# LeChee Chapter



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# LeChee Chapter Meeting February 11, 2019 @ 5pm. Agenda

- 1. Meeting Call to Order:
- 2. Invocation:
- 3. Announcements/Presentation: (please allow for 10min. time limit)
  - A) Page Unified School District Report
  - B)
- 4. Review and Adoption of the Agenda:
- 5. Reading and Approval of January 04, 2019 Chapter Meeting Minutes:
- 6. Action items/Financial Report/Resolutions(s): (Financial Reports are reported quarterly and hard copies are displayed at the front office)
  - A) #LC-021119A. Lechee Chapter Supports the Navajo Transitional Energy Company's (NTEC) Acquisition of Navajo Generating Station and the Kayenta Mine.
  - B) #LC-021119B. Approving to develop and designate 750 feet buffer zone on the corridors of the Highways in the Lechee Chapter area for an opportunity in Economic Development.
  - C) #LC-021119C.
- 7. Reports: (Reports done at the chapter meeting)
  - A. Chapter Manager:
  - B. Chapter Officials:
  - C. Council Delegate:
  - D. Grazing Representative:
- 8. Next Regular Planning Meeting: March 04, 2019 @5pm
- 9. Next Regular Chapter Meeting: March 11, 2019@5pm
- 9. Adjournment:

#### LECHEE CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES

## February 11, 2019

- 1. Meeting Call to Order: 5:15 pm by Jerry Williams, Chapter President
- 2. Invocation: Community Member Elouise Goatson
- 3. Appointment of Pro-Temp Secretary/Treasurer Motion made by: Rae Tate to appoint Renee Tsosie Second by: Annett Talsalt Vote: 25-Yes 0-No 02-Abstain Motion Carried
- 4. Announcements/Presentation: (please allow for 10 min. time limit)
  - A. Page Unified School District Superintendent, Rob Varner and JOM Representative, Elouise Goatson

Provided a Power Point presentation and reviewed the Impact Aid Funding which is provided by the Federal Government to the Page Unified School District for all Native American students attending the school district. (See hand outs were also provided to the community members).

- There are 15 different Native American tribes that attend PUSD. With a total of 2,700 students attending PUSD, and 72% is Native American.
- PUSD only received 85% of Impact Aid funding for fiscal year 2018/2019, normally the district would receive 90%, due to Federal funds the amount has decreased.
- This funding also helps keep classroom size down.
- There are 22 Federal funded schools on the Navajo Nation and PUSD has the highest rate of graduate annually.
- All funding is provided for teachers, teacher aid, Paraprofessionals, transportation, maintenance of the school buildings, and etc. (please see attached flyer on defines what the funding is allocated for)
- All Impact Aid funding is put directly into General Fund account yearly.

Elouise Goatson would like to give recognition to Liylia Young who is with Dixie Ellis Lower Antelope Canyon Tours for providing donations for back packs, clothing, scholarships and being a good supporter to PUSD when it comes to all tour company's here in LeChee, this company does not hesitate to donate for our local students that are in need. Again thank you Liylia Young.

Review and Adoption of Agenda: Jerry Williams read the meeting agenda.

Motion to approve 2/11/19 Chapter Agenda: Steve Yazzie

Second: Wilson Lister

Vote: 26- yes 0- no 2- abstain

Motioned carried

6. Reading and Approval of December 13, 2018 Chapter Meeting Minutes: Motion made with a correction on the Chapter meeting Date for January 11, 2019. (Typo error)

Motion: Modesta Lewis

Second: Rae Tate

Vote: 25 yes 0 no 3 abstain

- 7. Action items/Financial Report/Resolution(s): Financial Reports are reported quarterly and hard copies are displayed at the front office)
  - A. #LC-021119A LeChee Chapter Supports the Navajo Transitional Energy Company's (NTEC) Acquisition of Navajo Generating Station (NGS) and the Kayenta Mine
  - B. #LC-021119B The LeChee Chapter Approves and supports to develop and designate 750 feet buffer zone on the corridors of the highways in the LeChee Chapter area for an opportunity in economic development.

Motion to Combine the following two resolution under #7, A. #LC-021119A and B. LC-021119B for final approval of support. Motion by: Lilah Young Second: Rae Tate Vote: 24-Yes 0-No 3-Abstain

#### Motioned Carried

#### 8. Reports:

## A. Chapter Manager: Rae Tate

- Community Land withdrawals are being re-visited along highway N-20 Antelope Point Corridor. (see attached resolution).
- Master Plans for the community is an ongoing project, which is in conjunction with the future development of the Land Use Plans for the community.
- Waterlines projects are also in the development along the Antelope Point Corridor, for future Economic Growth.
  - Division of Development Directors On going Economic feasibility studies for the area are in the planning stages. These studies will assist our community with projects to such as movie theaters, recreational facilities, and community centers for our youth. There are so much our community can develop with these studies.
  - B. **Chapter President Jerry Williams,** On going meetings with National Park Services in reference to the lease agreement between NPS and Navajo Nation, which will expire in the year 2020.
  - NPS has rights to 37 miles going east up the Colorado River, we as a community need to start making plans on development for our own community needs and be responsible in providing service for economic growth.
  - C. Chapter Vice-President JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche, Working on interviewing our elderlies that lived in the area to help develop our case to provide the need of future Economic Growth. So if you know of any elderlies that have solid stories which would help our case against NPS when negotiations start taking place, please refer them to me, and I will record them or video tape the stories.
  - Waterlines are still an ongoing project for our community, had a meeting with Office of Environmental Health in Tuba City District office. Two projects are under way at this time it's the Horse basin and the Coco water line extension project from Kaibeto to Coppermine. If we as a community want to continue the water line extension from the Coco waterline along highway N-20 to LeChee or along highway 89 to Horseshoe Bend we will need the assistance of the Grazing Official to work with grazing permittee to sign off the right always, also to provide easement studies. Funding are available we just need to get our work done before we as a community loose out on funding.
  - Solar Companies are still looking to start development within our community. Here we will also need our Grazing Official to work with grazing permit holders to educate them on what solar development could do to help our community economic growth. We are in a location where there are so many entrepreneurs wanting to develop business. But as a community we need to work with everyone to start seeing Economic growth. A lot of work still needs to get done.
  - Tourism is another impact that will hit our community hard. There are so many tourist that come every year to visit all the attractions near by and we need to make plans on developing business around them to generate revenue's to help our ongoing priority projects that we can't get funding for from Navajo Nation. Maybe plan on developing a Casino out at Antelope Point area.
  - Had a meeting with the new Mayor of the City of Page. Meeting went well and this new mayor would like to work with our community in conjunction with our up coming projects. This is the first City Mayor that wants to work with our community.
  - D. Grazing Representative Sara Dale, On February 27, 2019 @ San Juan College I will be attending a training for vaccinations, and meeting with the Ethics & Rules on job responsibilities. On January 22, 2019 a letter was

to the chapters to assist with travel expense to attend this up coming training. This cost will pay for mileage, meals for all Grazing Officials from each chapter they represent. (letter was provided by Sara Dale for chapter officials)

- District One Grazing Committee Meeting was cancelled due to weather conditions. Meeting was to be help last week in Coppermine chapter. No date was given at this time. Will keep everyone posted.
- Navajo Nation Department of Agricultural will be having a horse sales on March 5 and 12, 2019 in DC Jackson Arena in Window Rock, Arizona from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. All branded horses will need to have proof of ownership, which a Grazing Permit will be required before all sales are final. All mares, yearlings, stallion, gelding, mare w/filly will cost \$50.00 each.
- Next Western Agency meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2019 @ 9:00 am in Tuba City BIA office.
- Farm Service Agency (FSA) The deadline on all assistance to request funding is set for February 14, 2019, you must apply at the FSA office in Flagstaff, Arizona. Applications are being accepted at this time, please take in your tally count, grazing permit and direct deposit is available for those who sign up for that service.
- 9. Next Regular Planning Meeting: March 04, 2019 @5pm
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- 11. Adjournment: Jerry Williams, Chapter President 8:15 pm

Meeting minutes submitted by Renee Tsosie, Secretary/Treasurer Pro-temp