

Cornfields Chapter Regular Meeting
 Sunday, January 14, 2024 @ 1:00pm
MINUTES

I. Meeting Call to Order – Meeting was called to order at 1:55 pm by Mr. Morgan Cleveland, Council President.

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	

IV. Announcements/Introduction:

1. 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
2. Navajo Youth Builders Coalition – Francine Bradley, Project Coordinator – Not Present
3. Mrs. Elta Shepherd, Teacher – Cornfields Head start
 - For the month of January, they re-opened on January 02, 2024 for staff
 - Instruction began January 03, 2024.
 - School closes when Ganado Unified School is cancelled for inclement weather or if they are on a 2-hr delay.
 - First Friday of each month is Staff Training Day; this past Friday
 - o Integrate the Navajo Language into curriculum.
 - They have a total of 10 students but have capacity for 16. They need 6 more.
 - They still accept children whom are not potty trained.
 Thankful for the continued support from the Chapter Officials and the Chapter Administration.
4. Kim Johnson, Community Member – Not Present
5. Other: None

V. Approval of Agenda – Read by Mr. Wallace James, Jr., Council Vice-President

Motion: Judith Shirley	Second: Lena Yazzie	VOTE: 19 – 0 - 03
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Motioned and Second motioned, requested to amend their motion and second to leave the Agenda open to add any new Resolutions If needed.

No additional questions

VI. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes: December 10, 2023

Motion: Lawrence Sam	Second: Joan Dalgai	VOTE: 20 - 0 - 01
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The Last Meeting Minutes were read by Ms. Sharon Smith, Council Secretary/Treasurer with no questions posed.

VII. Old Business:

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

Motion:	Second:	VOTE:
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Ms. Earle, Chapter Manager:

- Attended Planning, Regular Chapter Meetings. She also attended the Farm Board Meetings.
- Due to the recent snow falls, the chapter has had early release and delays.
- There is no money in the Emergency Funds, so she requested funds through Honorable Council Delegate, hopefully they will be an allocation for some funds.
- She is currently utilizing General Funds to purchase fuel for the equipment.
- She had purchased some wood and has given out to the community.
- The Chapter received requests for road clearances from the community for snow removal after recent snow fall.
- Follow-up made on ARPA projects, slowly moving through the process of approval.
- Administrative Duties; monthly reports and other reports, she continues to work on as well as part of her daily duties.
- Hay was delivered last month but the amount is diminishing due to daily sales.
- They continue to deliver water to residents with cistern systems which I.H.S. reimburses the Chapter for.
- Working on N15 phase II and Sunrise Low Water Crossing
- Ms. Earle attended Tribal Legislative Day in Phoenix, Az last week 01/10/24 and met with the AZ Attorney General, Representative Tsosie and the Governor to advocate for funding for the Sunrise Low Water Crossing and N15 Project.
- Encouraged the community in attendance to write down the local emergency response phone numbers and try not to call the chapter to request reporting emergencies in their behalf because they so not know the present circumstance of the emergency.
- Wood Hauling and Wood Resale permits are available here at the Chapter.
- Chapter will be closed for the Holiday tomorrow 01/15/24 - for Martin Luther King Day.
- Facility Usage - Please be mindful that a form needs to be filled prior to an event.

QUESTION:

Teresa Thompson - Is the route by her home from Sunrise to Steamboat to Hwy 264 included on the Maintenance for roads?

RESPONSE:

Ms. Earle reported that the route in question is a BIA route 9031 and B.I.A. maintains the route on a quarterly basis.

QUESTION:

Peggy Thompson - How do they apply to get a street name for their residential location.

RESPONSE:

Ms. Earle responded by stating that they are currently working with MC Baldwin in a Rural Addressing Project.

2. Financial Report for December 2023 by Ms. Alfreda Earle, Chapter Manager

Motion: Lawrence Sam	Second: Fritz Roanhorse	VOTE: 21 - 0 - 06
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This Financial Report was given by Sharon Smith, Council Secretary/Treasurer with no questions posed.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Flora is here to gather signatures for Michael Whiting with Apache County Government who has announced candidacy for a position in the upcoming Apache County Election.

3. 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: Lawrence Sam	Second: Cecelia White	VOTE: 21 - 0 - 06
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No questions posed.

VIII. 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: Judith Shirley	VOTE: 19 - 0 - 08
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No Questions posed.

2. CF-JAN2024-19: Approving and Accepting Sihasin Heavy Equipment Budget Carryover in the amount of \$86,380.00 to purchase a Fork Lift and Gooseneck Flatbed Trailer

Motion: Jimmie Taliman, Sr.	Second: Cecelia White	VOTE: 21 - 0 - 06
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COMMENT: Mr. Jimmie Taliman, Sr. – Please explain the Resolutions in Navajo for the Audience.

No further questions

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 of each month and The Regular Chapter Meeting to be held the 2nd Sunday at TIME: 12:00 pm of the month.

Motion: Fritz Roanhorse	Second: Lena Yazzie	VOTE: 19 - 0 - 08
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Motion to amend Resolution to keep the Meetings as: PLANNING Meeting 1st Tuesday at 4:00pm and REGUAR CHAPTER Meeting 2nd Sunday at 1:00 pm. As voiced by the community in attendance.

ADD:

4. CF-JAN2024-21: Reaffirming Resolution FB-070913- Cornfields Farm Board: Requesting the Support from Cornfields Chapter to Cancel all Inactive and Decease Cornfields Irrigation Project Land Use Permits through Nation Department of Agriculture, Division of Natural Resources, Resources and Community Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council and Bureau of Indian Affairs Gallup Regional Office and Fort Defiance Agency Natural Resources.

Motion: Cecelia White	Second: Angela Gorman	VOTE: 20 - 01 - 05
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Judith Shirley, Farm Board Member – In English reported that this is to reaffirm an existing Resolution to aide in confirming cancellation of Inactive and Decease Permits, these farm plots can then be reconsidered for reissuance.

Fritz Roanhorse, Farm Board Member – In Navajo explained that this is to reaffirm a Resolution. There is a total of 500 acres east of Cornfields Chapter that needs attention. This will help to cancel those permits needed to restart the application process and re-assign the plots to determined individuals.

IX. Verbal/Written Reports

1. Honorable Council Delegate Mr. Vince James – absent/no report – absent due to not feeling well.
2. Chapter Officials
 - Mr. Morgan Cleveland, Council President - reported
 - Mr. Wallace James, Council Vice-President - reported
 - Planned Advocation – March 2024 in Washington DC for the Sunrise Low Water Crossing Project
 - Ms. Sharon Smith, Council Secretary/Treasurer - reported
3. Grazing Member Mr. Patrick Yazzie - reported
 - Continues to participate in Grazing Meetings.
 - Yearly livestock inventory count has decreased due to deceased holders with no pending probate or transfers due to age.
 - Due to the Nation suing BIA over range management, this put a hold on the reissuance of Permits for Probate.
 - The signed decree by a judge is still valid to use.
 - The Apache County and AIF is also continuing to take applications for drought and Incentive for Livestock.
 - Grazing District Meeting - February 05, 2024, Wide Ruins Chapter, 9:00am
 - Permittee Meeting – Will inform the
 - FD Agency Grazing Meeting – Tuesday, January 16, 2024 Ft Defiance Chapter 9:00am

QUESTION:

- Would like to know who they contact for Land Buy-Back

RESPONSE:

- BIA Land Department, phone number and contact can be shared.
4. Formboard –
 - January 30, 2024 AIF applications will be taken her at Cornfields Chapter at 9:00 am.
 - February 06, 2024 – Regular Meeting at Cornfields Chapter
 - February 13, 2024 – Meeting at Cornfields Chapter
 - February 15, 2024 – Land Use Permit Meeting 9:00am
 - Apache County Forage Program – inquire with the Apache County Office in St. Johns, Az.
 5. CLUPC – Judith Shirley. Member
 - Current President is Merle Chischilly
 - There is a vacancy, if interested submit a letter of interest.
 - \$250,000 available from Sihasin Funds for new projects from the Navajo Nation
 - They met with Marlene Haskie, DCD to go over planned projects, they are planning another meeting to further discuss projects but the location of the meeting has not been confirmed.
 - Darren Lincoln, a community member has applied to start an RV Park business at the Deer Point 100 Acre Business Site.

- There is also another community Member interested to start an RV/Camping business and attended the Planning Meeting to announce her interest. She attended the CLUPC Meeting and decided she would need more time to confirm her decision.
6. School Announcements:
- a. Ganado Unified Schools – Wallace James, Jr., School Board Clerk
 - This past meeting – re-election:
 - o Joseph Mora will remain the Board President
 - o Wallace James, Jr. will remain the School Board Clerk
 - You'll see new lights for student crossing at the High School for increased safer crossing.
 - A Survey was completed to see how many students use the Burton Bar Overpass. Out of 59 students, only one used the overpass.
 - The school has ordered electric buses for pavement use only. 4x4 buses have been ordered for the dirt roads.
 - In March will be traveling to Washington DC
 - The School is requesting for all parents check with the school to check the contact number listed in child's record for updated school cancellations or delays.
 - b. Greasewood Springs Schools – No report
7. Other –
- a. Hubbell's Trading Post - Sale tomorrow 01/15/24 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
 - b. Francine Bradley-Arthur – Navajo Youth Builders Coalition.
 - Grant Program now for 9 years.
 - Company is based in Farmington, NM
 - Provide prevention education, help recruit for the youth coalition. They would like to hear from the community youth ages between 9 – 20 years of age.
 - With the Youth involvement comes with advocating for their community and learning new skills to help others.

Motion: Judith Shirley	Second: Joan Dalgai	VOTE: 14 – 0 – 01
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X. Next Scheduled Meetings:

1. Next Planning Meeting
Date: Tuesday – February 06, 2024 @ 4:00 PM
2. Next Regular Meeting
Date: Sunday – February 11, 2024 @ 1:00 PM
3. Farm Board – Meeting announced under reports
4. CLUPC – no new schedule.
5. Senior Social – January 17, 2024; cancelled due to the weather and inclement road conditions

XI. Benediction: Ms. Peggy Thompson, Community Member

XII. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 4:45pm by Mr. Morgan Cleveland, Council President.