



LeChee Chapter Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 11, 2026, 5:00 pm Day Light Time

1. Invocation: Moment of silence

Reports and Presentation: (5 minutes time limit per subject):

- a. Council Delegate Helena Nez Begay/LDA Tom Franklin Jr.  
Not present.
- b. Tuba City Regional Hospital Board of Directors Lyonel Tso  
Verbal and Written report provided. Echo Cliffs Health Center has a set opening date for October 5th, 2026. They are finally working on employee housing, a total of 92 homes are being provided.  
Community members brought concerns to light on how to provide better care to patients with necessary follow ups.
- c. LeChee Veteran Committee Lyonel Tso, Iva Chee, Michelle Alex  
The Veterans have a new secretary and her name is Patricia Benally, next meeting is June 6th at 1:00 PM MST. Food is always provided and meetings are about 1 to 2 hours.

2. Meeting called to order: 5:39 PM Irene Whitekiller  
3. Roll call: Holly Phillips

4. Review and Adoption of the May 11, 2026 Regular Chapter Meeting Agenda.  
Sponsor: Holly Phillips  
Motion: Roberta Lyons Second: Joanne Pioche  
Favor : 23 Oppose: 0 Abstain: 1

5. Review and Adoption of the April 13, 2026 Regular Chapter Meeting Minutes.  
Sponsor: Holly Phillips  
Motion: Christina Gamble Second: Joanne Pioche  
Favor : 21 Oppose: 0 Abstain: 1

6. Review Financial Report: Month of April 2026.  
Sponsor: Holly Phillips  
Motion: Irmadean Second: Christina Gamble  
Favor : 19 Oppose: 0 Abstain: 1

7. Continues Reports and Presentation: (5 minutes time limit per subject):  
a. Tuba City Regional Corporation Radiation Exposure Kimberly Williams  
Power Point Presentation provided along with mini handouts.  
b. Page Banner Hospital Kate Hunt  
Not present.

- c. Navajo Nation Department of Fish and Wildlife      Howard Leonard  
Not present.
- d. Planning & Zoning Report Update      P&Z Member  
Not present. Planning to present in June 8, 2026
- e. Liver Study Update      Roberta Lyons  
Flyer and verbal update provided. LeChee Chapter was the initial and only chapter that signed up with UofA for this liver study. Due to high liver issues in this area, more funding was provided to our chapter. Currently a few community members have committee to a committee for this project. We have started a walking club in LeChee. To date 70 scans have been completed and we have 30 more to go before we move on to Tuba City.
- f. Candidates Running for Counsel Delegate for District 1. Present platform during the meeting.  
Christopher Curley  
Kimberly Williams
- g. Navajo Department of Health Navajo Uranium Workers Program  
The program provides compensation for affected uranium workers.
- h. Page Unified School District      Sharon Watson  
There is summer school opening of pre-school and elementary school, apply within. Highschool Graduation is next Thursday, you can only have clear bags. The importance of attendance is stressed to parents. Manson Mesa Graduation is Monday.

8. OLD BUSINESS: No Old Business

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. RESOLUTION LC05112026A; APPROVING NAVAJO TRIBAL UTILITY AUTHORITY (NTUA) REQUEST FOR THE USE OF TWO (2) ACRES OF LAND WITHIN THE BOUNDARY OF THE EXISTING LECHEE SUBSTATION TO SUPPORT CURRENT OPERATIONS, FUTURE USE, AND EXPANSION THAT BENEFITS THE COMMUNITY. THE EXPANSION IS TO ACCOMMODATE FUTURE LOAD INCREASES DUE TO ADDITIONAL CUSTOMERS, ENHANCE SYSTEM RELIABILITY, AND INCLUDE A MOBILE SUBSTATION TO MEET LONG TERM COMMUNITY NEEDS.  
Sponsor: Louis Shephard  
Motion: Joanne Pioche      Second: Yvonne Bigman  
Favor : \_\_26\_\_      Oppose: \_\_1\_\_      Abstain: \_\_3\_\_
- b. RESOLUTION LC05112026B; APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 "GAMING REVENUE CARRYOVER FUNDS" BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,009.00.  
Sponsor: Renee Tsosie  
Yvonne Bigman motions to combine Resolution B,C,D and E.  
Motion: Yvonne Bigman      Second: Joann Yazzie-Pioche  
Favor : \_\_21\_\_      Oppose: \_\_0\_\_      Abstain: \_\_1\_\_
- c. RESOLUTION LC05112026C; APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 "GAMING REVENUE FUNDS" BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,762.03.  
Sponsor: Renee Tsosie



Yvonne Bigman motions to combine Resolution B,C,D and E

Motion: Yvonne Bigman Second: Joann Pioche

Favor : \_\_21\_\_ Oppose: \_\_0\_\_ Abstain: \_\_1\_\_

- d. RESOLUTION LC05112026D; SUPPORTING AND APPROVING THE SELECTED POLL OFFICIALS FOR THE 2026 NAVAJO NATION PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTIONS.

Sponsor: Renee Tsosie

Joanne Pioche and Irmadine Charley-Sloan

Yvonne Bigman motions to combine Resolution B,C,D and E.

Motion: Yvonne Bigman Second: Joann Pioche

Favor : \_\_21\_\_ Oppose: \_\_0\_\_ Abstain: \_\_1\_\_

- e. RESOLUTION LC05112026E; ACCEPTS AND APPROVES CHRISTINA GAMBLE TO APPLY FOR GRANTS ON BEHALF OF THE LECHEE CHAPTER.

Sponsor: Christina Gamble

Yvonne Bigman motions to combine Resolution B,C,D and E.

Motion: Yvonne Bigman Second: Joann Pioche

Favor : \_\_21\_\_ Oppose: \_\_0\_\_ Abstain: \_\_1\_\_

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

a. President

Irene Nez Whitekiller

4/17/2026; Attended the TCRHCC Board Meeting at Tuba City at Hogan Restaurant. Starting in May 2026,they will start a survey connected to people's well being in the community.

4/21/2026; Attended the Spring Session. Presented the Page High School Champions for Recognition.

4/22/2026; Chapter forum at Page USD District Office Board Room.

Topic 1 - Business Management and Federal Grants. JOM - Review Title Funds and other funding. Sources - Stronger Connection Grants.

Individual with Disabilities Educations

Career and Technical Education

Topic 2 - Student information graduation growth rate, attendance, drop out rate; ELA proficiency Rate. Enrollment, free reduce lunch count (Navajo).

Topic 3 - Review Program and Services for students. Navajo Language courses, Parents Course Program (school growth, student growth).

Invited PUSD to attend District 1 council in June 2026.

May 1, 2026 TCRCC meeting with CEO Walter and Mr. Young at the LeChee Chapter.

b. Vice-President

Herman Pioche

Provided written report.

c. Secretary/Treasurer

Holly Phillips

d. Grazing Official

Tyler Manson

e. Chapter Manager

Renee Tsosie

Sponsor: Holly Phillips

Motion for written reports.

Did not present.

11. Announcements: (are subject to change)

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| a. Regular Chapter Meeting                          | 5/11/2026 5:00 PM      |
| b. District Grazing Meeting                         |                        |
| c. Bingo Night                                      | 5/20/2026 4:30-6:30 PM |
| d. Page High School Graduation                      | 5/21/2026 7:00 PM MST  |
| e. St. Mary's Food Distribution (Volunteers Needed) | 5/18/2026              |
| f. Situational Awareness Training (LeChee Chapter)  | 5/27/2026 5:00 PM      |
| g. Youth Movie Night                                | 5/28/2026 4:30-6:30 PM |
| h. District 1 Meeting (Lechee Chapter)              | 6/10/2026 10:00 AM     |
| i. Western Agency Meeting (Ojato Chapter)           | 6/13/2026              |
| j. 2026 Navajo Nation Primary Election              | 7/21/2026              |
| k. Announcement for NN Election Poll Officials      |                        |

12. Adjournment: 7:23 PM

Sponsor: [Irene Whitekiller](#)

Motion: Roberta Lyons

Second: Christina Gamble

Favor :   20  

Oppose:   0  

Abstain:   1  

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

Holly Phillips 5/12/2026