

# LeChee Chapter



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## LeChee Chapter Meeting October 8, 2018 Agenda

1. Meeting Call to Order 5:50

2. Pro-temp Secretary/Treasurer;

*M. Helene Gelbut 2nd Sara Dale 25-0-3*

3. Invocation *Dee Carey Mc Kerry*

4.. Announcements/Presentation: Please limit to 10 minutes.

a) General Election: November 6, 2018, the chapter house will be closed.

b. Save Our Schools: Prop 305 School Voucher *Leah*

c) Scholarship Application available and closes on October 31, 2018

d) Tom O'Halleran, Democratic Candidate for US Congress *NO SHOW*

e) Antelope Canyon Business Corridor Water Infrastructure by Lionel Bigthumb *NO*

f) Tuba City Fair: October 11-14, 2018

g) PHS Supt Rob Varner *H. Michael Barnes (Judge Candidate)*

5. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

*M. Helena 2nd Renee*

6. READING AND APPROVAL OF September 10, 2018 REGULAR CHAPTER

MEETING MINUTES:

7. Review + approval of 9/8/18 Financial Report; *M. Renee 2nd Helen*

8. NEW BUSINESS: Action items/Financial Report/Resolutions(s):

a) LC-06-38-18 Supporting and Approving Coconino Community College Proposition # 417 for the advancement of education for all people of Coconino County and Northern Arizona. *M. Renee 2nd Steve Yazzie*

9. REPORTS: (Reports at the chapter meeting)

a) Financial Report- Chapter Secretary/Treasurer → *25-0-1*

b) Council Delegate *No show*

c) Chapter Manager - *No show*

d) Chapter Officials - *Need secretary Gerry + John*

e) Grazing Representative; *Sara*

10. NEXT REGULAR MEETINGS:

a) Next Regular Planning Meeting: November 9, 2018 @ 5pm MST *Nov. 9 @ 5:00*

b) Chapter Meeting: November 12, 2018 @ 5:00PM - MST

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## 11. CLOSING PRAYER AND ADJOURNMENT:

- Marveta coming? working
- Reread agenda since we have quorum.
- Count Lechee voters - raise hands
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**Council Delegate**  
*Taehoney Slim Jr.*

**Chapter President**  
*Jerry L. Williams*

**Vice President**  
*JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche*

**Secretary/Treasurer**  
*~~Christina Gumble~~*

**Grazing Committee Member**  
*Sara Dale*



LECHEE CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES  
LECHEE CHAPTER HOUSE, LECHEE, ARIZONA  
OCTOBER 8, 2018

- I Pres. Williams called the meeting to order at 5:50 p.m. (all times quoted herein are MST). Item II will get revisited when there is a quorum. To expedite the meeting those in attendance will hear about tonight's announcements and presentations.
- III Dee McKerry, PUSD School Board, offered the invocation.
- IV Announcements & Presentations:
- A. November 6, 2018 is General Election Day. Chapter House will be closed. State/County elections will be held in the meeting room, and Navajo Nation elections will be held in the Conference Room.
- B. Arizona Proposition 305 presenter, Leah, presented her case why public schools' dollars should remain with the public schools and not share with private and parochial schools. Vote NO to Proposition 305 Voucher.
- C. Chapter Scholarship applications are available and will close October 31, 2018. All interested applicants have your required documentations.
- D. A resolution to endorse Tom O'Halleran was not considered due to the absence of a presenter on his behalf.
- E. Western Waterline Project by Lionel Bigthumb. Presenter was not present and Vice Pres. Pioche highlighted some information regarding the project. Mr. Wilford Lane is attending meetings with involved participants and LeChee Chapter was not aware, and the question is Coppermine has a representative and LeChee does not? Subsequently the participants were asked by LeChee Chapter to have current Chapter Manager, Rae Tate, be the properly recognized representative. Notice of upcoming meeting will be forwarded to LeChee Chapter Manager hereon.
- F. Western Navajo Fair starts October 11 and ends October 14, 2018. Be safe and have fun.
- G. Rob Varner, PUSD Superintendent, made salient report on the school and they have 100 more students from last year, they have 3 more new buses, all their teachers are certified; parent, teacher conferences are this week and parent involvement is encouraged, average high school graduation rate is 79% statewide and PUSD had 90%, and his plan is to go to the parents rather than have the parents come to Page. Dee McKerry interpreted Mr. Varner's report.
- II Nominate a Pro Temp Secretary: Helene Gilbert motioned to have Denis Tsosie serve as a Pro Temp Secretary for this meeting and seconded by Sara Dale. Denis Tsosie accepted and assumed the Chapter Secretary post after the vote. Vote: 25 in favor, 00 opposed, and 2 abstained.
- Pres. Williams explained the Chapter Secretary/Treasurer post has been vacant ever since Theo Martin became the Page High School Cross Country/Track coach and the position was open for someone to apply for the post but did not happen and therefore there will be no one on the November 6, 2018 election ballot and will require a special election to have a

Secretary/Treasurer come on board, in the meantime we are left with just nominating people from the audience each planning and regular chapter meetings.

Items III and IV were previously taken care of while waiting for a quorum.

- V Review and Approval of Agenda: Some items were added to the original proposed agenda earlier. Motioned by Helene Gilbert to accept the revised agenda as presented and seconded by Renee Tsosie. Vote: 24 in favor, 00 opposed, and 2 abstained.
- VI Read & Approve September 10, 2018 Chapter Meeting Minutes (Chapter's custom is to post the previous minutes on the bulletin board for the public to read). Motioned by Renee Tsosie to approve the minutes as posted and seconded by Helene Gilbert. Vote: 25 in favor, 00 opposed, and 2 abstained.
- VII Review and Approve Chapter Finance Report: Motioned by Renee Tsosie to approve the finance report (Chapter Manager was not present) and seconded by Wilson Lister. Pro Temp Secretary Tsosie questioned the validity of this report since we do not have it in hand and reportedly is posted on the Chapter bulletin board. He stated this report must be in our hands for our review and must be presented by the chapter manager so public can ask questions and receive answers and we are just allowing our chapter manager to skip these necessary finance reports. It is very important the public stay atop our finances and what projects are completed, what are in progress, and what plans are ahead. Let's not get complacent when it comes to how your money is used. Vice Pres. Pioche will begin to print finance reports on the back of meeting agendas hereon and Pres. Williams reports Rae Tate is ill and cannot attend this meeting. Vote on second count: 24 in favor, 1 opposed, and 1 abstained.
- VIII New Business:
- A. Resolution LC-06-38-18 Supporting and Approving Coconino Community College Proposition 417 for the advancement of education for all people of Coconino County and Northern Arizona. Presenters Susan Garrison and Nate White reported Arizona used to fund community colleges at 30% and is down to just 9% and classes and subjects at the college are down drastically and if proposition is approve the classes and subjects will rebound up. LeChee voters was cause for last defeat when only 246 voted for out of 999 registered voters and they ask we have to get more voters out to vote in favor of Proposition 417 so our local community college can reactivate its online classes with one day a week with personal teachers present, collaborate with Navajo Tech, Dine College, and Northern Arizona University to step up local enrollment, and bring quality classes here. Renee Tsosie motioned to support Proposition 417 and seconded by Steven Yazzie. Vote: 25 in favor, 00 opposed, and 1 abstained.
- IX Reports:
- A. Chapter Financial Report: Chapter Secretary/Treasurer there is no report being the Chapter is operating with a Pro Temp Secretary.
- B. Council Delegate's Report: No report and council is in session.
- C. Chapter Manager: No report and she is sick.
- D. Vice Pres. Pioche reported on the Western Waterline Project is moving forward, A Limited Liability Corporation (LLC) is approved this year and can do business site lease approvals, Kenny Young, Dalvin Etsitty, and Lionel Bigthumb are approved. Dixie Ellis is not approved yet, Brian Davis is our attorney, visited two sites at Ak Chin and Apache Junction to look over their



water reclaim systems and LeChee wants to do a similar set up with its waste water, waterline from Page is not viable anymore and wants the Navajo Nation to finance their waste water reclaim system before giving any additional water to LeChee, Sean McCabe, Navajo Economic Development Director, wants to see LeChee develop a master plan that addresses needs beyond the current community and will cost \$80,000, and Mr. McCabe will secure some money for the project and does not want LeChee to spend any of its own dollars, and all Chapters are urged to designate community cemeteries and discourage individual plots out at rural homesites. Navajo Land Department will expedite land withdrawal processes.

Pres. Williams reports the master plan must be "shovel ready" when implemented and tourism dollars are just bypassing us without a plan and we need to begin capturing some of those dollars. We want to meet with Navajo Parks & Recreation and are avoiding us. We are meeting with ADOT and let them know we are present at their meetings and we have several projects we like to see get funded: Horseshoe Bend, Antelope Point Road and Hwy 98 junction, and MP 302 all are deemed unsafe with increasing traffic flow. LeChee received \$1.2M and will be used for rural electrification project and some in the community. \$4.4M was allocated to our five Chapters and 4 of the 5 had shovel ready projects and Bodaway/Gap did not submit their project and their share was divided among the four chapters bringing their portion to \$1.2M each. NDOT meets with chapters for roads and public is welcome to attend. NGS once had 533 employees and over half are already deployed to the Phoenix, Gila Bend, and St. Johns. October 16 is his last day at NGS and will start October 22, 2018 at Gila Bend and will remain Chapter President and to accommodate his new schedule and worksite he will change the chapter meeting dates from Monday to Friday (next chapter meeting will be November 9, 2018) and will seek partnership with other entities to get funds to get our parking lot graded and paved, and urged all to please attend the planning meetings.

Pres. Williams permitted a guest, Kee Hwang, to present his message wherein he will have Koreans from the Los Angeles community to come out and do renovation and weatherization projects at no cost but clients will have to furnish their own building materials. He will collect names and homesites for those wanting assistance from this group.

E. Chapter Grazing Representative: The 2018 tallys and brandings are completed. Do not do any livestock branding yourselves, winterize your livestock, be prepared for emergencies, rural family gravesites now require applications from BIA and Land Department otherwise funeral homes cannot provide funeral services to such locations without approval from the Land Department, explained how non-compliant livestock owners are dealt with, and asked grazers to protect the land from further damage by avoiding the wagon wheel type roads from a residential site.

X Next Chapter Planning Meeting: November 9, 2018 (a Friday) at 5 p.m. and next Chapter Meeting is November 15 or 16, 2018 at 5 p.m. depending on Pres. Williams work schedule.

XI Kee Hwang gave the benediction. Helene Gilbert motioned to adjourn and seconded by Renee Tsosie. Vote: 25 in favor, 00 opposed, and 1 abstained. Meeting was declared adjourned at 9:16 p.m.



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Minutes submitted by Denis Tsosie, Pro Temp Secretary