

Tuesday, August 04, 2026 4:00 PM

I. Meeting Called to Order – Meeting was called to Order by Mr. Tyrone Chee, Council President at 4:15pm

II. Invocation – Provided by Mr. Tyrone Chee, Council President

III. Announcements/Introductions:

1. Regular Chapter Meeting – Sunday, August 09, 2026 1:00P
2. Tse Ho Tsooi Medical Center – Presentation on Dementia– Roy B. Dempsey, Community Relations Outreach Specialist – Regular Chapter Meeting
3. Others:
 - Apache County Voters Registration Presentation – Esther Kirk
 - August 27, 2026 – Ganado Unified School District Fall Parent Day – Ganado Field House
 - Mr. Tyrone Chee – Inquiry of the RRR funds coming forth from the Navajo Nation – Has a budget been prepared for the funds; is the funds going toward Home Improvement?
 - Ms. Alfreda Earle, Chapter Manager – This budgeting process would be very helpful for the Chapter Officials to participate in. She first requested these funds to be transferred in December 2025 and it has almost been a year. Once she is informed of the funds being transferred, she will inform the Officials.
 - RV Park – Alfreda was working on a grant for \$190,000.00 for the RV Park, but she is having a difficult time with Rural Addressing to provide the correct address. The Address that was provided does not match with what is listed on SAM.gov. So, she was unable to submit the grant application due to address not correlating.
 - \$19,000.00 is the balance for the home improvement project, sbe working to close the ARPA funding by depletion and purchasing housing material for those community members who are willing to complete their own work. \$10,000.00 balance for Technology.
 - Road Checks after the recent rain storms, Sunrise Low Water Crossing flooded, the Road 9205 North of Sunrise also needs repairs. Recommendation to send letters to NDOT instead of Resolutions, since there have been many Resolutions sent.
 - No updates on the N15 road construction.

IV. Review & Approval of Agenda

M: Ruthie Nez S: Sharon Smith VOTE: 4 – 0 - 1

Motion was made to have Chapter Manager finish her report under Old Business.

V. Old Business: Reports

Ms. Alfreda Earle, Chapter Manager -

- Since the Chapter's trash bin fills quickly, the chapter has been taking trash by filling the dump trailer, she took a load of trash last week but she found that the hydraulic lift was leaking oil, the lift became stuck so she had to take it to Navajo Tractor Sales where they replaced the battery.
- Back hoe request is moving along – the project is now at OMB.
- CPMD – The RV Park agreement is going through.
- Sunrise Low Water Crossing – She's like to schedule an inquiry as to where the funds that was transferred to them for the Low Water Crossing is at.
- Mr. Chee requested for a copy of the 2026 general budget to project the upcoming 2027 budget.
- The Emergency Funds was approved as it was passed. If there is a change, a new Resolution will need to put in place.
- Sage Memorial Hospital was contacted by Mr. Chee, to resolve the purchase of the Previous Care Home, Sage Memorial Hospital would like us to schedule a date to meet on discussion of the legal tract.
- Ms. Earle did go to the Land Department to request a copy of the Official Land Tract and description.
- Update on Earthen Dams – are there any updates on any of the Earthen Dams in the community that have been affected.
- Ruthie Nez – in regards to the Senior Care Home, she would like to voice that the meeting being scheduled should be between the Council Officials and Sage Memorial, she feels that it is a decision for the voting community.
- 5:20 pm – Honorable James joined in the Meeting. He was updated on our current discussion regarding the vacated care home. Mr. James was asked if there is any concern in regards to his current position as a council delegate candidate that would interfere with his participation in this meeting. Mr. James states that there should be no interference and he can participate if the Chapter will allow him to. Mr. James will participate in the meeting when scheduled.
- Tuesday Morning August 11, 2026 at 9:00am meeting to be scheduled with Sage Memorial Hospital.
- Honorable James Report/Updates:
- AIF Legislation 34 Million for drought relief, CAP RDC moved forward to implement a Corrective Action Plan for the AIF. Earthen Dams, Windmill repairs will be a priority.
- Letter of Concern for Chapter Boundary between Ganado and Cornfields. A meeting is to be scheduled for the 100 acre business tract.

- 9205, NDOT was also asked to clear the Sunrise Low Water Crossing, Mr. Dempsey Claw is the new Supervisor for our Chapter area and he is taking his time to address roads at this time. The other chapters under his area are looking into purchasing a regular farm Cab tractor with a blade that can be used to clear residential roads.
- Honorable James has asked his chapters if they are willing to identify how many homes that would benefit from this clearing
- N15 – Contractor bidding update - one contractor submitted their bid. The Navajo Nation is in negotiations with this contractor to resubmit their prices. Once this is negotiated, the 164 process will begin. The second phase is scheduled for bidding in November to project the new anticipated time will be in the Spring of 2027.
- Waterline projects – three projects. Will begin with narrowing how many homes are going to be combined to make one project instead of individual homes counted as one project.
- Honorable James will provide his report at the Regular Chapter Meeting.

VI. New Business:

1. CF-AUG2026-50: Requesting Approval for Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Amendment Of the Cornfields Chapter General Activity Funds for the Month of July 2026 in the Amount of \$6,445.82.

M: Ruthie Nez

S: Lawrence Sam

VOTE: 5 – 0 – 1

2. CF-AUG2026-51: Accepting and Approving the Cornfields Chapter Financial Report for the Month of July 2026.

M: Wallace James, Jr.

S: Ruthie Nez

VOTE: 5 – 0 – 1

3. CF-AUG2026-52:

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VOTE:

- There was a question posed by a community member – Ms. Marilyn James inquired if the Council Officials have decided when they will be increasing the Scholarship Amount for the new school year? She requested that this last month, when will the Officials put this on the Agenda?

- Mr. Wallace James, Jr.- Council Vice-President requested for Ms. Earle to explain how the increase would affect the awarding process?

-Based on the Annual Allocation – The Chapter receives \$1,400.00 for a yearly allocation. An increase of awards will reduce the number of applicants and the application process will change

to make it more competitive. Currently, the number students assisted is about 15 students. If the Chapter increases the amount, there might only be up to five being assisted per semester.

A recalculation of how this will change the semester applications will be drafted, the policy will also have to be reviewed and updated.

VII. Others:

1. Regular Chapter Meeting – Sunday, August 09, 2026 1:00pm
2. Farm Board:
 - a. Regular Meeting – August 11, 2026 at 9:00 am
 - b. Land Use Planning – August 13, 2026 at 9:00 am
3. Grazing:
 - a. Permittee Meeting – TBA
 - b. District 17 Meeting – September 04, 2026 – Cornfields Chapter 9:00a
 - c. FD Agency Grazing Meeting – August 13, 2026 St. Michaels Chapter 9a
4. Veterans Organization: TBA
5. Planning Meeting – September 01, 2026 4:00pm

VIII. Benediction: Provided by Mr. Tyrone Chee, Council President

IX. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 6:33 pm

The Minutes prepared and submitted by Ms. Sharon Smith, Council Secretary/Treasurer.