

Cornfields Chapter Planning Meeting Tuesday, April 01, 2025 4:00 PM

MINUTES

- Meeting call to Order @ 4:26pm by Mr. Tyrone Chee, Council President Pro-I.
- II. Invocation – Provided by Mr. Tyrone Chee, President Pro-Temp.
- III. **Announcement/Introductions**
 - 1. Tse Ho Tsooi Mobile Clinic April 09, 2025 Cornfields Chapter 10am-2pm
 - 2. Regular Chapter Meeting Sunday April 13, 2025 1:00 pm
 - Others:
- IV. Approval of Agenda

M: Ruthie Nez

S: Lawrence Sam VOTE: 4 – 0 – 1

Request by Motioner to leave the Agenda open and confirmed with Second Motioner

- V. **Old Business**
 - 1. None

VI. **New Business**

1. **CF- APR2025-29:** Requesting Approval for Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Amendment of the Cornfields Chapter Activity Funds for the Month of March 2025 in the Amount of \$7,999.00.

M: Judith Shirley

S: Ruthie Nez

VOTE: 4 - 0 - 1

2. **CF- APR2025-30:** Approving and adopting the Fiscal Year 2025 Navajo Nation Unhealthy Food Tax Budget in the amount of \$15,636.00.

M: Judith Shirley

S: Ruthie Nez

VOTE: 5 - 0 - 1

QUESTIONS:

Mr. Tyrone Chee – Asked how this budget is allocated, is it guarterly or annually? How can these funds be expended or budgeted for?

RESPONSE:

Ms. Alfreda Earle – This Tax is distributed annually to the 110 Chapters. This budgeted amount can be used for Wellness Events or Exercise Equipment. This amount received will be added to existing Unhealth Food Tax budget in place for the Chapter.

QUESTION:

 Mrs. Judith Shirley – Since she had been voluntarily hosting a monthly Senior Social events last year, can she use some of these funds for such events if she continues to host it?

RESPONSE:

 Alfreda Earle – recommended a Policy be implemented to state a clear purpose for the Senior Social. Take into consideration that there are liability and accidents to consider.

Mr. Tyrone Chee, requested an update for Business Site Leases within Cornfields Chapter. There are three business sites: The Deer Point Business Site, The Old Sunrise Trading Post site, and the Cornfields Chapter Junction.

- Alfreda Earle, Chapter Manager; Cornfields Chapter only works with recommendations from the Economic Development.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Ruthie Nez recommends that Mr. Chee to sit down with Alfreda Earle, Chapter Manager to ask about all the plans for this Chapter.
- Judith Shirley, recommends the same and requests to have a discussion as a team and a leader who will lead all in the direction of his recommendation.
- Sharon Smith recommended that once he is sworn in to become an Official Chapter President, he can schedule an orientation with all the staff and other Officials to become familiar with the roles of each position held.

Mr. Chee expressed that the reason for his questioning about this subject is looking at the surrounding communities; Klagetoh Community has a C-Store, Fire Department, and a school nearby. Greasewood Springs Community has a C-Store and a School. Ganado has several stores, grocery store, fire department, school and hospital. Cornfields is located right in the middle, how can we develop business for our community.

Sunrise - Proposed for a Veterans/Visitors Center 11.62 acres/3.7 acres for development

Cornfields Jct. – Proposed for a Tack Store and Event Center 27.25 acres/11.24 acres for development

Deer Point – Proposed for a Business 100 acres Office Rental Space, Grocery Store, Internet café, Fast Food, Restuarant/19.28 acres for Development

Ms. Alfreda Earle explained that these Land Withdrawals were obtained was for the community not really taking into consideration how the population of a community plays a significant part in sustaining a local business. A recommendation would be to request an a meeting with Economic Development to get an update about any recent applicants.

CF-APR2025-31: BIA and NDOT Road Maintenance and repair of current Pot Holes on N-15 and turn offs South of Birnsides, AZ.
M: Judith Shirley
S: Lawrence Sam
VOTE: 5 – 0 - 1

Avoiding the potholes causes traffic to cross into the oncoming lane.

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Identify the Mile Markers for concise accurate boundary of Cornfields Community.

4. **CF- APR2025-32: (**OPEN)

M: S: VOTE:

Reserved for the Next Planning Meeting, no other request for a Resolution.

VII. Others: Meetings:

- 1. Regular Chapter Meeting Sunday, April 13, 2025 1:00pm
- 2. Farm Board:
 - a. Regular Meeting April 08, 2025 9:00 am
 - b. LUP April 10, 2025 9:00 am

Roland Tso, Presenter and Updates on Soil study from Mr. Ed Harvey, Conservation Planner

Bring your seeds that you would like to sell.

Lunch will served; Mutton Stew

- 3. Grazing:
 - a. Permittee Meeting April 29, 2025 9:00 am Live Demo on livestock vaccination. Lunch will be served
 - b. District 17 Grazing Meeting Wide Ruins Chapter on April 7 2025 9am
 - c. Agency Grazing Meeting on April 15 2025 NDOT 9:00 am
- 4. Veterans Organization Sunday April 13, 2025 9:00 am
- 5. Planning Meeting Tuesday, May 06, 2025 4:00pm
- VIII. Benediction: Provided by Judith Shirley, Farm Board Member
- IX. Adjournment at 6:13 pm by Mr. Tyrone Chee, Council President, Pro-Temp

Prepared by Sharon Smith, Council Secretary/Treasurer on April 01,2025