

Cornfields Chapter Planning Meeting

Tuesday, April 07, 2026 4:00 PM

MINUTES

- I. **Meeting call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by Mr. Tyrone Chee, Council President at 4:13pm
- II. **Invocation:** Provided by Mr. Roy Dempsey, guest
- III. **Announcement/Introductions**
 1. District 17 Council Meeting; April 08, 2026 6:00pm @ Wide Ruins Chapter
 2. Regular Chapter Meeting - Sunday, April 12, 2026 1:00P
 3. Navajo Nation Election Admin - Candidate Filing Opening 04/09/26,
Candidate Filing Closes 04/22/26
 4. Cornfields Community Earth Week Clean-Up
 - April 20 - 24, 2026; Free lunch on the last Day
 5. 2026 Apache County Election - Cornfields Chapter Headstart Building
 - July 21, 2026 Primary Election
 - November 03, 2026 General Election
 6. Others:
 - a. Mr. Roy Dempsey - Tse Hotsooi Medical Center - Tanya Bluehorse with HPDP would like to present at the Regular Chapter Meeting on 4/12/26 on Health Promotion/Diabetes Prevention Education. A Hantavirus case was identified in Chinle Health Services, Measles is also on the rise; symptoms include the measles starting on the crown of the head. Influenza B is also up to 200 cases and rising. RSV is another virus in the children.
 - b. Pauletta , Cornfields CHR; she hosted a Health Fair today and turnout was good. She works with Alicia from TMC and Just Move-it Meeting at NDOT 4/8/26, would like to put up another health fair on day Just Move It will be held at our Chapter.
03/16/26 - Her Supervisor directed a new GSA usage plan; No home visits on Fridays and that day will be her Administration Day, but open to vitals screening and Office Day. Monday thru Thursday are her home visit days. She can be reached with any questions Work Cell Phone #: 928-551-4524
 - c. Division of Natural Resources; April 28-29,2026 at Twin Arrows Navajo Casino & Resort 9am to 5pm. Learning to help your community with the Homesite Lease Process, ROWs, Land Withdrawal, Burials, Land Use Plan, Grazing, Biological Resource Compliance Form, Cultural Resource Compliance Form, Windmills, Earth Dams, Storage Tanks, Parks and Recreation, Forestry, tree cutting permits, and Energy Projects.

Department of Agriculture – The Farm Board Members were registered to attend, but they need assistance with lodging and requesting the Chapter if they can assist.

- d. April 17, 2026 St. Johns Cooperative Extension Office will host a Walk-in Soil Testing ¼ cup of soil 2 to 3 inch depth into soil. 1 Test per household, 10am to 2pm.
- e. April 23, 2026 – Fort Defiance Chapter 1-4pm Agriculture Range Management Planner - BIA-638 Contract, Meeting for Public Input. There will also be a meeting held at Ganado Chapter 4/21/26

IV. Review & Approval of Agenda

M: Judith Shirley S: Ruthie Nez VOTE: 6 - 0 - 1

Patrick Yazzie – Requesting a Resolution for a Dog Sweep with Navajo Nation Animal Control, motioner and Second motioner accept request.

V. Old Business

None

VI. New Business:

1. **CF- APR2026-30:** Requesting Approval for Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Amendment of the Cornfields Chapter General Activity Funds for the Month of March 2026 in the Amount of \$4,318.73.

M: Sharon C. Smith S: Ruthie Nez VOTE: 6 - 0 - 1

2. **CF-APR2026-31:** Accepting and Approving the Cornfields Chapter Financial Report for the Month of March 2026

M: Judith Shirley S: Patrick Yazzie VOTE: 6 - 0 - 1

3. **CF-APR2026-32:** Accepting and Approving the 2026 Navajo Nation Sales Tax in the amount of \$65,736.00.

M: Ruthie Nez S: Lawrence Sam VOTE: 6 - 0 - 1

Mr. Tyrone Chee, Council President requests that all Chapter Officials to attend a Discussion to budget the amount and appropriate the use.

Ms. Alfreda Earle, Chapter Manager reported on the appropriation according to the BIM. In the BIM, funds to be used toward Governmental Purposes;

Administrative Purchases, Beautification Purposes, Currently a Budget Draft was made for:

Audit Fee \$6,000.00,

Waste Disposal Collection \$5,000.00 (\$700 a pull @ 2xs per month),

Natural Gas/Propane \$3,500

Electricity \$2,000

Computers \$8,000.00 (2 Computers are very old, needs upgrade to Windows 11),

Gasoline Fuel \$3,500 Chapter Vehicles,

Repair & Maintenance – Vehicles \$2,500

Diesel Fuel \$1,500

Travel Expense \$7,000
Office Supplies \$3,000
Operating Supplies \$2,500
Security Enhancing measures – Chapter Fencing \$21,236

4. **CF-APR2026-33:** Support Resolution for Arizona HB 2306 Appropriation in the amount of \$665,500 for the Apache County Rural School Bus Route Enhancement and Soil Stabilization Pilot Project.
M: Judith Shirley S: Sharon Smith VOTE: 6 – 0 -1

5. **CF-APR2026-34:** Support Resolution for Arizona HB 2894 Appropriation in the amount of \$2,800,000 for from the state general fund in fiscal year 2026-2027 to the department of transportation to distribute to the northern Arizona council of governments for a rural school bus routes study.
M: Sharon Smith S: Wallace James, Jr. VOTE: 6 – 0 – 1

6. **CF-APR2026-35:** Requesting the Navajo Nation Animal control to assist the Cornfields Chapter community with an unannounced Dog Sweep immediately and quarterly through 2026.
M: Lawrence Sam S: Patrick Yazzie VOTE: 6 – 0 – 1

Ruthie Nez – Commented to report she witnessed some dogs running at children

Judith Shirley – Commented to report that she has seen a pack with small puppies east of Sunrise. Navajo Nation Fish and Wildlife issues gaming licenses to use a gun to shoot wild dogs if they are harming livestock.

Mr. Larry Noble, guest also shared that as a Certified Chapter, this issue can be added to the Policy.

Ruthie Nez – suggestion to invite someone from the Navajo Animal Control to provide a presentation on stray dogs and household pets roaming free and control.

Council President suggested that CLUPC be reappointed. Additionally if the Chapter can place an ordinance, it can be put under control with a less occurrence.

VII. Others:

1. Regular Chapter Meeting – Sunday, April 12, 2026 1:00pm
2. Farm Board:
 - a. Regular Meeting – April 15, 2026 9:00 am Cornfields Chapter
 - b. Land-Use Planning – April 21, 2026 9:00 am Cornfields Chapter
3. Grazing:

Other Information shared: Total Permits with 17-3 Identified = 124
43 Valid/Active

- 4 Pending Probate w/ Letter of Recommendation
- 17 Requiring Probate
- 23 Pending Final Probate with completed Hearing
- 11 No Tally taken
- 17 Deceased Permit Holders with no Probate planned
 - a. Permittee Meeting - To be announced
 - b. District 17 Meeting - May 4, 2026 9:00 am Kindahlichee Chapter
 - c. FD Agency Grazing Meeting - 4/15/26 St. Michaels Chapter 9:00am
- 4. Veterans Organization - April 10, 2026 1:00pm Cornfields Chapter
- 5. Planning Meeting - Tuesday, May 05, 2026 4:00pm
- 6. Apache County Election - AZ State Election changed to July 21, 2026 Primary Election. General Election will remain in November.
There will be Vote Centers this election per Counties - If you are in a different area within your county, you will still be able to vote. Invitation to attend the Regular Chapter Meeting on Sunday April 12, 2026.

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

IX. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned by Mr. Tyrone Chee, Council President at 6:28 pm.