

Cornfields Chapter Regular Meeting
Sunday, October 12, 2025 @ 1:00pm
MINUTES

- I. Meeting Call to Order** – Meeting called to Order at 1:34pm by Mr. Tyron Chee, Council President
- II. Invocation** – Provided by Mr. Wallace James, Council Vice-President
- III. Roll Call**

	i. Present Absent	
Mr. Tyrone Chee, Council President	X	
Mr. Wallace James, Jr., Council Vice-President	X	
Ms. Sharon Smith, Council Secretary/Treasurer	X	
Mr. Patrick Yazzie, Grazing Official	X	

IV. Announcements/Introduction:

1. 2025 Holiday Food Distribution St. Mary Food Bank– Locations posted
- 2 Tse Ho Tsoii Medical Center –Mr. Roy Dempsey, Health Educator
- 3 TseHooTsooi Mobile Clinic – Monday, October 13, 2025 – 10a-2p
- 4 Other(s):
 - Johnny Johnson, Eastern Agency and Debbie Nez-Manuel – Present for a presentation for Resolutions CF-OCT2025-02, CF-OCT2025-003, CF-OCT2025-004
 - Larry Noble, Apache County Election Office

V. Reading & Approval of Agenda

- M: Dickie T. Smith** **S: Ruthie Nez** **VOTE: 20 – 0 – 15**
- Sharon Smith, Council Secretary/Treasurer – add Resolution CF-OCT2025-005 Approving and Adopting the Cornfields 2024 Budget in the amount of \$305,268.00.

VI. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes: 09/10/25 Regular Chapter Meeting and add 09/29/25 Special Meeting

M: Ruthie Nez **S: Jimmie Taliman, Sr.** **VOTE: 18 – 0 – 17**

- Meeting Minutes were copied and distributed for all in attendance and will read on their own.

VII. Old Business:

1. Business Report September 2025: Ms. Alfreda Earle, Chapter Manager

M: Norma Noble **S: Melvin Chee** **VOTE: 22 – 0 – 14**

- Thanked Mr. Tyrone Chee and his family for providing a meal for today's meeting
- Services continue to be provided daily.
- The Chapter will be closing the livestock water soon.
- The Chapter purchased two additional washing machines that were finished being installed last week.
- The Chapter received a new load of hay and the price will be \$17.49 per bale (price includes tax)
- APRA reporting continues. The ARPA Home Improvement workers completed two more homes. All reports are submitted monthly and they are up to date in their reporting.

- ARPA Home Improvement Funding - Two draw-downs were successfully received since the original award. The remaining amount \$217,000.00 was requested in July, the Chapter is still waiting for the funds to be received. Due to delayed replenishment of fundind, the workers were laid off as of Friday October 03, 2025. It is becoming difficult in working with the Navajo Nation APRA Program due to constant turnover.
- Met with CPMD Michelle, regarding transferring Sihasiin Funds for the proposed Projects.
- ASC Meeting on FY 2026 budget. Funding was not available in the WIND system. The following week there was an amount shared via spreadsheet but they were advised not to share the amounts until the amounts were posted in the WIND System.
- The Chapter will be awaiting to receive the remaining ARPA fundings and the Sihasiin Project funds as well.
- Auditor General performed an Audit on September 12, 2025. They were scheduled in the afternoon, but he showed up in the morning. All files that were requested were provided. They will be providing a written report pertaining to the Audit performed and will be shared once available.

Question:

- Norma Noble – what is the status of the Septic Tank Cleaning?
- Response:
- This was a funding was moved under the ARPA Funding and was transferred to the RRR. Ms. Earl will submit an email inquiry.
- Dickie Smith – Has two questions or proposals for the Chapter:
 - o What became of the stolen property – the UTV.
 - o The Community Corral located next to the Windmill West of the Chapter needs to be renovated, the Chapter should make it a project to rebuild it.
- Response:
 - o UTV Update: Ms. Earle retold the incident of property stolen from the Chapter that was stored in the Chapter Barn. An unknown individual(s) took 5 gallon gas tanks, a paint spray machine and big drill. The spray machine was recovered outside the main chapter fence. The Chapter replaced the padlocks. The next day there was another break-in when they stole the UTV. They attempted to cut the padlocks that were replaced the day before. After investigations were carried out by the staff, they noticed the padlocks were marked as they were attempted to be cut, so they used a vehicle to pull off the gate. The police were notified and it was reported stolen. The UTV was then reported to have been seen in Gallup, NM in the Gamerco area. The Gallup Police Department is aware. An insurance claim was filed recently with the Navajo Nation Risk Management Office, but this is pending a Police report still yet to be received.
 - o Chapter SUV – Damaged last month by dogs chasing either a cat or squirrel into the Engine Compartment and during this event, the dogs tore of the lining of the wheel well and might have tore some wiring in the process, the vehicle is inoperable and still awaiting a Police Report.

PAUSE TO RECOGNIZE 2 Guest: The two Individuals are Johnny Johnson (standing rock, NM, Commission on Emergency Management, Eastern Agency Council President and his Spouse Debbie Nez-Manuel)

M: Cecelia White S: Ruthie Nez VOTE: 26 – 0 – 10

A Motion and second and vote was made to allow this presentation at this point in the Meeting due to the Guests/Presenters needing to continue their travel on to Phoenix, AZ.

Presentation:

- Presented a background for the proposed Resolution on the Agenda today pertaining to our Navajo Nation Leadership. This resolution was accepted by the Chapters to inform their voting constituents to make a choice to support the Navajo Nation Council move to support their actions.
- Floor opened for Comment – Limit number of comments to three voting members. Three Members were Dickie T. Smith, Jimmie Taliman, Sr., Albert Johnson.

The Meeting restarted:

2. Financial Report for September 2025 by Sharon Smith, Council Secretary/Treasurer
M: Judith Shirley S: Dickie T. Smith VOTE: 26 – 0 – 09
- The budget report will be provided next meeting since the carry-over of FY25 Budget was reported during the Special Meeting on 09/29/2025.

VIII. New Business:

1. **CF- OCT2025-01: Requesting Approval for Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Amendment of the Cornfields Chapter Activity Funds for the Month of September 2025 in the Amount of \$5,646.38.**
M: Jimmie Taliman S: Dickie T. Smith VOTE: 29 – 0 – 5
 No Questions posed.
2. **CF-OCT2025-02: Resolution of the Cornfields Chapter expressing “No Confidence” in Buu Nygren as President of the Navajo Nation and Requesting the Navajo Nation Council to initiate lawful review and proceedings pursuant to Title II, Subchapter 13 §240 (Removal/Administrative Leave) and Title II, Chapter 6 §3741 (Ethics in Governmental Law).**
M: Cecelia White S: Lula Nez VOTE: 26 – 0 – 9
 Ruthie Nez requesting to combine Resolutions CF-OCT2025-02 and CF-OCT2025-03.
3. **CF-OCT2025-03: Requesting the Navajo Nation Council to place the President on Temporary Administrative Leave without pay pending the completion of the current investigation into alleged financial misconduct and recent behavior unbecoming of a Navajo Leader.**
M: S: VOTE:
 Combining CF-OCT2024-02, CF-OCT2024-03
 This Resolution will be combined in one Resolution to become CF-OCT2025-02
4. **CF-OCT2025-04: Supporting the Navajo Nation Council Legislation No. 0219-25 to fully restore funding for the Legislative and Judicial Branches in the Navajo Nation Fiscal Year 2026 Comprehensive Budget.**
M: Jimmie Taliman S: Melvin Chee VOTE: 30 – 0 – 4
 Recommendation that ALL funds vetoed to be restored.

Amending Motion: Cecelia White S: Joan Dalgai VOTE: 30 – 0 – 4
5. **CF-OCT2025-05: Approving and Adopting the FY2026 Budget in the amount of \$305,268.00.**
 FY 2026 Budget:

Personnel Budget		\$126,547.00
1 Chapter Manager x 2088/hrs x \$25.05 = \$52,304.40	52,304.40	
Fringe Benefit @ 41.62% x \$52,304.40 = \$21,769.09	21,769.09	
workers Comp.	95.00	
1 Office Specialist x 2088/hrs x \$17.18 = \$35,871.84	35,871.84	

Fringe Benefit @ 41.62% x 35,871.84 = \$14,929.86		14,929.86	
Salary Adjustment		1,576.81	
Chapter Official Stipend			\$37,800.00
3 Official x 12 Planning Mtg x \$500.00 = 16,500		18,000.00	
3 Official x 12 Regular Mtg x \$500.00 = \$16,500		18,000.00	
3 Official x 4 Dist or Agency Meeting x \$150.00 = \$1,800.00		1,800.00	
Workers Comp Chapter Officials		280.00	
CHAPTER NON-ADMINISTRATIVE COST			\$110,022.00
PEP:			
1 Maintenance x 2088/hrs x \$11.92 = \$24,888.96		24,888.96	
Fringe Benefit @ 7.72% x 24,888.96 = \$1,921.43		1,921.43	
Wrks Comp. 24,888.96/100 x .75 = 186.67		186.67	
1 Office Assistance x 2088/hrs x \$12.73 = \$26,580.24		26,580.24	
Fringe Benefit @ 37.12 x \$26,580.24 = 9,866.59		9,866.59	
Wrks Comp. 26,580.24/100 x .75 = 199.35		199.35	
2 Temporary Worker 320 hours x \$10.25 = 6,560.00		6,560.00	
Fringe Benefit @ 7.73%% x 6,560.00 = 507.09		507.08	
Wrks Comp. 6,560/100 x .75 =		49.20	
1 Custodian/Housekeeping 1,044/hrs x 10.00 = 10,440.00		10,440.00	
Fringe Benefit @ 7.73% x 10,440.00		779.18	
Wrks Comp. 10440/100x.75			78.30
\$82,057.00			
Hous.			
Assist community member with home repairs		3,655.33	
Archaeological Clearance		1,200.00	
Survey for Homesite lease		1,000.00	\$5,855.33
LGA			
Travel		7,400.00	
MIP Annual Maint.		1,600.00	
Gas purchaes for chapter vehicle to conduct chapter bus.		1,500.00	
Real time Site Annual Fee		300.00	
Audit Fee		2,000.00	
CLUP Stipend 5 Members x 7 meetins @ 125.00		4,375.00	
Frgine Benefi 4,375.00 x 7.65%			334.67
\$17,509.67			
Sch.			
5 Grad. Student x \$400 = \$2,000		2,000.00	
13 Undergrad. Student x \$200 = \$2,600			2,600.00
\$27,965.00			
Land Claims			
Other Lease/Rentals (Xerox)		1,000.00	
Telephone		1,108.00	
Electric		2,000.00	
Propane		1,680.00	
Office Supplies		5,000.00	
Insurance			1,800.00
\$12,588.00			
Scholarship			
2 Graduate Student x \$400 = \$800.00		800.00	
3 Fulltime Student x \$200 = \$600		600.00	
1 student x \$171		171.00	\$1,571.00

Personnel	Lapse	Funds	Chapter	Utility	\$11,997.00
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Electric				9,997.00	
Other Lease/Rentals (Xerox)				1,000.00	
Telephone				1,000.00	
Permanent Funds Chapter Scholarships				\$13,894.00	\$13,894.00
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Graduate Student x \$400.00 = 4,000				4,000.00	
10 Undergraduate Student x \$300.00 = 3,000				3,000.00	
20 Fulltime Student x 200.00 = 2,000.00				4,000.00	
19 Technical/Vocational/trade/certificate/youth enrichment \$150.00 = 750				2,850.00	
1 student at 44.00				44.00	
Permanent	Funds	Veterans	Awards		\$5,000.00
\$5,000.00					\$320,576.00
TOTAL:					0

M: Norma Noble

S: Jimmie Taliman, Sr.

VOTE: 30 – 0 – 2

Comparing FY25 Budget to FY26, the budget is less by \$40,000.00

IX. Verbal/Written Reports

1. Honorable Council Delegate Mr. Vince James
 - Council Delegate's October 2025 Report – copies distributed
 - District Court Documents to be submitted
 - The Resolutions received from Chapters regarding the "NO CONFIDENCE" in the Navajo Nation President, please submit the resolution so it can be added as an EXHIBIT to the Court Petition which will be filed.
 - Investigatory Claims that he is being questioned about is true and that is all he can disclose.
 - We, the Navajo Nation are recognized as the Largest Native American Tribe in the United States, the Washington Level, we are referred to as the Largest Native American Tribe and we are often referred to be asked where we stand on certain issues as the Largest Native American Tribe.
 - Line Item Vetos update.
 - Plan: The Legislative Day in January
 - Alfreda Earle – Re: ARPA funding draw-down, how can he intervene to assist.
2. Chapter Officials
 - Mr. Tyrone Chee, Council President – Will continue to work with the Chapter
 - Mr. Wallace James, Jr., Council Vice-President – Will provide a written report
 - Ms. Sharon Smith, Council Secretary/Treasurer – No report at this time.
3. Grazing Member, Mr. Patrick Yazzie
 - a. District 17 Grazing Meeting – November 03, 2025 – 9:00 am Wide Ruins Chapter
 - b. Permittee Meeting – October 12, 2025 9:00am – Cornfields Chapter
 - c. Agency Grazing Meeting – October 15, 2025 – 9:00 am – NDOT

- Branch of Natural Resource has closed due to Government Shut Down. Still concentrating on Permit Transfers and unable to move the requests forward at this time.
- Updated Range Management Units and Kindahlichii Chapter is requesting and Range Management Fencing.
- Cornfields Chapter Windmill is low capacity and tanks are not full at this time.
- Sun Valley Livestock Auction is still open.
- Concerns for the growing population of a new screw worm precaution that will be presented during the next Permittee Meeting.

4. Farm Board

- a. Regular Meeting – November 10, 2025 9:00am – Cornfields Chapter
- b. Land-Use Planning – November 12, 2025 9:00am – Cornfields Chapter
- Conservation plan to be presented
- October 20, 2025 – Joint Farm Board Meeting at Many Farms Chapter.

5. School Announcements:

- a. Ganado Unified Schools – Wallace James, Jr., School Board Official
- 10/14/25 8am Governing Board Rm –
- Camille Uentilli – Announced that they are proud that their own Alumni was crowned the New Miss Navajo Nation
- 28-8 Ganado Hornet Homecoming Game
- Crosswalk concerns in Burnside, from NHA to the High School
- Security Guard Concern for more
- Business Manager position open, PAC/IEC I more rep from Cornfields needed, Qualifications: guardian or parent of a child attending the school, Athletic Department – Decline in enrollment due to sports programs no being available for 3rd, 4th, 5th grade students to the BIE School. A Resolution was presented to establish a Little League program for the students in grades 3-5. Middle School Sports complex proposed for the area where buildings were demolished. For the upcoming School Board Election positions that are occupied by Pat Burns, Joe Mora, Wallace James Jr will vacate the position of School Board.
- Academically, where does Ganado sit at Grade Level overall?
- The letter grade for Ganado Unified School improved from a D school to a B school after a new curriculum was introduced – Beyond Text Books.
- PAC needs to encourage the parents to have their children to out their homework first before sports.

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- b. Ganado Unified Schools PAC Member – Sandra Yazzie, Representative
- c. Greasewood Springs Schools – Ms. Ruthie Nez, School Board Member
- d. Kin Dah Lichii Olta – Ms. Linda Youvella, School Board Member

6. Other(s):

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VOTE:

X. Next Scheduled Meetings:

1. Next Planning Meeting – Tuesday, November 07, 2025 4:00pm

2. Next Regular Meeting – Sunday, November 09, 2025 1:00pm

XI. Benediction:

XII. Adjournment:

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VOTE:

Prepared and submitted by Ms. Sharon C. Smith on October 12, 2025