

## LeChee Chapter Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2019 @ 5:00 PM

### Agenda

1. **Meeting Call to Order:** By Jerry Williams, Chapter President @ 7:10 PM
2. **Invocation:** Larry Jackson Jr., Consumer Relations Specialist
3. **Appoint Pro-Temp Secretary:** Motion made to appoint Renee Tsosie, Community Member  
Motion: Orlinda Tso Second: Wilson Lister Sr. Vote: 27 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain.
4. **Announcements/Presentation/Updates from other programs:** (please allow for 10 minute time limit)
  - A. **Change Lab Native Owned Business Startup** - Marsha Greyeyes presented an outline of how to start their own small business on the Native Land. This program is under the Grand Canyon Trust. Office is located behind Denny's in Tuba City, Arizona.
    - Small Business Planning start up
    - Can provide workshops and give pointers here at the chapter house
    - Outline of how to put a proposal together
    - Assist with all questions during the proposal process
    - Assist with getting the land withdrawal approvals in place
    - Business Counselor available, Jessica Stago
  - B. **Desert View 5<sup>th</sup> Grade River Raft Trip** – Orlinda Tso who is a 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Desert View, here in Page Unified School District. Looking to raise \$6,000.00 for the upcoming annual River Raft Trip down the Little Colorado River, this is proposed in May before school is out. Need to raise \$2,600.00 to pay the remaining cost for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. There is a total of 200 students, and the cost per student is around \$50.00, with a total of 15 the students from LeChee community. Here is the breakdown of total donations received: -
    - Dixie Young with Lower Antelope Canyon Tours offered to pay the total cost, but only accepted \$800.00
    - Kenny Young's Lower Antelope Canyon Tours donated \$300.00
    - Adventurous Antelope Canyon Tours -Carol Bigthumb \$800.00
    - Antelope Canyon Tours -Delvin Etcitty \$800.00
    - Indian Education Committee (IEC) contribution is \$3,000.00
    - All donations are accepted, still need \$600.00
  - C. **Update from Arizona State University (ASU) Professor's on Community Economic Development on Navajo Nation and within the LeChee Community.** – JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche made the update report for this group, since they are not in attendance.
    - Gyan Nyaupane, Ph D. – Have been working with Indigenous Native American Tribes throughout the US, to compile information on environmental studies which is his ultimate research project. As he gets this information together the research studies will be shared with the community for future economic development. We can get the data together and provide the statistics to the chapter for future planning of the community. Compiling information from 15 interviews done on the Navajo Nation communities. If you know of anyone willing to take the interview please have them contact me at 480-459-8081. We could use all the information we can get to complete

our research. Business cards will be left at the front office for those who would like to participate as well.

- Krishina K Shrestha – Working on the water resources with waste water systems we have on the Navajo Nation to help develop a resource to provide waste water/water in areas where water is needed for communities and families.
- Sara Dale, LeChee Chapter Grazing Official mentioned the chapter did some survey's in reference to the type of research this group is working on, maybe the surveys can be provided to your group.

D. **Community Health Representative (CHR)** – Susie Shorthair introduced herself to the community. She is from Coppermine Chapter, was hired to be the new LeChee Community CHR. Her focus is to get around to visiting community members who have referrals from the Tuba City Health Care, and LeChee Clinic. Plan to start taking vital signs, providing Health Education to those who are in need of medical assistance, working closely with the LeChee Chapter Manager on any new referrals. Just went to a training on Hantavirus, will have hand outs in the office here at the chapter house. Inviting community members to come and visit, office is located in the chapter house. Look forward to working with the community.

**5. Review and Adoption of the Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda.**

Motion: Charley Sloan      Second: George Holyan      Vote: 29 yes, 0 no, 01 abstain

6. **Reading and Approval of March 11, 2019 Chapter Meeting Minutes:** Motion to approve the March 11, Chapter meeting minutes, it is also posted in the front lobby for public to view. No Questions.

Motion: Helene Gilbert      Second: Dorothy Trujillo      Vote: 33 yes, 0 no, 01 abstain.

7. **Action items/Financial Report/Resolution(s): (Financial Reports are reported quarterly and hard copies are displayed at the front lobby of the office)**

A. **#LC-040819A** – Supporting Resolution for Navajo Tribal Utility Authority for Broadband/Fiber Optic Internet Services, with the cost of \$3.1 million. This is to provide internet service to the LeChee Chapter House for future use of local youth and adults within the community. Also to provide a computer lab, with Microsoft to purchase all the computers for the lab, once it has been established. Funding will come out of Navajo Nation "Sie'ahsin", and has been proposed before the last council changed over to the new council.

- Presented by Larry Jackson and Nicole Sombrero with NTUA. Power Point was provided during the meeting to community members
- Proposing to provide broadband/fiber optic to the LeChee Chapter, as well as 62 other chapters, currently a pilot project is working for the following communities: Chinle, Fort Defiance, Kin Dahilichii, Mexican Water and Shiprock.
- This project was proposed during the last administration, but did not meet the deadline to get funded.
- If the LeChee Chapter decides to use this service it will include 2 years of maintenance/repairs at no extra cost.
- Monthly Cost for Internet service is around \$75.00 a month.
- Provided copies of the PowerPoint, which is attached to the meeting minutes.

*Question: JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche, why is NTUA requesting funding from the Sie'ah'sin committee to pay for the project?*

*Response: Larry Jackson Jr. – This funding was requested in 2018 when the other administration was in office, and since the election a new administration came in and the project had to be re-submitted for the approvals of funds requested.*

*Question: Community Member, Charley Sloan – asked who will be overseeing the computer lab if one were to be open here at the chapter house, since the chapter operates and is open from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm (DLT) and most students do homework after hours an weekends? Also who will pay for the person to work the computer lab?*

*Response: Larry Attikai – That is the responsibility of the Chapter Officials to decide.*

*Question: JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche, will this broadband/fiber optic be provided to community members in their own homes? Chapter currently has Hughes Net for Internet Services, and provides two computers for community member use only.*

*Response: Larry, not at this time, since this is just a start up to this community. If the services works well for the chapter it could be considered in another proposal in the future. (Motion to approve the supporting resolution, rough draft provided by NTUA Representative, which will need to be transferred over to the LeChee Chapter letter head by Chapter Manager, and to get all signatures from Chapter officials).*

Motion: Geraldine Martin Second: Helen Gilbert Vote: 23 yes, 2 no, 11 abstain  
Motioned carried per Jerry Williams.

**B. #LC-040819B – NONE**

**8. Reports: (Reports done at the Chapter Meetings)**

A. Chapter Manager – Not in Attendance

B. **Chapter Officials:** Jerry Williams reported the following updates:

- Attended Fossils Fuel Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada, with some of the current Navajo Nation Administration, and other representatives.
- Navajo Generating Station Closure, and possible future development to provide electricity in a different form, such as solar, fossil fuels, and natural gas. Meeting was very informative.
- 30% of electricity has to be available at all times to Navajo Nation communities.
- Solar and Wind power is not as readily available due to weather conditions. Natural Gas is more feasible.
- Requested to have a Small Business Management seminar scheduled for the public, sometime soon. This request was made to Marsha Greyeyes with Change Labs.
- The country of Mexico is in dire need of electricity, if Navajo Nation can come up with a plan to generate and sell electricity to the country, these was some of the discussions that took place.
- Coal Earth Program is at 30% and could be a replacement at the NGS after a later date of closure.
- Carbon Dioxide could be used and transferred to refract Natural Gas from the lands.
- Update on Meeting with National Park Services – NPS will start attending future planning and chapter meetings with LeChee, Gap, Coppermine and Kaibeto, to start working with future developments on small businesses, and assist with Commercial Users Authorizations (CUA). This will start up in May of 2019. Two representatives were selected to attend upcoming meeting with NPS regarding the Quadrilateral Agreements between NPS and Navajo Nation, LeChee Chapter, which were Rae Tate,

LeChee Chapter Manager and JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche, LeChee Chapter Vice President. Updates will be provided at the next meeting scheduled in May, 2019.

- **Chapter Vice President** – JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche, reported to the community the reason she didn't attend the chapter meeting in April, 2019. That she had lost her oldest daughter who was diagnosed with Colon Cancer and lost the fight the cancer, and passed away. JoAnn ask the community members not to ignore this quiet cancer which takes the lives of our loved ones so sudden. She urges the community members to go in and get annual checkups with a Colonoscopy.

C. **Council Delegate:** See attached report (provided to meeting minutes)

D. **Grazing Representative:** Sara Dale reported the following:

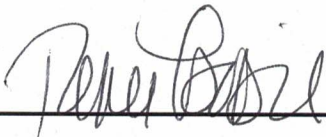
- District 1 Grazing Representative Meeting on May 9, 2019 @ 9:00 AM (DLT) in Red Lake Chapter House.
- Will be working on getting the Grazing Permit holders who are not in violation signed up for **Rancher Supplemental Funds**. This funding is coming out of Coconino County. Since Navajo Nation is still in a drought, will be set up here at the chapter house tomorrow April 9, 2019 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm to take applications for the assistance program offered by Coconino County. Please bring the following years tally counts - 2017 and 2018.
- Western Navajo Nation Agency meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2019 @ 9:00 AM 9 (DLT) in Tuba City BIA Conference Room, Tuba City, Arizona.

9. Next Regular Planning meeting: May 6, 2019 @ 5:00 PM (MST)

10. Next Regular Chapter meeting: May 13, 2019 @ 5:00 PM (MST)

11. Adjournment: 8:20 PM (MST) Motion: Geraldine Martin Second: Elizabeth Nez  
Vote: 29 yes, 2 no, 1 abstain Motion Carried to Adjournment.

LeChee Chapter Meeting Minutes submitted by:



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Renee Tsosie, Pro-Temp Secretary