

Missing Agenda



Rock Springs Navajo Veterans Association

P.O. Box 4608

Yah-ta-hey, NM 87375

Daniel Haven
Commander

Lawrence Long
Vice-Commander

Ruby H. Brown
Secretary/Treasurer

Meeting Minutes
November 09, 2025
10:00 A.M.



1. Meeting called to order 10:10 am.
2. Invocation: Vera Damon.
3. Sergeant at Arms Leland A. Tom.

4. Roll Call:

X Alden Watchman, *Pro Temp* Commander;
X Long, Vice Commander;
X Ruby H. Brown, Secretary/Treasurer

Motion: Walter Brown Second: Winona Shirley
Watchman as Pro Temp Commander for this meeting.

Vote: 13-0-1 to have Mr.

5. Recognition of Guests and Officials: NNC Delegate Lester Yazzie and
LDA Milton Davidson Honorable Yazzie

6. Review and Adopt Agenda:

Motion: Alden Watchman Second: Winona Shirley

Vote: 8 In Favor 0 Opposed 1 Abstain

Before adopting the meeting agenda, the Secretary recommended to have someone make the motions to accept Mr. Watchman as the Pro Temp.

7. Meeting Minutes of October 12, 2025. No meeting minutes due to the postponement of the meeting to November 2025.

8. Old Business:

A. RSNVA Plan of Operation Amendments – Needs to be updated with a Resolution with the Officer's Names. This is updated every fiscal year and submitted to the Chapter and Eastern Navajo Veterans Office.

Motion: _____ Second: _____

Vote: _____ In favor _____ Opposed _____ Abstain



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No action on this item, Vice Commander just informed the attendees to read the Plan of Operation, make recommendations, changes and submit them back to the Officers.

9. New Business:

A. Nominations and elect new CVOs: Commander's vacant position.

Motion: Walter Brown

Second: Winona Shirley

Vote: 24 In favor 0 Opposed 1 Abstain

One of the veterans asked if Mr. James would be the elected Commander and he accepted the position. All veterans and surviving spouses approved his decision and he will begin his Commander capacity in December 07, 2025, meeting.

B. Presentation regarding Community Cemetery by Ms. Guarena Adeky.

Since Ms. Adeky wasn't available yet, the Secretary just updated the attendees regarding the community cemetery of the issues that has come up with the planning. As of now the site is on Fee Land but it involves property tax from the chapter. CLUPC met on November 3, 2025, and had the discussion of selecting a new site, rather on Navajo Trust Land so the cemetery can be only for the Rock Springs community members. Mr. Brown also provided some input to better understand the issues.

10. Approval of Meeting Stipends for Officers:

Motion: Winona Shirley

Second: Kathleen Etsitty

Vote: 21 In favor 0 Opposed 1 Abstain

11. Requests for Assistance:

NAME	HARDSHIP	ENERGY	TOTAL
Terrance Sherman Begaye	\$377.00	\$377.00	\$754.00
Walter Brown	\$377.00	\$377.00	\$754.00
Lucille A. Castillo	\$377.00	\$377.00	\$754.00
Vera M. Damon	\$377.00	\$377.00	\$754.00
Kathleen Etsitty	\$377.00	\$377.00	\$754.00
Ethel Francisco	\$377.00	\$377.00	\$754.00
Leo Kinlicheeney	\$377.00	\$377.00	\$754.00
Rocco Q. James	\$377.00	\$377.00	\$754.00
Harry John	\$377.00	\$377.00	\$754.00



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Jonah Jones	\$377.00	\$377.00	\$754.00
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Luther Jones	\$377.00	\$377.00	\$754.00
Pauline Jones	\$377.00	\$377.00	\$754.00
Lawrence Long	\$377.00	\$377.00	\$754.00
Sheree Dawn Peshlakai	\$377.00	\$377.00	\$754.00
Gary Sandoval	\$377.00	\$377.00	\$754.00
Richard Sandoval	\$377.00	\$377.00	\$750.00
Sherwood Sherman	\$377.00	\$377.00	\$754.00
Edward Shirley	\$377.00	\$377.00	\$754.00
James Tom, Jr.	\$377.00	\$377.00	\$754.00
Leland A. Tom	\$377.00	\$377.00	\$754.00
Alden Watchman	\$377.00	\$377.00	\$754.00

Motion: Walter Brown

Second: Winona Shirley

Vote: 24 In Favor

0 Opposed

1 Abstain

Some Veterans have filled out and submitted their 2026 Veterans and Surviving Spouses Registration forms. (attached)

12. REPORTS: CVO Rock Springs:

Eastern Navajo Veterans Organization Meeting – November 12, 2025, at Thoreau Chapter

OTHER REPORTS:

NNC Delegate Yazzie informed on some land status that have Cultural displacement, on the 20 acres withdrawn for the cemetery site had been cleared for the archaeological, biological, others that pertain to the development of the projects. So a follow up should be handled with the NN Minerals Department with their clearances. Originally, the site was for 20 acres on the Fee Land but there is an interest from a Solar Company which has a Chapter resolution from 2019 from that administration.

LDA Milton Davidson introduced himself, he's been assisting the Honorable Yazzie for the past eight months now. He's been attending the chapter meetings, CLUPC and the Veterans meetings. He informed that the cemetery has funds from the State



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in the amount of \$100,000 which can be utilized for the design and development for the community cemetery. Now CLUPC has to coordinate with General Land Department on whether the new site is still on allotted land or if the Navajo Nation

has purchased back a percentage of the land and it is still considered allotment. According to the last meeting with General Land Department, the property tax is still on the site and the Department Manager also appeared at the meeting and he provided his comments and recommendations regarding the Fee land.

The Veterans and Surviving Spouses also decided to utilize the \$500.00 donation from the McKinley County Commissioner Walt Eddy, District 2 for some Ham and Turkey to be given out to them.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. Rock Springs Chapter Planning Meeting, Sunday, December 07, 2025 @ 1:00 pm.
- b. Rock Springs Chapter Regular Meeting, Sunday, December 21, 2025 @ 1:00 p.m.
- c. Rock Springs Chapter Regular Meeting, Sunday, November 09, 2025 @ 1:00 p.m.
- d. CLUPC Meeting, Monday, December 01, 2025 @ 9:00am.
- e. RSNVA Meeting, Sunday, December 07, 2025 @ 10am.
- f. Eastern Agency Navajo Veterans Meeting: November 12, 2025 @ 9:00am at Thoreau Chapter.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: Kathleen Etsitty Second: Winona Shirley
Vote: 24 In Favor 0 Opposed 1 Abstain
Meeting Adjourned: 12:00 p.m.

Submitted by:

Ruby H. Brown
Ruby H. Brown, Secretary
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