

Cornfields Chapter Regular Meeting  
 Sunday, October 13, 2024 @ 1:00pm  
MINUTES

**I. Meeting Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 1:41pm by Mr. Morgan Cleveland, Sr. Council President.

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

**III. Roll Call**

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

- Mr. Patrick Yazzie arrived at:

**IV. Announcements/Introduction:**

1. Navajo Transitional Energy – Community Heating Resource Program  
 COAL Dispensing with Ticket : Tickets Expire 03/29/25  
 11/6/24 – 02/28/25  
 Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday from 8am to 4pm (Lunch 12:00p-12:30p)  
 03/01/25 – 03/29/25  
 Friday and Saturday Only
2. Navajo Election Administration:  
 ABSENTEE Voting Begins 10/07/24  
 Mail in Ballot Deadline 10/21/24  
 Walk-In Voting ends on 11/01/2024
3. Apache County Sheriff Candidate – Cope Reynolds, Candidate for Apache County Sheriff.  
 Explained that he can make the community disaster training a priority and can scheduled a training on use of two way radios sometimes in December. The attending community showed him their support.
4. Roy Dempsey, Community Outreach Specialist - Tsehotsooi Medical Center – Not Present
5. Kathy Chee, Cornfields Community Baptisit Church – Updates for the Community.
  - a. Sunday Regular Church Services
  - b. Wednesday is Regular Bible Study
  - c. Continuing to work on completing documents for the update of the Church Land Lease.
    - i. They still do not have any running water
6. Navajo Nation Council Fall Session – October 21, 2024 thru October 25, 2024
7. Ganado Homecoming – Float decoration begin 10/21/2024 thru 10/25/24; Parade is scheduled for 10/25/24

Judith Shirley commented what theme they were going to work on, they will be building a Hornet statue and build a cage with a person dressed as a wildcat in the cage. They will dress the Hornet as a Scout to go with the Wild Wild West Theme. Come join them to help with building. They plan to leave the Chapter on 10/25/24 around 8:30 am to 9:00a.m. to get in line for the Parade in Ganado.

8. Pumpkin Bash/Halloween Carnival 10/30/24 at 6:00 pm @ Cornfields Chapter

9. Other(s)

Senior Social: November 13, 2024 11:00am –1:00pm

V. Approval of Agenda

**M: Fritz Roanhorse      S: Joan Dalgai      VOTE: 24-0-1**  
Mr. Wallace James, Jr. assisted by reading the Agenda.

VI. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes: September 08, 2024

**M: Judith Shirley      S: Dee Dee Bob      VOTE: 24-0-1**  
The Attending Audience was provided a copy of the Minutes. There were no questions posed.

**Approval of Last Special Meeting Minutes: September 29, 2024**

**M: Dee Dee Bob      S: Fritz Roanhorse      VOTE: 24-0-1**  
The Attending Audience was provided a copy of the Minutes. There were no questions posed.

VII. Old Business:

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

**M: Elizabeth Johnson      S: Lawrence Sam      VOTE: 28-0-2**

Ms. Alfreda Earle, Chapter Manager

Reported that there is a water line breakage yesterday and she has the Maintenance Worker presently working on trying to fix it.

Laundry, and Water services will reopen tomorrow if the water line is fixed.

No More Hay, working with NAPI to order more hay. The Chapter will wait until the Chapter Vehicles Insurance is back in place.

The Chapter Vehicles are not being used due to insurance cancellation due to the new fiscal year re-certification.

Alfreda has been busy with ARPA reports and requirements. She does not do her job duties for a recognition.

End of September home renovations have reached 10 homes. There are 10 families who are renovating their own homes.

October 01, 2024; new Fiscal Year began and currently working on operating Chapter Operations with the budget carry-over and the Approval of the Continuing Resolution before the community today.

03 more laborers will be hired beginning this week.

09/25/24 – Food Distribution; each person received \$200 worth of food.

Wood purchasing through the month of September, the last load was purchased on Friday.

Cornfields Chapter sells re-sale permits.

Will be scheduling a date for wood distribution, look out for posts.

Two ARPA funding allocations were reverted back to General Funds and one of those projects was the Septic Cleaning Service, so she continues to work with Honorable James to utilize the funds.

ASC pushes the Chapter to upload all funds into the WIND system. Then more amounts need to be transferred to into the M.I.P. System as well.

Continuing Resolution – purpose and explanation. The continuing resolution will help to fund the Chapters’ Operation through March 2025.

There were no questions to the Report provided.

2. **Financial Report for September 2024 by Sharon Smith, Council Secretary/Treasurer**  
**M: Fritz Roanhorse**                                 **S: Joan Dalgai**                                 **VOTE: 28-0-2**  
Special Meeting Minutes from September 29, 2024 lists all balances of Accounts that was carried over into FY2025, therefore there will be no Financial Report. This was explained to the community members in attendance and there were no questions posed.

#### **VIII. New Business:**

1. **CF- OCT2024-01:** Approving a Continuing Resolution for FY2025 Budget at 50% in the amount of \$160,820.00.  
**M:** Judith Shirley   **S:** Warren Thomas   **VOTE:** 28-0-2
2. **CF- OCT2024-02:** The Cornfields Chapter requests the Navajo Nation Capital Improvement Office, to accept the prioritized chapter projects. Cornfields Chapter supports the prioritized projects for the next five years, beginning 2025 through 2030  
**M:** Dee Dee Bob   **S:** Cecelia White   **VOTE:** 28-0-2
3. **CF- OCT2024-03:** Requesting Navajo Nation Water Development to re-evaluate the livestock dam at Windmill #17M-91-A for improvement of water storage and further evaluate the current pump capacity of the windmill.
4. **M: Warren Thomas**                                 **S: Elizabeth Johnson**                                 **VOTE: RESCINDED**  
Mr. Patrick Yazzie, Grazing Officer – Reported that Ganado Water Resources did evaluate the Windmill on Thursday October 11, 2024 with findings that the Windmill was pumping water into the tank. Having no wind for a couple of days stopped the Windmill from producing water. Warren and Elizabeth withdraw their motion and second in order for a new motion to be made with a second to rescind this resolution.  
**M: Fritz Roanhorse**                                 **S: Warren Thomas**                                 **Vote to rescind Resolutionv27-0-2**

#### **IX. Verbal/Written Reports**

1. Honorable Council Delegate Mr. Vince James  
**M:** Elizabeth Johnson                                 **S:** Warren Thomas                                 **VOTE:** 24-0-3
  - a. NDOT Roads Meeting Update: Monday October 14, 2024 @ 4:00pm NDOT Complex
  - b. Newsletter – Leaves the floor open for any questions

- Elizabeth Johnson – NECA is placing new septic systems for homes in the Navajo Station area, but they are not going to hook up any water. Where can they voice their concern for her and other families near her.
- Elenita Begay – She also had her septic and storage tank changed out. The water flow is not the same, she doesn't know anything about how the new inlet will work when water is transferred into the new water storage unit because the inlet is too low to the ground, she is afraid that with the winds, it might become buried and dirt might go into the underground tank.
- Response: Honorable Delegate responded to state that the main reason waterlines are not built is because no one wants to release land for construction because of grazing areas.  
Drew on the White Board to explain the programs and what they cover for a waterline project, costs of the project and time for process to end of construction period.  
The Audience really appreciated his description of process.

## 2. Chapter Officials

Mr. Morgan Cleveland, Sr. Council President : Update on mtgs attended.

Mr. Wallace James, Jr. Council Vice-President : Advocating for funding for school bus routes in this community. Participated in last Food Distribution and appreciative of all who helped.

Ms. Sharon Smith, Council Secretary/Treasurer: Thanked all in attendance and continuing to participate with the Chapter

## 3. Grazing Member, Mr. Patrick Yazzie

- a. Agency Grazing Meeting – October 15, 2024 Vet Office.
- b. District 17 Mtg attended this past month in Klagetoh.
- c. Tally Count ended 09/30/24 and submitted.
- d. BIA was conducting a verification of Grazing Permits, but not all was reverified.
- e. The Ground is very dry, its forage has dried. If you need to sell your livestock, sell them but save the money that you receive to purchase new livestock in the spring.
- f. Prepare for the winter; bring more hay. He would like to sit down with Alfreda to ask if she can bring in Alfalfa and maybe
- g. Permittee Meeting tentatively for week of 10/21/24
- h. District 17 Meeting November 04, 2024 Greasewood Chapter and December 2024 will be back in Cornfields.

## 4. Farm Board

- a. Next LUP Training: October 17, 2024 @ 9:00am – Presenter INAC.
- b. Next Regular Meeting: October 15, 2024 @ 9:00am

## 5. CLUPC:

- a. Next Meeting: November 04, 2024 at 6:00pm  
CLUPC members will be recommended to be replaced. If you're interested, submit a letter of interest.

## 6. School Announcements:

- a. Ganado Unified Schools – Wallace James, Jr., School Board Clerk

Due to surrounding School Threats – All gates will be closed and only entrance into campus will be from Maintenance Department Entrance.

School Board passed another policy – All children in 4<sup>th</sup> grade and under will not be let off at their bus stop unless there is a parent/guardian present.

To receive Robo Calls for updates from the school, the school only uses the information listed on the student Registration.

Please be kind to the schools front Office Staff.

Bench Mark Testing will begin soon, let you child get more sleep.

Due to regulations of preparing healthy foods, traditional foods are served only seldomly.

Attendance of students is becoming an issue – please encourage your child to attend school.

The Ganado Homecoming Parade theme is The Wild, Wild, West – Ganado is the BEST” If interested to enter the Parade, contact the Ganado High School at 928-755-7-1500, no weapons

Fleet Management of the Year for Ganado Unified School this year.

News of the Health Department – Parents are still sending students to school with cough and sickness, 92 students have been sent home.

COVID and FLU Vaccine to be held by Sage Memorial on 10/17 and 10/18 for Students.

Enrollment has dropped to 1,002 students.

- b. Ganado Unified Schools PAC Member – Sandra Yazzie, Representative  
Also serves as IEC member. She has surveys for students attending Ganado Unified School District. This survey helps to bring more funding for Indian Education.
- c. Greasewood Springs Schools – Ms. Lucinda Godinez, Principal – Not present

7. Other: None  
To accept all report:  
M: Linda Holigay

S: Dee Dee Bob

VOTE:22 -0-02

**X. Next Scheduled Meetings:**

- 1. Next Planning Meeting  
Date: Tuesday – Wednesday; November 05, 2024 at 4:00pm
- 2. Next Regular Meeting  
Date: Sunday – November 10 2024 @ 1:00 PM

**XI. Benediction:** Provided by Jimmie Taliman, Sr., Community Member

**XII. Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 6:12 pm by Mr. Morgan Cleveland, Sr. Council President.

M: Fritz Roanhorse

S:Linda Holigay

VOTE: 16-0-1