

## LeChee Chapter Meeting Minutes

Sunday, December 8, 2024, 1:00 pm Page/Pacific time

Agenda is subject to change, **start time @ 1:18 pm**

1. Meeting called to order by: JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche
2. Invocation: JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche
3. Roll call: Minnette Roundstone
4. Review and Adoption of the December 8, 2024 Chapter Meeting Agenda.  
Sponsor: Minnette Roundstone  
Motion: Irene Whitekiller                      Second: Sue Lukee  
Favor 18                      Oppose 0                      Abstain 1
5. Review and Adoption of the November 3, 2024 Chapter meeting minutes.  
Sponsor: Minnette Roundstone  
Motion: Irene Whitekiller                      Second: Sue Lukee  
Favor: 18                      Oppose 0                      Abstain 1
6. Financial Report: Month of November 2024. (Financial report on the agenda back page)  
Sponsor: Minnette Roundstone  
Motion: Irene Nez Whitekiller                      Second: Sue Lukee  
Favor: 19                      Oppose: 0                      Abstain: 1
7. Reports and Presentation: (5 minutes time limit per subject):
  - a. Navajo Nation Honorable Council Delegate                      Helena Nez Begay  
Main topic is Land withdrawal for private family burial plots. Any new family plots need to withdrawal and paperwork completed with the Chapters. Some people are burying everywhere and its not agreeable with the council. LeChee do not have a cemetery and needs one. All the paperwork has been sent to all the local chapters currently. Grazing person will complete coordinates to the site and approval must be given. Burial assistance and Electricity assistance is what Helena is suggesting with the Hardship money. Chinle nursing home has outstanding balance due and has asked the Navajo nation to pay the outstanding cost. Many elderly monthly moneys do not cover all the cost. Water rights were discussed in Vegas last week but currently no updates yet. Bathroom addition has been approved by the NN president. Joann Yazzie Pioche asked about her dad being denied funding from Altec, Helena explained it is a difficult interview and if help is needed then trained employees can help. Also, JoAnn Y. Pioche asked about not being paid to attend Flagstaff meeting and Tom Franklin will look into it and Renee Tsosie said a meeting can be held to discuss the issue. New senior center at Bodaway-Gap. Tonalea and Kaibeto will get new chapter house. LeChee will have the Senior center renovated.
  - b. LDA for Council Delegate Helena Nez Begay                      Tom Franklin Jr
  - c. Tuba City Regional Hospital Board of Directors                      Lyonel Tso  
3 years Lyonel has been on the board and ends in the 2025 year. Funding in some area of cancer treatment and outside hospital visit will be increased and given back to I.H.S., Rosalyn has helped secure these funds. Reimbursement will be given to I.H.S. Echo cliff is still on track and the okay for Employee housing to be built between the medical facility and the school is where it will be built. Flu/Covid season so get yourself vaccinated. LeChee Staff has best attendance to meeting with the western agency. Veterans were paid some funds and they also participated in the Page veterans' parade.
  - d. LeChee Veteran Committee                      Lyonel Tso, Iva Chee, Michell Alex

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| e. Page Schools IEC LeChee (NOT PRESENT)        | Evonne Yazzie                               |
| f. Page Schools Student Service (NOT PRESENT)   | Sharon Watson, Virginia Whitehorse          |
| g. LeChee Planning Zone Committee (NOT PRESENT) | Michelle Alex, Tyler Manson, Holly Phillips |

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. RESOLUTION: LC11032024A: APPROVING A NAVAJO NATION INTRA-GOVERNMENTAL FACILITY USE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LECHEE CHAPTER AND THE NAVAJO NATION POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Sponsor: Lieutenant Fabian Thinn

Motion: Irene Nez Whitekiller

Second: Damon Nockideneh

Favor: 20

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 1

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. RESOLUTION: LC12082024\_: APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500.00 FROM UPPER ANTELOPE CANYON TOURS. THE DONATION HAS BEEN BUDGETED BY THE CHAPTER ADMINISTRATION.

Sponsor: Renee Tsosie

Motion: Damon Nockideneh

Second: Yvonne Bigman

Favor: 22

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 1

- b. RESOLUTION: LC12082024\_: LECHEE CHAPTER ON BEHALF OF ITS LECHEE SENIOR CENTER REQUESTING THE NAVAJO NATION TO SUPPLEMENT COSTS FOR RENOVATIONS OF PROJECT ON THE SENIOR CENTER BUILDING LOCATED AT LECHEE, ARIZONA.

Sponsor: Renee Tsosie

Motion: Irene Nez Whitekiller

Second: Yvonne Bigman

Favor: 21

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 1

- c. RESOLUTION: LC12082024B: RURAL ADDRESSING. (DEFER TO NEXT CHAPTER MTG)

Sponsor: Shirleen Jumbo-Rintila

Motion: Irene Nez Whitekiller

Second: Yvonne Bigman

Favor: 21

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 1

8. LeChee Chapter Staff and Officials report: (4 mins allotment time per request)

- a. President

JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche

Served the past 8 years and ready to move on, first 4 years in the vice-president capacity and last 4 yrs. as the Chapter president. Had many challenges and struggles but made it through it all especially concerning Covid which was a very scary time. Thank you to the community for support. Was not prepared for what covid brought to the community and to the world. The National Guard did do training with LeChee staff to help with the Epidemic. Visit to community members were with gloves, mask, rubbing alcohol, vaccines, and sanitizers. Glad to serve community, will attend chapter meetings in the future. Tax collection for the chapter was an issue the chapter worked on. A tax commissioner was hired and approved by counsel.

- b. Vice-President

Yvonne Bigman

Thank community for serving and the support of locals. Was asked by community to serve on the chapters meeting staff and was pleased to do so. When serving in the secretary capacity quite a while ago learned Navajo language concerning numbers in order to read the Finance numbers for each months balance in each area of spending. 2 more meetings to attend, District and January planning meetings. Mary Food bank will continue next January 2025.

- c. Secretary/Treasurer

Minnette Roundstone

Thank the community for their support and help within the position serving. First time serving in a Chapter position and worked well with the staff.

- d. Grazing Official Tyler Manson, (NOT PRESENT)
- e. Chapter Manager Renee Tsosie, (SERVING FOOD)

9. Announcements: (are subject to change)

- a. LeChee Chapter DEC. mtg/Keshmish party Dec 8,2024 1pm Page time  
(Chapter will provide meal, community welcome to bring side dishes.)
- b. District 1 Grazing Committee mtg Dec 4,2024 @10am LeChee
- c. LeChee Planning & Zoning mtg Dec 12, 2024@5pm
- d. Navajo Western Agency mtg Dec 14,2024 9am Flagstaff/CCC
- e. Western Ag NN Grazing Committee mtg Dec 16,2024, 10:00 am Tolani Lake
- f. Winter Solstice, 1<sup>st</sup> day of Winter Dec 21, 2024
- g. PUSD Winter break Dec 20,2024 – Jan 6,2025
- h. Christmas Day, CHAPTER CLOSED Dec 25,2024
- i. New Year's Day, CHAPTER CLOSED January 1, 2025
- j. January Planning meeting January 6,2025 @10am, Page time
- k. LeChee Chapter meeting January 12, 2025 @ 1pm.
- l. Western Agency Inauguration Jan 9, 2025 @ 9am, Tuba City

10. Adjournment: **@ 3:17 pm**

Sponsor: JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche

Motion: Ray Dugi

Second: Damian Nockideneh

Favor: 25

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 1

Completed by Minnette Roundstone, Wednesday 12/10/2024.