



LeChee Chapter Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 10, 2026, 5:00 pm Day Light Time

1. Meeting called to order: 5:25 PM [Irene Whitekiller](#)
2. Invocation: [Irene Whitekiller](#)
3. Roll call: Holly Phillips
4. Review and Adoption of the August 10, 2026 Chapter Planning Meeting Agenda.
Sponsor: Holly Phillips
Motion: Roberta Lyons Second: Irma Dean
Add Resolution and update reports and presentations.
Favor : 22 Oppose: 0 Abstain: 2

Announcement:

“SAFETY MESSAGE; BE AWARE OF THE EXTREME HEAT, WATCH OVER KIDS. KEEP YOU HEAD COOL AND SEEK SHADE AND DRINK WATER.” Herman Pioche

If you need emergency assistance for water contact the chapter for help. Holly Phillips

The heat is intense this whole week at heat predictions of 104 and higher. Make sure they are taking care of your animals and livestock. Dress in cool clothes, cotton and long sleeves. Think safety first.

Irene Whitekiller

5. Review and Adoption of the July 13, 2026 Chapter Regular Meeting Minutes.
Sponsor: Holly Phillips
Motion: Roberta Lyons Second: Irma Dean
Favor : 20 Oppose: 0 Abstain: 2
6. Review Financial Report: Month of July 2026.
Sponsor: Holly Phillips
Why is the money not being spent? How can we use some of this unhealthy food tax and pep funds? Maybe training.
Motion: Irma Dean Second: Ray Dugi
Favor : 24 Oppose: 0 Abstain: 2
7. Reports and Presentation: (5 minutes time limit per subject):
 - a. Voter Registration Ray Daw
Spoke to the audience prior to the meeting called to order. Primary election is coming up and you can now register to vote for the upcoming election, October 5th is the final day to register to vote. Certain documents are required to register. Early voting is October 7th. A

mobile unit will be available to register you to vote at different locations, ballots will be available.

Community members asked for information to be updated on the website. And how to update information. Ray will provide contact information 928-283-6144.

b. Council Delegate

Helena Nez Begay/LDA Tom Franklin Jr.

Working in Tonaleah to fix roads after the last rainstorm. August 19th LeChee will host all five chapters to establish an emergency plan. N21 road from Kaibeto to the first windmill, the MOU has been signed and will move forward for signing, Coconino county will be doing the work.

The secretary asks if the chapter levels will be supported by our delegate to be enforced.

Tyler mentions 4 opposing resolutions for a proposed business and the company is trying to get in through a back door process.

Community member what is the update on the water project from Kaibeto on highway 89. LDA reports he was provided a resolution for the madam delegate for tomorrow's meeting and will not speak on her behalf. He will look for the other resolutions to take as well. To the community member he provides an update that money needs to be obtained to do the project and right of ways need to be resigned.

c. Tuba City Regional Hospital Board of Directors Lyonel Tso

Updates are pretty much the same, construction is almost the same. Written report provided. The LeChee Clinic funding comes out of Tuba City but will be routed to Echo Cliffs, the Clinic will remain open 5 days a week. We are going to look at the numbers in 6 months and compare them to operational costs. Utilize the clinic to keep the clinic. Pharmacy will stay open as it was never an issue.

Community suggestions.

Can we get pediatrics on Friday? Holly Phillips

Can we get Walk-In services for the Clinic? Regina Riggs

Cancellation lists.

How come there aren't creative processes in place and what are the negative ramifications that this may affect employee morale, LeChee should especially have a say so.

Answer by Mr. Curly; A lot of services were specialty services, and this required more money.

Recommendation to get a letter to the board members to be heard.

d. LeChee Veteran Committee

Lyonel Tso

If you know a veteran, they took all the left over veteran money and put it into one pot. If a veteran did not receive this funding they can apply and need to utilize it before the end of the year. The next Veteran meeting is 10/3/2026.

e. Page Banner Health

Katelynn Hunt

Banner Health is a community partner, not competition. Banner Health is here for the City of Page and community partners, we want to bridge any gaps or unmet needs. Sara Payl is a new provider for Banner Clinic, started in February, started with IHS. Specialty in OB care.



Hospital Aaron Goodson, been in Page 14 years this month. Both trained in pediatrics and adults.

Community CHR; Concern with Banner, there is a cultural divide, a gap between children living a harder life as opposed to non native children, broken bones and getting CPS called on them or misdiagnosis. Can you help when families don't have insurance? PRC is taken by Page Banner. We focus on cultural competency. Bring concerns to us so we can work on these issues and bad experiences.

Ray, the way Banner works hand in hand with veterans is great and we thank you very much. Madam president, thank you for helping Zion's Way and always have an open bed.

Katie, it is a huge mission for Banner Health to be culturally competent. There are Navajo Interpreters.

f. Our Body, Our Life, our Culture

Roberta Lyons

Our Goal was to hit 150 scans and we hit our goal last month, thank you to all the community members that participated in the study and provided feedback about the study. Dixie Antelope Canyon provided a tour to the Doctors and employees for an employee retreat. 50% of our community members have fatty livers. 60% of community members are not working out enough to get their heart rate up, try to walk twice a week with high fiber foods. Going to come back next month with numbers. Some community members are now sober and have made significant changes.

g. Chris Curly, present with Wife Shawn and their two sons. Just wanted to say Hello.

h. TCRHCC Community Health Assessment

Krishanya Smith

CHA, Community Health Assessment, for the LeChee area, we need to complete 64 surveys. Information is provided to the Chapters.

Rose, What did you do differently from the last survey to know? What did you do with the DATA.

Answer, our boss revises the survey and specifically shortened the survey. It mainly asks about demographics.

Lyonel reports that the Board listens to the surveys.

i. Page Unified School District

Sharon Watson

Started our 2nd week of school. Close to 50 students have been identified as homeless. August 27th mother son ice cream social free ice cream, this is open to the public. I am now a part of the City of Page Substance Abuse Task Force. Putting a hold on donations, too many items that need to be given away.

j. Justice of The Peace

Judge Barnes

Written report provided.

Community Member, reports mistreatment between natives and tourists. There are different sensors and it runs your license plate, then PD are dispatched to go check the vehicle, but the person cannot be pulled over unless a traffic crime is pulled over.

k. "Yideeskaadi Hozhooii" Treatment Center Update

Roselyn Tso

There is an Alcohol treatment facility in Phoenix; a 91 bed treatment facility. 100% run and sponsored by Navajo. I am advocating for border towns to work with this treatment center. If we have a relative that is ready for care we provide them an option. I came from a substance abuse family, 5 of my siblings were buried too soon because of alcohol.

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

a. President

Irene Nez Whitekiller

Meet and Greet for Navajo Nation. Heat Wave, take care of yourself, be ready for winter. Take care of your animals.

b. Vice-President

Herman Pioche

Written report. Verbal update on water treatment plant and water line. Attended the Summer Session in Window Rock, road horse with Helena Nez. Also, attended the Page attainment meeting, 3rd graders are not improving and second graders need help. LeChee has books for children that need it.

c. Secretary/Treasurer

Holly Phillips

NHA Housing Reading Program

Emergency funding

Community project.

Recommend Sue Yellowman. Only for 2 and 3rd graders. Emergency Funds, are you going to buy units for elders.

d. Grazing Official

Tyler Manson

e. Chapter Manager

Renee Tsosie

Water Outage is Wednesday August 12th 8pm to 1 am. Written Report provided.

Sponsor: Holly Phillips

Motion: Roberta Lyons

Second: Yvonne Bigman

Favor : __25__

Oppose: __0__

Abstain: __1__

9. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. RESOLUTION 07132026C; SUPPORTING AND APPROVING THE LAND WITHDRAWAL OF TWO (2) ACRES THAT IS OFF OF THE NAVAJO ROUTE 20 AROUND MILEPOST 38. ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE ROAD, FOR BUSINESS SITE LEASE ON LANDS WITHIN THE LECHEE CHAPTER FOR COMMERCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, FOR LORETTA GOATSON-DODSON, OWNER/OPERATOR OF THE BUSINESS Nilchi Tse'Kooh, LLC.

Sponsor: Loretta Goatson-Dodson

Motion: Virgie Whitehorse

Second: Renee Tsosie

Favor : __30__

Oppose: __0__

Abstain: __1__



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10. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. RESOLUTION LC08102026A; THE OFFICIAL STATEMENT FROM LECHEE CHAPTER FORMERLY DECLARING A BAN OF EXPENSIVE, ENERGY-INTENSIVE DATA CENTERS ON THE NAVAJO NATION TO PERMANENTLY SAFEGUARD OUR SACRED LANDS, WATERWAYS, LIVESTOCK RANCHERS, AND TRADITIONAL FARMERS FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS.

Sponsor: Holly Phillips

Motion: Irma Dean

Second: Loretta Dotson

Favor : __28__

Oppose: __0__

Abstain: __1__

- B. RESOLUTION LC08102026B; THE OFFICIAL STATEMENT FROM LECHEE CHAPTER OPPOSING BOTH PROPOSED NAVAJO TRIBAL UTILITY AUTHORITY (NTUA) WATER AND WASTEWATER RATE ADJUSTMENT SCENARIOS (SCENARIO 1 AND SCENARIO 2) THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 2029; FORMALLY ACKNOWLEDGING COMMUNITY PETITION OPPOSITION; AND DEMANDING INFRASTRUCTURE COMPLIANCE, CORPORATE TRANSPARENCY, AND THE PRIORITIZATION OF AVAILABLE FEDERAL FUNDING.

Sponsor: Holly Phillips

Motion: Irma Dean

Second: Ray Dugi

Favor : __27__

Oppose: __0__

Abstain: __1__

- C. RESOLUTION LC08102026C; SUPPORTING AND APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR ANTELOPE HOGAN CANYON TOURS, LLC., WITHIN THE LECHEE VICINITY, ARIZONA

Sponsor: Richardson Etsitty

Motion: Irma Dean

Second: Ray Dugi

Favor : __27__

Oppose: __0__

Abstain: __1__

D.

Sponsor: Roberta Lyons

Motion: Yvonne Bigman

Second: Loretta Goatson

Favor : __27__

Oppose: __0__

Abstain: __1__

11. Announcements: (are subject to change)

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| a. | Regular Chapter Meeting | 8/10/2026 5:00 PM |
| b. | Navajo Code Talker Day | 8/14/2026 |
| c. | District Grazing Meeting (LeChee Chapter) | 8/19/2026 10:00 AM |
| d. | St. Mary's Food Distribution
(Volunteers Needed) | 8/24/2026 TBD |

12. Adjournment:

Sponsor: [Irene Whitekiller](#)

Motion: Irma Dean

Second: Yvonne Bigman

Favor : __26__

Oppose: __0__

Abstain: __1__

Completed by: _____

Holly Phillips 8/7/2026