

Cornfields Chapter Planning Meeting

Tuesday, February 03, 2026 4:00 PM

MINUTES

- I. Meeting call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 4:12pm by Mr. Tyrone Chee, Council President.
- II. Invocation:** Provided by Judith Shirley, Farm Board Member
- III. Announcement/Introductions**
1. Regular Chapter Meeting – Sunday, February 08, 2026 1:00P
 2. Others:
 - a. Mr.
 - b. February 11, 2026 – Greasewood Springs Community School – Regular Board Meeting @ 9:00am
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- IV. Review & Approval of Agenda**
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| M: Judith Shirley | S: Ruthie Nez | VOTE: 5 - 0 - 1 |
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- V. Old Business**
- None
- VI. New Business:**
1. **CF- FEB2026-16:** Requesting Approval for Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Amendment of the Cornfields Chapter General Activity Funds for the Month of January 2026 in the Amount of \$3,113.32.
M: Lawrence Sam, Sr. S: Ruthie Nez VOTE: 6 - 0 - 1
 2. **CF-FEB2026-17:** Accepting and Approving the Cornfields Chapter Financial Report for the Month of January 2026
M: Wallace James, Jr. S: Sharon Smith VOTE: 6 - 0 - 1
 3. **CF-FEB2026-18:** Approving and Adopting the FY26 Navajo Nation Unhealthy Food Tax budget in the amount of \$13,794.00
M: Judith Shirley S: Ruthie Nez VOTE: 5 - 0 - 2
 4. **CF-FEB2026-19:** (ADD: Supporting) The Nahata Dzil Commission Governance, a Chapter within the Navajo Nation "Indian Country", request to the Apache County Board of Supervisors and the Arizona Department of Liquor and Control to Deny the Application to sell Alcoholic Beverages at the Cheiftan Mobil Located at 1-40 & Hwy 191 Exit 333 Chambers, AZ, 86502.

M: Judith Shirley S: Ruthie Nez VOTE: 6 - 0 - 1
Concurred by both parties
Comment: Mr. Wallace James, Jr. - our local communities should be a priority to focus and stop the bootlegging and drug dealing that is left alone.

5. **CF-FEB2026-20:** A Resolution of the Cornfields Chapter, a Certified Chapter of the Navajo Nation, supporting and approving the N15 Road Improvement project from the Turnabout at Burnside, Arizona to Greasewood Springs, Arizona Authorizing Chapter Officials to Coordinate Actions necessary to Advance Project Development, Right-of Way, and funding
M: Wallace James, Jr. S: Ruthie Nez VOTE: 6 - 0 - 1
**Request an updated resolution to indicate who this Resolution is supporting. For an application to be submitted to Tribal Authorization Access. Ms. Shirley from Dibbles Corp will be attending the Regular Chapter Meeting on Sunday, Feb 08, 2026

6. **CF-FEB2026-21:**

VII. Others:

1. Regular Chapter Meeting - Sunday, February 08, 2026 1:00pm
2. Farm Board:
 - a. Regular Meeting - February 10, 2026 @ 9:00am - Cornfields Chapter
 - b. Land-Use Training - February 12, 2026 @ 9:00am - Cornfields Chapter
3. Grazing:
 - a. Permittee Meeting - TBA
 - b. District 17 Meeting - March 02, 2026 @ 9:00am - Cornfields Chapter
 - c. FD Agency Grazing Meeting - February 13, 2026 @ 9:00am - St. Michaels Chapter
4. Veterans Organization - TBA
5. Planning Meeting - Tuesday, March 03, 2026 4:00pm
6. Other:
 - a. Senior Social with TMC - February 17, 2026 11am-2pm - Cornfields Chapter
 - b. Lamonte Smith - Local Veteran's Concern: shared his struggles as a Veteran of this community. He elaborated to share how he is being treated by the Officers of the Veterans Organization that he would like to request a resolution to remove them.
RESPONSE: Mr. Tyrone Chee, Chapter President explained that although the Veterans Organization is not a direct entity overseen by the Chapter or its Administration, he would like to request for guidance from Mr. James, Honorable Vince James as to find a solution to this request.
GUIDANCE: Mr. Vince James, Council Delegate was consulted for direction of this request for a Resolution, his response was that since the

Cornfields Veterans Organization is under the Chapter, the Administration and Chapter Officials need to move forth with the request before this meeting when a Resolution is present.

Ganado Post Office Update – they are presently working on re-opening the Ganado Post office. Sage Memorial Hospital will assist to repair the sewer line, Ganado Chapter will be assisting with the Roof repair to the facility and they are working with Home Depot for the supplies. The Ganado Post Office's Business Site Lease for the Ganado Post Office has also expired and they are working with the US Postal Service to have this renewed.

Mr. Alton Shepherd, Apache County Supervisor was requested to assist with gravel to fill the pot-holes.

The building belongs to the Navajo Nation. RBDO, Ganado Chapter and Economic Development is working together to see the repairs through. Chris White of Ganado Chapter will be soliciting from the Local Chapters for building supplies for the repairs for the walls.

The repair is expected to be completed by the end of March 2026 based on the weather.

There are complaints from patrons that they are being treated unkind when they are picking up their mail, This issue was reported to Sue, CEO of this region for the US Postal Services at 505-340-6636, she responded that it comes from the Patrons as well. His recommendation is to treat these Federal Employees with the same respect. If anyone would like to provide a complaint they can call the phone number provided.

Cecelia White, Community Member – thankful for the update from Honorable James regarding the Ganado Post Office closure. It takes an individual 20-40 minutes to pick up the mail at the St. Michaels Post Office.

Wilbur Smith, Commander with the Cornfields Veterans Organization. Resolution CO-53-25 was passed under Title 22 to be under the Cornfield Chapter Administration. A copy was provided to the Chapter Admin. Plan of Operation will be available in March once approved. There was a Plan of Operation passed in 2009. Any funds allocated for the Veterans Organization is transferred to the Chapter Administration. Currently There is funding that was allocated for Veterans assistance, for hardship And energy assistance. Cornfields Chapter has a total of 94 Veterans from Cornfields Community.

Linda Youvella, Sage Memorial Hospital Board Member – Reported on Behalf of Sage Memorial Hospital. A comment on the Resolution that was Presented by Sage Memorial Hospital pertaining to the vacated building That housed the previous Ganado Group Home. The plans were put in Place for a service to serve all of our people; our youth from all over the Navajo Nation. When the time comes for the building to be utilized, she

Is Requesting the support of the Community for the new services to Begin.

RESPONSE: Mr. Vince James, Honorable Council Delegate shared that Current process that Sage Memorial Hospital took was acquiring the Former Cornfields Group Home by purchasing the building from Navajo Housing Authority. The building does/ did belong to NHA, but The land that the building it sits on does belong to Cornfields Chapter Through a lease. The Chapter operates on a Five-Management System And the CLUP and Chapter should have been consulted. He is Advocating on behalf of the Chapter. The building once it is opened for Business might be requiring extended use of other land withdrawals of Other pending projects.

VIII. Benediction: Provided by Linda Youvella, Community Member

IX. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm by Mr. Tyrone Chee, Council President.

Prepared and submitted by Sharon C. Smith, Council Secretary/Treasurer on 02/03/26