

Cornfields Chapter Planning Meeting

Tuesday, July 07, 2026 4:00 PM

MINUTES

- I. Meeting Called to Order: By Mr. Tyrone Chee, Council President at 4:10 pm
- II. Invocation: Provided by Mrs. Judith Shirley, Farm Board Member
- III. Announcements/Introductions:
 1. Thank you Jacob Nez, Enrichment Student and Family Providing Dinner in Appreciation for Assistance
 2. Thank you Honorable Delegate James for Providing Cold-Cut Sandwiches in celebrating Trail Ride today.
 3. Tse Ho Tsooi Mobile Clinic - July 14, 2026 - 10a to 2p Cornfields Chapter
 4. Regular Chapter Meeting - Sunday, July 12, 2026 1:00P
 5. Navajo Nation Primary Election - July 21, 2026; Absentee Voting: 06/22/26 Opens
 6. Community Housing & Infrastructure Dept. Housing Improvement Program (HIP) - Application Intake - July 15, 2026 10a to 3p
 7. Tse Ho Tsooi Medical Center - Health Related Presentation - Roy B. Dempsey, Community Relations Outreach Specialist - Regular Chapter Meeting
 8. International One/Trinity - Business Update - Deer Point Business Site
Kimberly Yazzie, Representative for International One Provided Information.
 - Lawyers of International One approved the Partnership with the Navajo Nation
 - Next action will be a Partnership Agreement between International One and Cornfields Chapter
 - International One is requesting for the Community to Assist in naming the Businesses that will make up the Shopping Plaza, International One would like to include naming a part of the Plaza in remembrance of the Late Caleb Roanhorse who was a Council Official of the Chapter when this plan began.
 - Question: Cornfields Chapter has not seen the Partnership Agreement for review by the Council Members.
 - Suggestion: Judith Shirley, Farm Board Member - Bring the past CLUPC Members to plan on what to do with the Business Planning. A meeting should be set aside from the Regular Chapter Meeting.
 - Alfreda Earle, Chapter Manager - International One has already made a Partnership with Navajo Nation Economic Development, so International One is directly working the Navajo Nation. The Partnership between the Chapter and International One is mainly for Investment at 51% profit

proceeds of Business Revenue. As far as naming the Businesses, the community can be invited to participate in coming up with Names.

- Ms. Yazzie – The Business layout and planning is in process with the Navajo Nation Economic Development.
 - Ms. Earle, Chapter Manager – Requested a copy of the Partnership Agreement to be reviewed by the Council Officials, then plan to schedule a meeting
 - Mr. Chee, Council President – The Review of the requested document is important due to the legal aspects of the agreement. The Chapter needs the information in the proper process of the Agreement including Navajo Nation Department of Justice's Review and Opinion.
 - International One plans to attend the Regular Chapter Meeting to share more information with the Official and the Community.
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9. Navajo Nation Economic Development – Micro Lending Program – Charm Chee Curley, Collection Officer with Economic Development provided an overview on the Presentation that will be shared at the Regular Chapter Meeting.
- This Program is designed for Home Base Business that employ up to about 5 employees. Would like to provide presentation on self-employment .
 - Would like to be added to provide a broader presentation on the Program for the Regular Chapter Meeting on Sunday July 12, 2026.
 - Question: Mrs. Judith Shirley asked what the Interest Rate is for the amount of a loan.
 - Response: The Loan amount would depend on the Wall Street Journal Market Interest Rate at the time of the Loan plus 1%.
10. Others:
- Senior Social – July 14, 2026 Cornfields Chapter along with the Tse Ho Tsooi Mobile Clinic.
 - Marilyn James – Community Member – Asking the Council Officials if they know how much each student receives for Scholarship? \$200.00 which is currently the rate of assistance is too low, the Chapter Officials need to consider adding a Resolution to increase the current amounts. There are surrounding Chapters that assist with more, our next generation need the assistance to go on to obtain a higher education. The Current Amounts that is listed on the Cornfields Chapter Website is as follows:
- a. \$400.00 per semester to college graduate (Master, PHD)
 - b. \$300.00 per semester to Undergraduate, Full-time (9.0 + credit hours)
 - c. \$200.00 per semester to Undergraduate, (Associate of Arts & Science)
 - d. \$150.00 per semester to Technical, Vocational, Trade School and Certificate Training, Youth Enrichment.

IV. Review & Approval of Agenda

M: Wallace James

S: Sharon Smith

VOTE: 5 – 0 – 1

V. Old Business

None

VI. New Business:

1. CF-JUL2026-47: Requesting Approval for Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Amendment Of the Cornfields Chapter General Activity Funds for the Month of June 2026 in the Amount of \$5,167.57.

M: Ruthie Nez

S: Patrick Yazzie

VOTE: 5 – 0 – 1

2. CF-JUL2026-48: Accepting and Approving the Cornfields Chapter Financial Report for the Month of June 2026.

M: Sharon Smith

S: Ruthie Nez

VOTE: 5 – 0 – 1

3. CF-JUL2026-49: Approving and Adopting the FY2026 Emergency Fund Budget of Cornfields Chapter in the amount of \$48,293.00.

M: Ruthie Nez

S: Lawrence Sam

VOTE: 6 – 0 – 1

Mr. Tyrone Chee, Council President requested a breakdown of allocation from Ms. Alfreda Earle, Chapter Manager.

Ms. Earle drafted the Allocation in consideration of the Current Declaration of Emergency for Drought. She consulted with the Grazing Official for his input as well.

- Livestock Water – to lower the cost of Livestock water for the Summer by paying NTUA for the Water. Each year the local watering points/windmills decrease in water production the later part of July and this would benefit the livestock owners to continue having enough water.
- Wood hauling funds for firewood assistance for the upcoming Winter.
- Equipment Operator for a period of 4 weeks. She was informed that only an Equipment Operator can be included under this Allocation.
- Administrative Service Center has approved her submitted draft, if there are any corrections, she will have to resubmit it for additional review and approval and it would add more time for use.

Ruthie Nez, Farm Board – suggests to include Propane assistance.

Mr. Tyrone Chee, Council President – For the Wood Purchasing, construct a measuring device for a dimension by Cord. Develop a proper payment log for

each Cord purchased. The wood hauler should be left open to all and not just to one person.

Mr. Wallace James, Council Vice-President – He agrees with the Budget as documented.

Alfreda Earle, responded by stating that the Chapter purchases wood by the size of the Truck Bed, there is also a thorough inspection of the wood. There were some instance where wood haulers leave their spare tire under the wood to make it appear fully loaded so careful inspection is performed.

Jacob Nez, son of Rolanda Todacheenie and Patrick Nez, Sr. of Cornfields Community who was assisted with Enrichment Funds provided a small appreciation remark. Ms. Todecheenie also spoke on behalf of her son to share her appreciation for all that Cornfields Chapter does for their Youth.

4. CF-JUL2026-50: NONE

M: S: VOTE:

5. CF-JUL2026-51: NONE

M: S: VOTE:

VII. Others:

1. Regular Chapter Meeting – Sunday, July 12, 2026 1:00pm
2. Farm Board:
 - a. Regular Meeting – July 07, 2026 9:00am/ August 11, 2026 9:00 am
 - b. Land Use Planning – July 09, 2026 9:00am
3. Grazing:
 - a. Permittee Meeting – T.B.A.
 - b. District 17 Meeting – August 03, 2026 Greasewood Springs 9:00am
 - c. FD Agency Grazing Meeting – July 15, 2026 Ganado Chapter 9:00am
FY27 – Permittee Meetings will change to every Qrtr beginning Sept 26.
Planning Meetings will be removed for Meeting Attending
4. Veterans Organization: T.B.A.
5. Planning Meeting – August 04, 2026 4:00pm
6. District 17 Council Meeting – July 08, 2026, 6:00 pm Greasewood Springs Chapter

COUNCIL DELEGATE REPORT:

- Trail Ride to Planning Meetings for the month of July. Today they rode from Burside Jct o Cornfields Chapter. This is in hopes for more moisture, rain.
- 5 Million per Council Delegate district awarded – for Road Improvement. He chose to have the allocated funds to be transferred to Apache County for his 5 Chapters he is working with:
- Cornfields Chapter - N151 Road Improvement.
- Kindahlichee Chapter – Improvement of BIA Route to Cross Canyon Route
- Ganado Chapter – Burnside's Dirt Road by Todecheenie and Sadie Bitsui Road Improvement
- Steamboat Chapter – Route to Beshbitoh improvement
- 19 pg. report to be provided during the Regular Chapter Meeting.
- He will be preparing cold cut sandwiches outside and everyone is welcome to join.

VIII. Benediction: Provided by Mr. Vince James, Honorable Council Delegate

IX. Adjournment: At 5:58pm Mtg adjourned by Mr. Tyrone Chee, Council President

Prepared and Submitted by Ms. Sharon Smith, Council Secretary/Treasurer on July 08, 2026