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LeChee Chapter Regular Meeting Agenda

Monday, February 10, 2025, 5:00 pm Page/Pacific time

Agenda is subject to change

1. Meeting called to order by: Irene Whitekiller
2. Invocation: Volunteer/Moment of silence
3. Roll call: Minnette Roundstone
4. Review and Adoption of the February 10, 2025 Regular Chapter Meeting Agenda.
Sponsor: Minnette Roundstone
Motion: _____ Second: _____
Favor : _____ Oppose: _____ Abstain: _____
5. Review and Adoption of the January 13, 2025 Planning meeting minutes.
Sponsor: Minnette Roundstone
Motion: Tyler Manson Second: Johnson Pioche
Favor : _____ Oppose: _____ Abstain: _____
6. Review Financial Report: Month of January 2025.
Sponsor: Minnette Roundstone
Motion: _____ Second: _____
Favor : _____ Oppose: _____ Abstain: _____
7. Reports and Presentation: (5 minutes time limit per subject):
 - a. Navajo Nation Honorable Council Delegate Helena Nez Begay
 - b. LDA for Council Delegate Helena Nez Begay Tom Franklin Jr
 - c. Tuba City Regional Hospital Board of Directors Lyonel Tso
 - d. LeChee Veteran Committee Lyonel Tso, Iva Chee, Michell Alex
 - e. Glen Canyon Outdoor Academy Shando Shopman, School Liaison
 - f. Page Justice of the Peace Judge Michael Barns
 - g. Tachiinii Nursing Services Althea Lee
 - h. I.P.C.-INJURY PREVENTION COMMITTEE Lyndon Endiscee/Tina Billy
8. OLD BUSINESS: NONE
9. NEW BUSINESSES:
 - a. RESOLUTION LC02102025A: Peace Making Certificate.
Sponsor: Denis Tsosie
Motion: _____ Second: _____
Favor : _____ Oppose: _____ Abstain: _____

b. RESOLUTION LC02102025B:

Sponsor:

Motion:

Second:

Favor : _____

Oppose: _____

Abstain: _____

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

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| a. President | Irene Nez Whitekiller |
| b. Vice-President | Johnson Pioche |
| c. Secretary/Treasurer | Minnette Roundstone |
| d. Grazing Official | Tyler Manson |
| e. Chapter Manager | Renee Tsosie |

Motion:

Second:

Favor : _____

Oppose: _____

Abstain: _____

11. Announcements: (are subject to change)

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| a. March Planning meeting | March 3 , 2025 @ 5:00 pm |
| b. NN Community Housing & Infrastructure Dept. | February 12, 2025 9am-4 pm |
| c. LeChee Chapter Valentine's Bazaar | February 12, 2025 @3:pm-7:pm |
| d. District Grazing Committee Meeting | February 13,2025 @9am |
| e. LeChee Veterans Meeting | February 8th, 2025@ 1:pm LeChee |
| f. National Holiday Presidents Day | February 17, 2025 (office is closed) |
| g. BIA/Sundance Rangeland Management Plan | February 22, 2025@8:am 12:pm LeChee |
| h. St. Mary's Food distribution | February 24,2025 @12:00 to 3pm |

12. Adjournment:

Sponsor: Irene Whitekiller

Motion:

Second:

Favor : _____

Oppose: _____

Abstain: _____





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LeChee Chapter Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 10, 2025 @5:00 pm

Agenda is Subject to change

1. Meeting called to order by @ 5:23pm Irene Whitekiller
2. Invocation: Prayer, Irene Whitekiller
3. Roll Call: Minnette Roundstone
4. Review and Adoption of February 10, 2025, Regular Chapter Meeting Agenda.
Renee Tsosie motioned to approve the agenda with the following to be added to the agenda, resolutn#LC02102025B, LCO2102025C, LCO2102025D and to move new business to up to #7. Then the numbers will change for each item under #7, to 8, 9, 10 and 11 due to vice president, Mr. Pioche needing to travel for Flagstaff to attend a CDBG meeting on Wednesday morning at 8:15 a.m.
Sponsor: Secretary/treasurer
Motion: Renee Tsosie Second: Roberta Lyons
Favor 21 Oppose 0 Abstain 1
5. Review and Adoption of the January 13, 2025 Chapter meeting minutes
Sponsor: Secretary/Treasurer
Motion: Damon Nockideneh Second: Yvonne Bigman
Favor: 18 Oppose: 0 Abstain: 1
6. Review Financial Report: Month of January 2025.
Sponsor: Secretary/treasurer
Motion: Yvonne Bigman Second: Roberta Lyons
Favor 23 Oppose 0 Abstain 1
7. Reports and Presentation: (5 minutes limit per subject):
 - a. Navajo Nation Honorable Council Delegate Helena Nez Begay, not present
 - b. LDA for Council Delegate Helena Nez Begay Tom Franklin Jr, present
Update on Helena attending meeting with NTUA, ARPA, and BNF in Window rock on Comprehensive Budget, Power lines, and meeting in Tucson cancelled for NABI meeting that are coming up. On Feb 24 & 25, NN Council will have a special session concerning Budgets. Helena attended the 2nd day of Chapter Officials orientation in Flagstaff to listen to some of the subjects. ARPA section 11 needs google map directions to home for bathroom renovations and addition. Renee T asked if applicants need HSL and Tom Franklin said no and he would collect all the application by next Friday or maybe a longer duration of taking applications. NACA would do the labor for the bathroom addition and bathroom renovation, funds coming from ARPA. Homes can be a mobile home or living in Page.
 - c. Tuba City Regional Hospital Board of Directors Lyonel Tso, present
Tuba city Health Corp. has 10 board members from the NN and also a representative from San Juan Paiute and the lower and upper Moencopi. A current evaluation of the CEO, Joletta Walters was completed. She is very qualified coming from being a nurse to the CEO, 20 years prior experiences and doing well in the



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position of the CEO. Julius Young with the new upcoming clinic in Gap is looking for artist for the new clinic to show talent in the area of painting, sculptures, pottery, rugs....to be placed in the new clinic. May or June of 2026 is the projected opening of the clinic. Also, Lyonel indicated a community assessment will be coming out so please fill out and complete. Every 3 years the booklet for the assessment comes out, the percentage from prior was very low so the community needs to input at a large percentage. Many questions concerning ICE and raids have been asked from the community. ICE can not enter hospital and schools, we need to make sure we have our documents like CIB, drivers license, etc. Also, ICE is mainly after criminals and those that are associated with criminals.

- d. LeChee Veteran Committee Lyonel Tso, Iva Chee, Michell Alex, present
Michelle Alex was at the chapter meeting and introduced herself. Lyonel indicated the Veterans will be more proactive in events this coming year, parades and other events. Also becoming more organized. Quotes for T-shirts will be coming soon and meeting will be conducted bi-monthly.
- e. Glen Canyon Outdoor Academy Shando Shopman, School Liaison, not present
- f. Page Justice of the Peace Judge Michael Barns, present
Thanked everyone for voting for him and is in his office now as a judge. He hoping to lower fines which is needed due to the economy and we all don't need the burden. He promised to visit the chapter twice and this is his first visit and the next will be in August. Again, he thanks the community for voting for him.
- g. Tachiinii Nursing Services Althea Lee, not present
- h. IPC-Injury Prevention Committee Lyndon Endishee, not present

8. New Businesses: *(These items were moved to #7 on the agenda).*

- A. RESOLUTION LC02102025A: APPROVING AND SUPPORTING THE CERTIFICATION OF THE SELECTION OF DENNIS TSOSIE TO SERVE IN THE CAPACITY OF PEACEMAKER UNDER THE TUBA CITY JUDICIAL DISTRICT.

Sponsor: Dennis Tsosie

Motion: Yvonne Bigman

Second: Holly Robinson

Favor_23

Oppose: 0

Abstain_1

Dennis Tsosie spoke concerning his receiving this position. Ada and Wilson had had this position prior and since the position was open he applied for it. There was also no position available with the Richfield School. Laura Blackhorse asked for a definition of his position, Mr. Tsosie indicated he gets involved with issues when situation get to a dispute level. It could be land, HSL, etc. Mr. Dennis Tsosie also asked at a later time about the Lease with Antelope Point and if they are at all paying the Navajo Nation. From what he hears NO payments from the concessionaire to the NN. Please look into and find out. Tom Franklin indicated he would look into.

- B. RESOLUTION: LCO210025B: APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 "GENERL FUND CARRYOVER FUNDS" BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,009.00

Sponsor: Renee Tsosie

Motion: Yvonne Bigman

Second: Annie Littleman

Favor_22

Oppose_0

Abstain_1

Renee T. explained these funds will go to stipends to pay the chapter officials and to 3 District mtgs and three Agency mtgs. The money was just recently sent through the WIND system from the NN to LeChee chapter.



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C. RESOLUTION: LC021202C: APPROVING AND ADOPTING TH FISCAL YEAR 2025 "GAMING REVENUE CARRYOVER FUNDS" BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,818.87

Sponsor: Renee Tsosie

Motion: Yvonne Bigman

Second: Holly Robinson

Favor_26

Oppose_0

Abstain_1

Renee Tsosie explained this Gaming revenue will go towards the LeChee chapters Utilities, Water, and sewer. Electric will use \$10,000.00, the water will take \$3,606.86 and the waste will be 1,212.21. At a total of \$14,818.87. Current balance would have currently taken all of the balance before the gaming revenue came in.

D. RESOLUTION: LC0212025D: APPROVING THE LECHEE CHAPTER PLANNING AND REGULAR MEETING DATES FOR FISCAL YEAR, 2025.

Sponsor: Renee Tsosie

Motion: Dennis Tsosie

Second: Yvonne Bigman

Favor_28

Oppose_0

Abstain_1

Tyler commented that since meeting are on Monday with this change Helena will not be able to attend LeChee chapter mtg since she is in Window Rock attending mtg there on Monday. Irene commented Helena needs to prioritize her meeting and make LeChee meeting also. Yvonne indicated meeting on Sunday was a good choice when prior mtg were held on Sunday at 1pm. Irene and Renee T. like the change due to it not being on the weekend, making the Chapter staff come in on a non-working day. Sunday should be for families and religion services and not attending chapter meetings.

9. LeChee Chapter staff and Officials Report: (4 mins allotment time per report)

a. President

Irene Whitekiller

Attended the Chapter official's orientation in Flagstaff AZ last week on Tuesday through Thursday. Issues with non-certified chapters and certifies chapters, DOJ, Ethics and rules, how to conduct chapters meetings, housing, 5 management system, title 3, elections, HSL, etc. We need to respect one another, all chapter employee, chapter officials, community members, and council, etc. Some meeting with outside business or outside sources cannot be done, Hydro water was trying to contact Chapter president about a meeting. DOJ said no and not to be having meeting alone with any outside sources. Bribery is unethical behavior and chapter officials need to watch this. Planning and zoning needs to start coming to chapter meeting and updating the chapter and community.

b. Vice-President

Johnson Pioche. Left for Flagstaff to mtg

c. Secretary/Treasurer

Minnette Roundstone

d. Grazing Official

Tyler Manson

Was sworn in in Kayenta for his position as a Grazing official. Under title 3 NN code which the grazing is under. Kind of works in dependably but also works with the chapter officials and chapter employees. Speaks day to day with Renee and worked well with prior chapter president, JoAnn Pioche. Also works with BIA, Land department, Economic development, Parks and Recreation, Department of Agriculture, etc., concerning being Lechee grazing person. The RDC probate and does transfers, indicated grazing is breeched. There are 2,000 grazing permits and 1,000 are active and being utilized. Tally counts done and updated yearly. Land is protected and preserved. NEPA compliance about seasonal grazing, concerned about no



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precipitation and no foliage on many grazing areas. A meeting with Sundance Consulting is coming soon on February 22, for district 1 concerning improvements needs of permittees and carrying capacity. NO disputes will be heard. Annie Littleman commented about Natural resources and BIA in 1994/1995 tried to contain animals and land but weren't able to. Limiting people and limiting animals. In 1930s Taylor act was about livestock reduction and in 1970s NEBI indicated federal land have to comply. Grazing in 1930s was updated without act of congress. In 2014, DINE rangeland improvement act which is a scary act wants to overturn NN full control and the power of grazing permit. Ask community to read about the dine rangeland, its a scary act for the Dine people. No more grazing official also only range technician.

e. Chapter Manager

Renee Tsosie

Attended Chapter official's orientation in Flagstaff for 3 days last week. First issue was the separation duties of the chapter employees and the chapter officials. We all need to work on working together and not disrupting the chapter progress with difficulties and disruption. Willing to work with chapter officials. Communication needs to be open. There are 110 chapters and 2 lawyers. In March the city of Page will be conducting a trash pick up day. Working with the city to help and coordinate the event. A meeting with Red feather about winterization helps for the community members, need HSL. Also, the water and sewer are very limiting in the LeChee area. Need improvements, upgrades for future homes, LeChee chapter never anticipated the amount of people living in the community as how it is currently. Water and sewer are not able to handle any more people and homes. Water from the SRP site is being handled by the NN and Page is indicating that they need some of that water. Lechee needs help with waste water and sewer to go to Page plants in exchange for some of that water help to the city of Page. The tours also have indicated some of that water from the old power plant site to the tour operation area so the tours are working with the NN. Lechee needs rural address for the area. Fed ex and UPS need help with delivering to homes in Lechee, the need for numbers on our home is important. School, and motor vehicles and post office require addresses. Regina Riggs indicated we need to do a resolution for Tribal IDs so members of the NN can obtain IDs. Feedback is that the offices are closed at times in Window rock and appointments have to be made. Also the machines for the IDs are continuously broken. Once you obtain an ID, you can no longer get a paper CIB. Regina asked the chapter about repairing dirt roads to homes, many are deeply engraved and have much curve to them. Renee indicated a company came around picking up old vehicles around the community. ARPA money still has not been told when it will help the Navajo people, very much still in the air.

10. Announcements: (Announcements are subject to change)

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| a. LeChee Planning mtg, March 2025 | March 3, 2025 @ 5:00 pm |
| b. LeChee Chapter March 2025 regular mtg | March 10, 2025 @ 5pm |
| c. District Grazing meeting, LeChee Chapter | Feb 20, 2025 @9am, Kaibeto |
| d. NN Community Housing & Infrastructure dept | Feb 12,2025 @ 9am/4pm Page time |
| e. LeChee Chapter Valentine Bazaar | Feb 124,2025, 3-7pm |
| f. LeChee Veterans Mtg | Feb 8, 2025@1pm, Lechee |
| g. National Holiday-Presidents Day | Feb 17, 2025, OFFICE closed |
| h. BIA/Sundance Rangeland Management Plan | Feb 22,2025, 8am/12 noon, LeChee |
| i. St Mary's food distribution | Feb 24,2025, 12noon/3 pm |
| j. Election, LeChee Chapter | March 11, 2025 |

11. Adjournment: @ 7:55 pm



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Sponsor: Irene Whitekiller

Motion: Renee Tsosie

Second: Sarah Black

Favor_19

Oppose_0

Abstain_1

Lavern Tsosie/Tsiniginnie indicated she attended the Inauguration of the newly President and vice president of LeChee chapter. The event was very special and a strong emphasis on Integrity, honesty, and not to lean one way or another in your choices, to be fair in your dealings. Lavern also asked what happened to Dr. Nelson who was at the LeChee clinic, why did he leave? And he is currently working at the Page hospital. Lyonel indicated it was personal reason he left.

Completed by M. Roundstone, Tues 02/11/2025 revised 2/12/25:

Marianne Roundstone