

Cornfields Chapter Planning Meeting

Tuesday, June 02, 2026 4:00 PM

MINUTES

- I. **Meeting call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 4:20pm by Mr. Tyrone Chee, Council President
- II. **Invocation:** Provided by Mrs. Judith Shirley, Farm Board Member
- III. **Announcement/Introductions**
 1. Summer Student Employment Opened 05/29/26, Closes 06/12/26
Student Interviews: 06/18/26
 2. Regular Chapter Meeting – Sunday, June 14, 2026 1:00P
 3. Trinity – Requesting to Update Community on their Business at Deer Point;
Date requested for Meeting date.
 4. Others:
 - a. 6/19/26 Carding to Spinning Rug Weaving Series – Hubbell’s Trading Post, Ganado, Az
 - b. Ganado Unified School – Summer School Started 5/25/26 to 6/26/26
 - c. Summer Food Program also started at listed sites; Ganado Intermediate and Middle School
 - d. 6/10/26 – Pet Vaccination at Ganado NHA Housing Office 10a-4p
 - e. 06/23/26 11a – 2p Health Fair/Just Move-it Cornfields Chapter
 - f. 06/16/26 – Senior Social – Cornfields Chapter
 - g. Bear Sightings – 3 Miles South of Navajo Station. 6 tips if you approach any bears:
 1. Avoid Approaching and Do not feed
 2. Keep all Livestock feed, any pet food in air-tight containers
 3. Supervise Children and Pets especially in early mornings
 4. Report to Fish and Wildlife
 5. Make noise and keep distance if you come into contact
 6. Do not corner or provoke animals
 - h. 6/23/26 – Joint Farm Board Meeting Aneth, Utah
 - i. Greasewood Springs School started their Summer School today 06/02/26
 - j. Burnsides Navajo Nation Water Development hired a new Supervisor – Mr. Bill Spencer. Any reports for surrounding Windmills may be reported to 928-755-5971.
 - k. Mr. Dickie T. Smith – Suggested by stating that there are a lot of Elders in the community, some have livestock like sheep. They probably would benefit from the Chapter to inquire with other farmers off the reservation if they would be willing to donate any shearing equipment, it doesn’t hurt to ask, then gather a group to reintroduce shearing to assist our elders.

- I. Mrs. Norma Noble – shared a concern pertaining to her request for home renovation, she was assisted with a door. She is still in need of other material such as roofing material and flooring for her mobile home. She is residing in Steamboat, but she has been a registered voter for the Community all her life. She had also applied for the Septic Cleaning Service, but she could not wait any longer so she and her spouse split the cost to pay a Septic Cleaner. She is inquiring to get a timeline of when or how she can get assisted.

RESPONSE: Ms. Alfreda Earle, Chapter Manager – At the beginning of the ARPA Funding being awarded and the Chapter chose the Home Renovation Project, the chapter received 130 applications as it was publicly advertised from the Radio, social media and Postings, after funds were received, there were other residents that came forward to state they were not informed. There were about 50 to 70 residents who missed the deadline. So, at that time, Ms. Earle informed the applicants that missed the deadline, that they would be placed on a waiting list and were informed that they would be considered if there should be funding left over. Presently, the ARPA Home Renovation is closing, with funds exhausted for the Laborers who were completing the Improvement. The Chapter has about \$23,000.00 left for Material, but she still has the remaining applicants she is currently contacting to ask if they would like the material they needed for their renovations to have that completed on their own. EPA is the oversight of the Septic cleaning project. Speedy Septic Cleaning was awarded this project and they are currently working on the list that was submitted from Cornfields Chapter. The Chapter does not have any funds for the Septic Cleaning. Ms. Earle is working on RRR projects – two of the projects that were placed on the list will be cancelled and presently requesting to transfer the project costs to the Home Improvement Project. Funds remaining under ARPA is \$23,000.00 for Home Improvement, \$10,000.00 for Technological Upgrade. In the meantime, the Chapter Administration continues to make follow-up calls to find out the status of various projects.

Joan Dalgai, Community member – Questioned pertaining to Septic Cleaning, if a person was on the list for septic cleaning and could not wait, could the cost be reimbursed?

RESPONSE: Ms. Alfreda Earle, Chapter manager: No, the project budget was placed, did not include the reimbursement.

Judith Shirley, Farm Board Member – In regards to the Homesite Lease policy, she was informed that that home improvements do not require a Home Site Lease, why is that being requested from applicants today?

RESPONSE: Ms. Alfreda Earle, Chapter Manager: from the beginning of the ARPA funding, yes there was a requirement for a Home Site Lease. But just recently they removed the Home Site Lease requirement just so the Navajo Nation can meet the deadline to expend the ARPA funds.

ADDITIONAL COMMENT: Ms. Alfreda Earle, Chapter Manager: There were other Projects proposed for funding and they were \$225,000.00

Mr. Dickie Smith, Community Member: Suggests that we invite NHA to discuss what their plans are for any vacant homes in the Housing area or if they plan to build any more housing units to make home available for those that really need a home at this time.

M : Ruthie Nez S : Wallace James, Jr. VOTE : 6 - 0 -

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None

Ruthie Nez explained that funds being transferred will stay within the Veterans Budget.

4. **CF-JUN2026-46:** Approving Budget revision and transfer of Funds within the ARPA Fund (31) Budget from Line Item 31-6109 Annual Leave \$49.65 into 31-6113 Pension Benefit; 31-6109 Annual Leave \$10.83 into 31-6107 EE Group Insurance; 31-6111 401K Expense \$25.13 Into 31-6107 EE Group Insurance; 31-6380 Building Materials \$65.39 into 31-6107 EE Group Insurance.

M : Wallace James, Jr.

S : Ruthie Nez

VOTE : 6 - 0 - 1

VII. Others:

1. Regular Chapter Meeting – Sunday, June 14, 2026 1:00pm
2. Farm Board:
 - a. Regular Meeting – June 09, 2026 9:00am
 - b. Land-Use Planning – June 11, 2026 9:00am
3. Grazing:
 - a. Permittee Meeting – June 17, 2026 9:00am with Animal Control
 - b. District 17 Meeting – June 08, 2026 9:00am Wide Ruins Chapter
 - c. FD Agency Grazing Meeting – June 15, 2026 St Michaels Chapter
4. Veterans Organization – No Meetings scheduled at this time
5. Planning Meeting – Tuesday, July 07, 2026 4:00pm
6. Rally to be held on June 06, 2026 10am Noble Church for Candidate Mr. Larry Noble.
7. Ganado Unified School will be issuing Sun Bucks for students - \$120 per student for June and July. Free Lunch served at the Ganado Middle School and Ganado Intermediate School.
8. Kindahlichee Olta will serve breakfast and lunch at Cornfields Chapter.

VIII. Benediction: Closing Prayer provided by Mrs. Judith Shirley, Farm Board Member

IX. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 5:55pm

M: Patrick Yazzie

S: Ruthie Nez

VOTE: 6 - 0 - 1

Prepared and submitted by Ms. Sharon C. Smith, Council Secretary/Treasurer on Friday, June 05, 2026.