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LeChee Chapter Planning Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 8, 2026, 4:00 pm Day Light Time

1. Meeting called to order: 3:55 PM Irene Whitekiller
2. Invocation: Irene Whitekiller
3. Roll call: Holly Phillips

4. Review and Adoption of the September 8, 2026 Chapter Planning Meeting Agenda.
Add written safety message from Herman Pioche to announcements. Add Resolution D under section 10.
Sponsor: Holly Phillips
Motion: Herman Pioche Second: Holly Phillips
Favor : 2 Oppose: 0 Abstain: 1

5. Review and Adoption of the August 3, 2026 Chapter Planning Meeting Minutes.
Sponsor: Holly Phillips
Motion: Holly Phillips Second: Herman Pioche
Favor : 2 Oppose: 0 Abstain: 1

6. Review Financial Report: Month of August 2026.
Sponsor: Holly Phillips
Review and sign by 9/8/2026.
Motion: Holly Phillips Second: Herman Pioche
Favor : 2 Oppose: 0 Abstain: 1

7. Reports and Presentation: (5 minutes time limit per subject):
 - A. Council Delegate Helena Nez Begay/LDA Tom Franklin Jr.
 - B. Tuba City Regional Hospital Board of Directors Lyonel Tso
 - C. LeChee Veterans Committee Lyonel Tso
 - D. LeChee Planning and Zoning Committee Ray Dugi
 - E. PUSD Sharon Watson
 - F. Our Body, Our Life, our Culture Roberta Lyons
 - G. Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission Darlene Womochil

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

a. President

Attended the IHS meeting

b. Vice President

Listened to CPMD and CIP virtual meeting. Questions on what LeChee projects are and where they are at getting funds. Arizona Government Tourism Conference in tourism. Tourism is down. Tour operators were recognized from LeChee. Light pollution, nocturnal animals need natural habitat with no light. Economic 101, LeChee is making a lot of money for the tribe.

c. Secretary Treasurer

Update on community house project, support business at RDC but was kicked out of the meeting. Light up Navajo and NTUA.

d. Grazing official

Not present.

e. Chapter Manager

Scholarships, 18 were given out, 36 applicant's total. Significantly lower budget from \$812,741.63 to \$672,405.18. I attended a meeting in Window Rock for the senior center.

9. OLD BUSINESS: No old business.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

A. RESOLUTION LC09142026A; THE OFFICIAL STATEMENT FROM LECHEE CHAPTER OPPOSING THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE OF THE 25TH NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL-SECOND YEAR, 2024. (RDCMA-13-24) SPECIFICALLY APPOSING SECTION TWO G), H) 1 AND 2 AND I). THE AMENDMENTS UNDERMINE CHAPTER GOVERNANCE AND TAKE AWAY LAWFUL AUTHORITY FROM THE CHAPTER AND ITS COMMUNITY. FORMALLY ACKNOWLEDGING COMMUNITY PETITION OPPOSITION; AND DEMANDING THE REMOVAL OF SUCH AUTHORITY FROM THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE TO NOT UNDERMINE CHAPTER GOVERNANCE AND TO ALLOW THE PEOPLE OF THE LECHEE CHAPTER COMMUNITY TO HAVE THE DECISION ON WHAT BUSINESSES SHALL BE DEVELOPED IN THE LECHEE CHAPTER BOUNDARIES.

Sponsor: Holly Phillips

Motion: Holly Phillips

Second: Herman Pioche

Favor : __2__

Oppose: __0__

Abstain: __1__

B. RESOLUTION LC09142026B; THE LECHEE CHAPTER IS FORMALLY REQUESTING FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE ABANDONED NAVAJO GENERATING STATION RAILWAY, TO BE DISMANTLED AND REMOVED SO THE LAND CAN BE RESSTORED TO IT NATURAL STATE OF VEGETATION FOR GRAZING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY.

Sponsor: Holly Phillips



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Motion: Holly Phillips

Second: Herman Pioche

Favor : __2__

Oppose: __0__

Abstain: __1__

- C. RESOLUTION LC09142026C; THE LECHEE CHAPTER IS FORMALLY REQUESTING TO BE GRANTED THE UNOCCUPIED NAVAJO GENERATING STATION WAREHOUSE AND ITS IMMEDIATE AREA FOR THE EXPANSION OF LECHEE COMMUNITY FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES.**

Sponsor: Holly Phillips

Motion: Holly Phillips

Second: Herman Pioche

Favor : __2__

Oppose: __0__

Abstain: __1__

- D. RESOLUTION LC09142026D; APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 “GENERAL FUND CARRYOVER FUNDS” BUDGET INTO THE FISCAL YEAR 2027 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$674,405.18.**

Sponsor: Renee Tsosie

Motion: Herman Pioche

Second: Holly Phillips

Favor : __2__

Oppose: __0__

Abstain: __1__

11. Announcements: (are subject to change)

- A. Safety Message: “WATCH YOUR STEP, WATCH YOUR FOOTING, AND BE AWARE OF TRIPPING HAZARDS. STAY SAFE AND DON’T RUSH.”
- B. Chapter Planning Meeting 9/8/2026 4:00 PM
- C. Regular Chapter Meeting 9/14/2026 5:00 PM
- D. NHA Home Owners Meeting/Information 9/17-9/18
- E. St. Mary’s Food Distribution 9/28/2026 TBD
(Volunteers Needed)

13. Adjournment: 5:20 PM

Sponsor: [Irene Whitekiller](#)

Motion: Holly Phillips

Second: Herman Pioche

Favor : __2__

Oppose: __0__

Abstain: __1__

Completed by: _____

Holly Phillips 9/10/2026