

Cornfields Chapter Regular Meeting
 Sunday, February 11, 2024 @ 1:00pm
MINUTES

I. Meeting Call to Order – Meeting called to order at 1:18pm by Mr. Morgan Cleveland, Sr., Council President

II. Invocation – Provided By Raymond (Rocky) Friday, Community Member

III. Roll Call

	i. Present Absent	
Mr. Morgan Cleveland, Council President - 2:00p	X	
Mr. Wallace James, Council Vice President - 2:00p	X	
Ms. Sharon Smith, Council Secretary/Treasurer- 2:00p	X	
Mr. Patrick Yazzie, Grazing Official - 1:45p	*X	

- Arrived after roll call at 1:45pm

IV. Announcements/Introduction:

1. Tsehootsooi Medical Center;
 - 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 06th to 22nd.
 - Presentation provided by Mr. Roy Dempsey
 Mr. Dempsey – Presentation on Community Wellness
 Joseph Webber – Fitness Coordinator
 Tanya Bluehorse – Fitness Coordinator
 Provided Information regarding the Tsehotsooi Clinical Personal Training Program:
 A 12-week fitness program by a referral process through your Primary Care Provider ranging from children to elders.
 They also provide Fitness with use of their gym equipment, walking/running track, and a basketball court. There is a fee for monthly pass of \$30 and First Responders, Veterans, Fire Fighters at \$15, a group of three family or friends at \$75 and a day pass \$5, Week pass or a two week pass also available.
 Cornfields Chapter is a participating chapter.
 Cornfields Chapter also hosts a Chair Exercise Program.
 Cornfields Head Start will also be visited for an exercise program.
 February 29, 2024 – Leap Day event from 5pm to 7pm for Families.
 Monthly mini-events open to the community at the Wellness Center at FDIH.

QUESTIONS:

Is there a fee for the Chapter held event? No, there is no fee.
 A community member reported that she has gone to the Sells and White River Indian Reservations where they do not charge a fee.

2. Presidential Preference Election Presentation – Apache County Recorder’s Office on Sunday, February 11, 2024 Cornfields Regular Chapter Meeting.
 NO ONE PRESENT
3. Presentation – Grey’s In-Home Care on Sunday, February 11, 2024 Cornfields Regular

Chapter Meeting
NO ONE PRESENT

4. Navajo Housing Authority – Request to have a Resolution added
5. Mrs. Elta Shepherd, Teacher – Cornfields Head Start
Ms. Elta Shepherd, Head Start Teacher
There are two other staff she works with
9 students presently attending and has 14 student enrollments.
Enrollment is open or children from 3 years of age.
On Friday 02/09/24 – she was told that they were going to close the Head Start due to low enrollment and will be changed to a home-based program. She does not want this happen and needs assistance to encourage to increase enrollment. This is coming from the Federal Funding source.
She presently travels from Gallup, NM everyday and does not mind since she has been here teaching children since 2010.
She is very thankful for the Chapter supporting the Head Start needs when she needs assistance.
Parents are very helpful to bring their child to the highway during inclement weather.
6. Other:
Ganado Unified School District: Delphina Tsosie, Lindsey Bahe; Grant Mgr, Philandra Nelson; PAC Member
I.E.C/P.A.C. – Indian Education Committee and Parent Advisory Committee
Johnson O’Malley Funding the School for school programs.
Advocating for parents/guardians to apply for IEC/PAC member. You’re welcome to apply at the Ganado Administration Office – If you have a student (child, grandchild) attending Ganado Unified School District.
They provide a news flyer for the school district monthly, your child attending the school should be bringing it home.
You are welcome to go online to read the news flyer as well.
Instructional Time Module – ITM learning from home during Inclement Weather – checking in with the school to count home learning.

QUESTION:

Does the child attending the school have to be an immediate family descendant? The applicant should be an appointed guardian, have a POA over a child.

An applicant should have a supporting Resolution from the Chapter

As a PAC/IEC member, the member should not be an employee of the school.

V. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Kathy Chee	Second: Raymond Friday	Vote: 17 - 2 - 5
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Patrick Yazzie, Grazing Member – Item #4 under NEW BUSINESS – Resolution was not passed during the Regular Planning Meeting.

Kathy Chee, Cornfields Community Baptist Church would like to keep the item on the Agenda with the Motion.

COMMENT: Elouise Shorty, Community Member – would also like to clarify that during the Regular Planning Meeting this resolution was not passed and was told that this would be revisited in March.

QUESTION: Warren Thomas, Community Member – is there an existing Lease for this Cornfields Community Baptist Church?

RESPONSE: Patrick Yazzie, Grazing Official – This Resolution has been entertained at the Planning Meetings for the last two months. There have been issues raised regarding this lease, but there needs to be further questions clarified regarding the Original Lease from 1924 where it originally leased for 5 acres but now there the BIA only leases faith-based leases for 1.5 acres. So, he still has not met with Steven Chischilly to get further clarification.

RESPONSE: Kathy Chee, Cornfields Community Baptist Church representative – This request stems from an original lease that the BIA granted and per records, the Missionaries whom originally were granted the land use sold it to the Presbyterians. The original reason was for the upgrade of the waterline and electricity of the property. She will bring this Resolution forth again at the next Planning Meeting in March, so remove the Resolution from this Agenda.

	To Keep Resolution CF-FEB2024-26	Vote: 8 to keep on the agenda 5 to keep off 11 abstained
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Vote resulted in keeping Resolution on the Agenda as is.

VI. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes: January 14, 2024

Motion: Leon Shirley	Second: Warren Thomas	Vote: 18 – 0 – 4
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Last Meeting Minutes were copied and given out to attendees.

VII. Old Business:

1. Business Report January 2023: Ms. Alfreda Earle, Chapter Manager
 - Planning Meeting and Chapter Meetings Attended for month of January 2024
 - Hours of operation 8a – 12p Lunch 12p-1p and 1p-5p
 - Chapter is out of Hay; Delivery had been scheduled last week
 - Operation Winter Storm 2024 – began preparing in November 2023 with wood purchasing and received 2 loads of Coal and also provided Coal Tickets for 1 truck load per home.
 - Chapter Vehicle and Equipment use to assist families based on requests for snow removal.
 - January 31, 2024 – Emergency Legislation to assist the Chapters with \$35,000.00 for Emergency Assistance; wood, fuel for truck and equipment, food distribution was ordered and will be scheduled for next week.
 - The Chapter thinks of the families that reside in the remote areas first.
 - She also discussed Hay distribution with the Grazing Official. It was only for those with active Permit Holders.
 - ARPA update: Has been working on ARPA project updates for the past two years. She submitted 9 projects and 5 were completed. Would like to commend our Honorable Delegate for his assistance and support along with Philandra
 - Heating Source Assistance 95,000.00 – Fire wood, Pellets, and Propane
 - Technology Upgrade – Upgrade the Technology equipment;
 - Food Assistance \$65,000.00 – periodic food distribution
 - Hazard Pay \$40,000.00 – Employees that worked during the Pandemic
 - \$940, ---.00 for Home Renovation Projects for Community Members. Windows, Doors, Roofing.
 - 1,115,168.000 Total. Half of the amount was forwarded to the Chapter. The Chapter received \$607,000.00 on January 31, 2024. The Chapter may have

made history in receiving these funds. They have to spend 75% of these funds in order to get the second half from the Navajo Nation.

- Septic Cleaning is another fund that needs to be worked on.
- ARPA will be compiled in June 2024 for usage analysis. She will continue to advocate to draw down funds to the Chapter
- Cornfields Chapter was also recommended to take care of Scholarship Funding for the surrounding Chapters.
- The challenge will be reporting the funds usage and preparing ledgers along with required documents to report back to the Navajo Nation
- Navajo Station Powerline extension – 5 applicants have needed documents and will be scheduled soon. The right-of-way's have been cleared.
- The Chapter still have coal tickets available to the Community if needed.

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

Motion: Lawrence Sam	Second: Cecelia White	Vote: 20 – 0 – 3
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3. **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: Gloria Wauneka	Second: Priscilla Chee	Vote: 20 – 0 – 4
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No Questions posed

VIII. 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: Gloria Wauneka	Second: Priscilla Chee	Vote: 17 – 0 – 7
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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: Lawrence Sam	Second: Bennett Dineyazie	Vote: 7 – 16 – 2
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Ms. Cecelia White, Community Member – requested an explanation for this Resolution

Mr. Morgan Cleveland, Council President – explained in Navajo

Mr. Wallace James, Jr., Council Vice-President – Explained in English

Ms. Alfreida Earle, Chapter Manager – This was a protocol put in place during the Pandemic, but it was lifted after the government opened back up for business. Cornfields Chapter has no problems with attendance of scheduled meetings and not once was a meeting cancelled. This resolution will be tallied in July for the final decision. There are Pros and Cons to this issue. Who will manage the meetings each month? This is just to find out how many chapters would like to bring this back. The Policies will be developed until then.

COMMENT: Leon Shirley

COMMENT: Bennet Dineyazie

MOTION FAILS

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: Warren Thomas	Vote: 19 – 0 – 5
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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: Gloria Waunka	Second: Wilhemina Baker	Vote: 11 - 0 - 6
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No Questions posed

- ✓ 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: Leon Shirley	Second: Judith Shirley	Vote: 16 - 0 - 6
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Warren Thomas – If it's a NHA House, why the request.

Marilyn James – explained that three weeks ago when there was a freeze. Her neighbors noticed water coming out from her vents and damaging her floor and walls in her home. She is requesting assisting to have material replaced

Home Depot; \$2,320.43 LOWEST QUOTE

Bubany Lumber; \$2,530.36

Ace Hardware; \$3,000.00

Question: Judith Shirley, as a homeowner you should have insurance, did you have Insurance?

Response: Marilyn James states that she did not have insurance on her home, but once everything is fixed, she was will look into insuring the home.

Question: Leon Shirley, for the amount of \$2,300.00 for materials, you have to also think about the cost of Laborer.

- ✓ 6. **CF-FEB2024-28:** Requesting the Navajo Nation Division of Transportation *and Apache County District* to assist Ms. Lula Nez, and Christine Chee, Community Members with a Culvert Pipe to be placed to her residence in Sunrise, Az.

Motion: Leon Shirley	Second: Warren Thomas	Vote: DIES
Motion to Amend to add Apache County: Fritz Roanhorse	Second with Amend to add Apache County: Merle Chischilly	Vote: 20 - 0 - 1

Ms. Lula Nez – She has to park across the first wash and walk home from there during inclement weather and will have grandchildren who will be transported from home to N15 for the school bus.

Mr. Warren Thomas – needs an assessment and for width of Culvert and length. Apache County pulls Old Culvert Pipes and saves them for donation where needed.

- ✓ 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: Gloria Wuaneka	Second: Priscilla Chee	Vote: 20 - 0 - 1
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No questions or comments posed

- ✓ 8. **CF-FEB2024-30:** Reaffirming Navajo Housing Authority to use the remaining 20 Acres Land Withdrawal within the existing NHA Housing Tract of Cornfields Community to develop new homes for the Cornfields Community

Motion: Merle Chischilly	Second: Bennett Dineyazie	Vote: 19 - 0 - 1
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No Questions posed

IX. Verbal/Written Reports

1. Honorable Council Delegate Mr. Vince James – NOT PRESENT

2. Chapter Officials

Mr. Morgan Cleveland, Council President

Attended a Meeting with Department of Economic Development in St. Michaels on 02/01/24:

This meeting pertained to the Deer Point Business Development, they met with directors and with Mr. Lincoln, RV Park business interest. There were some designs of the business that need to be corrected along with streets coming off of N15 onto the Deer Point Business Development.

Meeting was held with Navajo Nation Division of Transportation and NTUA.

Mr. Wallace James, Council Vice-President –

Apologizes for not making the Economic Development

Road Assessments conducted on his time and communicates that to Apache County

Continues to advocate for community members

Will be advocating in Washington DC on behalf of N15 reconstruction and also on behalf of the school bus routes in our community.

Thank you to Ms. Alfreda Earle, for all that you do for the Chapter

Ms. Sharon Smith, Council Secretary/Treasurer – Thanked all those attending and Happy Valentine's Day.

3. Grazing Member Mr. Patrick Yazzie – written Report, left early

2/15/24 – Ft. Defiance District Grazing Committee Meeting 9:00am – Ft. Defiance Chapter MONTHLY Permittee Meeting to be announced through FLYER, KTNN, and Text message

3/04/24 – District 17 Grazing Committee Meeting 9:00 am – Klage-toh Chapter

4. Farm Board – Next meeting 02/13/24 9:00am Cornfields Chapter

5. CLUPC – 03/04/24 6:00pm – next meeting and 1 vacancy at Cornfields Chapter
CLUPC handles all zoning issues.

6. School Announcements:

a. Ganado Unified Schools – Wallace James, Jr., School Board Clerk – will submit a written report

b. Greasewood Springs Schools – NO REPORT

7. Other – Gloria Wauneka – would like to thank the Chapter for all the efforts in fixing the road. But Kinder-Morgan attempted to bring a Semi-truck with equipment up the hill recently and damaged the road.

Priscilla Chee - Powerline posts are also leaning, are they active?

RESPONSE: Mr. Wallace James, Jr. – Come back in March for a Resolution.

Hubbell's Trading Post – Sheep for sale from \$120-\$150 sheep are 2 – 4 y.o.

X. Next Scheduled Meetings:

1. Next Planning Meeting

Date: Tuesday – March 05, 2024 @ 4:00 PM

2. Next Regular Meeting

Date: Sunday – March 10, 2024 @ 1:00 PM

3. Farm Board – February 13, 2024 9:00am &

February 15, 2024 Gardening Design Presentation 9:00am

March 05, 2024 9:00am Permittee Meeting

March 12, 2024 9:00am

4. CLUPC – March 04, 2024 6:00pm
5. Senior Social – March 20, 2024 at 11:00am

XI. Benediction: Provided By Ms. Marilyn James, Community Member

XII. Adjournment: Meeting Adjourned at 4:59pm by Mr. Morgan Cleveland, Sr. Council President

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