

Cornfields Chapter Regular Meeting
 Sunday, April 14, 2024 @ 1:00pm
MINUTES

- 1:20pm – While waiting for quorum, the Council President allowed a presentation to be provided by Mr. Roy Dempsey, Community Relations Outreach Specialist with Tsehotsooi Medical Center.

Topic of Presentation: Hantavirus-

- Symptoms of Hantavirus, types of virus from the different species of mice.
- Minimize contact with mice; ensure there are no spaces around windows or openings the size of diameter of a pen. The mice can fit through those openings to make their way into homes. The best thing to use to fill the small round holes is steel wool.
- The use of the mouse traps is more efficient. If glue boards are used to trap mice, once they are trapped, they will urinate or drop more feces while struggling to come loose.
- The best storage containers to use are glass or tight sealing containers.
- If you come across a nest, remove the container from the home or storage shed. If you remove the items from the container, the small particles will be released in the air where you will inhale it.
- Clorox is still the best solution to use by using a 9 to 1 ratio, wear rubber gloves and a mask. When disposing the nested items, place items in a plastic bag and place the first bag into another bag – double bagging the items.
- If you start to feel ill, go to your nearest health facility. Make sure you tell the physician what you did prior to your illness

Topic of Presentation: Measles-

- The Measles is VERY contagious.
- When you go into the hospital for follow-up ask the nursing staff if your Immunization is up to date.

Open to Questions:

- Does I.H.S. provide any Clorox to the public?
 - Tsehotsooi Medical Center does not have any funding for Clorox.
- COVID Vaccine – Is it mandatory for everyone to get the COVID Vaccines?
 - The COVID Vaccine was mandatory from the beginning due to the World Epidemic. Today is up to each individual if they want to receive additional vaccines. The mandate was lifted for wearing a mask a year ago.
 - Today TMC has a study in place to track the current clusters of sickness per COVID.

- I. **Meeting Call to Order** – Meeting was called to order at 1:46pm by Mr. Morgan Cleveland, Council President.
- II. **Invocation** – provided by Ms. Lucinda Godinez, Principal of Greasewood Springs Community School.
- III. **Roll Call**

	i. Present Absent	
Mr. Morgan Cleveland, Council President	X	
Mr. Wallace James, Council Vice President	X	
Ms. Sharon Smith, Council Secretary/Treasurer	X	
Mr. Patrick Yazzie, Grazing Official	X*	

*arrived at 1:56pm

IV. Announcements/Introduction:

1. Apache County 2024 Election Calendar
2. April 16, 2024; Tuesday – Tsehootsoo Mobile Unit: Family Practice Clinic
3. April 17, 2024; Wednesday – March into Fitness at Steamboat Chapter 5:00pm-7:00pm by Tsehootsoo Medical Center
4. April 22 – 26, 2024 – Cornfields Community Earth Week
5. April 21 – 26, 2024 – Apache County Roads Appreciation Week
6. Ganado Unified School Parent Day on May 02, 2024 from 8:00a-3:00pm – Ganado Field House
7. Ganado Unified Schools Promotions:
 - a. Middle School Promotion 10am 5/24/2024
 - b. High School Graduation 2pm 5/24/2024
8. Hantavirus and Measles update – Roy Dempsey, Community Relations Outreach Specialist, Tsehootsoo Medical Center
9. Radiation Exposure Compensation Act update – Theo Shorty NUWP Program Manager – Not Present at time of Announcement, but arrived later and was given time to provide a presentation.
 - o Overview of the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act.
 - o Claims deadline will be on June 30, 2024.
 - o Their office can assist to submit claims by June 10, 2024.
 - o Their office submits applications with all needed documents free of charge.
 - o He provided packets that have all this information.
10. Mrs. Elta Shepherd, Teacher – Cornfields Head Start – Present
 - o Update provided:
 - March 11 – 15 Spring Break
 - March 25th – Federal Review. Paperwork was reviewed at the Window Rock Administration due to the inclement road conditions. Paperwork reviewed with no recent updates. For the past three years Cornfields Head Start has been told that since the Center does not meet the required student enrollment they will be transitioned to a Home-Based teaching model. But as of this last review, they were told that the Federal Review Board would like to keep the Center Based model.
 - They would like to begin recruiting for next school year and hope to recruit for the 14 students
 - May 24, 2024 – Promotion and last day of school.
 - The Center requires visitors to wear a mask.
 - Fuel cards are not working at this time, therefore they have to fuel their bus in Chinle.
11. Sunrise Low Water Crossing Update – Mr. Darryl Bradley, Civil Engineer, NDOT – No one present at time of announcement.
12. Cornfields Community Baptist Church – Ms. Kathy Chee
 - o Celebrate Recovery Event – Adults affected by Domestic Violence, Grief, Depression, and Anger Management.
 - May 07th, 2024 – Zoom event 6:30pm to 8:30pm CST. A flyer will be posted with more information on how to participate.
 - Ms. Chee shares this information on her Facebook Page and she encourages for those who have access to share.
 - It would be nice if the Chapter Administration to open the Chapter to set up to allow the community to participate in this event due to most people not having access to the Internet.
13. Other: None

Question:

Ms. Lula Nez, Community Member – asked what happened to the update for the Sunrise Low Water Crossing.

Response:

Mr. Morgan Cleveland, Sr., Council President responded to report there is no one present from NDOT to provide that information.

Ms. Sharon Smith, Council Secretary/Treasurer added that during the Fort Defiance Agency Council Meeting on Saturday, April 13, 2024 the April 2024 Report from NDOT was picked up and there is information about the Sunrise Low Water crossing which is listed in their Projects. There will also be a meeting scheduled with the local chapters on Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at 9:00 am at Greasewood Springs Chapter.

No other questions posed.

V. Approval of Agenda – Read by Wallace James, Jr. Council Vice-President

M: Warren Thomas	S: Kathy Chee	VOTE: 21 – 0 - 4
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Comment:

Mr. Jimmie Taliman, Sr. – requested that the items on the Agenda be translated to the Navajo Language.

Mr. Warren Thomas – Can we add clearing of brush along side the highway and cleaning of the culverts to Resolution CF-APR2024-37.

Ms. Kathy Chee who is second motioner concurs.

VI. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes: March 10, 2024

M: Fritz Roanhorse	S: Warren Thomas	VOTE: 19 – 0 - 6
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VII. Old Business:

1. Business Report March 2024: Ms. Alfreda Earle, Chapter Manager

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- FD Agency Council was held yesterday and our Council Secretary/Treasurer – Sharon Smith attended. She brought back information from NDOT regarding the Sunrise Low Water Crossing and N15 Reconstruction Project.
- CLUPC Manual Update – She has attempted to push the CLUPC to update the CLUPC Manual, but nothing has been done and going on 2 years. Last week RDC met at Greasewood Chapter and it was announced that Klagetoh Chapter had their Manual approved.
- Chapter Operation: Chapter is open 8a-5pm. They continue to sell hay and water. The Laundromat was reopened. Stock water was recleaned on Friday April 12, 2024 and they will re-open to provide livestock water beginning tomorrow April 15, 2024.
- The Emergency Declaration is still in effect. They provided emergency wood and food.
- The Chapter encourages the community to prepare for the winter weather. Some community members can get upset about the amount of assistance provided. The Chapter does all they can to assist community members even to deliver wood if they ask.
- The Chapter continues to provide water to families who need water that do not currently have running water.
- April 22, 2024 – Earth Week. There will an extra bin and provide water, trash bags and gloves. The community is requested to assist with trash pickup along the roads, County, BIA and N15. April 26th, the Chapter will provide lunch for participants.
- ARPA funding and projects. In January 2024; the chapter received half of the award.

- March 28th – The chapter held interviews for the Home Renovation Project. The selected candidates started on 04/09/24. They were to begin on 04/08/24, but due to the Solar Eclipse they were sent home to begin the following day. Orientation was held on Tuesday, April 09, 2024. The Chapter decided to start at the farthest residents. By Friday 04/12/24 they have made 25 assessments. This project will be a 1 ½ year project. There are 125 applicants thus far.
- Food Assistance Program – quarterly. The first assistance will be for 125 families. This will be projected to occur in about 2 weeks.
- Septic Cleaning – The chapter was taking names and compiled a list. This list was forwarded to EPA. 140 names from the community was forwarded to EPA.
- Heating Source Project – wood, wood pellet and propane assistance. Held an application drive. All sources were separated. They have sent out quotes, but the vendors are very slow to respond.
- Bathroom Additions is another project, another heavy equipment purchase and Scholarship Assistance are additional projects under ARPA.
- There was another ARPA project for powerline extension to Navajo Station, but ARPA funded NTUA for the project separately, so the \$225,000.00 will be used for bathroom addition construction and labor.
- Navajo Mine Heating heating resource ended at the end of March 2024.
- Election is coming up – Chapter Officials. The primary Election will be held on July 30, 2024. Opening day for Candidate filing will be April 25, 2024.
- Registering to Vote has to done in person, application cannot be taken for individuals not present.
- Moving forward, her main goal is to continue to report all ARPA expenditure.
- ARPA expenditure will be submitted monthly.
- Navajo Nation Council will begin their Spring Session tomorrow 04/05/24.
- They attended a staff meeting with ASC in Teesto, Az. As of yesterday, the resolution submission to allow Virtual Attendance of Meetings is at 13 chapters. Some of the Chapters are still struggling to encumber funds for their ARPA projects due to the documents required for submission.

M: Cecelia White	S: Lawrence Sam	VOTE: 18 – 0 -3
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Comment:

Cecelia White, Community – Thank you for all you do for the community.

2. Financial Report for March 2024 by Sharon Smith, Council Secretary/Treasurer

- Cornfields Chapter – Statement of Revenues for the Month of March 2024
 - o RESALE ITEMS-----\$6,777.80
 - Hay
 - Water
 - o RENTALS-----\$ 445.00
 - Tractor
 - o SERVICES----- \$2,222.78

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TOTAL \$9,445.58

- Cornfields Chapter Ending Balances as of 03/29/24

General Activities	\$8,650.09
Personnel Funds	\$74,146.37
Land Claims	\$3,524.38

Supplemental Youth Funds	\$25,622.50
Housing Discretionary	\$21,220.95
LGA Funds	\$6,649.93
Chapter Stipend Funds	\$22,821.60
Scholarship Funds	\$10,165.00
PEP Funds	\$25,788.89
Veterans Funds	\$3,077.59
Emergency Fund	\$3,013.29
NN CIP	\$2,6131.98
Unhealthy Food Tax	\$55,662.26
ARPA	\$564,788.30
TOTAL	\$851,263.13

M: Warren Thomas	S: Lawrence Sam	VOTE: 18 - 0 - 4
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3. **CF-APR2024-35:** Requesting Approval for Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Amendment of the Cornfields Chapter Activity Funds for the Month of March 2024 in the Amount of \$9,700.98.

M: Fritz Roanhorse	S: Joan Dalgai	VOTE: 19 - 0 - 3
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No Questions

VIII. New Business:

1. **CF-APR2024-36:** Requesting the Resource Development Committee to change project type from Pre-Design to Plan, Design, Construct and Equipment for the Deer Point Business Development under CAP-35-18 Sihasin Project Fund Powerline and Chapter Projects in the amount of \$250,000.00.

M: Jimmie Taliman	S: Lawrence Sam	VOTE: 19 - 0 - 2
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No Questions

2. **CF-APR2024-37:** Requesting the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Navajo Nation Department of Transportation to maintain Route N15 from South of Burnside through Sunrise for any potholes that formed caused by the weather and heavy traffic to reduce the wear and tear on vehicles using this route and to include mowing the roadside and cleaning the culverts.

M: Jimmie Taliman	S: Warren Thomas	VOTE: 19 - 0 - 3
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No Questions

IX. Verbal/Written Reports

- Honorable Council Delegate Mr. Vince James
 - Spring Sessions begins tomorrow
 - Sponsoring Legislation for I Ganado Resident Natural Gas Hookup
 - Sponsoring Legislation for Kindalichee/Summit Water line construction
 - Virtual attendance of Meetings Legislation is still being submitted.
 - BIE school Board - Ft Defiance area; Hunters Point, Wide Ruins, and Kindalichee and Greasewood Springs.
 - Legislation for Burial - The Chapter is allowed to charge \$150.00 for community burial plot, Veteran Burial will remain free, the Chapter can also charge for use of their equipment.
 - ARPA Project funding list
 - Sihasin Funding Chapter Projects

- Division of Economic Development – Five Year Plan 2023-2024
- Chapter Road Inventory

M: Warren Thomas	S: Fritz Roanhorse	VOTE: 21 – 0 – 2
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2. Chapter Officials

- Mr. Morgan Cleveland, Council President – No report
- Mr. Wallace James, Council Vice-President – No report
- Ms. Sharon Smith, Council Secretary/Treasurer – No Report

3. Grazing Member Mr. Patrick Yazzie

- FD Agency Grazing Meeting in Window Rock 04/15/24 at 9:00am
- May 06, 2024 District 17 Grazing Meeting at Cornfields Chapter
- On Monday 04/07/24 – There was a report that there was a calf that had been tied, but the calf somehow struggled and made its way out of the bushes to the dirt road South of Cornfields Chapter, so please keep an eye out. If you see anyone chasing cows by vehicle or horseback, get a good description of any vehicle or trailer. Since there is no policy against cattle rustling it is the responsibility of the livestock owner.
- Still assisting with home site lease applications.

4. Farm Board; Mr. Fritz Roanhorse

- 04/11/24 Farm Board Meeting
- May 07, 2024 – Next Farm Board Meeting 9am
- May 09, 2024 – Farming Demo by Hopi U of A program. He requested if they can provide any seeds.
- May 14, 2024 – Next Land Use Permit Meeting 9am
- April 17, 2024 - Joint Farm Board Meeting this week
- Encouraged any Land Use Permit holder who is advancing in age, to think about transferring their permit.

5. CLUPC – no one present

6. School Announcements:

- a. Ganado Unified Schools – Wallace James, Jr., School Board Clerk – no report
- b. Greasewood Springs Schools – Ms. Lucinda Godinez, Principal
 - o Provided a prepared report.
 - o 27 students attend from Cornfields Community
 - o Board Members; under the Tse Ho Tso Schools. There are 5 chapters they report to.
 - o The New School Construction update.
 - o Enrollment today 97 students.
 - o May 17th, 2024 – Promotion of 13-14 students and last day of school

Comments/Questions: None Posed.

7. Other - None

M: Warren Thomas	S: Kathy Chee	VOTE: 15 – 0 -1
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X. Next Scheduled Meetings:

- 1. Next Planning Meeting
Date: Tuesday – May 07, 2024 @ 4:00 PM
- 2. Next Regular Meeting
Date: Sunday – ~~May 12, 2024~~ @ 1:00 PM – Monday, May 13, 2024 at 1:00pm
Mother’s Day is on May 12th, so concensus to reschedule meeting to May 13, 2024 at 1:00pm.
- 3. Farm Board – May 07, 2024 @ 9:00 PM

4. Land Use Planning: May 14, 2024 @ 9:00 PM
5. CLUPC – May 06, 2024 6:00pm
6. Senior Social – April 17, 2024 at 11:00am

XI. Benediction: provided by Kathy Chee, Community Member

XII. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned @ 4:20 pm by Mr. Morgan Cleveland, Council President.

Prepared by Sharon Smith, Council Secretary/Treasurer on Sunday April 14, 2024 and submitted.