

Cornfields Chapter Regular Meeting
Monday, May 13, 2024 @ 1:00pm
MINUTES

I. Meeting Call to Order – Meeting called to order by Mr. Morgan Cleveland, Council President at 1:19pm

II. Invocation – Provided by Ms. Angela Gorman, Community Member

III. Roll Call

	i. Present Absent	
Mr. Morgan Cleveland, Council President	X	
Mr. Wallace James, Council Vice President	X	
Ms. Sharon Smith, Council Secretary/Treasurer	X	
Mr. Patrick Yazzie, Grazing Official	X	X

****Mr. Yazzie arrived after Roll Call**

IV. Announcements/Introduction:

1. Cornfields Chapter Regular Meeting – Monday May 13, 2024 @ 1:00pm
2. Tsehootsooi Mobile Family Practice Clinic – Tuesday, May 21, 2024
3. Cornfields Chapter Veterans Meeting – Saturday June 09, 2024 @ 9:00am
4. Wood Hauling Permit and Wood Resale Permits available; see office staff
5. Ganado Unified Schools Promotion/Graduation:
 - a. Middle School Promotion 10am 5/24/2024
 - b. High School Graduation 2pm 5/24/2024
 - Please have students arrive 1 hour before ceremony
 - Dressing in Traditional attire is very welcome.
 - Clear bag Policy will be in effect.
 - No Helium filled Balloons, no laser pointers, noise makers, or fire works, etc.
 - No drugs or alcohol; if you appear intoxicated you will be denied entry.

COMMENT:

- Mr. Morgan Cleveland, Sr. Council President – Shared a concern brought to his attention by a staff who would like to remain anonymous in regards to the High School Security Post at entrance. The post currently does not have a restroom for the security staff to use, therefore they have to leave the post unattended when they take a break, the individual asked if the Community can voice to the School Administration that they need a facility.
 - Mr. Wallace James, Jr., Council Vice-President responded by stating that the School Board is aware of this issue and they have budgeted funds to improve the Security Post with an indoor facility for School Year 2024-2025.
6. Roy Dempsey, Community Relations Outreach Specialist – Tsehootsooi Medical Center
 - Provided a Presentation related to diabetes.
 - Appointments are scheduled by an appointment via Mail and a telephone call. TMC kindly asks their patients to inform them they will be unable to keep the scheduled appointment so that you can be rescheduled.
 - If you have more than 1 child being seen, please bring a family member to sit with the child not yet being seen, the nursing staff are unable to watch your child.
 - Appointments are held for 15 minutes, after 15 minutes your appointment will be scheduled.

- TMC Mobile Health Clinic will also add an Elderly Clinic to the Family Practice Clinic therefore the community will have two visits per month.
 - Q: When was Sage Memorial Hospital built?
 - A: It was reported that Sage Memorial Hospital came into existence in 1930.
 - C: It was also announced that Sage Memorial Hospital will no longer have a Walk-In Clinic, therefore an appointment will need to be scheduled. This is also in the works for TMC in the future.
7. Tara Benally, Field Director for Rural Utah
- Their non-profit organization has changed many lives in the Utah – Navajo communities and would like to continue to do outreach with communities across the Navajo Nation for the people’s better understanding of items appearing on the ballot during election.
 - Presentation relating to election participation for the National level and they are a non-profit organization.
 - They are also non-partisan
 - The group will be updating applications for voter registration. The volunteers are willing to answer any questions when completing the application.
 - COMMENT:
 - o Judith Shirley – understand the party you choose and learn what the party you choose stand for. An audience asked her to read a list of pro and cons for the democratic and republican party. A Point of Order was called by Mr. Wallace James, Jr to state that the pros and cons being shared are each community member’s choice and should be shared outside of the Meeting.
8. Mrs. Elta Shepherd, Teacher – Cornfields Headstart
- Mr. Bekis reported on behalf of the Cornfields Headstart.
 - The Head Start will be going on a field trip to the Navajo Nation Zoo - May 16, 2024
 - Field Day on May 21, 2024 at 12:00 pm
 - Promotion Ceremony/Learning Celebration on May 24, 2024 @ 10:00 am
9. Cornfields Veterans Organization – Ruthie Nez, Secretary
- Budget was discussed for their last meeting.
 - They have two more meetings for the remainder of the year; June and August 2024
 - They have budgeted funds allocated for Heating Assistance, Traditional Healing Assistance, and other assistance. The Navajo Nation Veterans Affairs also received 200 applications for Housing Assistance but will only limit 4 per community due to funding.
 - The Veterans Organization had drafted a Resolution requesting the transfer of the Old Ganado Group Home to the Chapter, they had assigned Bennett Dineyazie to bring this Resolution to the Chapter, but they have not received a response of the status.
 - R: Mr. Morgan Cleveland, Sr. responded to the Resolution mentioned in regards to the transfer request of the Old Ganado Group Home to state that the building is owned by Navajo Housing Authority and the Resolution should be addressed with them.
10. Cornfields Community Baptist Church – Kathy Chee
- For the Month of June from the 5th through the 11th they will have missionaries come out from Gulf Port, Mississippi.
 - Would like to Invite the Community to attend their church and Celebrate Recovery activities.
 - Ms. Chee explained that she would like to continue to update the community of the Church activities and remind the community they are all welcome.
11. Other:
- a. Chapter will be closed on May 27, 2024 for Navajo Nation Memorial Day and again on Friday, May 31, 2024 for Memorial Day.
 - b. Let’s go den Weaving provided by Hubbell’s ages 13-18. See staff at Hubbell’s for application.
 - May 19, 2024 – Sheep to Rug Series begins with cleaning Churro wool, carding and

Spinning, preparing your loom and starting a rug weaving project. In the end, the participant will keep the loom and rug they started to continue weaving their project on their own time. This series will be scheduled every Saturday through June.

V. Approval of Agenda

M: Fritz Roanhorse

S: Warren Thomas

VOTE: 26-0-07

VI. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes: April 14, 2024

M: Warren Todacheenie

S: Ruthie Nez

VOTE: 24-0-04

A Copy of the Minutes from Last Meeting Minutes on April 14, 2024 was provided for all attendees.

VII. Old Business:

1. Business Report April 2024: Ms. Alfreda Earle, Chapter Manager

- April Meetings – attended the Planning and Chapter Meeting
- Did not attend the CLUPC Meeting – but would like CLUPC to update the Manual
- The trash bin fills in about 3-4 days. The pulling fee has increased. Once Navajo Sanitation is informed of filled bin, it takes about a week to be changed out.
- Hay is \$18.02, they recently had a load delivered.
- Community trash clean-up was held, there were a few volunteers and provided a meal for them on Friday May 10, 2024.
- Continues to work on ARPA projects and has been keeping her busy daily. April 09, 2024 the renovation staff started. They began assessment and brought back lists of material for each application. They are presently submitting lists for quotations for material. The Chapter staff are receiving calls from community members stating they were not informed of the Renovation and become angry. They are trying their best to explain the process and when the projects were posted for applications.
- April 18, 2024 – Community Food Distribution completed. The next Food Assistance Event will be scheduled for August 2024 and will be the last due to the budgeted amount reaching its allocated limit by then.
- Septic Cleaning – EPA is overseeing this project, the Chapter plotted the homes and submitted names to EPA. She has been following up on the project. Lyle Begay is the main contact person for the Project. Pleads with the community to be patient, EPA should be contacting the individuals for the process explanation.
- Heating Project – The Chapter distributed Propane on Friday based on applications. There was 3,000 gallons distributed. They are working on applications with Nation's Gas with Residential Tanks, the Chapter Staff will be calling applicants once the delivery is scheduled.
- Technology Upgrade was completed for the Chapter.
- \$607,000.00 was received in January 2024 of the \$1.3 million approved for ARPA funds. Of the \$607,000.00 received, 75% needs to be expended in order to receive the remaining amount.
- March and April expenditure reports for the ARPA funds were submitted and will continue to report monthly.
- For June planning – Summer Youth employment applications will be available toward the end of June.
- The Chapter Officials candidacy closed Thursday, May 09, 2024. The Candidacy List is available on-line.

M: Josephine Tapaha

S: Ruthie Nez

Vote : 24-0-04

2. Financial Report for April 2024 by Sharon Smith, Council Secretary/Treasurer:

- Cornfields Chapter – Statement of Revenues for the Month of April 2024
 - o RESALE ITEMS-----\$3,010.35
 - Hay
 - Water
 - o RENTALS-----\$ 255.00
 - Tractor
 - o SERVICES----- \$2,216.70
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- TOTAL \$5,482.05
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- Cornfields Chapter Ending Balances as of 04/30/24

General Activities	\$2,329.85
Personnel Funds	\$63,876.13
Land Claims	\$3,524.38
Supplemental Youth Funds	\$25,622.50
Housing Discretionary	\$21,220.95
LGA Funds	\$4,527.53
Chapter Stipend Funds	\$19,521.60
Scholarship Funds	\$10,365.00
PEP Funds	\$21,079.08
Veterans Funds	\$3,077.59
Emergency Fund	\$2,897.70
NN CIP	\$25,842.30
Unhealthy Food Tax	\$55,359.92
ARPA	\$532,847.92
TOTAL	\$792,091.91

M: Bennett Dineyazie

S: Lena Yazzie

VOTE: 28-0-02

The Financial Report was provided in the Navajo Language in its entirety.

- ✓ 3. **CF-MAY2024-38:** Requesting Approval for Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Amendment of the Cornfields Chapter Activity Funds for the Month of April 2024 in the Amount of \$5,196.93.
M: Fritz Roanhorse S: Warren Thomas VOTE: 28-0-02
No Questions Posed.

VIII. New Business:

- ✓ 1. **CF-MAY2024-39:** Approving and Adopting the Fiscal Year 2024 Navajo Nation Sales Tax Budget in the amount of \$55,667.00.
M: Fritz Roanhorse S: Warren Thomas VOTE: 29-0-01
 There were no questions posed.
- ✓ 2. **CF-MAY2024-40:** Approving and adopting the Fiscal Year 2024 Navajo Nation Unhealthy Food Tax Budget in the amount of \$14,738.00.
M: Bennett Dineyazie S: Warren Thomas VOTE: 29-0-01
 There were no questions posed.

3. **CF-MAY2024-41:** Requesting the Honorable Council Delegate, Navajo Nation Chief of Police and the Navajo Nation Law and Order Committee to assign a Police Officer to ~~the~~ enforce speed along N15 South from Burnside to Greasewood, Az due to motorist speeding and causing unsafe conditions.
M: Bennett Dineyazie **S: Lena Yazzie** **VOTE: 29-0-01**
 There were no questions posed.

4. **CF-MAY2024-42:** Reaffirming Resolution CF-JUN2023-036; To address the Concerns of Cornfields community with Brimhall and its Hardluck Quarry for Safety and Traveling of their truckers at the Posted Speed Limit along Navajo Route 15 when used for hauling gravel/aggregate products between Indian Wells Jct. to Burnside, AZ
M: Jimmie Taliman, Sr. **S: Warren Thomas** **VOTE: 29-0-02**
 There were no questions posed.

5. **CF-MAY2024-43:** Requesting the B.I.A. to replace damaged signs due to graffiti and fading along N15 south of Burnside through Cornfields community. This request will also specifically be for a reposting of the Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) sign for Semi Trucks.
M: Ruthie Nez **S: Lena Yazzie** **VOTE : 29-0-02**
 There were no questions posed.

6. **CF-MAY2024-44:** Requesting the B.I.A. to repaint the highway lines for motorist visibility on South N15 from Burnside to Indian Wells, AZ.
M: Ruthie Nez **S: Lena Yazzie** **VOTE: 29-0-02**
 There were no questions posed.

7. **CF-MAY2024-45:** Supporting and Adopting Legislation RDCF-07-24: Relating to Resource and Development Committee; Approving the Navajo Nation Burial and Cemetery Regulations.
M: Judith Shirley **S: Bennett Dineyazie** **VOTE: 29-0-02**
 There were no questions posed.

IX. Verbal/Written Reports

1. Honorable Council Delegate Mr. Vince James – not present/no report
2. Chapter Officials
 - Mr. Morgan Cleveland, Council President -
 - Appreciates all that Alfreda Earle, Chapter Manager is doing for the Chapter and her community. Would like to show his appreciation by taking Ms. Earle to dinner sometime.
 - Mr. Wallace James, Council Vice-President –
 - Happy Mothers Day to all and recognized his mother for her hard work in upbringing him and thankful for where he is in life today to help his people.
 - Thanked all the Chapter Staff for all the diligent work they do for the people as well.
 - EPA – increasing problem with illegal dumping and encouraged the community to report any illegal dumping.
 - Ms. Sharon Smith, Council Secretary/Treasurer
 - Reported attending the Agency Council Meeting on April 13, 2024 in Navajo, NM.
 - Reported attending the NDOT/Chapter Coordination Meeting on April 26, 2024 at the Dilkon Community School.
 - Announced candidacy for another term as Chapter Secretary/Treasurer position.

3. Grazing Member, Mr. Patrick Yazzie

- May 06, 2024 Permittee Meeting
- June 03, 2024 at 9:00 am – Next District Grazing Meeting
- New Veterinarian – Old Double D/Navajo Nation Veterinary Clinic; Will meet him on May 15, 2024.
- Sun Valley Livestock Auction – Now back to every Wednesday.
- Non-Branded Horse – Buying at Window Rock Fair Grounds
- New Legislation pertaining to the Burial – Family Plot. Any future burial will require a land withdrawal.
- June 2024 – Will begin Tally Count for 2024.

Q: Homesite Lease Amendments: When will that go into effect.

A: He was thinking of inviting someone from Land Administration, but he came across a discrepancy with a constituent. After all the fees were paid by the constituent, land administration declared that one lived outside the chapter boundary. Each Grazing Permit holder needs a Tally count yearly to keep your Permit active, otherwise you will have no say in land issues near you. There are other issues pertaining to Grazing Permit and Farm Land Use Permit.

Q: Which Chapter Boundary is the Grazing Office working with?

A: The last Official Boundary was documented was in 1970. Then there was another documented boundary by video, but that is considered unofficial by NNDOJ. Cornfields is District 17-03, Ganado is District 17-01, Greasewood Chapter is District 17-02. There is a difference in Boundaries with the Chapter, Grazing and Service.

R: Jimmie Taliman, Sr. – in 1994 the Chapter Officials and CLUPC went around and re-evaluated the Chapter Boundary. There were 2 Chapter boundaries – 1 for Branding and the other for Census Boundary. They used a GPS to mark the Cornfields Chapter Boundary and presented it to the Navajo Nation Land Department.

A: The NNDOJ suggests that all Official Documents use the Service Boundary instead for services provided.

Q: In the years you have served as a Grazing Officer, which holds the most count; by Census, by Permit, or livestock.

A: Its all mainly pinpointed by GPS to determine who is receiving a Tally Count.

4. Farm Board – Lawrence Sam, Farm Board Member

- Educating the community on the validity of Land Use Permit for Farming plots. They are supposed to be valid with yearly planting for 2 years.
- There are a lot of vacant farm plots due to deceased permit holder.
- They will be holding another meeting tomorrow. They have invited the B.I.A. to be present at their meeting.

5. CLUPC – Bennett Dineyazie, CLUPC Member

- Next Meeting on June 03, 2024 at 6:00 pm
- They are trying to work on the CLUPC Manual, but they are having difficulty.
- Mr. Dineyazie announced he is running for Council Vice-President

6. School Announcements:

- a. Ganado Unified Schools – Wallace James, Jr., School Board Clerk
 - o Appointed to a new position to advocate for funding for the school
 - o Would like to recognize Alton Joe Shepherd to supporting
 - o Would like to thank Honorable Delegate James for donating tablet to the students.
 - o The schools will be going back to closed campus regulations, all who visit must present a valid I.D.
 - o Would like to thank NDOT for the new signs at the High School

- o GUSD has budgeted for 1 4X4 Bus and 2 - 72 passenger buses
- o New 5 yr Plan: Demolishing of the old High School, Middle School and Field House.
- o Have improved in Education, this is due to the new Beyond Text Books curriculum, for the past 12 years Ganado Schools was an "F" School, but this changed.
- o They have 54 Seniors graduating this year.
- o New approved Athletic Handbook, there are changes due to aggression during sports travel events.
- o Cornfields Chapter still needs 2 PAC Representatives which has been vacant for 6 months.

b. Greasewood Springs Schools – Ms. Lucinda Godinez, Principal – no report

7. Other:

- Melvin Martin, Community Member introduced self from the late Marie Chee.

M: Warren Thomas

S: Angela Gorman

VOTE: 19-0-2

X. Next Scheduled Meetings:

1. Next Planning Meeting
Date: Tuesday – June 04, 2024 @ 4:00 PM
2. Next Regular Meeting
Date: Sunday – June 09, 2024 @ 1:00 PM
3. Farm Board – May 14, 2024 @ 9:00 AM
4. Land Use Planning:
5. CLUPC – June 06, 2024 6:00pm
6. Senior Social – May 16, 2024 at 11:00am

XI. Benediction: Provided by Angela Gorman, Community Member

XII. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 5:26pm by Mr. Morgan Cleveland, Sr., Council President.

M: Warren Thomas

S: Bennett Dineyazie

VOTE: 19-0-02

Meeting minutes prepared by Sharon Smith, Council Secretary/Treasurer on May 13, 2024.