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**LeChee Chapter Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**LeChee Chapter House; LeChee, Arizona**  
**Wednesday, August 16, 2023, at 06:00 P.M. DST**

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| 1. | <b>Meeting called to order by: at 6:30 P.M. DST</b> | JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche |
| 2. | <b>Invocation by Invitation:</b>                    | Moment of Silence   |
| 3. | <b>Roll Call:</b>                                   | Christina Black     |

LeChee Chapter Leadership:

x <input type="checkbox"/> JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche	x <input type="checkbox"/> Cassie Scott	<input type="checkbox"/> Sharla Dale Hunt
x <input type="checkbox"/> Tyler Manson	<input type="checkbox"/> Helena Nez Begay	x <input type="checkbox"/> Christina Black

**4. Review and Adoption of the: August 16, 2023, Regular Meeting Agenda.**

Sponsor: Christina Black

Motion: Sarah Black

Second: Louise Begay

Vote: Favor: 32

Oppose: 00

Abstain: 01

Action: Motion and Second were made and approved

Discussion: Approved as is and changes will be made as the agenda item come into discussion during the meeting, A few grammars and line item were removed and corrected.

**5. Review and Adoption of the: July 10, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes.**

Sponsor: Christina Black

Motion: Wynette Hammon

Second: Patricia Kent

Vote: Favor: 16

Oppose: 07

Abstain: 09

Action: To accept Minutes

Discussion: Verified it was posted for community viewing on door window. Did not want to take the time to correct Minutes

**6. Financial Report: Month of: July 2023.**

Sponsor: Christina Black

Motion: Regina Riggs

Second: Virgina Whitehorse

Vote: Favor: 31

Oppose: 00

Abstain: 02



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Action: Motion and Second were made and approved

Discussion: Gave the report to the community in Navajo and English

Financial Reports: Click on hyperlink below:

Fund Budget Balance: Navajo Nation WIND:

<https://login.wind.enavajo.org/WINDGate/PublicBudgetFundBalances>

**7. Reports and Presentations: (5-minute allotted time limit per subject):**

(Please submit a written Report with all supporting presentations, slides, videos, PDF, etc.)

Move to the end of the meeting after Action Items have been discussed, motioned, second, and voted on. No reports were made during the meeting.

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|---|---|
| a. Navajo Nation Honorable Council Delegate | Helena Nez Begay – Not Available  |
| b. TCRHCC                                   | Lyonel Tso – See report   |
| c. Navajo Code Talkers Day!                 |   |
| d. Page Unified School District             | Evonne Yazzie – See report  |
| e. Arizona Preparatory Academy              | Andrea Bark/Amber Starnes – Not Available   |
| f. Navajo Nation Oil and Gas                | Albert Damon – Not Available  |
| g. Radiation Exposure                       | Natasha Begay – Not Available   |
| h. Navajo Yes! Rails-to-Trails              | Tom Radenbaugh – Not Available  |
| i. Page Unified School District             | Bryce Anderson - (Presented by Roberta Lyons – See report)  |
| j. Page Unified School District             | Sharon Watson – (Presented by Virginia Whitehorse – See notes on last page of minutes)                  |
| k. NextEra                                  | Sam Woods – Not Available – Showed up at August 14, 2023 meeting, but chapter didn't get enough quorum. |

**8. Old Business:**

- a. RESOLUTION: LC06122022B: REDUCED CHAPTER MEETING QUORUM FROM 25 TO 17 VOTING MEMBERS.

Sponsor: Joann Yazzie Pioche

Motion: Renee Tsosie

Second: Lyonel Tso

Vote: Favor: 23

Oppose: 00

Abstain: 11

Action: Motion and Second were made and approved.



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Discussion: This Resolution was not passed on June 12, 2023, the vote of 15 in Favor, 00 Oppose, and 01 Abstain. During this meeting, the quorum of 25 was not met. This resolution is now being addressed under Old Business. For a re-vote of a quorum of 25 members. Renee stated after this resolution is approved and signed, the LeChee chapter will order ballots and have a special election. We must have a vote of 56% of the 1,200 registered voters to pass this resolution. The average cost is \$2,400.00 for the special election. Family members need to encourage each other to attend the meetings, so we the chapter can save money. Patricia Martin mention Robo Texting to send out meeting reminders to registered voters.

b. RESOLUTION: LC07102023B: WALKING TRAILS: TOM RADENBAUGH.

Sponsor: Sharla Dale Hunt

Motion:

Second:

Vote: Favor:

Oppose:

Abstain:

Action: Deferred to be discussed in September 2023 Planning and Regular meetings

Discussion:

9. **New Business: Action Items and Resolutions:**

a. RESOLUTION: LC08142023A: LAND WITHDRAWAL FOR SUBDIVISION 1.

Sponsor: Cassie Scott

Motion: Deidra Boone

Second: Donovan Scott

Vote: Favor: 28

Oppose: 01

Abstain: 07

Action: Motion and Second were made and approved.

Discussion: This Land is South of LeChee Chapter House along N20, East of the NHA sub-division. Map is attached. Water is blue, electric is green, and red is sewer. Cassie Scott is working with Mathilda Burke to put 16 spaces of 1/3 acre. Study is being done for electric, water, sewer, and trash. This is for anyone who needs a homesite lease and not only for the mobile homes.

Working with Window Rock to get Street Names with house numbers, for emergency purpose and improve quality of life. Land Department and NTUA said yes to working with us but need community support. Tyler also provided Letter of Support. Land Department will start the study after withdrawal approval. Allen Martin recommended we need real home not trailers; and thought the chapter state this area was for fire station, police station and senior center.





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- b. RESOLUTION: LC08142023B: NAVAJO ANTELOPE CANYON TOURS: SCHOLARSHIP DONATION. ALLOTMENT OF: \$10,000.00 FOR STUDENTS IN THE LECHEE, ARIZONA COMMUNITY AREA.

Sponsor: Roberta Lyons

Motion: Patricia Kent

Second: Allen Martin

Vote: Favor: 31

Oppose: 00

Abstain: 01

Action: Motion and Second were made and approved.

Discussion: Christina Black read the Resolution. Lavern Tsosie asked if this is Legal. Madam Joann Yazzie Pioche said it legal with the Resolution. Renee explained, an amount over \$500.00 must go to the chapter meeting. We received the check and letter from Delvin Etsitty for LeChee Chapter community to use. We deposit the check into our bank. We abide by the DOJ's policy. Irene Whitekiller stated that in the past, Dixie selected the people to sponsor, and that the officials changed the policy without public knowledge. Christina Black explained the process of accepting, receiving, depositing, entering it into MIP of the cash or check received. Everything is accounted for per the policy. Joann Yazzie Pioche said we need to thank Delvin Etsitty. Lynol Tso said more supporting document for the donation to be presented to the community at the chapter meeting. Roberta explained that last year for 2022, 7 kids got funded, 21 kids applied, 4 kids did not meet qualification, and only 2 kids came back to say Thank you. Lou Tso said we need to know who is getting homes and scholarships. Renee Tsosie said we will revisit policies, which states bringing in grades. and no one brought their grades in from FY 2022. Have students accountable for their actions and pay school not students. Joann stated if money goes directly to the school, it takes a long time for the student to get the money. When the scholarship donation is received, it is posted to the Activity General Fund account (01).

- c. RESOLUTION: LC08142023C: MOU AGREEMENT WITH LECHEE CHAPTER HOUSE AND WYNETTE HAMMOND FOR: NORTHERN ARIZONA CPR AND FIRST AID CLASSES.

Sponsor: Wynette Hammond

Motion: Virginia Whitehorse

Second: Liz Hudson

Vote: Favor: 34

Oppose: 00

Abstain: 01

Action: Motion and Second were made and approved.



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Discussion: Minnette Roundstone read the resolution. Wynette explained her plan of operation and took 1 year to get Navajo Nation Business License and she was told she is priority #1. The chapter allowed her to use the preschool for training. She is responsible for utilities. Her 4-hour First Aid and CPR training is Tuesday and Wednesday, and cost is \$85.00 (tax was not mentioned). Tyler Manson suggested that she coordinate with Effie Yazzie with the Navajo Nation Parks & Recreation of accepting only "in person" CPR and First Aid training.

d. RESOLUTION: LC08142023D: SPECIAL ELECTION 2023. FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUDGET CARRYOVER TO 2024 BUDGET.

Sponsor: Sharla Dale Hunt

Motion:

Second:

Vote: Favor:

Oppose:

Abstain:

Action: Deferred to be discussed in September 2023 Planning and Regular meetings

Discussion: (Carry over and annual do not need special election)

e. RESOLUTION: LC08142023E: SPECIAL ELECTION 2024. ACCEPTING FISCAL YEAR 2024 ANNUAL BUDGET.

Sponsor: Sharla Dale Hunt

Motion:

Second:

Vote: Favor:

Oppose:

Abstain:

Action: Per Madam Joann Yazzie Pioche, this Resolution has been deleted.

Discussion: (Carry over and annual do not need special election)

10. **LeChee Chapter Staff and Officials Report: (3-minute allotment time per Report).**

Lost quorum – No reports were given

(Please submit a written Report with all supporting presentations, slides, videos, PDF, etc.)

a. President

JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche

b. Vice-President

Cassie Scott

c. Secretary and Treasurer

Sharla Dale Hunt

d. Grazing Official

Tyler Manson

e. Chapter Manager

Renee Tsosie



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f. Planning & Zoning - Add to future meeting (per Madam President Joann Yazzie Pioche)

**11. Announcements: (Announcements are subject to change).**

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|---|--------------------|
| a. Planning and Zoning for CLUP-C                   | August 10, 2023    |
| b. August Regular Meeting                           | August 14, 2023    |
| c. Western Navajo Agency: Zoom Meeting- Not allowed | August 14, 2023    |
| d. Labor Day: LeChee Chapter House is closed!       | September 04, 2023 |

**12. Adjournment: At 07:59 P.M.**

Motion: Patrica Kent

Second: Jennette Dugi

Vote: Favor: 25

Oppose: 00

Abstain: 01

**Note:**

j. Page Unified School District Sharon Watson – (Presented by Virginia Whitehorse – She works for the Student Support Services. Mr. Barns as Social Worker. School is looking for Parent Liaison. The Student Support Services moved from B building to Cafeteria Office. Open Monday through Friday, 7:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Children go clothes shopping on Wednesday and Friday, after 3:00 P.M. The school is always taking clothes donation. Chanda Young donates a lot. This is for kids who lost parents to COVID and need hygiene. Did School Registration in Inscription House, Lechee, etc., served 96 families and 186 students. Student Support Services helps kids with food and do their laundry from rural areas. They serve all nationality, including Hispanic. We live on donations. Just assisted with supplies to a kid with a 5-month-old baby. Teen pregnancy rate is down.

Chapter meeting was schedule to start at 06:00 P.M. DST. We did not get the quorum of 25 until 06:30 P.M. DST, and Madam president, Joann Yazzie Pioche, called the meeting to order with an appointed Pro-Temp Secretary, Christina Black, at this time. Sharla Hunt was not present yet but showed up at 06:50 P.M. DST.