

Cornfields Chapter Regular Meeting
 Sunday, June 09, 2024 @ 1:00pm
MINUTES

While waiting for Quorum:

** - Miss Southwest provided a Prayer for plates of food provided by Mr. Wallace James, Jr., Council Vice-President

** Patrick Martinez – Candidate for Apache County Supervisor District 2. Provided an introduction to community.

I. Meeting Call to Order: By Mr. Morgan Cleveland, Council President at 2:19pm

II. Invocation: Provided by Ms. Angela Gorman, Community Member

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*

- Mr. Patrick Yazzie arrived after roll call.

IV. Announcements/Introduction:

1. Cornfields Chapter High School/College 2024 Summer Youth Employment
 Posted: Wednesday, June 05, 2024 8:00 am
 Closing: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 5:00 pm
 Interview Date: Thursday, June 20, 2024 8:30 am
2. Navajo Nation EPA – Open Burn Permit is required by Navajo Nation Law for all exempt activities.
3. Miss Southwest Royalty Court – Seeking support from Cornfields Chapter and introduction of current Title Holders from the Great Southwest Region.
 - Hector Begay, Board Member for Southwest Royalty Court – explained to audience who the members of the Board are.
 - Kera Manuelito – Miss Southwest Teen - introduction
 - Page Tsosie – Miss Little Southwest
 - Tayla Begay – Miss Southwest Ateed Yazhi
 - Purpose of this Introduction to introduce the current Representing Royalty due to criticism of no support from surrounding communities. They would like to invite more candidates for the next pageant.

QUESTION:

Joan Dalgai, Community Member – what support is being requested?

RESPONSE: Invitation for More Community Members for planning and invite to join as a Board Member of the Great Southwest Court.

4. Just Move It Walk/5K– Tuesday, June 11, 2024 – Cornfields Chapter
 4:30 pm Registration
 6:30 pm Warm-up Exercises
 6:45 pm Walk/Run Starts
5. Tsehootsooi Mobile Family Practice Clinic – Tuesday, June 11, 2024
 @10:00 am – 2:00 pm

TOTAL	\$703,122.46
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QUESTION:

Cecelia White, Community Member – How far are the Home Renovations at this time?

RESPONSE:

Sharon Smith, Council Secretary/Treasurer – Renovations are ending at second home and will be starting on the third home this week. All Renovation projects are different by what needs were assessed for renovation. The Renovation group is doing a good job per reports.

3. ✓ **CF-JUN2024-46:** Requesting Approval for Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Amendment of the Cornfields Chapter Activity Funds for the Month of April May 2024 in the Amount of \$10,640.81.
M: Cecelia White **S: Lawrence Sam** **VOTE: 14 – 0 – 03**
No Questions posed.

VIII. New Business:

1. ✓ **CF-JUN2024-47:** Recommendation of Poll Officials (3) for the 2024 Navajo Nation Primary Election on July 30, 2024 & General Election on November 05, 2024 at Cornfields Chapter; Fort Defiance Agency
M: Angela Gorman **S: Fritz Roanhorse** **VOTE: 15- 0 - 03**
Brenda Thomas and Sandra Yazzie have volunteered. Cornfields Chapter Administrative Staff will pick another worker from the previous poll workers.
2. ✓ **CF-JUN2024-48:** Requesting TTIP funding from Navajo Nation Department of Transportation for road improvement of N151 East of Cornfields Chapter.
M: Judith Shirley **S: Warren Thomas** **VOTE: 15- 0 – 03**
No Questions posed.
3. ✓ **CF-JUN2024-49:** Requesting TTIP funding from Navajo Nation Department of Transportation for road improvement of N15 South of Burnside to Greasewood Springs.
M: Judith Shirley **S: Fritz Roanhorse** **VOTE: 14 -0 - 04**
Question:
Cecelia White, Community Member – Why are there two resolutions for the same request.
Response:
Sharon Smith, Council Secretary/Treasurer – For each of the different roads.
4. ✓ **CF-JUN2024-50:** Reaffirming Resolution 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, to clear the brush along side N15 and to clean the cattle guards due to livestock crossing near the highway.
M: Judith Shirley **S: Warren Thomas** **VOTE: 16– 0- 03**
No Questions posed
5. ✓ **CF-JUN2024-51:** Supporting Resolution to Navajo Nation Water Resources and the Technical, Constructions and Operations Branch (TCOB) to assist the Cornfields Chapter in repairing the road to a Well North of Cornfields Chapter, a Natural Springs Well.
M: Brenda Thomas **S: Lawrence Sam** **VOTE: 15 – 0 -04**

No Questions posed.

6. ✓ **CF-JUN2024-52:** Reaffirm Resolution CF-MAR2024-32: Requesting Navajo Nation Animal Control and the Navajo Housing Authority to schedule an Unannounced Dog Sweep at the Cornfields NHA Housing community due to an increased population of stray dogs attacking livestock.

M: Judith Shirley

S: Cecelia White

VOTE: 16 – 0 – 03

No Questions posed.

7. **CF-JUN2024-53:** Supporting resolution for the Ganado Unified School #20 Governing Board requesting that the 25th Navajo Nation Council, Navajo Nation Department of Maintenance, Navajo Nation Department of Transportation, Arizona Department of Transportation, and the Federal Department of Transportation institute immediate processes to seek funding, initiate road repair and re-pavement of Navajo Route 12 and Navajo Route 112 for the safety and security of community stakeholders whose children are transported to school along this bus route.

M: Lawrence Sam

S: Cecelia White

VOTE: 15 – 0 – 04

No questions posed.

8. ✓ **CF-JUN2024-54:** Supporting Ganado Unified School District #20 for 2 Parent Advisory Council Representatives from the Cornfields Community.

M: Judith Shirley

S: Cecelia White

VOTE: 15 – 0 -03

Snadra Yazzie, volunteered for SY2024-2025 during the Planning Meeting on June 02, 2024 and was shared with the Audience.

No Questions posed.

9. ✓ **CF-JUN2024-55:** Requesting the Navajo Nation Law and Order Committee and Navajo Nation Police Chief of Police, Ganado NHA Housing Director, Apache County Sheriff Department to monitor the Community Recreation Park and Cornfields Junction for drug and alcohol transactions that is unsafe for the Community to take leisure walks and go to the Recreation Park with their children.

M: Brenda Thomas

S: Angela Gorman

VOTE: 15 – 0 -03

No Questions posed.

10. ✓ **CF-JUN2024-56:** Requesting the Navajo Nation EPA to assist in enforcing illegal dumping of trash in Cornfields Community.

M: Judith Shirley

S: Brenda Thomas

VOTE: 15 – 0 – 03

No Questions posed.

IX. Verbal/Written Reports

1. Honorable Council Delegate Mr. Vince James
 - 11million was approved by NN Council. This Legislation was passed on to OPVP. Resolution 0111-24. 11 million may seem like a lot, but he will be allocated to the five chapters he represents. Looking at the 5 Chapters and the registered voters of 6,000 people can = \$1,800 per person, so building a home for an individual is not possible. His first preference is not to release these funds to the Chapter, so therefore he is thinking of registered individuals.

- Second option is to put this money in trust funds for all 5 chapters so that it can grow interest and distribute every so often.
 - He has also asked the OOC if the 11 million can be transferred to Cornfields Chapter for safe holding due to the respect he has for the Chapter and its Manager.
 - The fourth Option is to give Apache County District II the 11 Million for purchasing gravel so that all Chapters voters can gravel their driveways.
 - Another Option, but not official is purchasing a grader for the Chapter for residential roads.
 - OPVP – Sexual Harassment investigation is ongoing but no recent update.
 - Friday, June 06, 2024 – Chief of Police was terminated.
 - Director – Two weeks ago the Director of DPM was terminated. Executive Director Debbie Nez-Manuel was overstepped by Chief of Staff for OPVP when planning to take the position of Director for DPM.
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2. Chapter Officials
- Mr. Morgan Cleveland, Council President
Mr. Wallace James, Council Vice-President
- Please respectful when requesting assistance from the Chapter Administration.
 - He would also like to share rumors are being shared in the community that is tarnishing his reputation. He is working as an honest member of the community and is hurt by these rumors.
- Ms. Sharon Smith, Council Secretary/Treasurer
- Wednesday June 12, 2024 6:00pm District 17 Council Meeting; Kindahlichee Chapter
 - Wednesday June 19, 2024 – Navajo Nation Juneteenth Holiday
3. Grazing Member, Mr. Patrick Yazzie
- Windmill 17T-338 collapsed on Sunday June 02nd and reported to him on June 03rd. This Windmill was reported and was fixed on Thursday June 05, 2024.
 - Livestock Inventory Count collected via Tally Counts has been very low. Jim Bydone B.I.A is holding a Verification of Grazing Permit, check with Office of Natural Resources to confirm your permit is valid.
 - Navajo Nation Dept of Natural Resources is planning to purchase wool at 0.30 by June 25th, but this is still in the planning stages.
 - Agency Meeting 6/14/24 at Old Double D.
 - Mr. Patrick Martinez, Agency Grazing Council President – there is funding in the AIF where funds can be used to purchase wool at a set price.
4. Farm Board – Next Meeting is scheduled on June 11, 2024. June 13, 2024 LUP Meeting– Cooperative Farming Extension through U of A for the Land-use Planning.
5. CLUPC – Judith Shirley
Working with Darren Lincoln for the Deer Point Business Development but he’s running into problems with RBDO.
Working on the Cornfields Park area.
6. School Announcements:
- a. Ganado Unified Schools – Wallace James, Jr., School Board Clerk
May Graduation and Promotions; 95 graduated and 76 were promoted from 8th grade
Updating the Handbook for SY25-26
 - b. Greasewood Springs Schools – Ground breaking Ceremony on June 20, 2024.
No Verbal Report.

7. Other:

M: Fritz Ronhorse

S: Warren Thomas

VOTE: 15 – 0 – 4

X. Next Scheduled Meetings:

1. Next Planning Meeting
Date: Tuesday – Tuesday, July 02, 2024 at 4:00pm
2. Next Regular Meeting
Date: Sunday – July 14, 2024 @ 1:00 PM
3. Farm Board – June 11, 2024 @ 9:00 am
4. Land Use Planning: June 13, 2024 am – U of A demonstration
5. CLUPC – July 01, 2024 @ 6:00 pm
6. Senior Social – June 12, 2024 at 11:00 am to 1:30 pm

XI. Benediction: Provided by Cecelia White, Community Member

XII. Adjournment: Meeting Adjourned at 4:26pm by Mr. Morgan Cleveland, Sr. Council President.

Regular Chapter Meeting Minutes prepared by Ms. Sharon Smith, Council Secretary/Treasurer on 06/09/2024.