

Cornfields Chapter Planning Meeting

Tuesday, January 02, 2024 4:00 PM

MINUTES

- I. Meeting call to Order - Meeting Called to Order at 4:19pm by Mr. Morgan Cleveland, Sr. Council President
- II. Invocation – Provided by Ms. Kathy Chee, Community Member/Cornfields Baptist Church
- III. Announcements/Introduction
 1. Wood Hauling Permits Available for Community:
Personal Use (Jan-Apr) \$5.00 59yrs+ FREE and Resale Permit \$10.00
 2. Navajo Youth Builders Coalition – Francine Bradley, Project Coordinātor
Requesting to be added to Regular Meeting Agenda Jan. 14, 2024 for Presentation
 3. Tsehootsooi Medical Center;
CHAIR EXERCISES – 9 Wk Exercise Program for Ages 55 and up
Every Tuesday and Thursday 1:00pm to 1:45pm
From January 2nd thru February 29th
MOBILE CLINIC – January 09, 2024 – Family Practice Clinic
 4. Cornfields Baptist Church – Kathy Chee
 5. Kim Johnson, Community Member
 6. Ft. Defiance Agency Council Mtg – Sat. January 06, 2024 9:00 am Houck Chapter
 7. OTHERS:
USDA – Drought Assistance Program is still open: Steamboat Chapter 1/12/2024
A.I.F./Gardening EXPO – January 10, 2024 Navajo Nation Sports Center 9:00a.m.
Winter Gardening Series.
AIF LIVESTOCK – Today is opening day AIF.com up to March 15, 2024.
318 unpaid applications thus far.
Funding is based on a collective projects. There are presently 59 projects, Documents were submitted to OOC for accounts to be assigned for those applications that are Backlogged for payments to be paid to applicants who have not received payments. 500 for gardeners, 1000 for permit holders – Gardening incentives are paid for fixing fencing, tilling the ground with proof of farming submitted with applications. For the Livestock Incentives, payments are based on how many sheep units on the individual's permit and cannot be over the allotment listed. Payments vary by units shown on permits and tally count over exceed the permit allowed.
The Incentives are nontaxable.
Once account numbers are assigned, payments will be sent out.
Kim Johnson can be reached at 928-551-8405; work ph. For any questions and can also respond by text.

COMMENT: Judith Shirley, Farm Board Member

She often shares information with her constituents, and now they are hearing, "why are we going to apply again if I applied two years ago and was never paid".

RESPONSE: Kim Johnson, Dept of Agriculture

Applicants need to check on their applications to find out why it has not been paid. Refer them to Attend the EXPO on January 10th.

IV. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Wallace James, Jr.	Second: Fritz Ronhorse	Vote: 6 – 0 – 1
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Mr. James would like to Modify his Motion to keep the Agenda open since there was no time allotted for #4 and #5 under Announcement/Introduction

We returned to give some time to:

Cornfields Baptist Church – Kathy Chee

Requesting support from Cornfields Chapter with a Resolution.

They do not have any running water at the present time and in order for them to receive water services NTUA is requesting documentation for the actual acreage the Church is approved for. They have also renovated the church to upgrade the building to make it a safer place for the community to gather. They hold services for funerals and also started a firewood drive. This church was established in 1924. She would like to keep the acreage at five acres opposing the recommended 2.5 acres.

Ms. Chee is requesting a Supporting Resolution to request to Navajo Land Department for a Mission Site Lease for the Cornfields Baptist Church at 5 acres.

COMMENT: Patrick Yazzie, Grazing Member

Mr. Yazzie reported that he has been inquiring with various offices to find any documents that would support the 5 acres requested since at the last meeting this topic was discussed he had been requested to find out if there is actually a 5 acre lease filed either with the NN Land Department or Realty.

Per Ms. Bowman with the Navajo Nation Realty Office, there is a document in place to state the Church will be established for 5 acres, but there is no legal description to state the land was actually measured with markers.

He also inquired with Eddy Anderson, Land Department and Steven Chischilly, Land Department and was told that they also do not have any supporting documents along with the clearances.

Mr. Yazzie concluded to state that he has been receiving numerous calls from the community and residents residing near the church what will happen to them and to oppose this action. He recommends that the Church needs to gather consent from the residents living around the church to before going forward with the Resolution.

COMMENT: Wallace James, Jr – Council Vice-President

In reviewing the documents pertaining to request the Supporting Resolution, he suggests that they have all their documents that will help them to draft their resolution. But, the problem the Chapter may face is not getting full consent of surrounding residence of the Church track by a petition.

COMMENT: Alfreda Earle, Chapter Manager

In reviewing the documents she has provided so far, Ms. Chee has most of the documents on the application checklist. But it would be just a support Resolution to support the Cornfields

Baptist Church to apply for a Mission Site Lease with a consent from residence who live surrounding the Church Site.

Comment: Jimmie Taliman, Sr. – Community Member

Made a statement that as Elected Officials we should support their request since all the documents and inquiries were sought.

COMMENT to close: Ms. Kathy Chee

Would also like to add that they offer Navajo Ministry, since the community prefers.

Kim Johnson, Community Member

Is employed with Department of Agriculture, but she is here to present as a Community Member.

Would like to request a Supporting Resolution to establish a business on the 100-acre Deer Point Business Site. Would like to establish a Camping/RV Park. She would like to request 50 acres.

COMMENT: Judith Shirley, CLUPC Member

Updated Ms. Johnson of the years it has taken for Cornfields Chapter to find anyone to develop a business. That they now have a community member who is in the Process in applying to open an RV park in the Deer Point Business Site as well. Mrs. Shirley redirected Ms. Johnson to attend the CLUPC Meeting scheduled for January 03, 2024 at 6:00p at the Cornfields Chapter to also present her request to the CLUPC. Then she can go from there to decide if she would still like to request a Resolution from the Chapter.

COMMENT: Kim Johnson, Community Member

Although she has heard that there is a potential business intending to use 8 acres for a similar purpose she would still like to also be given a chance to do the same. She will attend the CLUPC Meeting scheduled.

V. Old Business

1. **CF-JAN2024-17:** Requesting Approval for Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Amendment of the Cornfields Chapter Activity Funds for the Month of December 2023 in the Amount of \$6,245.69

Motion: Fritz Ronhorse	Second: Judith Shirley	Vote: 6 – 0 – 1
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VI. New Business

1. **CF-JAN2024-18:** Supporting and approving the Navajo Division of Transportation to Amend the 15 miles Cornfields Chapter Road Blading services for the Cornfields Chapter: BIA 151 (East of Cornfields) 3.9 miles, BIA 9205 (E. OF Navajo Station to Hwy191) – 8.2 Miles, and BIA 9031 (N of Sunrise) – 2.9 miles

Motion: Fritz Ronhorse	Second: Patrick Yazzie	Vote: 6 – 0 – 1
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2. **CF-JAN2024-19:** Approving and Accepting SiHasSiin Heavy Equipment Budget Carryover in the amount of \$86,380.00 to purchase a Fork Lift and Gooseneck Flatbed Trailer

Motion: Judith Shirley	Second: Wallace James, Sr.	Vote: 6 – 0 – 1
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Comment: Wallace James, Jr. would like to add that Funds are coming from the SiiHasSin.

3. **CF-JAN2024-20:** Approving and Accepting Regularly scheduled Chapter Meetings as The Regular Planning Meeting be held the 1st Tuesday at TIME: 4:00 pm off each month and The Regular Chapter Meeting to be held the 2nd Sunday at TIME: 12:00 pm of the month.

Motion: Wallace James, Jr.	Second: Fritz Roanhorse	Vote: 5 – 0 – 2
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VII. Others: Meetings:

1. Regular Chapter Meeting – Sunday, January 14, 2024 @ 1:00pm
2. Planning Meeting – Tuesday, February 06, 2024 at 4:00pm
3. Others: CLUPC: Wednesday, January 03, 2024 @ 6:00pm
Friday, January 5, 2024 @ 10:00am
Farm Board: January 09, 2024 @ 9:00am
Land Use Planning: January 11, 2024 9:00am
Senior Social: January 17, 2024 @ 11:00am – 1:00pm
Meeting with Marlene Hoskie from NNDCC regarding the DeerPoint Business Site and CLUPC Manual on Friday January 05, 2024 at 10:00 am.
Council President was requested to attend.
Ganado Unified School: January 04, 2024 @ 6:00pm selecting a New Board President and Board Clerk
Our Council Vice-President will be on Travel from January 17th – 20th -Travel to New Orleans for his employment and January 24th – 28th – Travel to Tucson for his employment

VIII. Benediction – Mr. Lawrence Sam, Farm Board Member

IX. Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 6:11pm by Mr. Morgan

Meeting minutes Prepared and submitted by Sharon C. Smith, Council Secretary/Treasurer of Cornfields Chapter on January 03, 2024