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LeChee Chapter

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LeChee Chapter Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 9, 2026, 5:00 p.m.

(NOTE: WE ARE NO LONGER ON DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME - ALL MEETINGS WILL STAY ON MOUNTAIN STANDARD TIME/PAGE TIME UNTIL DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME STARTS NEXT YEAR)

1. Meeting called to order: 5:20 PM — Irene Whitekiller
2. Invocation: — Regina Riggs
3. Roll call: — Holly Phillips

4. Review and Adoption of the November 9, 2026 Regular Meeting Agenda.
   Sponsor: Holly Phillips
   Changes: 5. Need to be changed from Planning Meeting Minutes to reflect "Regular Chapter Meeting Minutes."
   Additions: 7. E. Raven from The Indigenous Pathways Project would like to present. 10. C. add resolution LC11092026C: RESOLUTION OF THE PARTNERSHIP FOR NATIVE AMERICAN CANCER PREVENTION (NACP), A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY (NAU) AND THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA (UA) TO CONDUCT A TWO-YEAR FEASIBILITY STUDY TITLED, "NOURISHING LIVER HEALTH: AN INDIGENOUS FOOD IS MEDICINE APPROACH TO MASLD PREVENTION AND TREATMENT IN NAVAJO NATION" IN THE LECHEE COMMUNITY AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES.
   Motion: Yvonne Bigman — Second: Christina Gamble
   Favor : __17___ Oppose: ___0__ Abstain: __2__

5. Review and Adoption of the October 14, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes.
   Sponsor: Holly Phillips
   Motion: Yvonne Bigman — Second: Chrisitna Gamble
   Favor : __21__ Oppose:__0___ Abstain: __2_

6. Review Financial Report: Month of October 2026.
   Sponsor: Holly Phillips
   Motion: Yvonne Bigman — Second: Virginia Whitehorse
   Yvonne requests the chapter manager to go over the budget. Renee reports on recent expenditures and a new trailer and W.I.N.D. report is being reviewed. Regina requests more detailed information on Code 40 and how it can be used. Renee states it can be used on healthy food, classes, it just can't be spent on unhealthy things ei, junk food.
   Irvin reports on concerns with his homesite lease.
   Favor : __26__ Oppose:__0__ Abstain: __2__

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

   Read Lionel's report to community members.

   Damon Nockideneh informs the community that their is a Free vending machine in front of the clinic that include many basic necessities such as socks, diabers, covid home tests, baby wipes, early detection pregnancy, fentanyl test strips, condoms, lice cream rinse, hats and gloves and so much more. These are free to the public and the vending machine is user friendly.

   c. PUSD — Sharon Watson

   Children incorporated funding has increased. More funding for underprivileged families. Monthly stipends are provided and the stipend is paid out every three months. 60 kids get sponsored from our district. Looking for younger children and Manson Mesa students for enrollment. Mckenny Vento Program, very important to know this information because children who are homeless get support and specific mandates protect homeless students. Last year 140 students were identified as homeless and this year we only have part of the challenge is we didn't get out like we have been able to in previous years. Wheel Fun Program focuses on 5th and 6th grade students who are a part of the bike club and received new bikes. The point is trying to keep them in a positive mindset and active. We took 45 students from Manson Mesa and Page High School to kids day in Tuba City Fair "kids Day". Sponsored ice cream social and bbq for the PHS homecoming bonfire. We were able to advocate for more funding from the school district for the Page Substance Abuse Task Force to be used on red ribbon week, and we were granted $12,000.00.

   Manson Mesa Graduation December 16th at 5:00PM. 11 are graduating. Basketball starts next week. On the board for

   d. Planning and Zoning — Ray Dugi

   Planning and Zoning Meeting on Thursday November 12 at 5:00 PM. Planning zoning recognizes that a lot of improvements are needed in our Community.

   Community members asked whether the NHA housing road needs to be fixed.

   Holly informs community about how NHA works and is intended to work but

   A community member asks whether a public road "Red Sand Road" needs to be addressed. Holly asked Renee if that road is on the radar to be addressed and Renee replied "yes".

   Lavern reports that her daughter used to travel that road a lot for work in Tuba City and she called NDOT and filled out a report online and they are going to fix it. Lavern points out to "Get a work order."

   e. The Indigenous Pathways Project — Raven

   We are doing research on energy impacts and energy usage with native communities. We will be doing group discussions this winter. We will provide food and you will be compensated $50.00. 10 focus groups in each agency 60 to 100 people.

   Damien asks where we can find information on this project.

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

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a. President Irene Nez Whitekiller

10/26/26 Chapter Emergency Meeting @ LeChee for District 1

10/28/26 Attended City Hall spoke on behalf of LeChee and Surrounding Chapter Concerning Data Center.

10/23/26 Meeting at LeChee Chapter about the old NGS Site. Need to work on Land Withdrawal.

11/9/26 The Week of October 19-23 chapter administration on meeting to keep each other updated- during the emergency flooding issues.

Antelope Point Marina is being succeeded by Navajo Hospitality Enterprises. We met with them and the Antelope Point Marina workers.

b. Vice-President Herman Pioche

Written Report Provided.

c. Secretary/Treasurer Holly Phillips

Thanksgiving offer through Walmart App Thanksgiving for 10 people. Input Code Double10.

The reading club that is held by Roberta Lyons has not had very much participation, and everyone who has children struggling to read come and join. The Sobriety Clubs have been very beneficial for community members and are opening social circles for people trying to stay clean.

A community member asks about the shirts that are supposed to be given to walking club members.

Holly states she will inquire for the shirts.

Community House project update, Nearly 75% complete. Thank you to all the companies that have contributed monetary donations and materials to make this possible. I have heard a lot of gossip going around about the project and all I can do is encourage you to go to the source as spreading false information can be hurtful and discouraging to those who are donating time and resources to such a meaningful project.

Holly reminds people to stop spreading gossip as to matters that they are not familiar with as it causes harm to morale. Several false information has been spread around as to the house project and people that have no clue on what is going on are spreading the information. If someone has questions or concerns they are encouraged to come to me or the direct sources.

d. Grazing Official Tyler Manson

e. Chapter Manager Renee Tsosie

Renee thanks everyone who campaigned and cleaned their mess. We are using emergency funds to fix roads starting on 98 first. Fixing the roads is a priority. I have been checking on people on a weekly basis. Michelle Monroe is willing to fix minor road repairs, talk to Renee if your road needs repair. The Shiprock emergency assistance, Tadditan tours took on this endeavor to provide donated supplies to shiprock, unfortunately we were told that they did not want used items. Tuba City Regional Healthcare donated turkeys for November 16th.

Sponsor: Holly Phillips
Motion: Yvonee Bigman Second: Damon Nockideneh
Favor : __31__ Oppose:__0___ Abstain:___2__

9. OLD BUSINESS:
No old Business.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

Yvonne Bigman motions to combine all three resolutions and voted on. Yvonne requests to have the resolution LC11092026A be explained. Holly Phillips read the proposed Planning and Regular meeting schedule. It was requested by Yvonne and Lavern to amend the Planning schedule to also be mountain standard time as well as later in the day for community members to attend.
Holly continues to explain the difference between the planning meeting and regular meeting. The Planning meeting is to create an agenda and this is for resolutions and reports. So persons who would like to get a supporting resolution or present at the chapter to give information to the community they would need to request to be at the Planning meeting. Prior to the meeting it is requested that all presenting/report material is provided to the council for review during the meeting. (If presentation will significantly exceed 5 minute time allotment the presenter will be asked to hold a forum on a separate day). A regular meeting is for the entire community to ask questions, communicate concerns or needs during reports and presentations. For example when Lionel Tso presents on Tuba City Healthy Care Corporation and you experienced struggles or concerns with care this can be brought to his attention.

Motion: Yvonee Bigman Second: Joanne Pioche
Favor : __29__ Oppose:__0__ Abstain: __3__

a. RESOLUTION LC11092026A: **APPROVING THE LECHEE CHAPTER PLANNING AND REGULAR MEETING DATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027.**
Sponsor: Holly Phillips

b. RESOLUTION LC11092026B: **RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT A $1000 GRANT FROM WALMART FOR OUR HEALTH INITIATIVES CONSIDING WITH OUR BODY, OUR LIFE AND OUR CULTURE.**
Sponsor: Holly Phillips on behalf of Roberta Lyons

c. RESOLUTION LC11092026C: **RESOLUTION OF THE PARTNERSHIP FOR NATIVE AMERICAN CANCER PREVENTION (NACP), A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY (NAU) AND THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA (UA) TO CONDUCT A TWO-YEAR FEASIBILITY STUDY TITLED, "NOURISHING LIVER HEALTH: AN INDIGENOUS FOOD IS MEDICINE APPROACH TO MASLD PREVENTION AND TREATMENT IN NAVAJO NATION" IN THE LECHEE COMMUNITY AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES.**

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11. Announcements: *(are subject to change)*
    a. COCONINO COUNTY/NAVAJO ELECTIONS 11/3/2026
    (YOUR VOTE COUNTS, GET TO YOU NEAREST POLLING OFFICE)
    b. Balloon Regatta 11/5-11/7
    c. LeChee Veterans Meeting 11/7/2026 2:00-5:00 PM
    d. LeChee Regular Chapter Meeting 11/9/2026 5:00 PM
    e. Thanksgiving Dinner (Community Potluck) 11/16/2026 TBD
    (Sign up at the chapter)
    f. Special Diabetes Food Demo Class 11/18/2026 5:30-7:00 PM
    g. FALL BAZAR 11/21/2026 10:00-2:00
    h. St. Marys Food Distribution 11/23/2026 TBD
    (Volunteers welcomed and needed)

12. Adjournment: 7:19
    Sponsor: Irene Whitekiller
    Motion: Yvonne Bigman Second: Damien Nokedena
    Favor : __27___ Oppose:__0___ Abstain: ___2__

Completed by:_____
Holly Phillips 11/12/2026