

# Cornfields Chapter Planning Meeting

Tuesday, August 06, 2023 4:00 PM

## MINUTES

I. **Meeting call to Order** – Meeting called to Order by Mr. Morgan Cleveland, Sr. Council President.

II. **Invocation** – Provided by Mr. Morgan Cleveland, Sr., Council President

III. **Announcements/Introductions**

1. Cornfields Grazing Member:
  - a. District 17 Grazing Meeting
  - b. Cornfields Permittee Meeting
  - c. Agency Grazing Meeting
2. CLUPC
  - a. Regular CLUPC Meeting; September 09, 2024 @ 6:00pm
3. Farmboard
  - a. Regular Meeting:
    - i. Land Use Permittee Training – Thursday August 08, 2024 @ 9:00am
    - ii. Regular Meeting – Tuesday August 13, 2024 @ 9:00am
4. Cornfields Veteran's Organization
  - a. Regular Meeting:
5. American Legion Post 2019 Mtg – August 17, 2024 @ 1:00pm
6. Senior Social – Wednesday, August 07, 2024
7. Navajo Special Diabetes – Honoring the Gift of Heart Health;  
Every Tuesday 1:00pm-2:00pm  
August 06<sup>th</sup> to October 8<sup>th</sup>
8. Environmental Protection Agency – Illegal Dumping and Burning; Fred

IV. **Approval of Agenda**

Agenda was read by Mr. Wallace James, Jr., Council Vice-President

M: Lawrence Sam

S: Sharon Smith

VOTE: 3-0-2

V. **Old Business**

1. **CF-AUG2024-62**: Requesting Approval for Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Amendment of the Cornfields Chapter Activity Funds for the Month of July 2024 in the Amount of \$8,478.39  
No Questions posed  
M: Wallace James  
S: Judith Shirley  
VOTE: 4-0-1

VI. **New Business**

1. **CF- AUG 2024-63**: Approving and Adopting the Fiscal Year 2024 Summer Youth Employment Supplemental Fund in the amount of \$24,377.50.  
No Questions Posed  
M: Wallace James  
S: Sharon Smith  
VOTE: 4-0-1
2. **CF- AUG 2024-64**: Supporting Resolution CFCLUP-C-AUG2024-001 for CLUP-C of Cornfields Chapter requesting the Navajo Nation Water Resources and Navajo Nation Department of Agriculture to conduct a Water Use Feasibility Study and Water Line

Extension from the Ganado Lake Water Irrigation system with Resolution CFCLUP-C-AUG2024-001.

M: Judith Shirley

S: Lawrence Sam

VOTE: 6-0-1

Discussion:

- Merle Chischilly, CLUP-C President – water line extension is being requested for a total of 490 acres for enhancing the water supply and assisting the farmers with water.
- Judith Shirley, CLUP-C Secretary – In working with the Cornfields Farmboard, they have decided to collaborate with this effort. They have been working with Ed Harvey, Consultant who will work with the Navajo Nation for a Feasibility Study. The funds from the Department of Agriculture Drought Insurance awarded \$50,000.00 for projects, so they plan to use these funds for this project.
- Bennett Dineyazhie, CLUP-C Member – Participated in The Weather Channel TV special that was filmed in Cornfields when they came to visit the Community and learned of shared some ideas for the types of irrigation for dry land farming.
- Merle Chischilly, CLUP-C President – include in the Chapter's Resolution that Cornfields Chapter has inclusion to use the water from Ganado Lake.
- Judith Shirley; CLUP-C Secretary – added that this plan has been attempted for years, and she feels that Cornfields Community has a right to use the water from Ganado Lake.
- Jimmie Taliman, Sr., Community Member – This has been attempted years ago, but the Department of Fish and Wildlife did not approve due to the fish in the lake and due to the distance. Also the farm plot does not have good soil and failed in the past. Recommending a soil test to support this plan.
- Merle Chichilly; CLUP-C President – This request and study is to mainly focus on the dry months (June to August)

**Other:**

- Gloria Kinlicheenie, Community Member – Came before the Planning Meeting to request assistance in renovating a family home across from her late father, Friday Kinlicheenie's residence. The home needs to be completely rebuilt due to infrastructure deterioration and also needs electricity wiring and hook up. She has been informed by the Chapter Administration that this cannot be completed due to no one living in the structure.
- Alfreda Earle, Chapter Manager – thankful for the discussion pertaining to the water line feasibility study request.
- The Chapter Administration has a lot of projects that they are working on at this time. When the Chapter received ARPA funds there was a stipulation in the use of the funds for the Home Renovation Projects that states that the homes requested for renovation has to be occupied for residence. Some community members are not understanding this stipulation and become upset and verbally abuse the staff. –
- Historic Preservation came to visit the Chapter recently last week – Genevieve came to visit to report that the Grazing Officials were assigned to identify the location of Family Burial Plots and further identify the deceased buried in these locations. This identification should also include GPS locations. Since there is no action being taken by the Grazing Officials, it has come back to the Chapter to work on. Ms. Earle informed the CLUP-C that this is in their scope and requested their assistance.

- In response to Gloria Kinlichee’s request, she knows that Gloria has been coming in to inquire about her application and becomes upset. Gloria was recommended to inquire with NTUA about new Electricity for another home. Be patient with the laborers, they are going home to home, but this project is planned for a two year completion span.
- Asked the Chapter Officials what their recommendations are for those community members who reside in other communities and in NHA Homes and are requesting home renovations for homes that are not occupied for residence. There was no recommendations voiced.
- Please be patient if you applied for home renovations. The laborers come across further corrections when they begin renovations with present projects and that adds more time for completion.
- Alfreda has five ARPA projects going at this time, she has reports that she needs to submit on a monthly basis, that keeps her very busy. She is a little behind, but she is working diligently to keep on top of the reporting.
- She is also working on the Cornfields Veterans Park project.

QUESTIONS:

- Joann Dalgai, Community Member – Where does the funds come from for the Supplies for the Home Renovation Projects?
- Ms. Earle, Chapter Manager – Responded that the funds for supplies are from the ARPA Funds that was allocated per Council Delegates.
- Jimmie Taliman, Sr., Community Member – Pleaded with all Elected Officials to assist the Chapter Staff to alleviate the difficulty the Chapter staff face daily.
  
- Discussion Topic to Add for the Regular Chapter Meeting:  
To ask the Community how they feel about bringing the Virtual Chapter Meeting participation back to the Community since the Legislation 0255-23 was approved by the Navajo Nation Council.

M: Patrick Yazzie                      S: Fritz Roanhorse                      VOTE: 5-1-1

~~3. CF AUG 2024 65: (OPEN)~~

M: \_\_\_\_\_ S: \_\_\_\_\_ VOTE: \_\_\_\_\_

**VII. Others: Meetings:**

1. Regular Chapter Meeting – Sunday, August 11, 2024 1:00pm
2. Planning Meeting – Tuesday, September 03, 2024 4:00pm
3. Others:  
Mr. Jermason Yazzie is missing 3 bulls, 5 heffers that were grazing in the community and Brand is YPB. If anyone sees them, please notify him.

**VIII. Benediction:** Provided by Mr. Jermason Yazzie, community member.

**IX. Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:11pm by Mr. Morgan Cleveland, Sr., Council President.

M: Patrick Yazzie                      S: Wallace James                      VOTE: 6-0-1