

CORNFIELDS CHAPTER REGULAR MEETING

SUNDAY September 13, 2026

1:00 PM

MINUTES

- I. Meeting Called to Order – Meeting called to Order at 1:47pm by Mr. Tyrone Chee, Council President
- II. Invocation – Provided by Ms. Sharon C. Smith, Council Secretary/Treasurer
- III. Roll Call (Elected Officials)

	Present	Absent
Mr. Tyrone Chee, Council President	XXX	
Mr. Wallace James, Jr. Council Vice-President	XXX	
Ms. Sharon C. Smith, Council Secretary/Treasurer	XXX	
Mr. Patrick Yazzie, Grazing Official	1:52*	

Roll Call was completed by Sharon Smith, Council Secretary/Treasurer

- IV. Announcements:
 1. Yolanda Johnson – Water Project – Not Present
 2. Tse Ho Tsooi Medical Center – Presentation – Mr. Roy Dempsey, Community Health Relations Outreach Specialist
 - NEMT Services available – TMC currently has 19 vehicles available to be used for scheduled appointments.
 - NEMT can also be used for referral location of Appointments off the reservation.
 - If a patient is flown out to another facility from ER, you can also let the discharge planner know if you don't have a ride home, so it can be arranged.
 - TMC is aiming to have 25 vehicles by next year.
 - Dementia; It is a Cognitive loss that can be caused by some factors
 - o Depression, Medication, Vitamin Deficiency
 - o Forgetting your daily routine
 - o Misplacing things
 - o Forgetting how to handle finances
 - o The Elder Mobil Clinic can start the assessment if you request.
 3. Tse Ho Tsooi Mobile Clinic – September 23, 2026 10a-2p Cornfields Chapter
 4. Hubbell's Trading Post Harvest Festival – September 26, 2026 8a-4p; Correction to time: 6am – Sheep Butchering, 7am – 5k Fun Run
 5. Others:
 - Ganado Unified School District – October 01, 2026 Home Coming Parade beginning at the School compound to the Post Office.

V. Reading and Approval of Agenda

M: Ruthie Nez

S: Lawrence Sam

VOTE: 14-0-8

Before a vote was taken to Approve the Agenda, there were some questions taken;

- Norma Noble; Community Member – Asked what became of the Resolution Passed in June (Not Sure) about the exact date, but it is regarding the Apache County Road Funds Allocation, she drives the school bus and has not seen any improvements.

Response: This is in the Honorable Delegates Report.

- Joan Dalgai; Community Member – Question for Ganado Unified School District; this question pertains to an emergency release of students last week on 09/10/26, is there a better plan in case parents are not near the home when children are released?

Response: Due to the emergency decision to release students home early could not be

helped. It is the parent's responsibility to make the proper arrangements.

The motion moved forward with a second and vote to finalize the motion. The motion had no further edits or add-ons.

VI. Approval of Last Regular Chapter Meeting Minutes – August 09, 2026

M: Ruthie Nez

S: Mary Ann Arnold

VOTE: 15-0-7

Read by Sharon C. Smith, Council Secretary/Treasurer

VII. Old Business:

1. Business Report August 2026: Ms. Alfreda Earle, Chapter Manager

M: Melvin Chee

S: Mary Ann Arnold

VOTE: 16-0-7

Office and Services available for the month of August.

ARPA;

- Since the ARPA workers were laid off in April 2026, the Chapter has been calling the applicants to find those willing to do their own labor work.
- Technology Upgrade; new computers and projector screen were purchased. The computers purchased will be set up for use by community members.
- For the past three years, Cornfields Chapter has depleted all ARPA funds with all the listed Projects and will be reported expended at the end of September.

New Fiscal Year coming – working on closing out this FY26 Budget ensuring that all bills are paid. The NN Council has still not decided upon a figure for the New Fiscal Year, but in the meantime, she plans to use the same amount from last year to plan for the new fiscal year. She has invited the Officials to plan out the budget with her this week.

Work Session – Long Range Plan with NDOT. Requesting services; ensure they have the road number and location.

August 11, 2026 – Meeting with Sage Memorial Hospital was cancelled with no reschedule date provided

August 20, 2026 – Annual Heating Program Workshop – Was provided coal tickets to began giving out in October 2026.

August 26, 2026 – Met with DOJ – Roderick Begay along with the Officials to go over in detail of the Partnership Agreement presented to Cornfields Chapter by International One/ Trinity. Results of DOJ's interpretation is forthcoming.

August 27, 2026 – Attended an ASC Meeting in Teesto, presentations provided by Employee Benefits and others.

August 28 – 30, 2026 – ANBDN Youth Convention. Cornfields Chapter assisted with breakfast.

September 24th registration deadline for voting.

Start preparing for Winter, start gathering wood.

QUESTION:

Mary Ann Arnold – Asked if names can still be taken for renovation. She asked because she had requested to have her name added and she did not get a response.

VIII. 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: Judith Shirley

S: Norma Noble

VOTE:17-0-4

2. **CF-SEPT2026-53:** Accepting and Approving the Cornfields Chapter Financial Report for the month of AUGUST 2026.

M: Judith Shirley

S: Ruthie Nez

VOTE: 20-0-3

BALANCES ENDING 08/31/2026

Chapter Activities General Fund	\$8,705.66
Navajo Nation General Funds	\$17,809.68
Land Claims Trust	0.00
Supplemental Youth Funds	\$4,284.58
Housing Discretionary Funds	\$11,873.97
LGA Grant Funds	\$9,358.16
Chapter Stipend Fund	\$11,236.41
Scholarship Claims Fund	\$2,030.00
PEP Funds	\$13,001.62
Veterans Fund	\$557.34
Emergency Fund	\$48,293.00
Navajo Nation Sales Tax Funds	\$59,959.00
DARPA	\$0.00
Unhealthy Food Tax	\$72,678.80
TOTAL	\$259,788.22

IX. Verbal and Written Reports

1. Honorable Council Delegate Mr. Vince James

Referencing his Monthly Report:

Page 5 – The Roads Listed are still in Draft for the \$5 Million for Road Improvement Water

Fair Grounds – He shared with the people that it took a lot for the Navajo Nation to have the Navajo Nation Fair approved this year due to water issues. There is no proper lagoon for the waste water to go into therefore Porta Potties have to be ordered, many of the facilities are condemned and unsafe as well.

Budget and Finance Committee regarding the Budget; voted down due to a \$23 million extra funding discovery. They will meet again on Tuesday 09/15/26 a continuing resolution is one of the items along with another. Adding \$13 Million from Budget and Finance's savings for projects and the \$23 Million will be about \$36 Million.

Comment:

Judith Shirley, Farm Board Member – commented that she observed the elderly having difficulty finding bathrooms at the fair grounds, there is an area on the north side of the Fair Grounds that were charging people to use their porta potties. The Navajo Nation needs to do better.

Question(s)

Ruthie Nez, Cornfields Veterans Organization – she wanted to clarify if Bobbi Baldwin, Executive Director for Navajo Nation Veterans Administration has stepped down?

Response:

Supposedly Bobbi Baldwin resigned as of 09/09/26. Ms. Baldwin has a 6 year contract and now in her third year. If she did sign a contract; it will need to be paid in full if she does leave. The Council has not been able to confirm her position.

2. Chapter Officials

Mr. Tyrone Chee, Council President

- Scholarship Funds – There have been inquiries regarding an increase to the amount.
 - o He has re-written the policy that came out to 5 pages, which he will share with the other officials. In order to make a change to increase the assistance amount will be to limit recipients to full-time students, no summer assistance.
- DOJ Explanation of Partnership Agreement – Meeting attended with Mr. Roderick Begay with Navajo Nation Department of Justice pertaining to the Partnership Agreement presented by International One.

Mr. Wallace James, Jr., Council Vice-President

- Did show up for the meeting with Sage Memorial Hospital, but that was cancelled.
- He was informed of the meeting with DOJ.
- He was able to meet with Gov. Hobbs at Ganado Chapter last week and shared the priority of the Sunrise Low Water Crossing for our community.

Ms. Sharon Smith, Council Secretary/Treasurer

- Continues to assist the Chapter with signatures as needed.
- Also attended the explanation of the Partnership Agreement review with DOJ. This was a great learning experience to share in the future.

3. Grazing Member, Mr. Patrick Yazzie

- District 17 Grazing Meeting – September 04, 2026 – 9:00 am – Cornfields Chapter
 - Permittee Meeting – To Be Announced
 - Agency Grazing Meeting – September 08, 2026 – 9:00 am – St. Michaels Chapter
- Fiscal year ending 09/18/26
 - Beginning 10/01/26 the Grazing Officials will not have any stipends payments for Planning Meetings, Grazing Permittee Meetings will be reduced to every qtr.
 - No Permittee Meeting for the month of September, due to chapter useage.
 - 3 RMU assessments – discussion of future plans for each permittee.
 - District Line from Greasewood and Indian Wells, other areas have fencing to show boundaries.
 - Tried inviting staff from the Home Site Lease Office for presentation, but they are short staffed.

4. Farm Board

- Regular Meeting – September 15, 2026 9:00am – Cornfields Chapter
Nathaniel Sam – Will start a BRCF – a clearance
- Land-Use Permittee Training – September 17, 2026 at 9:00am – Cornfields Chapter – SMH will present for a raised flower bed.

Senior Social – September 22, 2026 10a-12p Cornfields Chapter -

5. Veterans Organization

- Meeting: September 02, 2026 1:00p Cornfields Chapter
- Cornfields, Ganado, Kindahlichee Veteran's Organization was at the front of the Parade Line. Funds was used to purchase the flags
 - 2nd or 3rd Week of October for next scheduled meeting.

6. School Announcements:

- Ganado Unified Schools – Wallace James, Jr., School Board Official
Middle School Attendance has decreased.
Vaping Pens are increasing, therefore police searches at being conducted.
High School Crosswalk is being improved by NDOT
Conversation held with Gov. Hobbs included a need for Teacher Housing for GUSD.
183 students transferred to neighboring schools so this caused another decrease.
Increase in Sr. Class.

Quorum loss at 4:52 – Meeting adjourned.

- Ganado Unified Schools PAC Member – Sandra Yazzie, Representative
- Greasewood Springs Schools – Ms. Ruthie Nez, School Board Member
- Kin Dah Lichii Olta – Ms. Linda Youvella, School Board Member

7. Others:

M:

S:

VOTE:

- X. Next Scheduled Meetings:
1. Chapter Planning Meeting: Tuesday; October 06, 2026 at 4:00 pm
 2. Chapter Regular Meeting: Sunday; October 11, 2026 at 1:00 pm

XI. Benediction:

XII. Adjournment:

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VOTE:

Meeting minutes were prepared and submitted by Ms. Sharon C. Smith, Council Secretary/Treasurer