

Cornfields Chapter Planning Meeting

Tuesday, September 01, 2026 4:00 PM

Minutes

- I. Meeting Called to Order @ 4:04pm by Mr. Tyrone Chee, Council President
- II. Invocation: Provided by Ms. Ruthie Nez, Farm Board Member
- III. Announcements/Introductions:
 1. Regular Chapter Meeting – Sunday, September 13, 2026 1:00P
 2. Tse Ho Tsooi Medical Center – Mobile Clinic – September 23, 2026 10a-2p
 3. Others:
 - a. Water Project – Yolanda Johnson
 - Navajo Nation – ARPA Funded Program
 - Qualifications: Driver License, Social Security Card, CIB, Proof of Income and Proof of Residency
 - Income guideline 2026 Poverty Guideline: \$1304.17 one person
 - Will return on Sunday, September 13, 2026 during the Regular Mtg. to give out applications.
 - Program will take application and submit it to Window Rock where they will be determined approved, then water dispenser and two five-gallon water containers will be delivered.
 - b. Hubbell's Trading Post – Harvest Fest on 9/26/26 8am-4pm starting with Sheep Butchering and activities throughout the day.
 - c. GHS Homecoming Parade on 10/01/26 10am – applications will be onsite for Float Entry; Game is on 10/02/26 vs. Chinle Wildcats (No Theme yet)
- IV. Review & Approval of Agenda

M: Ruthie Nez S: Sharon Smith VOTE: 3-0-1

Agenda was read into record by Mr. Wallace James, Jr., Council Vice-President.

Motion was made for approval of Agenda as read.

There were no corrections, additions or deletions.
- V. Old Business
 1. Alfreda Earle, Chapter Manager – Updates/Report
 - Brief Update for the month of August
 - Currently Working on closing ARPA projects

- Attended the Long Range Transportation Summit
- Attended the Economic 101 at Twin Arrows
- Monday 08/21/26 – due to the rain storm the sunrise wash flooded and affected families living across the wash for attending school and work. Pictures were taken and sent to NNDOT and BIA Roads for documentation. Wrote to Myron Tsosie and Mae Peshlakai at the State Level to continue advocating for funds for the Sunrise Low Water Crossing.
- Navajo Mine – picked up Coal tickets for 2026 to prepare for Winter
- Attended the Administrative Service Center Training held at the Teesto Chapter, presentations from Economic Development and Employee Benefits were provided.
- She has not yet received a response from Mr. Begay with DOJ in regards to the meeting held pertaining to the review of the Partnership Agreement with International One.
- Ganado Chapter – was not able to provide a support letter, due to no show at their last Chapter Planning Mtg.. She did receive a visit from Chris White, of Ganado Chapter to apologize and to request another request to be submitted.
- Cornfields Chapter Boundary – Due to the request submitted to Ganado Chapter for a support letter, there was comments made to state that the 100 Acre Deer Point Development infringing upon Ganado Chapter's Boundary. A Cadastral Survey was completed when Mr. Jimmie Taliman, Sr was President. She inquired with Navajo Land Department, they stated that the Chapter Boundary is based on Voter Registration. There are three forms of Boundaries: The Service Boundaries, and Grazing Boundary.
- Cornfields ABNDN – Youth Day this past weekend. In October 2026 – ABNDN would like to host their Quarterly Meeting at Cornfields Chapter as host.
- ARPA close out with ordering the projector screen and two computer monitors.

QUESTION:

Mr. Tyrone Chee, Council President – would like to know to if the Chapter could host a Meet and Greet for the Presidency Candidates and Council Delegates for the community. How would the Chapter be able to accommodate that?

RESPONSE:

If the events are held are individually, then there should be a charge. If the event is opened to all Candidates, it would be a fair event with no fee. That would be a community event.

If this can be brought before the people, then we can have them decide.

COMMENTS:

- Sharon C. Smith, Council Secretary/Treasurer – In favor of a one-day event for all candidates
- Ruthie Nez, Farm Board Member – She is in favor to share with the people and see what they think. If this Chapter is hosting,

there is more than just putting up the event there are other tasks that need to be planned, like for food.

- Judith Shirley, Farm Board Member – She is in favor of the event being scheduled for the weekend due to most community members being employed during the week.
- Wallace James, Jr. Council Vice-President – Is against the event due to the fact that it might bring more disarray amongst our community members. In reviewing the Facility Usage Form, there is no specification for Political functions or fee waivers.
- Patrick Yazzie, Grazing Member – Is in favor for the community to listen to their platforms.
- Alfreda Earle, Chapter Manager – suggests to work on questions to ask the Candidates.
- Planning Board decided to schedule this event by inviting the Presidential Candidates on Saturday, October 10, 2026 and host the Council Delegate Candidates on Sunday, October 11, 2026 before the start of the Regular Chapter Meeting. This will be brought before the people at the Regular Chapter Meeting on September 13, 2026.

2. Vince James, Council Delegate – Not Present

VI. New Business:

1. CF-SEPT2026-52: Requesting Approval for Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Amendment Of the Cornfields Chapter General Activity Funds for the Month of August 2026 in the Amount of \$3,757.42

M: Lawrence Sam S: Patrick Yazzie VOTE: 6-0-1

2. CF-SEPT2026-53: Accepting and Approving the Cornfields Chapter Financial Report for the Month of August 2026.

M: Wallace James, Jr. S: Ruthie Nez VOTE: 6-0-1

3. CF-SEPT2026-54: NONE (to me used for next meeting).

M: S: VOTE:

VII. Others:

1. Regular Chapter Meeting – Sunday, September 13, 2026 1:00pm
2. Farm Board:
 - a. Regular Meeting September 15, 2026 9:00am-12:00pm –
 - b. Land Use Planning – September 17, 2026 9:00am-12:00pm
3. Grazing:
 - a. Permittee Meeting – TBA
 - b. District 17 Meeting – September 04, 2026 Cornfields Chapter 9am
 - c. FD Agency Grazing Meeting – September 08, 2026 St. Michaels Chapter 9:00am
4. Veterans Organization: Wednesday September 02, 2026 1:00pm
5. Planning Meeting – October 06, 2026 4:00pm

VIII. Benediction: Provided by Marilyn James, Community Member

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

M: Patrick Yazzie

S: Ruthie Nez

VOTE: 6-0-1

Prepared and Submitted by Ms. Sharon C. Smith, Council Secretary/Treasurer on 09/01/2026