

Cornfields Chapter Planning Meeting

Tuesday, July 02, 2024 4:00 PM

MINUTES

I. Meeting call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 4:18pm by Mr. Morgan Cleveland, Sr., Council President

II. Invocation: Provided by Janice James, Community Member

III. Announcements/Introductions

1. Cornfields Grazing Member: Not present at time of announcements/No Update
 - a. District 17 Grazing Meeting
 - b. Cornfields Permittee Meeting
 - c. Agency Grazing Meeting
2. CLUPC: Judith Shirley, CLUPC Member
 - a. Regular CLUPC Meeting – August 05, 2024
 - b. Other
3. Farm board: Mr. Fritz Roanhorse
 - a. Regular Meeting: July 09, 2024 @ 9am
 - b. Land Use Permittee Meeting: Tuesday; July 02, 2024
 - c. Land Use Meeting; Thursday July 11, 2024 @ 9am
4. Cornfields Veteran's Organization
 - a. Regular Meeting: July 26, 2024 – Recognition of Veterans with awards and cook-out
5. Tse Ho Tsoii Medical Center – Mr. Roy Dempsey;
 - Student Physicals – are being scheduled, call for an appointment
 - Immunizations – Check on your child's immunization
6. ~~Wednesday~~Thursday July 04, 2024 – Chapter will be closed for Independence Day Holiday
7. Apache County Dist. II – Quarterly Update – Estelle Benally, Administrative Coordinator @ Regular Chapter Meeting
8. Others:
 - Early Voting Begins for Apache County July 03, 2024. Locations; Ganado Apache County Dist. II Office through July 26, 2024 8:30am to 4:30pm.
 - Absentee Ballots for Apache County will be mailed beginning this week.
 - Navajo Nation Election Office – Agency Offices opened Early Voting July 01, 2024.
 - Senior Social – July 10, 2024 from 11am to 1pm.

IV. Approval of Agenda;

M: Fritz Roanhorse

S: Patrick Yazzie

Vote: 05 -00-01

V. Old Business

1. **CF-JUL2024-57:** Requesting Approval for Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Amendment of the Cornfields Chapter Activity Funds for the Month of June 2024 in the Amount of \$5,289.35

M: Wallace James, Jr.

S: Sharon Smith

Vote: 05-00-01

No Questions posed

VI. New Business

1. **CF-JUL2024-58:** Requesting the Bureau of Indian Affairs Roads to relinquish Navajo Route N15 and Requesting the State of Arizona and Arizona Department of Transportation to adopt Navajo Route 15 beginning South of Burnside, AZ to West of Leupp, AZ community as an AZ State Route for all road maintenance.

M: Sharon Smith

S: Patrick Yazzie

Vote: 05-00-01

Questions:

- **Judith Shirley** – Is there a copy of the resolution on hand that was presented at the district 17 Council Meeting?
- **Wallace James, Jr.** – Responded to explain that this Resolution was presented by Greasewood Springs Chapter President at the last District 17 Council Meeting requesting support to make N15 from South of Burnside, AZ to Leupp, AZ Reservation Line. He does not have a copy but will request one to have it read at the Regular Chapter Meeting.

Suggestion for a Resolution:

- A Resolution was suggested for access to the bldg. next door (mobile home) to hold Mtgs for Farmboard, CLUPC, and Veteran's Organization by Judith Shirley, Farmboard Member.
- Another comment announced by Ruth Nez, Veteran's Organization. A letter was given to the Chapter Administration to request a space, Ms. Alfreda Earle responded by stating there is more ARPA funds coming forth and they can keep this in mind for consideration.
- Another suggestion was made by Mr. Larry Noble regarding the vacated Annie Wauneka Life Care Center to request NHA if the Chapter can put this building to use.
- Mr. Wallace James, Jr., Council Vice-President asked the voting council if they have a list of the projects that are listed for funding with ARPA funds? He will provide a copy. He also added that this discussion pertaining to the vacated building was discussed with NHA, the cost of maintaining the building plus the utilities will over-exceed the current budget, therefore the Chapter withdrew their interest.
- Mr. Leon Shirley, community member commented to state that it should be public information to the community to state what the purpose of the trailer use is and is there rent being paid for use by the Consultant. Is there a written agreement in place?
- Mr. Wallace James, Jr. had questioned if there is a contract in place, but he never obtained a clear answer.
- Mr. Leon Shirley further stated that if the building belongs to Cornfields Chapter and rent should be collected if Mr. Begay is consulting with other chapters or businesses. The Chapter Council has a right to question this for the community.

Question:

- Ruth Nez, Community Member – Is there applications still being taken for the Housing Renovation currently in progress? She knows some families that would like to apply.

Response:

- Wallace James, Jr., Council Vice-President – Alfreda Earle, Chapter Manager has made numerous reports to state that the current applicants' homes were assessed and they are using what funds were allocated of the approved 1.7 million. The remaining

amount will be coming forth and with that funding, there will be an opportunity for additional applicants.

With this response/comment, Mr. James would like to sponsor another resolution for the Veterans of Cornfields Chapter to be reconsidered for housing if they did not qualify for Housing Assistance.

- Ruth Nez, Cornfields Veterans Organization – all the housing requests for the 55 Veterans from the community of Cornfields has to be processed in Window Rock. Unfortunately, Cornfields Veteran’s Organization does not have any authority to check on the status of the applications due to the Privacy Act.

Judith Shirley, Farmboard Member – announced that on July 16, 2024, the TV channel – The Weather Channel will be interviewing the three Farm Board Members and they will be visiting Cornfields Farm Board demonstration land. Ed Harvey was hired as a consultant for their Conservation Plan.

Norma Noble, Community Member – Would like to extend her appreciation for the Propane assistance she received recently. She is also appreciative for approval for the Housing Renovation and she was placed in the list.

Cecelia White, Community Member – Question directly to Mr. Wallace James, Jr. – Council Vice-President. Why are some names being deleted for Housing Renovations? They should leave the applications the way it is and not remove it, there are some of us that have needs to have our homes renovated. Another request is for the Renovation Supervisor to make a report on their projects to the people.

Stanley Benally, Community Member – Would like to extend his appreciation for the Housing Renovations project. His family has been assisted and their home has been renovated. He is extremely thankful. For so long, they had not received any assistance with renovations to their home and they were assisted and for that he is thankful.

Stanley Benally, Community Member – Another issue is with the Road – BIA road #9205 that comes from Klagetoh to Greasewood Springs. They would like to request a Resolution to transfer the road to Apache County. Apache County is also providing courtesy blading, but they will not provide any major renovation because the road still belongs to BIA.

2. **CF-JUL2024-59:** Requesting the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration and the Office of the President and Vice President to carefully consider the needed housing assistance requests for the Cornfields Chapter Veterans.

M: Lawrence Sam S: Patrick Yazzie VOTE: 05-00-01

3. **CF-JUL2024-60:** Requesting the Bureau of Indian Affairs Road Department to relinquish Route #9205 to Apache County District II for all road maintenance and repair due to heavy traffic and weather erosion.

M: Wallace James, Jr. S: Fritz Roanhorse VOTE: 05-00-01

Comment: Mr. Warren Thomas, Community Member – commented to state that Apache County does fall behind at times as well. The Chapter needs to get answers from NDOT and BIA why they are not maintaining their routes. They receive funding every year to provide maintenance. NDOT and BIA receive most of their funding from this route because of the distance and they might not want to give it up.

VII. Others: Meetings:

1. Regular Chapter Meeting – Sunday, July 14, 2024 1:00pm
2. Planning Meeting – Tuesday, August 06, 2024 4:00pm
3. Others:

VIII. Benediction: Provided by Mr. Morgan Cleveland, Sr., Council President

IX. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:34pm by Mr. Morgan Cleveland, Sr. – Council President

Prepared by Ms. Sharon Smith, Council Secretary/Treasurer on Tuesday, July 02, 2024.