

Cornfields Chapter Planning Meeting

Tuesday, May 06, 2025 4:00 PM

AGENDA

I. Meeting call to Order at 4:42pm by Ms. Sharon Smith, Council Secretary/Treasurer

Due to Mr. Tyrone Chee, Council President not being present.

Ms. Sharon Smith opened the Meeting in place of Council President. Ms. Sharon Smith announced to open nomination for a Council President Pro-Temp.

Motion to nominate Ms. Judith Shirley by Mr. Lawrence Sam, Farm Board Member. Second by Ruthie Nez, Farm Board Member. Mrs. Judith Shirley accepted the nomination. Vote: 4-0-1

Mrs. Shirley took her place to begin the meeting.

II. Invocation – Judith Shirley, Farm Board Member

III. Announcement/Introductions

1. Tse Ho Tsooi Medical Center Presentation – May 18, 2025 Regular Chapter Meeting
2. Regular Chapter Meeting – Sunday May 18, 2025 1:00 pm
3. Others:
May 08, 2025 Mental Health Illness Workshop – Sage Memorial Hospital 9am to 4pm

IV. Approval of Agenda

M: Ruthie Nez

S: Lawrence Sam

VOTE: 4-0-1

Motioner requests to leave Agenda Open

V. Old Business

1. None

VI. New Business

1. **CF- MAY2025-33:** Requesting Approval for Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Amendment of the Cornfields Chapter Activity Funds for the Month of April 2025 in the Amount of \$9,358.97.

M: Patrick Yazzie

S: Ruthie Nez

VOTE: 4-0-1

2. **CF- MAY2025-34:** (OPEN)

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| M: | S: | VOTE: |
| No other Resolution | | |
| 3. CF-MAY2025-35: (OPEN) | | |
| M: | S: | VOTE: |
| 4. CF- MAY2025-36: (OPEN) | | |
| M: | S: | VOTE: |

VII. Others: Meetings:

1. Regular Chapter Meeting – Sunday, May 18, 2025 1:00pm
2. Farm Board:
 - a. Regular Meeting – May 07, 2025 1:00 pm
 - b. Regular Meeting – May 13, 2025 9:00 am
 - c. LUP Training – May 15, 2025 9:00 am
3. Grazing:
 - a. District 17 Grazing – June 02, 2025 at 9:00 am – Greasewood Springs Chapter
 - b. FD Agency Grazing Meeting – June 15, 2025 at 9:00 am – NDOT Complex
4. Veterans Organization – May 16, 2025 @ 1:00pm Cornfields Chapter
5. Planning Meeting – Tuesday, June 03, 2025 4:00pm

VIII. Benediction: Provided by Mr. Lawrence Sam, Farm Board Member

ADDITION:

Mr. Vince James, Honorable Council Delegate came in to join our meeting so we gave him some time to present any reports:

Thursday 05/08/25 Nabikiyati Committee Meeting. Navajo Nation President Dr. Buu Nygren Navajo Nation President requested to be added to the Agenda to provide a late State of the Navajo Nation Spring 2025 due to the recent Subpoena filed by the Navajo Nation Speaker of the Council.

ARPA FUNDS – \$2 million was transferred back into ARPA. Plans on expenditure is pending at this time.

RRR Funds – Working on changing language for its policy

AZ House Bills - (4) Important Bills pertaining to Native Americans in AZ

- HB2121 – SNAP Benefits – Mandatory Training and Employment
- HB2122 – SNAP Benefits – Work requirement waivers
- HB2165 – SNAP Benefits – Purchase Waiver (what can be purchased with benefits)
- HCR2042 – Pertains to ICE Duties if eliminated at the United States Level and given back to the states to take back this duty and will be placed on the

next Ballot as a Proposition Recommending that AZ be given a Portion for the AZDPS to cover duties in the State of Arizona.

- HB2852 – Approved and signed into law 05/02/25 – This House Bill pertains to add a special colored star to indicate person issued an AZ Identification/DL as Native American.
- HB1671 – Pertains Native American Healing Practices to be an included services as similar a patient seen by a licensed Health Practitioner. But the Governor is thinking of including this Item to the State Budget instead of renewing a Bill every year.

QUESTIONS:

Judith Shirely, Farm Board Member – Went to the Department of Agriculture today to question funds. She was informed by Victoria Lee that the Department was informed that the AIG Funds were mainly funded for Grazing/Livestock and should have not included Agriculture. She requested of Mr. James can advocate on behalf of the Cornfields Farm Board to keep their intended projects planned.

Patrick Yazzie, Grazing Official – responded to state that Department of Agriculture is continuing to take applications for the Livestock Incentive Program for this Fiscal Year. He shared a new rule coming forth regarding a new Sale Authorization – Bill of Sale verification against the individual current Tally Count. If livestock taken to Auction which exceeds the Tally Count for the year, the livestock will be seized. Grazing Officials will need to submit a verification in order to allow an inspection. He would like to share a copy of this email he received to see how he can help.

Honorable James responded – the main question is, is the Navajo Nation ready to be given full responsibility to manage all Livestock related policies if the Bureau of Indian Affairs is removed. This will include Land, Homesite Lease, and Farming Plots. This question is not for Navajo Nation only but for Native American Tribes across the United States.

Judith Shirley, Council Pro-Temp – brought up a concern regarding the curve in the highway near her home in Sunrise, Az. There was another vehicle accident two weeks ago, her family is tired of witnessing accidents and requested if

another Resolution should be drafted to request signs to indicate a curve or place rumble strips on the highway.

Discussion resulted in providing a phone number to contact Mr. Clarence Tsosie, Supervisor at the Fort Defiance Regional B.I.A. Roads Department: Office (928)729-7222 and Cell (505)399-1813 to discuss this issue with him as a family concern first. From the result of this conversation, Mrs. Shirley can consider her next course of Action to address this matter.

Mrs. Shirley and Mr. Yazzie thanked Honorable James for continuing all efforts he puts forth to advocate for the Community and Programs of the Chapter Administration.

IX. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 5:57 pm

M: Patrick Yazzie

S: Lawrence Sam

VOTE: 4-0-1

Meeting minutes prepared and Submitted by Ms. Sharon Smith, Council Secretary/Treasurer on May 07, 2025.