

**Cornfields Chapter Planning Meeting**

**Tuesday, February 06, 2024 4:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

- I. Meeting call to Order – Meeting called to order at 4:20 p.m. by Mr. Morgan Cleveland, Sr.- Council President
- II. Invocation – Provided by Philandra Nelson, LDA for Honorable Vince James, Council Delegate.
- III. Announcements/Introduction
  - 1. Chair Exercises open for Ages 55+ every Tuesday and Thursday from 1:00 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. by Tse Ho Tsooi Medical Center at Cornfields Chapter – Feb 06<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>.
  - 2. Presidential Preference Election Presentation – Apache County Recorder’s Office on Sunday, February 11, 2024 Cornfields Regular Chapter Meeting.
  - 3. Presentation – Grey’s In Home Care on Sunday, February 11, 2024 Cornfields Regular Chapter Meeting
- IV. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Wallace James, Jr.	Second: Fritz Roanhorse	Vote: 6-0-1
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**Motioning Party would like to make a Motion with leaving the Agenda Open for others who may want to request a Resolution.**

**CORRECTION:** Resolution CF-FEB2024-26 should read Cornfields Community Baptist Church (CCBC)

**ADD:** Mr. Roy Dempsey, Tse Ho Tsooi Medical Center would like to provide a Presentation at the Regular Chapter Meeting on Sunday, February 11, 2024.

**ADD:** Ganado Schools – Indian Policies and Presentation for Regular Chapter Meeting.

**UPDATE REQUEST:** Mr. Stanley Benally would like to request a presentation for an update the ARPA Waterline Project for Navajo Station Area.

**ADD:** Marilyn James would like to request to be placed on the Agenda and requests a Resolution for financial assistance for her home repair which was damaged from a waterline breakage in her home at NHA #17.

**RESPONSE:** Provided by Wallace James, Jr. in regards to the request that Ms. James and if she can submit a cost estimate for materials to be attached to the Resolution for her request.

**ADD:** Lula Nez is requesting an update regarding the Sunrise Low Water Crossing and would also like the Chapter’s assistance to request for a culvert pipe to be placed on the road to her residence where they cannot cross in inclement weather. Two Resolutions will be added, one for a temporary fix for the Sunrise Wash crossing and another for the Culvert placement request to be sent to NNDOT.

**RESPONSE:** Provided by Wallace James, Jr. that the Chapter has been advocating for additional funds for the construction materials to complete the Low Water Crossing at Sunrise, but the Chapter can submit a Resolution to NDOT to request a temporary aide for the wash before the permanent construction.

V. Old Business

1. **CF-FEB2024-22:** Requesting Approval for Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Amendment of the Cornfields Chapter Activity Funds for the Month of January 2024 in the Amount of \$11,658.19.

Motion: Fritz Roanhorse	Second: Wallace James, Jr.	Vote: 6-0-1
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**No questions posed**

VI. New Business

1. **CF-FEB2024-23:** Approving and Adopting the Fiscal Year 2024 "GF Supplemental" Emergency Budget in the amount of \$35,000.00.

Motion: Patrick Yazzie	Second: Lawrence Sam, Sr.	Vote: 6-0-1
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**No questions posed**

2. **CF-FEB2024-24:** An Action Supporting the Navajo Nation Council Resolution CO-85-23 to Amend the Navajo Nation Local Governance Act to Allow Virtual Hybrid Chapter Meetings.

Motion: Patrick Yazzie	Second: Lawrence Sam, Sr.	Vote: 3-0-4
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**No questions posed**

3. **CF-FEB2024-25:** 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.

Motion: Judith Shirley	Second: Wallace James, Jr.	Vote: 4-0-3
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**No questions posed**

4. **CF-FEB2024-26:** Supporting and Requesting for a Mission Site Permit for Cornfields Community Baptist Church (CCBC), at Cornfields, AZ. The Church Site includes Five (5) acres of land granted in 1924 by the Department of Interior. The Permit will allow CCBC to comply with the Navajo Nation Regulations. It will also allow waterline and electrical services to the church.

Motion: FAILED	Second: FAILED	Vote: FAILED
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**There was no Motion made by attending Officials. Reason for the action was explained by Mr. Patrick Yazzie, Grazing Official that he is waiting for Mr. Steven Chischilly who has not obtained clarification regarding this matter due to the existing the land grant that was not officially accepted by the Department of the Interior. Until this clarification is obtained, we can discuss this matter in the future. This is also due to existing farm land and residence near the Cornfields Community Baptist Church that is already on the 5 acres mentioned and might cause a dispute.**

**COMMENT: Mrs. Katherine Benally, guest – 1924 is one hundred years ago and back then the Department of the Interior had only granted leases for a period of thirty years, her suggestion is that maybe the present church can reapply for a renewed lease.**

**COMMENT: Ms. Kathy Chee, Cornfields Community Baptist Church stated that the church has worked hard to get this far with this request and now it has stalled again. It had been voiced by Mr. Jimmie Taliman, Community Member to request of the Chapter Officials to assist with this request. Pleading with Officials and Community Members to support their request.**

**COMMENT: Mr. Patrick Yazzie states that they are not against the church, it's the legal aspect of the process. If the Church can re-apply for the 1.5 acres, maybe the renewal may be feasible. Mr. Yazzie will continue to follow-up on the response from Mr. Chischilly.**

**COMMENT: Ms. Elouise Shorty, commented that she saw the Church established as a young child and used to be visited by the missionaries whom were very helpful. She grew into adulthood and only saw the existing fenced area being used all these years, she would like to request that the same area continue to be used by the Church. Further her late sister's children had settled next to the church and would like it to remain as is with no addition made to the land presently used. She also stated that there are livestock that gather at the nearby windmill and if the church was granted to extend the use of the land, the livestock would be affected.**

**This Resolution will be presented to the Chapter until further details are gathered from the Land Department, therefore the Resolution will not be presented at the Regular Chapter Meeting on Sunday, February 11, 2024.**

- 5. CF-FEB2024-27:** Requesting Cornfields Chapter to assist Marilyn James, Community Member with financial assistance to repair her NHA Home located at Cornfields NHA Housing #17 which was damaged by a waterline break under her home.

Motion: Judith Shirley	Second: Wallace James, Jr.	Vote: 6-0-1
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- 6. CF-FEB2024-28:** Requesting the Navajo Nation Division of Transportation to assist Ms, Lula Nez, Community Member with a Culvert Pipe to be placed to her residence in Sunrise, Az.

Motion: Lawrence Sam, Sr.	Second: Wallace James, Jr.	Vote: 6-0-1
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- 7. CF-FEB2024-29:** Requesting the Navajo Nation Division of Transportation to assist the families residing across the Sunrise Wash with temporary culvert setting crossing the wash while they wait for the final construction of the proposed Sunrise Low Water Crossing.

Motion: Patrick Yazzie	Second: Lawrence Sam, Sr.	Vote: 6-0-1
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**VII. Others: Meetings:**

- 1. Regular Chapter Meeting – Sunday, February 11, 2024 @ 1:00pm**  
**MOTION MADE TO MOVE THE MEETING TIME TO 12:00pm**

Motion: Patrick Yazzie	Second: Lawrence Sam, Sr.	Vote: 2-0-5
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**MOTION FAILED**

- 2. Planning Meeting – Tuesday, March 05, 2024 at 4:00pm**  
**3. Others: CLUPC: March 04, 2024 6:00pm**

Farm Board: February 13, 2024 9:00am NTUA Presentation  
Land Use Planning: February 15, 2024 Gardening Design Presentation 9:00am  
Senior Social: March 20, 2024 at 11:00am

VIII. Benediction: Provided by Judith Shirley, CLUPC/Farm Board Member

IX. Adjournment: Meeting Adjourned at 5:46pm by Mr. Morgan Cleveland, Sr. Council  
President

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Minutes were prepared by Sharon C. Smith, Council Secretary/Treasurer of Cornfields Chapter on Tuesday, February 06, 2024.