

Cornfields Chapter Planning Meeting

Tuesday, September 03, 2024 4:00 PM

MINUTES

- I. Meeting call to Order** – at 4:16pm by Mr. Morgan Cleveland, Sr. Cornfields Council President.
- II. Invocation** – Provided by Mrs. Judith Shirley, Cornfields Farm Board Member
- III. Announcements/Introductions**
 1. Cornfields Grazing Member: Not President at time of Announcement; arrived at 4:43pm
 - a. District 17 Grazing Meeting
 - b. Cornfields Permittee Meeting
 - c. Agency Grazing Meeting
 2. CLUPC
 - a. Regular CLUPC Meeting; September 09, 2024 6:00pm
 3. Farmboard
 - a. Regular Meeting:
 - i. Land Use Permittee Training – September 12, 2024 9:00am at Felix Earl’s Residence East of Burnsidies on Hwy264.
 - ii. Regular Meeting – September 12, 2024 at 1:00pm
 4. Senior Social – September 11, 2024 11:00am – 2:00pm
 5. Cornfields Veteran’s Organization (no one present at time of announcement)
 - a. Regular Meeting:
 6. Sage Memorial Hospital Mobile Clinic – Thursday, September 19, 2024 10a-2p
 7. Cornfields Chapter is now buying Fire Wood:
 - i. Short Bed (S-10)..... \$120.00
 - ii. Short Bed\$160.00
 - iii. Long Bed\$200.00
 8. Others:
 - a. Roy Dempsey, Community Outreach Specialist - Tsehotsooi Medical Center
 - i. Epidemiology Reports
 - ii. COVID-19 is still 7/16-8/02 = 69 cases reported
8/03-8/16 = 96 cases reported
8/17-8/30 = 74 cases reported
 - iii. Influenza and Rhinovirus is coming again for the winter
 - iv. A new virus known as the trivalent is making its way into the U.S.
 - v. A Monovalent booster will be available to treat these.
 - vi. Mobile Health Clinic is scheduled to visit Cornfields Community on September 19, 2024 at 10am
 - vii. Will be present on Sunday to present a topic on Community Readiness
 - b. Sandra Yazzie – Ganado Unified School District PAC Representative introduction, will be reporting updates at Regular Chapter Meeting 09/08/24
 - c. Honorable Council Delegate Vince James –
 - i. Provides the Community his phone number for any questions. 928-287-2837 and can be found on his newsletters
 - ii. Bathroom Additions – Met with Office of Environmental Health to discuss updated list for Cornfields Community and the other four

- chapters he represents. He will usually send emails to Chapter Officials to invite them to participate.
- iii. Roads Meeting – He meets with various Roads Programs to discuss improvement and will invite the Five Chapters to voice their concerns.
 - iv. Today they met with Indian Health Services regarding Waterline projects
 - v. Today they also met with Economic Development to discuss any new small business developments.

Questions:

Kathy Chee, Community Member – Is on the housing renovation listing, but has a question. She would like to know if it would be possible for the workers to remove fixtures before due to mold smell.

Response:

Mr. Morgan Cleveland, Sr. – The Renovation Workers have a schedule that they are going by, it is hard to pull workers out of present projects to do other things because they are working hard.

Question:

Mr. Jimmie Taliman, Sr. – As a Chapter Official your responsibility should be going out to the worksites to check on the workers to ensure they are doing the job. He also has a comment for Honorable Delegate to thank him for all efforts in advocating for the communities he represents as well as the Navajo Nation as a whole. He also applied for the housing renovation project but did not add his roof because he had asked if it is the responsibility of NHA. He still has no response.

Harry Begay – Question about Home Renovation project. He has material he needs help to install. Can he be assisted?

Mr. Jermason Yazzie – Is originally from Chinle, Az. But resides here in Cornfields Community. Also would like to ask a question. He would like to pose a question for Judy White, his companion who is from Cornfields. In 2018 their double wide mobile home was half destroyed by fire, they were finally assisted with a new hogan, but the wiring in their home is done incorrectly, when a certain light switch is turned on, a different light comes on. The joints were also connected poorly. Would they be eligible to apply for the housing renovation?

Emolinda Tsosie-Nez – Introduced self to state she is origiannly from Southeast Navajo Station and was a sister to the Late Virginia; past Chapter Manager. She is a nurse and had lived in Tuba City for the past 20 years and began planning to move home to help her aunt Elenita. Her mobile home will be moved in next couple of days and would like to request assistance to cover a cistern system. She has applied with NTUA, but they informed her to situate her home and put up her skirting before they can schedule a cost estimate. She should have the cost estimate by the 15th. She did request information about the I.H.S. waterline assistance. She was told that the waterline assistance is for elderly or a high need health problem.

Response:

Sharon Smith, Council Secretary Treasurer – After waiting for a response from our Council President, I asked what she was requesting assistance for. If assistance is being requested for housing assistance, the Chapter Administration has Housing Discretionary Funds that they can apply for. Asked Alfreda Earle, Chapter Manager if this is correct?

Ms. Tsosie-Nez clarified that she was requesting assistance with partial payment for the cistern system when she is quoted.

Alfreda Earle, Chapter Manager – responded that the Chapter Official know that if there is powerline extension being requested, the family can be assisted with half of the quotation. She has not worked on any cistern system yet, but she will look forward to the quote to see how the chapter can assist.

COMMENT:

Honorable Vince James explained that for the Housing Renovation project, funds were allocated from ARPA and Cornfields Chapter estimated a need of \$980,468.00 for Cornfields Chapter. When funds were allocated initially, they were transferred half of the amount.

Just recently they met with Community Development regarding bathroom additions. Your Chapter President did not attend and should be attending these meetings.

4th funding Source – CDBG – Each Council Delegate was awarded 6 million for the Bathroom Addition, but its for all the Chapters he covers

5th Funding Source – OEH – Waterline and Cistern System

6th Funding Source – NTUA – for Infrastructure

7th Funding Source – NHA – HUD Funding. Honorable James recommended Ms. Tsosie-Nez to inquire with NHA to see if they have funding they can assist her with.

Responding to Kathy Chee's request about her Bathroom Addition, is this a whole new bathroom? OEH can be referred to for a complete bathroom addition.

Responding to Jimmie Taliman, Sr.'s question – He did ask NHA how they are working with their funding allocations. Referred Mr. Taliman to seek more answers from NHA.

Responding to Jermason Yazzie – He began working with them when they loss their home. They had scheduled a meeting on 6/28/22 to correct the deficiencies regarding their home, but they didn't show. So if they can go back to Patrick Dineyazie, whom they were working with, there may be a way to correct the deficiencies.

Responding to Emolinda Tsosie-Nex– Check with NHA and also with I.H.S. Sometimes I.H.S. has funding left over from other projects that she needs to inquire about.

QUESTION:

Joann Dalgai, Community Member – Question for Honorable James. Any updates on the recent disqualification of Candidates?

RESPONSE:

Honorable James – There were 196 candidates disqualified across the Navajo Nation. So far no one is disqualified from his 5 chapters.

CLARIFICATION:

Alfreda Earle –A total of \$390,000.00 in Renovation projects by applications submitted. Jermason was asked to fill out an application for any lapse funding assistance. She is taking applications for Community Members who did not apply who can be considered when the Projects have been completed and there are lapse monies available. Kathy Chee, you are on the list but the workers already have projects scheduled and it sounds like you need manpower. The ARPA housing renovation funding received an additional amount of \$117,000 last week. The last food distribution will be scheduled, as of today they will begin purchasing fire wood.

Also has a question for follow-up to Honorable James regarding resolution to Council, where is it at regarding a request to funding a waterline project for residents that live Southeast of Navajo Station that was passed in June?

RESPONSE:

Honorable James - Legislation is still under review by their Legal Counsel. Their last Legal Counsel left her position on July 01, 2024 and right now there is a delegated counsel. Philandra Nelson's contact info is 928-530-9486.

If you plan to attend the Navajo Nation Fair in Window Rock, please be safe. He does his best to represent all his chapters.

IV. Approval of Agenda

M: Fritz Ronhorse

S: Judith Shirley

VOTE: 6-0-1

V. Old Business

- 1. CF-SEPT2024-65:** Requesting Approval for Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Amendment of the Cornfields Chapter Activity Funds for the Month of August 2024 in the Amount of \$9,096.63

M: Lawrence Sam

S: Judith Shirley

VOTE: 6-0-1

VI. New Business

1. **CF- SEPT2024-66:** Approving the funding from Navajo Nation Gaming Revenue Carry-Over in the amount of \$961.78
M: Judith Shirley S: Wallace James, Jr. VOTE: 6-0-1
2. **CF- SEPT2024-67:** Requesting approval for Taliman's Family Burial Plot
M: Judith Shirley S: Lawrence Sam, Sr. VOTE: 5-0-2
3. **CF- SEPT2024-68: (OPEN)**
M: S: VOTE:

VII. Others: Meetings:

1. Regular Chapter Meeting – Sunday, September 08, 2024 1:00pm
2. Planning Meeting – Tuesday, October 01, 2024 4:00pm
3. Others:

VIII. Benediction: Bennett Dineyazie, CLUPC Member

IX. Adjournment: at 6:30p

M: Fritz Roanhorse S: Patrick Yazzie VOTE: 6-0-1

Prepared by Sharon Smith, Council Secretary/Treasurer on Tuesday, September 03, 2024