

Cornfields Chapter Planning Meeting

Tuesday, May 05, 2026 4:00 PM

MINUTES

- I. Meeting call to Order:** Mtg was called to order at 4:18pm by Mr. Tyrone Chee, Council President
- II. Invocation:** Provided by Mrs. Judith Shirley, Farm Board Member
- III. Announcement/Introductions**
 - 1. Regular Chapter Meeting - Sunday, May 10, 2026 1:00P
 - 2. Others:
 - a. 05/22/26 Ganado High School Graduation 2:00 and Promotion
 - b. 05/21/26 Greasewood Springs School Promotion 10:00am
 - c. 05/30/26 8:00am Cornfields Veterans Organization
 - d. 05/07/26 Ganado Unified School Parent Day 10am Ganado Field House
 - e. 06/23/26 Cornfields Chapter will be Hosting JMI and Health Fair
The Chapter Officials are requested to host Water Stations posted through the route. The Chapter will be providing snacks. KTNN provided a quote for live broadcast in the amount of \$1600.00, Ms. Earle will ask Tsehootsoi Medical Center (TMC) if they can share this expense. They are closely coordinating with TMC.

Brief REPORT: Alfreda Earle, Chapter Manager

She will be attending a Roads Meeting with NDOT on 05/15/26 at the NDOT Complex regarding the N15 Update. Requesting a cost-estimate for N151 for submission of the grant request.

Resolution for NCOG: working on a grant application to fund Road Improvement for N151

05/01/2026 the ARPA workers were laid off due to exhaustion of Funds. There are funds remaining for housing material. They would like to deplete the funds by purchasing material and having the home owner complete their own repairs.

IV. Review & Approval of Agenda

M: Sharon Smith **S: Wallace James, Jr.** **VOTE: 6 - 0 - 1**

Motion made for adding a Resolution for Poll Workers for the Primary Election.

M: Sharon Smith **S: Wallace James** **VOTE: 6 - 0 - 1**

Motion made to Reschedule the Regular Chapter Meeting to Monday, May 11, 2026 at 1:00 pm due Mother's Day on Sunday, May 10, 2026

M: Ruthie Nez **S: Judith Shirley** **VOTE: 4 - 2 - 1**

V. Old Business

None

VI. New Business:

1. **CF- MAY2026-37:** Requesting Approval for Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Amendment of the Cornfields Chapter General Activity Funds for the Month of April 2026 in the Amount of \$4,654.49
M: Sharon Smith S: Wallace James, Jr. VOTE: 6 - 0 -1
2. **CF-MAY2026-38:** Approving the Funding request from the Navajo Nation Gaming Revenue Carry-Over distribution in the amount of \$961.78
M: Wallace James, Jr. S: Ruthie Nez VOTE: 6 - 0 - 1
3. **CF-MAY2026-39:** Supporting the Cornfields Chapter Funding Request to the Northern Arizona Council of Governments (NACOG) for Route N151 Road Improvement Project Emphasizing Community Safety, Accessibility and Long-Term Resilience
M: Wallace James, Jr. S: Ruthie Nez VOTE: 6 - 0 - 1
4. **CF-MAY2026-40:** Approving and Supporting the Navajo Nation Department of Fish and Wildlife Climate Change Program (CCP) to Initiate Field Observation to Determine and Implement Locations for Low-Impact Watershed Restoration Practices with the ~~Asaayi-Burn~~ Cornfields area Located in the Cornfields Chapter Boundaries. The Intention is to Mitigate any Threatening Natural Events that may Further Damage Sensitive areas including Surrounding Community Homes and/or Dwellings.
M: Patrick Yazzie S: Lawrence Sam VOTE: 6 - 0 - 1
Mr. Howard Leonard - Navajo Nation Fish and Wildlife - CCP - provided a brief summary for the purpose of the Resolution.
5. **CF-MAY2026-41:** Approving and Confirming Election Poll Workers for three positions: Chief Poll Judge, Poll Worker, and Poll Clerk for the upcoming Navajo Nation Primary Election on July 21, 2026.
M: Patrick Yazzie S: Ruthie Nez VOTE : 5 - 0 - 2
6. **CF-MAY2026-42:** Accepting and Approving the Cornfields Chapter Financial Report for the Month of April 2026
M: Wallace James, Jr. S: Ruthie Nez VOTE: 5 - 0 - 2

VII. Others:

1. Honorable Vince James, Council Delegate – Report
 - A court hearing was scheduled yesterday regarding the Navajo Nation Speaker and Navajo Nation President, but it was continued.
 - Another Hearing is scheduled for Monday 05/11/26 for a Temporary Restraining Order Hearing.
 - He is unable to provide his usual Monthly Report to budget constraint, the Legislative Branch does not have an approved budget at this time. The NN President has 10 days to sign the Budget Legislation, with Sunday 05/10/26 being the 10th day.
 - He cautioned the Chapter to report that if the Budget is not signed by Sunday, this will affect the Chapters. Then it will also affect the Annual FY Budget in October as well.
 - The Council Delegate Position will now cover 6 chapters; Ganado, Steamboat, Kindahlichii, Jeddito, Cornfields and Greasewood Springs. Greasewood was just added for this election. He and Mr. Christopher White are the candidates running for this position. They will join the vote until the General Election.
2. Regular Chapter Meeting – Monday, May 11, 2026 1:00pm
3. Farm Board:
 - a. Regular Meeting – May 12, 2026 9:00am
 - b. Land-Use Planning – May 14, 2026 9:00am
4. Grazing:
 - a. Permittee Meeting – TBA
 - b. District 17 Meeting – 6/1/26 Wide Ruins Chapter 9:00am
 - c. FD Agency Grazing Meeting – 5/15/26 St. Michaels Chapter 9:00am
5. Veterans Organization – May 7, 2026 5:00 PM
6. Planning Meeting – Tuesday, June 02, 2026 4:00pm

VIII. Benediction: Provided by Ruthie Nez, Farm Board Member

IX. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 5:53pm by Mr. Tyrone Chee, Council President.