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## LeChee Chapter Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 12, 2026, 5:00 pm Page

1. Meeting called to order: 5:14 PM **Irene Whitekiller**
2. Invocation: **Moment of silence**
3. Roll call: **Holly Phillips**
4. Review and Adoption of the January 12, 2026 Regular Chapter Meeting Agenda.  
Sponsor: Holly Phillips  
Motion to add Judge Barnes on to the Agenda under Reports and Presentations 7h. Add Resolution  
Motion: Yvonne Bigman Second: Dennis Tsosie  
Favor : 25 Oppose: 0 Abstain: 1
5. Review and Adoption of the December 8, 2025 Regular Chapter Meeting Minutes.  
Sponsor: Holly Phillips  
Motion: Denise Tsosie Second: Yvonne Bigman  
Favor : 23 Oppose: 0 Abstain: 3
6. Review Financial Report: Month of November and December 2025.  
Sponsor: Holly Phillips  
Motion: Roberta Lyons Second: Yvonne Bigman  
Favor : 28 Oppose: 0 Abstain: 1
7. Reports and Presentation: (5 minutes time limit per subject):
  - a. Council Delegate **Helena Nez Begay/LDA Tom Franklin Jr.**  
Happy New Year! Delegate and LDA have been out in the field for other chapters. ARPA and Bathroom projects have been zero'd out.
  - b. Tuba City Regional Hospital Board of Directors **Lyonel Tso**  
Verbal update: Echo Cliffs is on target to be completed in May 2026, there was a hiccup with the water however this has been remedied. Jobs will be the next target to fulfill and job openings/postings will be provided to the community. The open target date is on schedule for October 2026. The LeChee Clinic does not feel comfortable to close right away, the Pharmacy will stay open due to its load of business, to keep the clinic open numbers need to be run to see if the benefits outweigh the costs. A closure is not imminent as information still needs to be provided.  
Eye Clinic: Board members were provided a presentation and a tour of the Tuba City Eye Care Services. Tuba City has an ophthalmologist to diagnose eye ailments. It is a process to get into the clinic and this is being addressed to prevent turning people away.  
Arizona Tribal Nations in Phoenix and the Board members will be there the next three days.

Questions/Comments:

A community member asks where the doctors come from, and who works on Cataracts. Lyonel reports treatment occurs in Tuba City. Renee Tsosie brings up the past lease agreement this will need to be amended to reflect the pharmacy. Lyonel comments that as of now, everything will remain the same. February 27th will be a leadership conference in Tuba City.

c. LeChee Veteran Committee Lyonel Tso, Michelle Alex  
The Veterans Committee had agreed to occur bi-monthly and the next meeting will be held in February. Michelle will be resigning from the current Secretary position, prior to living she will be ordering veterans jackets. The financial assistance has been expended. Veterans and Surviving spouses include 64.

d. Glen Canyon Outdoor Academy Niki Jaborski, School Liaison  
GCOA is a free outdoor learning academy servicing grades kindergarten through 8th grade. 40% or more of outdoor learning is the focus. This year the soccer team was the runner up. This year will be the first year for the Basketball program. January 23rd is open house for GCOA. Meals are catered meals.  
Open Enrollment is open now.  
Community member comment on children who struggle to learn in the classroom, and wish this was a school when he was in school. GCOA offers the following clubs: Running, American Sign Language, Writing, Cooking, Native American and Business.

e. Liver Cancer and Diabetes Prevention NAU/UofA Roberta Lyons  
Verbal and written report/update provided.  
\$500 Branding Contest open to any person in the community as long as you are registered in the Western Agency.  
HelloHeart tracks blood pressure and Liver Cancer and Diabetes prevention tracks liver scans.

f. Planning and Zoning Update CLUP C Member  
Planning and Zoning has two open positions, Patricia Benally and Ray Dougi. Ray introduces himself and his interest in this position. Ray read his letter out loud. (Letter Provided to Chapter). A resolution will be presented at the next Regular meeting to vote Ray in.  
Renee provides updates on upcoming events around the Land Use Plan. Two Public hearings will be held in February and March to review maps and updated Land Use Plan. During this process community members can provide feedback.

g. PUSD School District Yvonne Yazzie  
Yvonne is not present, however, she will be stepping away as the Indian Education Representative and this position is now open. If you are interested please contact the Chapter house for information on how to apply.

h. Page Magistrate Court Judge Barnes  
Running for Judge for a second term and support is appreciated. Judge Barnes provides updates on programs such as drug court and eliminating warrants.  
Statistics information provided. Judge Barnes wants to work with people and is very open to communication to find solutions.  
Community members ask about the statistics, Judge Barnes reports that this jurisdiction is in the Page area.



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8. OLD BUSINESS: No Old Business

9. NEW BUSINESS:

a. RESOLUTION LC01122026A THE LECHEE CHAPTER OF THE NAVAJO NATION APPROVING THE CHAPTER GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET FOR BUILDING USAGE RENTAL SERVICE AND SPACE RENTAL PROVIDED.

Sponsor: Renee Tsosie

Motion: Elizabeth Nez

Second: Yvonee Bigman

Favor : 31

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 1

b. RESOLUTION LC01122026B THE LECHEE CHAPTER ACCEPTS AND APPROVES THE UNHEALTHY JUNK FOOD TAX BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$29,847.00 FOR PROMOTION OF HEALTHY LIVING STYLE FOR LECHEE CHAPTER COMMUNITY.

Sponsor: Renee Tsosie

Motion: Roberta Lyons

Second: Yvonne Bigman

Favor : 32

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 1

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

a. President Irene Nez Whitekiller

There is going to be an update plan for NNDA and BIA. Madam President has been assisting families with funerals in the past week and encourages family members to be there for their elders.

b. Vice-President Herman Pioche

Written report provided.

c. Secretary/Treasurer Holly Phillips

Flyers provided for posting.

d. Grazing Official Tyler Manson

Not Present.

e. Chapter Manager Renee Tsosie

The bathroom is being completed for the by community member/plumber Jerry Tso. Wood has been good and bad, this program has been for elders, veterans and single family homes and people are saying it is for an elder but then they turn around and sell the wood. This program should not be taken advantage of to eliminate the loss of this program. Food distribution will occur the third Monday of every month. The Senior Center has new doors ordered. Kaibeto does not do wood for their community, LeChee does not say no to Kaibeto or to people that are knowledgeable of these needs.

Sponsor: Holly Phillips

Motion: Robert Lyons

Second: Virginia Whitehorse

Favor : 22

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 1

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

a. LeChee Chapter Regular Meeting	1/12/2026, 5:00 PM
b. Let's Go Lego	1/16/2026 1:00-4:00 PM
c. District Grazing Meeting	1/20/2026
Lechee Chapter House	

12. Adjournment:

Sponsor: [Irene Whitekiller](#)

Motion: Roberta Lyons

Second: Dennis Tsosie

Favor : 21

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 1

Completed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Holly Phillips 1/12/2026