



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE INDIANS OF THE WESTERN NAVAJO JURISDICTION HELD AT THE WESTERN NAVAJO INDIAN SCHOOL, TUBA CITY, ARIZONA, ON MAY 22 & 23, 1923, IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE NAVAJO TRIBE OF INDIANS APPROVED APRIL 24, 1922, AFTER A FIVE DAYS NOTICE BY CALL DULY GIVEN TO THE WESTERN NAVAJO TRIBE OF INDIANS BY H. J. HAGEMAN, COMMISSIONER OF THE NAVAJO TRIBE THROUGH A. W. LENCH, SPECIAL SUPERVISOR IN CHARGE OF THE WESTERN NAVAJO AGENCY.

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The meeting was called to order by Mr. Hagerman at 2:00 o'clock p.m., on May 22, 1923. After some preliminary discussion it was decided that an adjournment until the next day was desirable because a number of Indians had not yet arrived. The meeting reconvened at 1:00 o'clock p.m., on May 23, 1923.

There were present 160 Navajo Indians. Dinskyasibetah was appointed chairman and Adolf Maloney, secretary of the meeting. After a full discussion nominations were in order for the two delegates to the tribal council and the following nominations were made:

George Hancock
Zaganitso
Tsagenayaxie
Demayelsie

Under the direction of the chairman a poll of the Indians present was taken on the four candidates named for delegates to the tribal council with the following result:

Tsagenayaxie	18
Zaganitso	110
Demayelsie	10
George Hancock	147

Thereupon Zaganitso and George Hancock were declared elected delegates to the Navajo tribal council for the four year term beginning June 1, 1923.

After a full discussion Tsagenayaxie and Demayelsie were nominated for the positions of alternate delegates to the tribal council and upon poll taken it was found that 84 votes were cast in favor of Demayelsie and 156 in favor of Tsagenayaxie, whereupon Tsagenayaxie and Demayelsie were declared elected alternate delegates from the Western Navajo jurisdiction for the four year term commencing June 1, 1923.

There followed a discussion in regard to various matters connected with Navajo tribal affairs and especially in regard to the situation which has arisen over the control of Tapen Springs and the adjacent grazing areas which have, until recently acquired by the Rabbitt Brothers of Flagstaff, Arizona, been used by the Navajo Indians for grazing and

watering purposes. Commissioner Hagerman told the Indians that he would take up the matter with Superintendent Janus of Leupp, with the Babbitt Brothers, and with the Department at Washington, in an attempt to find some way whereby the various rights might be properly adjusted.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Dinohyasibetah

Chairman of the Meeting

Adolph Maxoney

Secretary of the Meeting

Geo. A. Cimmis

Clerk in Charge

George Bancroft
Interpreter

H. J. Hagerman
Commissioner to the Navajo Tribe.