstention.

c. BCOCT-22-132 Resolution Supporting Navajo Communication & Utilities Regarding E-Rate Fiber Optic Buildout Project for Becenti Chapter Library.

Ms. L. Campbell informed \$50M was awarded to develop Navajo Nation Fiber Optic. There will be an extension of Chapter line for internet access in Becenti Chapter Library. The project will begin January 2022. The library area can be identified anywhere in the chapter building and even in the Headstart Building. The computer equipment will be purchased for the chapter by E-Rate Optic entity. If chapter decides to change location of library, the chapter will bare the cost of set-up in new area. Their entity will provide a tech for continued support and will also train staff.

Motioning parties are Marjorie Lantana and Barbara Whitehair. Vote is 10 in favor, 0 oppose and 0 abstention.

d. BCOCT-22-133 Resolution Approving Application #HD2022-10-002 for Housing Discretionary Fund Assistance in the Amount of \$280.00.

Motioning parties to approve the resolution are Marjorie Lantana and James Wolff. The vote is 10 in favor, 0 oppose and 0 abstention.

e. BCOCT-22-134 Resolution Approving Application #HD2022-10-003 for Housing Discretionary Fund Assistance in the Amount of \$210.00.

The motioning parties, Marilyn Becenti and Barbara Whitehair, move to approve the following resolution. The vote is 10 in favor, 0 oppose and 0 abstention.

f. BCOCT-22-135 Approving Resolution for Updated Fifteen (15) Mile Road Maintenance Blading Schedule for Navajo Nation Division of Transportation (NNDOT) Eastern Agency Local Residents Who Have Grazing Permits in Areas to be Bladed and Residents to be Notified Before Project Begins with Routes Identified as: (1) Benally Road: Regional Road (3) Freeland Road: Tribal Road 7770-1 mile; (4) Regional Route 4873-0.9 mile; (5) Tribal

& Regional Routes (joining roads) 7778-0.5 mile, (6) BIA Route 4879 and Tribal Route 4875-2 miles totaling 15.6 miles.

Motioning parties Marilyn Becenti and James Wolff moved to approve the following resolution. The vote is 9 in favor, 1 opposition and 0 abstention.

g. BCOCT-22-136 Resolution Approving Modifications to the Fiscal Year 2022 Annual Chapter Budget That Was in the Amount of \$240,673.00 as Described in Becenti Chapter Resolution BCOCT-21-139, and Making Adjustments to Increase the Amount to \$245,395.00 to Reflect the Actual Budget Allocation of \$37,800.00 to Account 12 - Chapter Stipend Fund.

Motioning parties Marilyn Becenti and Marjorie Lantana moved to approve the following resolution. The vote is 9 in favor, 0 opposition and 0 abstention.

10. Reports:

a. Jonathan Perry, President

President Perry reported that the chapter finance was a priority and it was helpful to have budget discussions. The chapter is working toward the Five Management System Certification and CLUPC is working on their re-certification. Within PEP funding, Charmayne Hosteen and James Wolff were approved for next six months. The Heavy Equipment Operator will be funded through PEP. There was a Special Chapter Meeting on October 7, 2021 to approve three budget items that were necessary to maintain chapter operation within the new Fiscal Year 2022 that began October 1st. He further reported that the current community project continues to be the Veteran Building, and the Walking Trail. The Walking Trail has been hampered by the Covid 19. The Navajo Nation continues to be in the Orange Status until the restriction goes down. There is legislation for supplemental funds for road improvement during snow/rain however, this is still with the Navajo Nation Council yet. The flag at the chapter is up again. During next staff meeting, there will be discussion on small roads that can become chapter project. These small roads are not on the big road project listing. President Perry finished reviewing the FMS. He cross referenced policies to ensure accuracy. No date set for the next FMS session. He gladly acknowledged new staff, Jeri, whom is now assisting in the office. This concludes President Perry's report.

b. Marjorie Lantana, Vice-President

Vice-President has been available for meetings and further informs the Officials work together. She attended CLUPC meeting last week and is very supportive of their work. She mentioned that CLUPC may be thinking of a Thanksgiving Dinner? On October 6th, she attended teleconference call with Larry Joe of Navajo Nation Department of Transportation. The result is the resolution on agenda today. She has a better understanding of the project. On October 7th, she attended the Special Chapter Meeting. As for the chapter equipment, they are tagged as of October 8th. The budget work sessions was positive. On October 12th, she logged on to staff meeting with ASC Office. Some topics discussed surrounded Hazard Pay to chapter staff that worked long, hard hours during the Covid Pandemic. They risked their lives and family to work and some caught Covid. The staff want an investigation as to why they were never paid. Casey

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Begay also added that some chapters abused the staff during that time. The Budget 2022 submitted. Agriculture Infrastructure Funds and American Rescue Plan Act funds is a concern because no money has come yet. People ask, "where are the money?" The proposal has been done. People are stressed and concerned; nothing is happening. During the last meeting, there was a discussion about firewood. Navajo Forestry can be contacted for permits. She encouraged community members to join the October Staff Meeting. Vice-President Lantana expressed her concerned that no one she contacts in Window Rock acknowledges her emails. There was a meeting at Twin Arrows on ARPA but there is no response from them on the listing submitted. She has sent emails to Mr. Notah with Department of Agriculture on concerns that there is no large animal veterinarian service or an Extension Service to help producers. She surmises that Tribal offices do not respond to us. In closing, she informs the Officials all work together and update one another at staff meetings.

c. Arlene Arviso-Arthur, Secretary/Treasurer

Secretary/Treasurer's report included completion of all meeting agendas and minutes for Planning Meeting, Regular Chapter Meeting and Special Chapter Meeting for the month. The Officials completed the Monthly Compliance Review Form that is helpful in seeking FMS Certification. She also made the deposits for the month of October. She maintains all her assigned duties and assists the other Officials where necessary. She attended CLUPC, Veterans meetings and the online Roads meeting that prompted a resolution and identification of roads to be serviced. She was also involved in the FY 2022 budget allocation process and the carry-over budget that was completed. The budget session was attended by Chapter staff, ASC Myrtis, Chapter Officials and some community members. She also was available for all check signing for the chapter so that all the chapter financial obligations are met in a timely manner. She expressed her willingness to continue to work with the chapter and Officials in order that business run as smoothly as possible. In closing, she encouraged everyone to practice masking, sanitizing/washing hands and the six feet regimen to keep from getting Covid 19 because it is very much alive and still out there. Please be safe she informed.

d. Mark Freeland, Council Delegate:

Delegate Freeland reports he is in the Fall Council Session. He is sponsoring a legislation for Anselm Morgan to serve on the Commission of Government Development. The American Rescue Plan Act expenditure plan development was held at Twin Arrows. There are five areas that remain the focus and they are Broadband, Powerline Extensions, Waterline Extensions, House Wiring Update and Bathroom Addition at \$190 M. Some Delegates are looking at providing additional \$500-\$600 hardship funds per person. RDC and Joint Land Board will revisit the Tri-Party Agreement which was last updated since 2012. He further reports that the Agriculture Infrastructure Funds (AIF) will follow the 50/50 formula for distribution that should be coming soon. He was questioned as whom Becenti Chapter will work with since our Land Board resigned. He will check on this and let the chapter know the status. The

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Veteran budget was passed and the funds will be taken out and given to the Chapters for the Veteran Organizations. He informed that this Sunday, October 17th, wood hauling volunteers will be gathering wood west of Mt. Taylor near Grants. Vice President Lantana requested Delegate Freeland if he could obtain the spreadsheet Dr. Yellowman presented during the online discussion she attended.

e. Abel Becenti, Community Member:

Mr. Becenti reported that he volunteered to haul wood with the crew that was organized by Council Delegate Mark Freeland. The group went to Ft. Wingate area to collect wood. Delegate Freeland obtained the wood hauling permits for the haulers. Mr. Becenti hauled the wood to two households upon his return. The families were pleased with the wood they received. Mr. Becenti questioned why the equipment is not being used. It could have been used for wood hauling. An explanation that the logistics for fuel vendor is still being identified and the license plates/tags were lacking at the time. Further, there is no heavy equipment operator hired by the chapter yet and further, PEP staff are not authorized to operate the equipment. Mr. Becenti also informed that the flagpole task was completed with the help of Frontier Communications. He further commended that he doesn't see the Officials working together. He expressed why the Land Board member resigned? He asked, "was it due to harmful words?" He also feels the chapter should have a dinner for outgoing Land Board. He feels that the Council Delegate should be at meetings.


Motioning parties approving the reports are Marilyn Becenti and Mary Joe. The vote is 10 in favor, 0 oppose and 0 abstention.

11. Announcements:

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| a. Regular Chapter Meeting | 10:00 am | October 19, 2021 |
| b. Drive-up Flu Shots & Covid 19 Booster at Crownpoint I.H.S. | | Oct. 23 & 26, 2021 |
| c. Staff Meeting | 10:00 am | October 25, 2021 |
| d. NN Human Rights Commission Representative on site at Becenti Chapter for signing waiver for Mobile Home. | | October 25, 2021 |
| e. RezDawg Rescue Vaccination Clinic @ Becenti Chapter | | Nov. 12-13, 2021 |

12. Adjournment: Arlene Arviso-Arthur and Barbara Whitehair motioned to adjourn the meeting. Vote is 10 in favor, 0 oppose and 0 abstention. The meeting adjourned at 2:02 pm.

The following Final Minutes are resubmitted on November 18, 2021 by:


Arlene Arviso-Arthur, Secretary/Treasurer
Becenti Chapter