

Cornfields Chapter Regular Meeting
 Sunday, September 08, 2024 @ 1:00pm
MINUTES

I. Meeting Call to Order: Meeting called to order By Mr. Morgan Cleveland, Sr, Council President at 1:35pm

II. Invocation: Provided By Ms. Kathy Chee, 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

- Mr. Wallace James, Jr. Council Vice-President informed the Officials during our Planning Meeting on 09/03/24 that he would not be able to make it due to representing Ganado Unified School District at a function out of town.

IV. Announcements/Introduction:

1. Sage Memorial Hospital Mobile Clinic – Thursday, September 19, 2024 10a-2p

2. Cornfields Chapter is now buying Fire Wood:
- i. Short Bed (S-10)..... \$120.00
 - ii. Short Bed\$160.00
 - iii. Long Bed\$200.00

3. Roy Dempsey, Community Outreach Specialist - Tsehotsooi Medical Center:

Provided a Community Presentation on Community Readiness Model that Tsehotsoii Indian Medical Center has put in place.

Mobile Health Clinic is scheduled to visit Cornfields Community on September 19, 2024 at 10am

4. Kathy Chee, Cornfields Community Baptist Church – Updates for the Community.

The Cornfields Community Baptist Church is still working on the Permit they applied for. They continue to have Church Services on Sunday and Wednesdays. They also provide Bible \ Study.

Last Month they had Missionaries come to help them renovate the Church from Alabama. They are still working on waterline services, so presently they continue to haul water.

They are providing a program for Celebrate Recovery based on bible teachings for substance abuse recovery.

Their main intent to upkeep the Community Church since it is a very old structure and Cornfields Community is known for the establishment.

Working with the Navajo Nation Forestry Department in stocking up on fire wood to donate to families for the winter.

5. Cope Reynolds, Apache County Sheriff County Candidate –

Introduction to the Community in attendance. Is an Army Veteran, past employment included firearm instruction, and works with as a Private Investigator. He decided to run for Apache County Sheriff's Office hoping to make a change with all the activities taking place. Would like to protect the public and protect individual's rights. Is with the Independent Party. Five things that is most important for his campaign is: One thing that everyone has to understand that he, if he is elected the Sheriff, he cannot just come out onto the reservation to help. He will encourage an MOU. He will not be an absentee sheriff, he will make drug trafficking a priority as well as human trafficking or human sex trafficking, He will treat all with fairness and equality, cooperation between authorities (Navajo Nation and State). He is endorsed with many past well known public Officials.

Also provides education in Two-Way Radio use and Emergency Preparedness Education.

Community members attending had numerous questions and were answered respectively

5. Other(s):

Honorable Vince James, Council Delegate – Provided his Report.

- Provided a copy of his September 2024 Monthly newsletter to the attending audience.
- FY 2025 – Navajo Nation Comprehensive Budget still has not passed due to the OPVP, Office of Chief Justice, and Navajo Nation Council Speaker still have not come to an agreement for the Budget of the Navajo Nation. There will be a Special Council Session on 09/23/24, if passed the budget will still need to be reviewed by DOJ which could go up to 10 days still going past 10/01/24.
- Roads Projects; N-15 Highway repaving is being delayed due to the archeological findings – 9 sites in total through Cornfields to Sunrise. They are waiting for the finalized reports which will give the suggested remediation of extraction, relocation or building a layer of soil on top of to continue with the road repaving project. The funding is there, its just a matter of waiting for the reports.
- Chapter ARPA Projects – Cornfields Chapter's Projects initial and current. Most of the initial projects were funded at 50% at the beginning, now most of the projects are being funded at the remaining 50%. The home renovations are the biggest projects. Bathroom additions were referred to DCD and NECA. There was also 10 recommendations requested for families needing complete homes which 2-3 families were picked based on qualifications of income and so forth.
- The repair of windmills were also included for all the chapters he serves.
- Sihasiin Projects also included the business sites and Cornfields Community Park which continues to go forth with completion.
- 5 year Economic Development Plan
- Types of funding resources was also covered.
- All information can be found in Honorable Delegates Newsletter with contact information always listed for direct contact if needed.

COMMENT(S) –

Mr. Jimmie Taliman, Sr., Community Member

In regards the BIA N-15; the maintenance responsibility of N-15 is under the B.I.A., but they do not bother the road. Who's responsibility is this? Where are the right of ways to N-15? The Archeology

sites do not sit in the right-of-way. He has learned that the Ganado NHA Office received funding for the housing communities in the surrounding areas, is he eligible for assistance?

RESPONSE:

The sites of the archeology findings will be where a drainage will need to be established. If the ground is cut into near the site, weakening of soil might affect the sites. This could affect the funding from the Federal Level.

The funding that NHA will be questioned by himself to find out how this could be used for housing repair requests.

They are waiting on the report of the findings of the total of 9 sites that were located. Then there will be discussion of plans to extract, relocate or build upon on it with soil.

V. Approval of Agenda

M: Fritz Roanhorse

S: Linda Holigay

VOTE: 34-0-04

VI. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes: August 11, 2024

M: Jimmie Taliman, Sr.

S: Bennett Dineyazhe

VOTE: 28-0-01

VII. Old Business:

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

M: Lawrence Sam

S: Desiree Taliman

VOTE: 32 – 0 – 02

No question posed

CLUPC Meetings – has not attended and would like an update about their manual.

9 homes have been renovated – 2 groups of workers providing renovations. She is also offering families to renovate their own home with material provided.

ARPA Chapter projects – 9 projects were initially planned, 50% of the funding was awarded in April 2024.

Community Veteran's Park – grants from Navajo Energy and sports equipment is in the works.

Closing FY2024 line items and complete an inventory. They are also up for another audit.

The Navajo Nation usually close budget activities with two weeks remaining in September.

Virtual Meetings for all Chapters – added to Title 26. It will be up to the people to accept this virtual option pertaining to meetings.

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

M: Belinda Brown

S: Linda Holigay

VOTE: 31 – 0 - 02

No Question posed

3. **CF-SEPT2024-65:** Requesting Approval for Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Amendment of the Cornfields Chapter Activity Funds for the Month of August 2024 in the Amount of \$9,096.63

M: Jimmie Taliman, Sr.

S: Belinda Brown

VOTE: 27 – 0 - 04

No Question posed.

VIII. New Business:

1. **CF- SEPT2024-66:** Approving the funding from Navajo Nation Gaming Revenue Carry-Over in the amount of \$961.78
M: Jimmie Taliman, Sr. S: Belinda Brown VOTE: 27 – 0 -04
No question posed.
2. **CF- SEPT2024-67:** Approving and Accepting the Taliman's Family Burial Plot for recognition by the Navajo Nation General Land Development Department. ~~Department of Natural Resources.~~
M: Jimmie Taliman, Sr. S: Desiree Taliman VOTE: 31 – 0 – 02
Mr. Jimmie Taliman, Sr. presented the purpose of this request.

IX. Verbal/Written Reports

1. Honorable Council Delegate Mr. Vince James – Provided under Announcements
2. Chapter Officials
Mr. Morgan Cleveland, Council President – updated on the Housing Improvement project.
Mr. Wallace James, Council Vice-President - Absent
Ms. Sharon Smith, Council Secretary/Treasurer – Thanked the community for their support and attendance.
3. Grazing Member, Mr. Patrick Yazzie ;
 - FY 2024 ending – only 1 mtg this month
 - Agency Wide Meeting 09/09/24 9:00am Navajo Nation Veterinary Clinic District
 - District Grazing Official Meeting – 10/07/24 at 9:00am at Klagetoh Chapter
 - Livestock inventory count continues to be completed through 09/30/24.
 - Apache County FSA – Teresa Joe
 - Homesite Lease requests – providing GPS recording for
 - Windmill – Thursday 09/05/24 Location near Roanhorse/Burns residence was reported for no water production, they will schedule an assessment tomorrow 09/09/24.
 - Grazing Permit Holders are being inventoried for permit use. Since their issuance in 1940, some permits has not had any livestock tallied for its use.
4. Farm Board; Lawrence Sam; Farm Board Member
 - Has been holding monthly meetings.
 - A farm plot has been used northeast of Cornfields.
 - The Farm Board
 - Joint Farm Board Meeting 09/09/24 at Crystal Chapter
 - 09/12/24 they will be meeting at residence of Felix Earl on Harvesting at 9:00 am
 - 09/12/24 Land Use Permit Meeting at 1:00pm
 - They are presently working with consultants for a Conservation and irrigation study
5. CLUPC – Merle Chichilly, CLUPC President
 - Has one vacancy
 - Mtg scheduled 09/09/24 at 6:00pm. Russian Olive recommendation.
 - Irrigation support for the Farm Board, requested a resolution to support water irrigation from Ganado Lake.

6. School Announcements:
 - a. Ganado Unified Schools – Wallace James, Jr., School Board Clerk - Absent
 - b. Ganado Unified Schools PAC Member – Sandra Yazzie, Representative
 - Donations requested – for students or teachers.
 - c. Greasewood Springs Schools – Ms. Lucinda Godinez, Principal – No show
7. Other: None
M: Jimmie Taliman, Sr. S: Katherine Tapaha VOTE: 20 – 0 – 03

X. Next Scheduled Meetings:

1. Next Planning Meeting
Date: Tuesday – Tuesday, October 01, 2024 at 4:00pm
2. Next Regular Meeting
Date: Sunday – October 13, 2024 @ 1:00 PM

XI. Benediction: Provided by Juana McIntosh, Community Member

XII. Adjournment: 5:15 pm

M: Elizabeth Jim S: Elenita Begay VOTE: 25 -0 -02

Prepared by Sharon Smith, Council Secretary/Treasurer on 09/08/2024