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LeChee Chapter Planning Meeting Minutes  
Monday, October 5, 2026, 4:00 pm Day Light Time

1. Meeting called to order: 4:23 PM [Irene Whitekiller](#)
2. Invocation: [Irene Whitekiller](#)
3. Roll call: Holly Phillips
  
4. Review and Adoption of the October 5, 2026 Chapter Planning Meeting Agenda.  
Sponsor: Holly Phillips  
Motion: Holly Phillips Second: Herman Pioche  
Favor :   2   Oppose:   0   Abstain:   1
  
5. Review and Adoption of the September 8, 2026 Chapter Planning Meeting Minutes.  
Sponsor: Holly Phillips  
Motion: Herman Pioche Second: Holly Phillips  
Favor :   2   Oppose:   0   Abstain:   1
  
6. Review Financial Report: Month of September 2026.  
Motion by Holly Phillips to review by Friday.  
Sponsor: Holly Phillips  
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. PUSD Sharon Watson
  - d. Our Body Our Life Our Culture Roberta Lyons
  - e. Coconino County Workforce Development Board Joann Yazzie-Pioche
  
8. OLD BUSINESS:
  - A. RESOLUTION LC06082026A; RESOLUTION OF THE LECHEE CHAPTER APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE LECHEE CHAPTER UPDATED AND REVISED COMMUNITY-BASED LAND USE PLAN AND REQUESTING THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE TO GRANT CERTIFICATION OF THE COMMUNITY LAND USE PLAN PURSUANT TO N.N.C. TITLE 26 LOCAL GOVERNANCE ACT.  
Sponsor: Michelle Alex/Jessica Tso

Motion: Holly Phillips

Second: Herman Pioche

Favor : \_\_2\_\_

Oppose: \_\_0\_\_

Abstain: \_\_1\_\_

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. RESOLUTION LC10122026A: APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 "GENERAL FUND CARRYOVER FUNDS" BUDGET INTO THE FISCAL YEAR 2027 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,009.00.

Sponsor: Renee Tsosie

The Carry over will be added to number 12 stipends fund. \$150.00 for agency Meetings. \$150.00 for District Meetings. \$500.00 for Planning Meetings and \$500.00 for Regular Chapter Meetings.

Motion: Holly Phillips

Second: Herman Pioche

Favor : \_\_2\_\_

Oppose: \_\_0\_\_

Abstain: \_\_1\_\_

- B. RESOLUTION LC10122026B: APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE AMENDED FISCAL YEAR 2026 "GENERAL FUND CARRYOVER FUNDS" BUDGET INTO THE FISCAL YEAR 2027 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$623,531.06.

Sponsor: Renee Tsosie

Motion: Holly Phillips

Second: Herman Pioche

Favor : \_\_2\_\_

Oppose: \_\_0\_\_

Abstain: \_\_1\_\_

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

a. President

Irene Nez Whitekiller

10/2/206 attended the Echo Cliffs grand opening. President Nigren was present and gave thanks and acknowledgement for all the persons involved in the Echo Cliffs process. Children Incorporation paid for 40 students and staff to attend Tuba City Fair to enjoy the carnival. Their sponsors do a lot for students. On Saturday, Miss Welch won Miss Western Navajo Agency.

b. Vice-President

Herman Pioche

B4 construction pipeline is still in construction and is moving into that water building. I attended the attainment meeting, for children who are struggling with reading, children are still struggling. NHA housing event, I learned you should not be selling this home that was given to you. I attended the District and Agency meeting. We continue to work together and respect one another. Truck drivers are being closely inspected and monitored for illegal activities. NPD voiced that the worst places to patrol are in Pinion, Leupp, and Bitter Springs. Bear sittings are being monitored and tracked because two lambs were attached. Visited the bathroom addition and it is about 80% complete. Water breakage from 10/4/2026, we had to actually sit down with NTUA to be able to isolate water loss.

Renee Recommends that council to meet with NTUA about water breakage parts that they leave behind.

c. Secretary/Treasurer

Holly Phillips

The community house project is about 50% complete on the exterior.



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d. Grazing Official Tyler Manson

e. Chapter Manager Renee Tsosie

The chapter will be closed on 11/3/2026 for NN Election. PEP we have workers. Reviewing financial assistance applications. Tuba City Fair with the upcoming weekend starting Thursday. I did visit Jerry Esplain house. His sheetrock and roof are caving in. Can one of you reach out to NTUA to get a system in place to turn the valve to stop leakage (point of contact person).

Hardship Assistance on 10/7-10/8 in Tuba City for 75 years or older.

Community members request to change the time of the meetings, and state that the times were changed without the community involved.

The Secretary states that the times and dates were voted in a resolution and has been these dates and times for the 2026 year. For the upcoming 2027 year the change of time will be discussed for the planning meetings.

The president states she is trying to be fair and compares other chapters having planning meetings earlier in the day and also takes into consideration the chapter workers.

Sponsor: Holly Phillips

Motion: Holly Phillips

Second: Herman Pioche

Favor : \_\_2\_\_

Oppose: \_\_0\_\_

Abstain: \_\_1\_\_

11. Announcements: (are subject to change)

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|------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| a. Chapter Planning Meeting              | 10/5/2026 4:00 PM       |
| b. It's Story Time                       | 10/6 & 10/20 6:30 PM    |
| c. NN Poll Training                      | 10/7/2026 10:00-12:00   |
| d. Good Vibes Night                      | 10/8 & 10/22 5-6:30 PM  |
| e. Indigenous People's Day               | 10/12/2026              |
| f. Regular Chapter Meeting               | 10/12/2026 5:00 PM      |
| g. Food Demo NN Special Diabetes Program | 10/15/2026 5-6:30 PM    |
| h. Justin Jones Meet and Greet           | 10/19/2026 4:00-8:00 PM |
| i. St. Mary's Food Distribution          | 10/26/2026 TBD          |
| (Volunteers Needed)                      |                         |

12. Adjournment: 6:40 PM

Sponsor: [Irene Whitekiller](#)

Motion: Holly Phillips

Second: Herman Pioche

Favor : \_\_2\_\_

Oppose: \_\_0\_\_

Abstain: \_\_1\_\_