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PINEDALE CHAPTER ARPA PANEL MEETING – MINUTES January 19, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. Chapter meeting hall Pinedale, New Mexico USA

- I. **Meeting called to order** **Ruby Tsosie, President**
Presiding officer called meeting to order at 2:15 p.m.

- II. **Invocation** **TBA**
Presiding officer appointed Raphael Martin to commence with invocation.

- III. **ARPA Updates**
 - a. **Chapter Administration**

Expenditure plan signatures were not added in two parts.
Clara Daye – Jones good to see you, we didn't see you last time. Council delegate was here at the meeting. Monday they are having a special session. They are going through orientation. You really take part in our ARPA project, stand by us, I told him, to help us. When he was sitting next to me. With that, I wonder, this legislation, ARPA, if it will be on the special council session. What do you think Titus? I don't know what will happen. Next meeting, we really need them to take part, they said I will be here to help us, that is why they won. We have a new DCD Director, what is his name. He is one of the channels we have to go through. Another person, Patrick Dalgai, I don't know if he is a permanent employee, find out. I told Steve Arviso. I'll remember that.
Sarah Jackson – Thank you Titus, everyone I want to say greeting. I have a few comments regarding ARPA. I like to know, Titus, If CHID is going to let us know how many houses they are going to award to the chapters. I know they were going to award 2-3 houses; they had all the plans ready. The houses were going to come from a certain company, they were going to take care of that. I would like to inquire about it, just sitting here pointing finger and not go anywhere. I would like to go to their office. They would take care of everything. Our question, where are we going to get the homes, who is going to set up the homes. That is the question, I am asking to go over there. What information I can get. To me it is very important. We really need to start the action right away; go by assignment I know there is going to be a lot of work involved. That is one of them, I have a comment on. The other subject such as Solar, water, electricity, all of that stuff; the chapters are supposed to send in names so we will know what name to submit to them.

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I would like to know, we had listed a lot of names for our community with help with water hook up, solar, those kinds of things. We have the names we just got to start working on that. I wanted to bring that up.

Clara – I talk with Guarena, the two-day session; when we were talking about it. She said, she remembers Patrick Dalgai, Director. He said 5 applications there supposed to be going to each chapter. Hopefully G can verify that, 2 3 or 5.

Ruby – Thank you, those are all true. When it comes together, if Guarena is online

Guarena – I do apologize for being late, and not hearing the whole discussion. Right now, the packet was submitted to DOJ, One of the packet got kick back because of the signature. Determine if eligible or not. The Delegate will do the legislation, response on packet is Thoreau. Waiting for feedback on the response so we can do legislation. Housing, the last time I spoke with Patrick Dalgai in December; at that time I mention to have him on the weekly call, he can give more information on the housing application. Sign off on proposal he had, then he would move forward with setting up; orientation so chapters can distribute information. Collecting applicant for the program. Estimate for 5 application per chapter and approved. That does not mean to get 5 and that is it, if you feel 6 or 7 are confident; max at 8. So, you can have a real good representation and those candidate they will go through their program assessment. So that they can pick out how every many with chapter. For now, we are saying 5. Is it going to be frame or manufacture. The cost difference is significant, we can go to 5 or less than that. The number may be different. Time being, until green light from Dalgai; I agree its frustrated. He is not giving any information at all. I am still bugging him to do orientation and meeting, so we have better understanding, and chapters are prepared and not blind-sided, so deadlines are do. I am advocating for the 16 chapters, not sure about other regions are doing. What happens after legislation, I do not have that information. LDA had more training. Once the legislation is approved, we follow procurement. If chapter purchases manufacture homes, the vendor is aware there may be more homes requested. He also chapters want to expand on housing availability. Work with them to order additional homes. That is an assumption, I have not heard after the packets were submitted. Council Delegate and LDA were given training on what happens at each step, ASC was not involve. Given a simple orientation. Hey help your chapters, hurry, hurry. So, for chapters here I am being proactive, so we can get these projects approved and moving as soon as possible. I am at Thoreau doing workession, so let me know.

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Sarah Jackson – I have a question on all the requests going into WR, are we going to have to submit all our request at the same time before any action can happen? When is the deadline to get these documents? If everyone must submit at the same time before anything happens.

Guarena – During that 2-day worksession, all 6 chapters have to submit their packets deem eligible before a legislation may be dropped. All 6 chapters have submitted their packets. We are waiting for DOJ to review those packets. In the weekly meeting and email, we need to be very patient with ARPA team when they are reviewing them. You all can be patient, encumber is Sept 30, 2024. You have finished the packet before that, now awaiting DOJ. Once Arviso has all 6 packets legislation can be dropped.

Clara Daye – First of all, I am going to disagree. How in the world we can do 6 chapters, if Pinedale doing all process. And if lyanbito not working, we must wait on them.

Guarena – All 6 chapters have submitted their packets. I am asking, please be patient as DOJ reviews the packets.

Clara – So when can he submit for legislation. We have some community members who are sitting here, inviting them; be informative. Wondering, what is CHID? 5 applications. Not deducted from out 1.4 million. Share that information. It is a separate account.

Guarena – Community Housing Infrastructure Department under NNDCD. In the legislation that approves ARPA, the council delegates put aside \$50 million for housing for all 110 chapters. I was hoping chapter officials attending the 2-day session in November, shared the info with the community members. \$50 million separate for housing. The 1.4 to use some of those funds for additional housing; construction and determine how many houses per chapter. The number during the worksession, I hope you have it. As Chapter officials and Admin staff, you have been given the information and summary and share with community. The house is separate. Additional 50 million was set aside for Veterans housing.

Raphael Martin – Hello, finally were getting together at 9 a.m. then 1 now 2. First, we need to organize. Who are you calling panel, who is team? We are always following what needs to be followed, the portion to Pinedale. Pinedale is willing what we submitted. Proposal 1 and 2. That belongs to Pinedale Chapter, dollar figure. Pinedale must shall and will run with it. We're being hindered. Similar patterns happen southside of Gallup. Not all Chapter Officials operate the way we are, they have their own thing. They will hold us back, that why it did not happen. It was in the plans when Me Dorothy and Clara were on board. Money on the other side, we haven't talked about it, the current existing projects. They are all running different; that I how I view the packets. We need to stay in the timeline, even though they don't come and see us. Let's meet, that is what I think.

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We won't wait for anyone. I think we need to really scrutinize 1 and 2. That is really at front, the projects right now I am not sure about. Hopefully the new administration can help us. We have to be ready, leaders. Then we, heard community awareness is not only two people. Community awareness is different, we got to get this animal moving. There is a lot of work to happen. Lot of writing. That is what I think, it will happen, with these 2 proposal and other funds. We work with the Delegate, we feed information where they need to be fed with intention let's get this done.

Let's work together, Chapter officials work on it.

Ruby Tsosie – Chapter support team

Clara Daye – Recommendation that we had when we had our meeting, January 4. Lawrence, Celeste M was our secretary, took the minutes. At that time, we need a binder, all this information on ARPA; this is federal monies. One binder. That Binder needs to be here. Any notes. The listing needs to be in that binder. Organized ourselves, we are just talking. No action. Select members. Who were assigning? That is what Sarah said. Volunteering our time for this project. The funding on the chalk board, how much money is allocated on the chalk board. All documents are in a binder. We all have our own documents.

Titus – We are now in the day and age of computer and what we call “cloud”. All our documents are saved in this cloud and backup. I feel it is more appropriate to share documents in this manner, rather than printing, copying and reduplicating. I have set-up a project page on our Bitrix 24 page and now there will be one on the website, that way the community can view the information at www.pinedalegov.org/arpa. They can even be accessed on your cell phone.

Lawrence Morgan – Panel and members of the team, Team ARPA. My cheii, let me ask you. Celeste, Project Manager. She was in here like Clara she not in here. I figure she would be the main one in here.

Especially in the meeting. She left before the meeting. It is true ARPA separate, document, pictures. I am wondering if that occurred, or no priority. Please let us know.

Lawrence Morgan – You reminded me there is a Chapter Official. It's the project to development. Who carries it out, our Coordinator already has a position. Who has their laptop here at the table. Were told to go electronic. That was table yesterday. The people spoke. I am the one that call it Panel, it is equally paired we all think alike. I was very interested in ARPA, I was worried about the deadline, when it was going to die out. We haven't discussed that, and the 1.4. As I understand it, Project the council has oversight.

Clara Daye – Binder, documents on the table. Titus your very computer literate. When you're not here, we ask each other do you know each other. No information, on the computer.

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Lawrence Morgan – Plan of Action, 123, Review application, Follow up on projects, two projects 1 and 2. FRF, solar. Is there is a price for it?

Duane Francisco – Curious on how it happens. COVID-19. Who made the decisions. It is unfair on the distribution.

Clara Daye – I don't agree with Titus on having Window Rock making decisions on determining who gets a home.

Duane – Time wasting, hire a consulting firm. You only have 24 months. Federal government, split to the Navajo Nation then the chapter. Give out as Per Capita.

Lawrence Morgan – We are not final, it's the chapter. Even the Council may not approve it. Let it roll.

Raphael Martin – Plan of Action, 2 applications sitting here. Indicate two proposals sitting here. Simplify, require the funds. Require two resolutions to get it moving, clarified and simplified and progress. Focus on the community first, not our children. Don't change the time, we extended our invitation.

Lawrence Morgan – I don't agree with having someone looking at the application, it should be from here.

Raphael Martin – Solar Panel at James Harry House and at Pumpkin area. Ask them questions on how much it costs, how it works and is it warm in it? We have work to do.

Clara Daye – We're dealing with federal money, write it on the board. Down to the board. The next time. We will be on the same page.

Titus Nez – The application, look at it and make changes. If you can bring it back before the next meeting and can incorporate that.

Raphael Martin – Walk-in shower

Ruby – They were talking about that in Windowrock.

Lawrence – Resolution for bathroom addition, incorporate the walk-in shower.

Clara – Everyone should approve the ranking form. Consensus

Sarah Jackson – Recommendation – Set-up computer and look at it.

Refer it. Next meeting: put it on the screen to show us where to go.

Lawrence – Recommendation – Staff, Celeste – Project Manager for this whole thing. Confidential stuff, we need to abide by that. Have her here when we have the meeting, we can refer to her.

Raphael – Question – Privacy. Me and my wife talk about all of these things. If it is federal budget. Privacy act, does it go with that. Eliminate to not follow the privacy act. When can we get minutes? You call meeting to order, your secretary should write the notes. That is the way it should be.

- IV. Application review and approval**
 - a. Release date and submission deadlines**
 - b. Review Team and Ranking system**

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V. **Recommendations:**

VI. **Next meeting date/time: February 8, 2023 9:00 a.m.**

VII. **Adjournment: 4:50 p.m.**

Thank you for coming.

Notes taken by Titus Nez, CSC