Cornfields Chapter Regular Meeting Sunday, November 10, 2024 @ 1:00pm M I N U T E S

- I. Meeting Call to Order: Meeting Called to order by Mr. Morgan Cleveland, Sr at 1:51pm
- II. Invocation: Provided by Peggy Thompson, 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. 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. Apache County District II - Estelle Benally, Planner - Update

Ouestion:

Cecelia White: When will Apache County fix C427?

RESPONSE:

That is currently being planned.

Question:

Teresa Keyonnie - Rd 9057 BIA Road - Needs to be maintained

RESPONSE:

BIA roads are maintained by BIA or NDOT

Question:

Rd 414 – Judith Shirley asked if the Road connecting to the Klagetoh Road from Navajo Station will be graded.

VOTE: 58-0-1

RESPONSE:

County Road 414 ends by the old Air Strip and does not extend any further.

- 3. Roy Dempsey, Community Outreach Specialist Tsehotsooi Medical Center Not Present
- 4. Kathy Chee, Cornfields Community Baptisit Church Not Present.
- 5. Other(s)
 - a. Meeting Announcements Secretary/Tressurer

V. Approval of Agenda

M: Dickie Smith S: Crystal Bille

CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA ITEMS:

Change RESOLUTION CF-NOV2024-05 to CF-NOV2024-04

Change RESOLUTION CF-NOV2024-06 to CF-NOV2024-05

Change TITLE of Resolution CF-NOV2024-05 to Read as:

Request to Approve to amend Budget Carryover amount for FY2025 from the originally reported amount of \$344,033.68 to the updated amount of \$345,152.63.

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

M: Cecelia White S: Susie Manuelito VOTE: 49-0-9

Minutes read by Sharon Smith, Council Secretary/Treasurer, there were no questions posed.

VII. Old Business:

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

Looking forward to what the new Election results bring.

Attended the Chapter Planning Meeting

The Chapter Administration continues to provide services:

The Hay has sold out, Chapter Administration will be ordering more.

Trash Bin fills within a week and now it has filled again. The cost to have the trash bin is high.

Livestock water has been shut off until spring.

Drinking water has been shut down due to a water leak, so there is no drinking water for now.

ARPA projects and Home Improvement is their priority and reporting an updated ledger of expenditures is being reported.

Heating Source for the Community – Propane and firewood. They purchased 200 loads of Firewood in the amount of \$30,000.00. 160 community members were assisted thus far. They also assisted with wood pellets to 12 individual families.

NTEC are also providing coal tickets for a load of Coal. They were informed that 2-3 families have picked up coal last year, so the Chapter has been ordering semi-truck load delivery of coal and the Chapter hires individuals to bag the coal into large sand bags to provide to the community. The Chapter has assessed that there are many families who do not have the means to haul coal due to no vehicle.

75% community members has waterline to their homes. More have electricity. Now that Chapter has opened a Home Improvement project, so far they have completed 14 homes, they are presently finishing 3 homes. 14 homeowners are helping the Chapter to do their own home improvements. The Information has now reached the Council and the Chapter was praised for their efforts.

Council is now planning for the remaining ARPA funds that some chapters did not use will be planned to distribute as funds to the Navajo nation.

There was a load of Coal provided to the Chapter which they distributed to the community along with their wood, only if they burn Coal

Meeting with Cornfields Chapter Delegate with NDOT last month. The main hold-up for the N15 repaving is due to shortage of funds to clear archeological remains removal that were discovered during an archeological survey earlier this year. On 11/13/24 a Roads Department meeting with; Apache County, BIA Road and NDOT to be held in Ganado. Sunrise Low Water Crossing is on NDOT's list of construction before the end of the year – for the last three years, the Chapter has been submitting proposals to the State of Arizona, and so far it has been unsuccessful. Presently NDOT has planned a temporary fix for the Sunrise Wash to place culverts after two projects are completed. If there are any questions, the community is invited to attend the meeting scheduled to get a definite date for completion.

Ganado Unified School Homecoming Parade participation this year - 10/25/24. This is

usually collaborated with CLUPC. The Theme this year was "Wild, Wild, West, Ganado is the BEST" and Dee Dee Bob volunteered as a wildcat in a cage with a Hornet scout guarding the cage, and they took First Place.

October 29, 2024 – Cornfields Halloween Carnival – was a success with a cake walk and games for the children. The community really enjoyed the event. The community encouraged the Chapter Administration to continue with another event like a party in the Park for the Winter.

The Partnership for Natives provided Turkey for Today's Thanksgiving Dinner for the Community. Thank you for all that participated for this event.

Tomorrow is Veteran's Day and thank you for all the Veteran's. The Chapter will be closed. Due to the Navajo Nation Council not passing a Budget for the entire Navajo Nation Chapters they are currently working with a continuing resolution to operate with last years budget.

QUESTION:

Mr. Jimmie Taliman – has a question about material left from the home improvement. Who is responsible to dispose of the material?

RESPONSE:

Ms. Alfreda Earle – responded to state that the material removed during the home improvement will be picked up by the chapter for disposal, but if there are other material from a prior project, they will be working with EPA.

QUESTION:

Ms. Teresa Keyonnie – What is the status of the Septic Cleaning applications? RESPONSE:

Ms. Alfreda Earle – the Septic Cleaning funds were given to EPA initially, but the plan failed. So presently the funds are planned to reverted back to General Funds, please be patient for the re-assignment of funds to the Chapters.

M: Cecelia White S:Joan Dalgai VOTE: 52-0-12

Financial Report for October 2024 by Sharon Smith, Council Secretary/Treasurer
 M: Fritz Roanhorse S: Wayne White VOTE: 52-0-7
 This Item will be deferred as requested by the Chapter Manager since she is still working on the actual carryover amounts with just the new total for now.

VIII. New Business:

1. CF-NOV2024-05 CF-NOV2024-04: Requesting Approval for Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Amendment of the Cornfields Chapter Activity Funds for the Month of October 2024 in the Amount of \$6,144.16

M: Linda Holigay S: Dickie Smith VOTE: 54-0-08

2. CF-NOV2024-06 CF-NOV2024-05: Request to amend Budget Carryover amount for FY2025 from the originally reported amount of \$344,033.68 to the updated amount of \$345,152.63.

M: Linda Holigay S: Sally Taliman VOTE: 54-0-10

IX. Verbal/Written Reports

1. Honorable Council Delegate Mr. Vince James

Thank you to all our Veterans

Please contact the Apache County Recorder's Office to check on your Absentee Ballots, there are 12 individuals who did not provide a valid phone number as of this morning.

Department of Water Resource – was assigned funds for projects, they will be returning unused funds as well as NTUA.

Now they have to decide on Hardship payments to the Navajo Nation Enrolled Members.

But the Federal Treasury needs an itemized need for usage of funds.

173 indidivuals were identified for bathroom addition from his five chapters.

President Nygren allocated 148 million approved for Senior Centers from the Sihasiin Funds.

Sunrise Low Water Cossing - placing two culverts temporarily as NDOT has announced.

Tribal Interior Meeting in Washington, DC next week. Advocating for more funds for N15.

Phase I – needs 16 Million which is secured needs 7 million additional funds.

Phase II – has 22 million secures but an additional \$31 million is needed, this is due to archeological sites discovered and need to be relocated.

QUESTION:

Jimmie Taliman, Sr. – In regards to the Sunrise Low Water Crossing. Where is the clearing of the Russian Olive Trees at? The Chapter had submitted a Resolution for this action to Department of Agriculture – Jim Bydone.

RESPONSE:

Mr. Vince James, Council Delegate - will continue to advocate on this matter.

2. Chapter Officials

Mr. Morgan Cleveland, Sr. Council President: Thanked everyone attending today's meeting. He announced that we have loss another relative – the late Thomas Lincoln and Mr. Phillip Begay.

Mr. Wallace James, Jr. Council Vice-President: Thanked the Community for allowing to serve them as their Council Vice-President for this ending Term. Will continue to advocate for the community in his present capacity with Ganado Unified Schools and Hubbell's Trading Post.

Ms. Sharon Smith, Council Secretary/Treasurer: Thanked the Community for attending today's meeting and Thanksgiving Luncheon. Thanked the Chapter Administration, staff and Officials for assisting with food prep donation and time.

3. Grazing Member, Mr. Patrick Yazzie

AIF Incentive – Will be opening application submissions in January for Tally 2024 Livestock Tubs – for cattle supplement will be added.

November 18, 2024 – updating Permittees regarding Livestock.

4. Farm Board: Mr. Lawrence Sam Updates for Farm Board.

5. CLUPC:

Crystal Billie – She has not attended meetings for the last two months due to her employment. CLUPC Policy, due to the Policy the current CLUPC Members will be stepping down. Any

interested individual can submit a letter of Interest, and there is a monthly stipend, A lot of the work is donated time. The update on the CLUPC Manual was that corrections were made and given back to the Planner who initially developed it who needed to make the needed corrections and the Manual just needed updated maps. The community needs to become involved to make new businesses develop.

6. School Announcements:

a. Ganado Unified Schools - Wallace James, Jr.

School Board Election results: Macarlo Roanhorse and Allen Blacksheep came in with most votes. Other member currently serving will serve for another two years.

Demololition of the old Middle School will begin soon.

School Enrollment has dropped to 1000, from 1,300 students. Students are transferring to BIE Schools due to front door pickup and sports eligibility at an earlier age than Ganado Unified Schools.

Ganado Schools academic grade is currently at a C. But the High School dropped to a letter D. This is due to attendance.

Federal Programs – Federal Impact Manual needs to be updated for 2025 and currently being updated.

Fire alarms are now updated for all schools.

Complaints about campus beautifications, the schools have a lot of overgrown shrubs and plans are in place to bring in a contractor.

The Transportation Department won the 2024 Transportation of the Year. They are looking for more bus drivers.

For 2024 Ganado Unified School has won the Arizona School Boardmanship award and will be traveling to the state to accept their award.

They are working on a land withdrawl on the School Campus in Ganado for a cell phone tower for the school

November 13, 2024 3:00p-7:00pm – Parent Teacher Conference

Thanksgiving Break – November 25th through November 29th, 2024.

Hubbells Trading Post -

Foot Race - November 16th

Penelope Joe - Navajo Artist will be onsite through 11/14/24.

Hopi Carving and Weaving for the remaining of the month.

CLARIFICATION:

Ms. Alfreda Earle - Chapter Manager

Clarification about the CLUPC report made by Ms. Crystal Billie.

The CLUPC Manual was last updated in 2005.

She has been encouraging the CLUPC to update the Manual since 2017. There was a planner hired in 2005 when Elizabeth Johnson was still the Chapter Manager.

There is a lot of information and data that needs to be collected to make this Manual.

In 2017, a copy of the manual was provided by Lorenzo Begay, Chapter Planner to provide to the CLUPC to update.

There is a check off list attached to indicate what needs to be updated and was given to CLUPC. Once the Manual is updated, they were to hold a Public Hearing to update the community.

Ms. Earle Read the EDZO Policy and Roles and Responsibility. Complying with Title 26 of the Navajo Nation, the Manual should be updated every 5 years.

Over the years CLUPC has been recommended to announce their meetings via radio

station or by community verbal communication.

The report provided to the audience earlier is not true.

Ms. Earle has not attended a meeting for the last two years due to them stating that That she keeps saying "I" for all manual development comments.

There was a recommendation to add the Veterans and Grazing Committee, but there is none.

There are also complaints voiced by the Committee that the stipend is not enough, but this is set by Council in Title 26. If they feel that the Stipend needs to be updated, they need to go before Council.

To remove the current CLUPC the Council President needs to make this recommendation and remove the current members and advertise for new applicants. The Council President will be meeting with CLUPC to provide written letters.

She has started working on this update on the Manual herself, and she will go forth to present this manual with her staff.

The Community will post an announcement for new members for CLUPC.

No consultant will be hired, there is enough information in the current manual that just needs updating.

b. Ganado Unified Schools PAC Member – Sandra Yazzie, PAC/IEC Representative for Ganado Unified School District.

Covered revision of the IEC Policy

Surveys were collected in the community. The Survey shows where the community needs assistance in promoting services.

The revision has not been presented to the School Board.

This Impact Aid is for students with low income families.

She read the IDP and its covering of Titles and Programs. The Johnson O'Malley Program funds the IEC.

She read the Indian Policy for Impact Aid for Ganado Unified School District that is currently used pending the update.

She plans to update the community once the new Policy has been accepted.

There were no questions posed regarding her presentation.

c. Greasewood Springs Schools - Ms. Lucinda Godinez, Principal - Not Present

7. Other:

COMMENT:

Jimmie Taliman, Sr. – On Ms. Alfreda Earle's Clarification. Since the Certification of the Chapter, the Chapter Officials need to be involved with the Committees in place.

X. Next Scheduled Meetings:

1. Next Planning Meeting

Date: Tuesday - Tuesday; December 03, 2024 at 4:00pm

2. Next Regular Meeting

Date: Sunday - December 08 2024 @ 1:00 PM

XI. Benediction: Provided by Janice James

XII. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned by Mr. Morgan Cleveland Sr. Council President at 6:08pm.

Meeting Minutes prepared by Ms. Sharon Smith, Council Secretary/Treasurer