

Cornfields Chapter Planning Meeting

Tuesday, July 01, 2025 4:00 PM

MINUTES

- I. Meeting call to Order** – by Mr. Tyrone Chee, Council President at 4:17pm
- II. Invocation:** Provided by Ms. Ruthie Nez, Farm Board Member
Each Official attending this meeting introduced themselves to the Summer Students who are attending.
- III. Announcement/Introductions**
1. Summer Youth Employment – High School/College – 2nd Session begins 07/07/2025
 2. Oakridge Fire – Ganado Field House – Command Post, Ganado Chapter - is Open for shelter for Klagetoh residence in “GO” status. Ganado Rodeo Grounds open for livestock boarding.
 3. Regular Chapter Meeting – Sunday July 13, 2025 1:00 pm
 4. Wool and Mohair Sale – July 29 – 31, 2025 Window Rock Fair Grounds 9:00am-11:00am
 5. Others:
 - Ruby Lewis, Community Member requested a supporting Resolution for 17-522 Windmill which is in dire need of repair addressing the Navajo Nation Department of Water Resources. She is here with Peggy Cleveland, community member whom also uses the same Windmill to water her livestock.
- IV. Approval of Agenda**

M: Ruthie Nez

S: Judith Shirley

VOTE: 3 – 0 – 1

Motioner requesting to approve the add requested Resolution by Ms. Ruby Lewis, and to add an announcement for Greasewood Springs Community School School Board Meeting Date, Kin Dahlichii Olta to announce next date for their School Board and to leave the Agenda open for any other requests.

Amending Agenda to add items by community member:

Deidre Tsosie, Community Member – requesting assistance from the Cornfields Chapter Housing Discretionary Funds to have the household waterline reconstructed. She has attempted to cover the cost of the repair on her own, but she needs help. She had asked Ms. Alfreda Earle, Chapter Manager, but the since the cost of the repair will exceed the amount of \$500.00, she was asked to come before the Planning Meeting to request a supporting Resolution.

The Council President, Council Secretary/Treasurer, and 2 Members of Farm Board will accept this request and add the Supporting Resolution to be considered for this Planning Meeting.

Ms. Linda Youvella, Kin Dah Lichii Olta – Made a report on behalf of the Kin Dah Lichii Olta to report that the school opened their facility as a Shelter to residence affected by the Oakridge Fire.

Next School Board Meeting was originally scheduled for Tuesday 07/07/25, but due to the Oakridge Fire, this Meeting was rescheduled to 07/15/25.

V. Old Business

1. None

VI. New Business

1. **CF- JUL2025-36:** Requesting Approval for Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Amendment of the Cornfields Chapter Activity Funds for the Month of June 2025 in the Amount of \$7,281.79.

M: Judith Shirley

S: Ruthie Nez

VOTE: 3 – 0 – 1

2. **CF- JUL2025-37:** Respectfully requesting ~~and supporting~~ the Navajo Nation Resource and Development Committee, Navajo Nation Naabik'iyati' Committee, Navajo Nation Office of the President and Vice-President, Navajo Nation Budget and Finance Committee and Division of Economic Development to allocate funding in the amount of \$2,500,000.00 from the Si'hasin Fund to the Cornfields Chapter for Infrastructure Development to support the Deer Point RV Park Project.

M: Ruthie Nez

S: Judith Shirley

VOTE: 4 – 0 – 1

Suggestion to change wording: Strike “and supporting” and correct spelling of “funding”.

Clarification questions:

- Tyrone Chee, Council President – The Deer Point Business Development is 100-acres in size. Is the RV Park going to fill the 100 acres?
- Linda Youvella, Community Member – Will the Infrastructure being requested cover the whole 100-acres in the event other businesses apply?
- Alfreda Earle, Chapter Manager – This 100-acre Deer Point Business Development had an initial plan to have a plaza with small businesses and later another business interest came forth to start an RV Park.
 - o There was funding requested previously through the Navajo Nation, but the development planned did not go forth, therefore the funding was recouped by the Navajo Nation from Economic Development.
 - o The RV Park Developer is very serious about the Lease. RBDO has been involved in this present process, therefore this Resolution was drafted in support of the RV Park in plan. This will also support the proposed Legislation planned by our Council Delegate, Vince James.
 - o The Infrastructure will include establishing; electricity, water, and waste water for a proposed 10 acres.
 - o Currently there is no RV Park establishment nearby our surrounding communities.
 - o Trinity Investors was the first business interested in developing on Deer Point and were invited to work closely with the Navajo Nation Business Development to establish a Business Site Lease.
 - o An illustration was drawn for the attendees to get an idea of what the development entails and present lease planned.

Comment:

Ruthie Nez, Farm Board Member – appreciative of explanation provided by Ms. Earle for the Deer Point Business Development. The proposed staff orientation would be beneficial to her to understand the projects in our community.

Tyone Chee, Council President – is also appreciative for the explanation and illustration shared by Ms. Earle. He is still trying his best to understand the process of how the Chapter operates and stands with the Business Sites leased.

- 3. CF- JUL2025-38:** Approving and Supporting to specifically accepting Cornfields Chapter's Responsibility, Accountability and control of the Si'hasin Funds for the Cornfields Chapter Veteran's Court Yard Project in the amount of \$150,000.00.
M: Judith Shirley S: Ruthie Nez VOTE: 4 – 0 – 1

COMMENT:

Linda Youvella, Community Member – This item is always listed on the Budget and Finance Committee's Agenda. The Veterans really need to use the funding allocated so it won't be reappropriated.

Tyrone Chee, Council President – How is the Cornfields Veterans Organization working with the Chapter to obtain funding for this project. Is it the Chapter who is planning the project or is the Veterans Organization in charge of the project.

Ruthie Nez, Farm Board Member/Veterans Organization – The Veteran's organization was recognized to request funding. They were approached and encouraged by Mr. Vince James, Council Delegate to request for funds to fund their proposed project. So now the funds have been approved and needs to draw down the funds to the Chapter to start the procurement process for bidding.

Tyrone Chee, Council President – understands the process to request the chapter being a Certified Chapter, they would be allowed to draw down the funds to hold for the Veterans Organization as an overseer of funds. Once the bidding process begins, the funding can be expended.

Alfreda Earle, Chapter Manager – Presently she has initially made the ARPA expenditure a priority for her scope of completion. Now for the Chapter Projects that were planned aside from ARPA, she has decided to begin the process to implement this project since she is at the tail end of completing the ARPA expending. She will begin the process with developing a scope of work and the plan and design for the Veterans Park. The Chapter has a planning and design for the Community Park which will be adjacent to the Veterans courtyard. There are other projects that are pending that were funded by ARPA which she will work on drawing funds to the Chapter. Although this grant writing and developing the proposals are not in her job description, she is willing to assist. The reports of expending the ARPA funds are tedious and she remains on top of submissions just for the Community in attendance to know and be aware of. For Tyrone to be aware of: The committees has their own Departments to report to

for support, the chapter just provides support. The committees also help with paper for their xeroxing of documents.

There is also a newly hired CHR, the Chapter is providing an office Space with no administrative cost. The Chapter had no CHR for some time and the Chapter is grateful for the support they provide.

- 4. CF- JUL2025-39:** Intragovernmental Office Space Use Agreement (hereinafter the "USE AGREEMENT") is made and entered into between the Cornfields Chapter of the Navajo Nation (hereinafter "CHAPTER"), P.O. Box 478, Ganado, Arizona 86505, and the Community Health Representative & Outreach Program, P.O. Box 1390, Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona) 86515, (hereinafter "CHR/Outreach Program").

M: Ruthie Nez

S: Sharon Smith

VOTE: 4 – 0 – 1

Tyrone Chee, Council President: what is the proposed Term for the Agreement? The Chapter should sit back down to discuss an administrative cost for the time of the next renewal.

Sharon Smith, Recommendation that this Intragovernmental Agreement be approved up to Fiscal Year ending on 09/30/2026. The CHR is Specifically assigned to Cornfields Chapter and is a direct support to the community.

Joan Dalgai, Community Member – Asked if the Senior Social is considered a committee. If so, will the Senior Social receive financial assistance from the Chapter to purchase any needed items?

Judith Shirley, Farm Board Member – Explained that when she started the Senior Social, she did it as volunteering to bring the Seniors together and it had a very positive turnout to where the Seniors started planning this event monthly. The Senior Social has a good cause, it brings them together to discuss how they are doing, to share what support they need, then they integrated small chair activities for them to have fun and exercise. Along the way Tse Hotsooii Medical Center started to join and scheduled clinics around the dates the Seniors had their Social scheduled. Now in order to restart, she will be working with Alfreda Earle, Chapter Manager to put together a Policy and Procedures to cover for Liability. She will plan on taking care of this in the coming week and will scheduled a Senior Social this month.

Alfreda Earle, Chapter Manager – The annual budget received for the Chapter to operate includes Utilities, Heating, copier lease, and office supplies but does not cover a whole year.

- 5. CF-JUL2025-40:** Affirming the Navajo Nation Department of Water Resources to replace a windmill storage tank for Windmill 17T-522 located on the West Sunrise Mesa due to a leak caused by corrosion at the base of the storage tank in the Cornfields Chapter Community.

M: Patrick Yazzie

S: Ruthie Nez

VOTE: 4 – 0 - 1

Note :

There are four families who depend on this windmill to provide water to the livestock daily.

This assignment should be completed in hast as it is an Emergency need.

CF-JUL2025-41: Requesting financial assistance from Cornfields Chapter for waterline replacement for Deidre Tsosie, a voting Community member based on the presented quotation.

M: Patrick Yazzie

S: Judith Shirley

VOTE: 4 – 0 – 1

Direction for requesting party, to submit three quotation by 7/11/23 so that a figure can be shared at the Chapter Meeting on 07/13/25.

Question:

Niomi Begay, Community Member – would like to be added to the Home Improvement listing for the Chapter Administration. How can she get assistance, is she still eligible to apply? Her home is located in Navajo Station and is in dire need of home repair.

Tyrone Chee, Council President – directed Ms. Begay's question to Ms. Alfreda Earle, Chapter Manager.

Alfreda Earle, Chapter Manager – explained how the process of the Home Renovation and the application process was planned from the beginning of the Project. The planning took an application drive, advertising and completing a scope of work. The compiled list was shared and approved by Navajo Nation DOJ. Presently there are additional families requesting Home Improvement, so the chapter hopes to assist all families with the lapse funding. Ms. Earle hopes to be considered for additional funding from the Navajo Nation.

VII. Others: Meetings:

1. Regular Chapter Meeting – Sunday, July 13, 2025 1:00pm
2. Farm Board:
 - a. Regular Meeting – July 01, 2025 9:00am Cornfields Chapter
 - b. Regular Meeting – July 08, 2025 9:00am Cornfields Chapter
 - c. Land-Use Planning – July 10, 2025 9:00am Cornfields Chapter
3. Grazing:
 - a. Permittee Meeting – TBA
 - b. District 17 Meeting – July 07, 2025 9:00am Cornfields Chapter
 - c. FD Agency Grazing Meeting – July 15, 2025 9:00am NDOT Complex
4. Veterans Organization – No mtg until next Fiscal Year
5. District 17 Council Meeting – July 09, 2025 6:00pm Wide Ruins Chapter
6. Fort Defiance Agency Council Meeting – July 12, 2025 9:00am White Cone Chapter
7. Planning Meeting – Tuesday, August 05, 2025 4:00pm
8. Greasewood Springs Community School Board Meeting - July 09, 2025 9:00am
9. Kin Dah Lichii Olta Board Meeting – July 15, 2025 6:00pm
10. Senior Social - July 24, 2025 10a – 130p Cornfields Chapter

REPORTS:

Alfreda Earle, Chapter Manager – Had a load of donations delivered to the Chapter two weeks ago. She has donated some masks, hand soap, hand sanitizer to the Oakridge Fire Command Donations Center today.

VIII. Benediction: Provided by Ruthie Nez, Farm Board Member

IX. Adjournment: By Mr. Tyrone Chee, Council President at 7:53pm.

Minutes were completed and submitted by **Ms. Sharon C. Smith, Council Secretary/Treasurer** on
07/03/2025