

Cornfields Chapter Planning Meeting

Tuesday, June 03, 2025 4:00 PM

MINUTES

I. Meeting call to Order – By Mr. Tyrone Chee, Council President at 4:05 pm

II. Invocation – Provided by Mrs. Judith Shirley, Farm Board Member

III. Announcement/Introductions

1. Summer Youth Employment – High School/College – To be posted Thursday June 05, 2025, Closing Wednesday June 18, 2025, Interviews Friday June 20, 2025
2. Highway 264 – Summit Pavement Rehabilitation – Beginning 6/05/25. M-Th 6am-6pm, Friday 6am-2pm – 6 Mi. beginning MP459 to MP465
3. Regular Chapter Meeting – Sunday June 08, 2025 1:00 pm
4. Others:
(Reading of the Agenda by Council Secretary/Treasurer) for future meetings.

IV. Approval of Agenda

M: Judith Shirley

S: Sharon Smith

VOTE: 2 – 0 – 1

V. Old Business

1. None

VI. New Business

1. **CF- JUN 2025-34:** Requesting Approval for Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Amendment of the Cornfields Chapter Activity Funds for the Month of May 2025 in the Amount of \$6,377.37.

M: Judith Shirley

S: Sharon Smith

VOTE: 2 – 0 - 1

2. **CF- JUN 2025-35:** Approving and adopting the Fiscal Year 2025 Navajo Nation Sales Tax Budget in the amount of \$64,716.00.

M: Judith Shirley

S: Sharon Smith

VOTE: 3 – 0 – 1

3. **CF- JUN 2025-36: None**

M:

S:

VOTE:

4. **CF- JUN2025-37: None**

M:

S:

VOTE:

VII. Others: Meetings:

1. Regular Chapter Meeting – Sunday, June 08, 2025 1:00pm
2. Farm Board:

- a. Regular Meeting – ~~06/04/25~~ Changed to 06/10/25 9:00 am Cornfields Chapter
 - b. Regular Meeting – ~~06/10/25~~ Changed to 6/13/25 9:00 am Cornfields Chapter
 - c. Land-Use Planning – ~~06/12/25~~ Changed to 06/17/25 9:00 am Cornfields Chapter
3. Grazing: Not Present
 - a. Permittee Meeting – To be announced when scheduled
 - b. District 17 Meeting – June 04, 2025 – Greasewood Springs Chapter 9am
 - c. FD Agency Grazing Meeting – June 16, 2025
4. Veterans Organization – No Meeting Date Posted
5. Planning Meeting – Tuesday, July 01, 2025 4:00pm

Comment: Mr. Jimmie Taliman announced that there is not enough Officials at this meeting, where is Farm Board, CLUPC. As elected Council President, it is your responsibility to make effort in making all these members attend. This is his first time back to attend this meeting.

Response: Mr. Tyrone Chee, Council President responded by stating that he is working with the Chapter Manager and Administration to schedule an orientation with all Committees to get more information on how the meetings should be scheduled.

Update: Honorable Vince James, Council Delegate

- BIA – Clarence Tsosie – has two staff currently, all other staff have accepted the Retirement Buyout. This might affect the N15 Reconstruction for our community. The last two staff are still deciding whether to accept the Buyout for Retirement.
- The BIA in regards to education is also being affected with limited staff
- As far as he knows, the N15 Reconstruction is still scheduled.
- Projects for Chapters – Si has Siin Projects, Internal Projects that Philandra Nelson, LDA compiled will be emailed to Alfreda Earle, Chapter Manager. This list will correlate with the present budget for these Projects. Please double check your listing in case they overlooked for projects. Please follow-up on the projects that have been approved.
- Alberto Chabirer, LDA additional LDA assigned to Honorable James to assist with communicating with Chapters on his behalf.
- There are no items to be added on current Agenda.
- Update on the \$50,000.00 for Farm Board – Drought Insurance – Honorable James has not found the answer for funds as had been requested by Mrs. Judith Shirley, Farm Board Member.
- Grazing Officials were told to stop Tally Counts. Navajo Nation is planning to take over Grazing Regulations due to BIA being affected by funding and retiring staff.

Grazing Member Update: Mr. Patrick Yazzie

- Dean Gamble and Ray Castillo updated the Permit Holders at the last Permittee Meeting on 05/29/25.
- Ray Castillo covered the fresh brands for livestock sales and the Permit Holders in Probate Status. What is considered a valid Permit; the green documents that have the raised seals. Transfers and Probated Permits in process were issued with a stamp and letter to make it valid, but the Navajo Nation livestock Enforcement Officers raised a concern and sought a legal opinion; now that was deemed unofficial. Now the current rule is that the document has to have an official stamp with an original signature. Jessie Jim – Navajo Nation Department of Agriculture

issued a change for the Tally Counts forward – Each livestock should be described to age and color, etc. The Tally Count deadline was set for June 30, 2025, but was told that this will be extended to a later date. There are several categories of Permits. Total Counted in Cornfields – 124 as of last week: Official Permits 43, Transfers/Probated – 21, Pending with letter of Interest and plan pending – 4, Pending final Probate in court – 23, Not counted – 11 Deceased with no updates – 17.

- He has not been informed of any information pertaining to ceasing Tally Counts.
- Inspections – will be given back to the Navajo Nation Livestock Rangers as of 05/30/25. This is under Title III. Rangers are under Department of Fish and Wildlife.
- Nathaniel Sam, Ashley Curley, Dean Gamble remain with BIA.
- This AIF coming out was from the 2024 Tally Count. The applicants have started receiving their funds.
- BAR -N- had expired but this was renewed 2016 to 2029 as of current. If you use a state brand, you will not need a Bar -N-.

ANNOUNCEMENT: By Ms. Sandra Yazzie, PAC Member – announced that Janice James, community member would like to be a IEC/PAC Member for Ganado Unified School District. Mrs. James will pick up documents and if she has them ready a Resolution can be added for the Regular Chapter Meeting.

COMMENT:

- Judith Shirley, Farm Board Member – expressed her appreciation to the New LDA, Mr. Chabirer, Philandra Nelson, Honorable Vince James, Mr. Tyrone Chee Council President, Sharon Smith Council Secretary/Treasurer. Would like to share that there will a rabies Clinic 06/04/25 here at the Chapter and on 6/11/25 9am-11am a cooking class.

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

IX. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 5:44pm by Mr. Tyrone Chee, Council President

Prepared and Submitted by Sharon Smith, Council Secretary/Treasurer on 06/03/25