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## LeChee Chapter Regular Meeting Agenda

Monday, March 10, 2025, 5:00 pm (Daylight Savings 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 March 10, 2025 Regular Chapter Meeting Agenda.  
Sponsor: Minnette Roundstone  
Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_  
Favor : \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Review and Adoption of the February 10, 2025 Regular Chapter meeting minutes.  
Sponsor: Minnette Roundstone  
Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Second: Johnson Pioche  
Favor : \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Review Financial Report: Month of February 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/Tom Franklin Jr
  - b. PUSD Superintendent Bryce Anderson
  - c. Indian Education Committee Member Evonne Yazzie
  - d. Tuba City Regional Hospital Board of Directors Lionel Tso
  - e. Tuba City Regional Hospital-RESEP Ember Sloan & Team
  - f. LeChee Veteran Committee Lionel Tso, Iva Chee, Michell Alex
  - g.
8. OLD BUSINESS: NONE
9. New Business:
  - A. RESOLUTION: LC03105025: RESOLUTION OF THE LECHEE CHAPTER, NAVAJO NATION RE-AFFIRMING RESOLUTION LC08-139-10 THE CERTIFICATION OF THE LECHEE CHAPTER FIVE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (FMS) POLICY & PROCEDURE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025. LECHEE CHAPTER ADMINISTRATION STAFF TO ADHERE TO ALL NAVAJO NATION PERSONAL POLICIES ARE NOT CURRENT IN THE LECHEE CHAPTER FIVE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (FMS)  
Sponsor: Renee Tsosie

Motion:	Second:	
Favor:	Oppose:	Abstain:

B. RESOLUTION: LC03102025: SUPPORTING AND APPROVING THE NAVAJO NATION DIVISION OF TRANSPORTATION TO AMEND THE 13.01 MILES CHAPTER REGIONAL ROAD BLADING SERVICES AND SCHEDULE FOR THE LECHEE CHAPTER.

Sponsor: Renee Tsosie

Motion:	Second:	
Favor	Oppose	Abstain

C. RESOLUTION: LCO3105025\_: REAFFIRMING LECHEE CHAPTER RESOLUTION NUMER LC-09-10-18B AND RESCINDING LECHEE CHAPTER RESOLUTION NUMBER LC04072024A AND REQUESTING THE NAVAJO NATION TO DENY ANY APPLICATIONS FOR APPROVALS REGARDING THE SAME, TO PRESERVE ANCESTRAL LAND FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.

Sponsor: Modesta Tsiniginnie

Motion:	Second:	
Favor:	Oppose:	Abstain:

10. LeChee Chapter Staff and Officials Report: (4 minutes allotment time per report)

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

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

a. Planning LeChee Chapter April meeting	April 7, 2024 @5:00pm DLT
b. Regular LeChee Chapter April meeting	April 14, 2024 @5:00pm DLT
c. Chapter closed, NN Election Day	March 11, 2025
d. TC Regional Chip	March 14,2024 @ 10-12
e. St Marys Food Bank	March 24, 2025
f. PUSD - Spring Break	March 17-20, 2025

12. Adjournment:

Sponsor: Irene Whitekiller

Motion:	Second:	
Favor	Oppose	Abstain

Thank you for your attendance, safe travel home.



## LeChee Chapter Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 10, 2025, 5:00 pm (Daylight Savings Time)

Agenda is subject to change. mtg started at 5:32 pm

1. Meeting called to order by: [Irene Whitekiller](#)
2. Invocation: Volunteer prayer, Tyler Manson
3. Roll call: Minnette Roundstone
4. Review and Adoption of the March 10, 2025 Regular Chapter Meeting Agenda.  
Sponsor: Minnette Roundstone  
Motion was made to remove Resolution LC03102025C under New Business, due to ongoing review from the Navajo Nation Department of Justice. Need more clarification regarding the last response from NN DOJ. The chapter needs to get a legal opinion on any development with the Navajo Nation and NTUA. Everything needs to be in good standing for the Chapter  
Motion: Tyler Manson Second: Michelle Alex  
Favor : \_8 Oppose:\_24 Abstain: \_3
5. Review and Adoption of the February 10, 2025 Regular Chapter meeting minutes.  
Sponsor: Minnette Roundstone  
Motion: Lyonel Tso Second: Virgie Whitehorse  
Favor : \_30 Oppose:\_0 Abstain: \_2
6. Review Financial Report: Month of February 2025.  
Sponsor: Minnette Roundstone  
Motion: Yvonne Yazzie Second: Virgie Whitehorse  
Favor : \_29 Oppose:\_0 Abstain: \_1
7. Reports and Presentation: (5 minutes time limit per subject):
  - a. Navajo Nation Honorable Council Delegate Helena Nez Begay/Tom Franklin Jr
  - b. PUSD Superintendent Bryce Anderson

Thank everyone for their support for the Girls Basketball program and their standing as the runner up of the State copper championship. In March @ 5:30 pm the Page school board meeting will be conducted. And May 17, Saturday @ 7 pm will be the High School graduation. PUSD looks forward to working with future student enrollment, working diligently with tax paying dollars. With the loss of NGS the loss of 200 students from PUSD. the state auditor general gives 169 sq feet per student, currently PUSD has 289 sq feet per student. Loss of students affected the students at Page Middle School. 2nd graders to 6th graders will be at LakeView Elementary, seventh to twelfth graders will be at the High School. The 7th & 8th grade students will be in the "D" building that Manson Mesa High school is currently at now. For all 7th, 8th and 9th grades the students will not be allowed off campus next year. And reducing parent pickup at all schools. The PUSD has a website with all

information pertaining to students, school, activities, etc. A question was asked about the loss of employees, the answer is no, hardly any reduction in employment. Alan Martin asked about the teachers who were brought in that don't speak English very well. Students are complaining about not understanding them in school and not learning from them. Superintendent responded due to the shortage of available teachers, yes some of them have been hired with a 3 year visa and option to stay additional 2 years if they do well. PUSD works with Tsaayato School and Manson Mesa School about resources, cost, students, etc.

c. Indian Education Committee Member

Evonne Yazzie

Evonne works for the Indian Education/JOM office at PUSD, they are trying to spend what's left from 2024/2025 money. Working with obtaining more grant money for the students/school. Navajo culture and Beginning Navajo are being added. Next meeting March 19, @ 5:30 pm. They received a request for funds for Ceramics and avid help.

d. Tuba City Regional Hospital Board of Directors

Lyonel Tso

Lyonel is a board member of the Tuba City regional hospital with 10 members throughout the Navajo western agency area. Willing to listen to complaints, concerns from the local community. New administration is listening to the new changes of the Trump administration. No new hires, on hold, only doctors that are needed. Playing safe due to government freezing. Receiving funds from prior lawsuits and trying to use up those funds. No holds on Echo Cliff project due to all the money that has all been allocated already. Projected opening in June 2026. Vaccine percentage for elderly is 30.11 percent, last month's percentage was 20%. 18 yrs to 49 yrs have a 20% of taking vaccines. The Navajo Nation has a 40% vaccination rate. Many took Customer Service training mainly front service ppl and those that take calls to improve those skills. Be more helpful, nice and do not sound so angry when answering the phone. The board members took a tour of Echo Cliffs construction and the hospital is bigger than it looks and is coming along with structure very well. The hospital has received many art projects for the hospital and thank you to the LeChee community for all the art. Unit Medical bus will be in the area on March 18 & 28, 2025. When a medical bus goes down the work has to be done in Flagstaff and will not be able to be used for quite some time.

e. Tuba City Regional Hospital-RESEP

Ember Sloan & Team

f. LeChee Veteran Committee

Lyonel Tso, Iva Chee, Michell Alex

Lyonel Tso reporting meetings have been changed to every month and half due to not needing to meet every month. Next meeting will be April 5, 2025, at the LeChee Chapter. Michelle Alex introduced herself, the Veterans group worked hard at helping the Veterans and many others. At the past Christmas 2024, they secured 19 turkeys for the Veterans and made matching skirts for the ladies in case of any public event. The men's matching shirts will be worked on. NN President Buu Nygen doesn't support the Veteran groups on the NN. The Veterans group sends texts out to Veterans about meetings, they feed the Veterans at meetings. They plan to make mugs and jackets for the Veterans. Michelle and Lyonel also contribute their stipend payments to the Veterans group to assist them. Michelle helps with the LeChee chapter St Mary's food distribution, hay distribution, etc. Acknowledged Lyonel Tso as a great mentor, community members applauded his help and contribution. Irene Whitekiller mentioned that at Twin Arrows Casino outside of Flagstaff AZ, the female Veterans will be honored on March 20, 2025 at 8am to 4 pm, so if anyone would like to attend this event.



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g. PUSD

Sharon Watson

Sharon is from the Student support services of PUSD (social services) for students of PUSD. Assist with clothing closet, CPS, NN, State and FBI. Mandating reports. Her staff includes Virgie Whitehorse and Ms. Louella. They assist homeless students, living in vehicles, shelters and any type of surfing. Working with all chapters in the PUSD area, they want students to be able to attend school. Work with Children Incorporated, sponsorship from the East coast, help seniors with graduation cap and gown cost. Some students can receive a stipend pay each month. Recruiting Middle school students and lower grades to assist students, the offices are located in the High school cafeteria offices. Assisted with 100 turkeys for 30 families from the surrounding area. Mental health Monday, the staff wear t-shirts including custodians, teachers, and aides. Students have a high suicide rate so mentoring students is essential. Families in need are always around the community so if you know of anyone please contact their offices. Mary Francis recommended 2 families from Inscription House in dire need of a home that were covered with tarp and tent supplies and they have received 2 new homes to live in. Assisted with 30 caps and gowns for High School graduates and they can help with scholarships for college students.

8. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

9. New Business:

- A. RESOLUTION: LC03105025A: RESOLUTION OF THE LECHEE CHAPTER, NAVAJO NATION RE-AFFIRMING RESOLUTION LC08-139-10 THE CERTIFICATION OF THE LECHEE CHAPTER FIVE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (FMS) POLICY & PROCEDURE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025. LECHEE CHAPTER ADMINISTRATION STAFF TO ADHERE TO ALL NAVAJO NATION PERSONNEL POLICIES ARE NOT CURRENT IN THE LECHEE CHAPTER FIVE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (FMS)**  
Renee indicated this resolution is renewed every year to keep the chapter moving each year for all that the chapter needs done.

Sponsor: Renee Tsosie

Motion: Yvonne Bigman

Second: Alan Martin

Favor: 36

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 1

- B. RESOLUTION: LC03102025B: SUPPORTING AND APPROVING THE NAVAJO NATION DIVISION OF TRANSPORTATION TO AMEND THE 13.01 MILES CHAPTER REGIONAL ROAD BLADING SERVICES AND SCHEDULE FOR THE LECHEE CHAPTER.**

Renee Tsosie mentioned that NDOT will bladed/grade only Navajo Nation Route dirt roads only. Only 13.01 miles which will be hwy 98 shortcut, Addakai/Annie Littleman turnoff and 1.0 miles to Kaibeto. The 13.01 miles has a breakdown of roads to be bladed in the resolution request.

Sponsor: Renee Tsosie

Motion: Roberta Lyons

Second: Yvonne Bigman

Favor 41

Oppose 0

Abstain 4

**C. RESOLUTION: LCO3105025C: REAFFIRMING LECHEE CHAPTER RESOLUTION NUMBER LC-09-10-18B AND RESCINDING LECHEE CHAPTER RESOLUTION NUMBER LC04072024A AND REQUESTING THE NAVAJO NATION TO DENY ANY APPLICATIONS FOR APPROVALS REGARDING THE SAME, TO PRESERVE ANCESTRAL LAND FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.**

Modesta read the current resolution and the two resolutions within her resolution mentioned. Requested help from the community to help vote for this resolution, and no further explanation. Yvonne Bigman said these resolutions were brought up a year ago concerning a solar project. She, Joann Yazzie Pioche and Tyler Manson had a zoom meeting concerning the solar project. Solar companies were working with the Navajo Nation. The NN were also working with the grazing permittees concerning the land for the solar. Yvonne requested this issue be tabled, since it's unnecessary. If only the council delegate were here to give us an update or explanation of this issue. Irene stated that in 2018 the resolution didn't really get looked at, the resolution from 2024 didn't honor it, didn't admit it, didn't reset it or open it up to NTUA. Our chapter officials overlooked this and they went ahead with it. Reading the DOJ information, there's a confusion. Nothing was really stated. The 2017/2018 resolution was done under Jerry Williams, what happened to that, it wasn't honored also. Irene wasn't around, no knowledge of this resolution that was sitting around, now we are trying to fix it. How do we deal with that? When it passes we are going to fix and work on it still. How can we do that? We are in compliance, we have permittees signatures but that resolution isn't amended. How can we deal with something like that? NN needs money, beeso.....the land belongs to the grazing people. I attend those meetings and listen when doing documentation, I'm listening to them. The land belongs to the livestock. Keyai given to the people for you to use, if not, are you going to sell it or give it to someone to use it. This is how I look at it. In 2024, the meeting dealing with this issue went out of control, that meeting should have been seized, it wasn't done. Once it's passed Irene will challenge this and put it before the community again to vote on it. After it's passed, it needs to be figured out and put it before the DOJ. Even after we have to deal with it. The 2018 resolution stands on that, 2024 needs to work it out. Figure out how NTUA can help. Everyone cries about it but it needs to be figured out. Irene indicated she will put it out there to the community to challenge and they will decide. The DOJ had many comments about these resolutions, even when the grazing permittee completed all their signatures. In 2018 they said no and just remembered that. But we don't have documentation of opening it back up. Irene indicated there have already been motions for these resolutions and let everyone speak nicely and calmly about this subject.

Tyler Mason: (states he was unable to attend the planning meeting last meeting) "Yes, at that point in time, due to allergies and the weather changing. Anything that relates to the land I do have an opinion" " if I was there at that meeting again I would have stated, this situation does need to be evaluated by the Navajo Nation department of Justice: the main reason for that is there is a lot of controversy, there is a lot of documents here that need to be evaluated before the community actually makes an opinion. Once you guys make your opinion the permittees can challenge it. The chapter can be liable for it. That's where the chapter needs to protect itself. Reading the original 2018, when I first came on 2018 (history of solar being introduced and proposed projects.) The number one thing that strictly affected me that I had concerns about was NTUA at that time. Cause number one is they had a letter from the former grazing official





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stating that there was over 16,000 acres of grazing that was up for grabs that nobody was using but there was actually people there, there was the welches, you had the Mr. Kesoli, you had the Jackson's that were gazing in that area. So I raised the concern, to NTUA and I raised the concern to the permittees, did you know that you are involved in this project [the grazers did not know and did not give their consent]. "Went through the district 1 grazing committee through the LeChee Chapter and I went ahead and I rescinded the grazing officials letter, because at that time there were active permittees there." So NTUA and [now] Avantus went back to the drawing board, where is the best place geographically...went back to the topography and the lay out of the land, which is the best place to put a solar farm? They realized that the Tsinnijinnie family they had land that was suitable for a solar farm" Tyler the grazing official approached the family.. that was one thing that was lacking with the former grazing official was that they would pass a resolution through the chapter first then get the consents, To me that is backwards, that's working backwards. To help with that I passed two resolutions through the District 1 grazing committee, through the western Navajo agency grazing committee stating that it's up to the permittees, valid permittees to make that decision. There are the only individuals that have the right to say yes or no to a project. So, within the resolution what it states..." [Exhibit B and C] Tyler further states "Within the western Navajo agency grazing committee, within the district 1 grazing committee, we value that only the permittees have the right to say yes to no to projects within the grazing area. So that was passed at district 1, that was passed at the western Navajo agency grazing committee and you know what that was passed here at the LeChee Chapter house to affirm and to recognize this grazing issue. LC08182024G [Exhibit D]. That is the prerogative of the permittees, not that chapter not the Navajo nation, and not the officials, we don't have the right, we don't have that interest in the land only the valid permittees the individuals that do tally counts in that certain area... to tell an individual well if you don't want your grazing, just give it up, that is not right to say. Only the permittees have the right to make that determination... when you read the resolution it states, to preserve ancestral land for future generation, that's only the prerogative of the permittees to make that determination, you need their consent, in order to have some type of action like this, we don't have that consent right now, so for the chapter to make an action now... will go ahead and have DOJ make that determination before the chapter gets itself in a legal issue. We have to protect the chapter first. Because in the past the chapter has made quite a number of recommendations and approvals without permittees consent and it has been challenged through court before. My advisement is DOJ first and then bring it back to the community."

Temporary Secretary Minette Roundstone: "Why did they do the second, the one with the lawyers, why did they do that?" when Modesta explained it at the planning meeting... the second one comes back and it is opposite of what that one is saying..."

Roberta Lyons: "when I was at the (planning) meeting this is why I recommended getting the DOJ in there.. Because it was very complicated, I am sorry. My name is Roberta and I am the granddaughter.

Roberta, granddaughter of Alvin & Margie Tso, and daughter of Roselyn. I am a community member but recently moved back 4 to 5 years ago. I got involved with the chapter when I was the Aide and then became the AA, I have lots of knowledge on this and sat in on the meeting that happened. And when we were with the Department Of Justice all of these questions and concerns were raised and at that time I did ask for them to table until the DOJ could be here to explain it. But what was explained to us as an active thing was all the resolutions kinda cancelled themselves out. They are not presenting in all a timeline, I presented a big book to them. So we are missing a lot of information, but with that they told us the DOJ our lawyer we brought in, stated we could continue with the vote because it cancelled itself out. My concern with this, is it's ok, everyone has the right to vote. If you don't want this to go through you can vote no to. I am not here to persuade you one way or the other. But my concern is, you're putting a stop to all solar from NTUA, whether that project happens, whether we have a small solar that benefits the community. You're negating it, and everything is lumped into one. This should have been broken down into 3 areas of resolutions, make 3 different resolutions, one NO to big solar, No to whatever these situations work. But you all lumped it into one, I don't think this is a right resolution for us to do a lump sum because clearly this is not a lump sum situation. That is just my saying, there is a lot more that we don't know, we don't have in front of us. It's not being presented in front of us so please keep that in mind before you vote to support this resolution. Again, your vote is your vote but they are saying "all" solar. There is no money coming to the Navajo Nation anymore, we pay sales taxes from the tour businesses that come to help us with community projects and everything. They would be getting revenue from leasing, from getting that land. But that is not up to us, that's what we voted for with our president to take care of. Irene turned time to vote on this resolution. Vangie thanked the community for voting and said she didn't encourage anyone to come vote for this and indicated that her sister Modesta is currently illegally grazing within the location the Solar Project has been proposed. My sister Modesta does not have a grazing permit. Michelle Alex indicated she had offered to sell Modesta some grazing units and she refused. Modesta stood up to say something but the meeting was adjourned by Irene Whitekiller.

Irene White killer: "We will challenge it"

Sponsor: Modesta Tsiniginnie

Motion: Annie Littleman

Favor: 39

Oppose: 10

Second: Dorothy Trujillo

Abstain: 5

10. LeChee Chapter Staff and Officials Report: (4 minutes allotment time per report)

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

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

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- e. St Mary's Food Bank
- f. PUSD - Spring Break

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12. Adjournment: @ 7:40 pm, Irene Whitekiller. ADJOURN MTG....

Sponsor: Irene Whitekiller

Motion:

Second:

Favor

Oppose

Abstain

Thank you for your attendance, safe travel home.

*Minnette Roundstar*

Complete by Minnette R., on Thursday 03/13/2025