

LeChee Chapter Planning Meeting Minutes

May 2, 2019 @ 5:00 PM

Agenda

1. **Meeting Call to Order:** By JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche, Vice President @ 5:23 PM (announced that Jerry Williams, Chapter President is on his way home from Phoenix, and should be here later in the meeting)
2. **Invocation:** Ada Lister, Community Member
3. **Appoint Pro-Temp Secretary:** Motion made to appoint Renee Tsosie
Motion: Sara Dale Second: Paul Begay Vote: 2 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain.
4. **Announcements/Presentation/Updates from other programs:** (please allow for 10 minute time limit)
 - A. **Navajo Power Updates.** None of the Representatives are in attendance for the meeting. No report was given. This item will be moved on to the Chapter meeting 5/7/19.
 - B. **NTUA** (will be present at the Chapter meeting 5/7/19 to make the report)
 - C. **Just Move It 2019 Campaign** – Kaibeto chapter is scheduled for May 7, 2019 ALL EVENTS start at 7pm (DLT). LeChee chapter is scheduled for 5/14/19. See attach schedule and more information please contact **Tuba City HPDP at 928-283-1420.**
 - D. **National Park Service** – Danielle Cameron is not attendance, this item will be presented at the Chapter meeting on May 7, 2019. Information on young students looking for employment for the summer season. More information on employment opportunities on the web site www.jobsusa.gov .
 - E. **LeChee Grazing Official reports** – Attended the WNA Drought meeting in Tuba City last month. The main focus of the meeting was to get the chapter officials and chapter manager work with all grazing permit holders and come up with a 5 to 10 year plans on the drought problems for livestock. During this meetings the community will address issues they are having due to the drought. Examples of what needs to be addressed are
 1. Dry Pond maintenance.
 2. Repair Windmills keep up the maintenance.
 3. GPS all livestock corrals, rural homesite leases, gravesite lease, church site leases.
 4. Future water/sewer lines land withdrawals.There is funding available to our community to assist us with these drought issues. A committee should be formed to start developing a plan to request the funding. Other WNA chapters have already received funding for their projects.
JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche – Mentioned that Angie can help us develop a plan. She has helped the Leupp Chapter get the funding they needed. There is approximately \$40 million dollars budget out for any new projects for the drought issues on Navajo Nation. The Navajo Generating Station/SRP water line project will take some years before LeChee can start using, so this Drought project is something the chapter and grazing permittee's should start planning an develop a plan to get funding.
5. **Review and Adoption of the Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda.
Motion: Renee Tsosie Second: Sara Dale Vote: 3 yes, 0 no, 01 abstain
6. **Reading and Approval of April 1st , 2019 Chapter Planning Meeting Minutes:** Motion to approve the April 1st, 2019, Planning meeting minutes, it is also posted in the front lobby for public to view. No Questions were asked from the community members.

Motion: Sara Dale Second: Paul Begay Vote: 3 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-050919A** – Supporting, Approving and recommending the land withdrawal of 1300 Acres within in the exterior boundaries of LeChee Chapter for the Horseshoe Bend Development project to be developed by Tom Manson. Presented by Tomacita Manson-Kaibetony.

Motion to approve this resolution by: Paul Begay

Second: Renee Tsosie

Vote: 3 yes, 0 no, 01 abstain

Public discussion/community members.

Annie Littleman – Question about this resolution, and why is it being brought to the Planning meeting if there is an ongoing land dispute?

Tomacita Manson-Kaibetony- Response, All disputes and complaints have been heard through the proper legal procedures, and everything has been dismissed at this point.

Dorothy Trujillo – Mentioned that she has yet to receive a letter from any courts stating that all disputes were dismissed. Also mentioned that there are other community members who are against the new development the Manson family are requesting. These are community member that live in the area being withdrawn. She expressed that this is all wrong.

JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche – This item will be moved to the next chapter scheduled chapter meeting on May 7, 2019 for further discussion.

- B. #LC-050919B** – Amending the resolution #LC-09-124-16. – Rita Tadytin-Tsinigine. The language of the resolution was not correct at the time this resolution was presented in September of 2016. Regional Business office of Tuba City has requested that the language to be revised, and presented to the chapter meeting for final approval on May 7, 2019 chapter meeting. (**Rae Tate will make the changes on the language of the new resolution which will be provided to the community**)

- C. **#LC-050919C** – Requesting the LeChee Chapter to recognize the LeChee Senior Citizen Center is the property of the LeChee Chapter and to recognize and embrace the fact elder voters use the facility and that all upkeep and maintenance be provided whenever arise via an establishment of budget for the center. – Denis Tsosie, reported that most chapters within the Navajo Nation don't work with the local Senior Citizen Council for repairs or financial assistance, due to this observation, he feels that the chapters should be involved with the Senior Citizen Council, since the seniors that get services at the facility are voting members of the LeChee chapter, and that everyone here in this meeting will eventually benefit from the Senior Citizen Center soon. Also to mentioned that chapter manager Rae Tate and chapter maintenance Ernest Lister made an audit report on the facility to see where the repairs and put together a cost estimate of the all repairs to the facility. (**Denis will provide the resolution to Rae on May 3, 2019**)

Motion to approve this resolution and present it on May 7th, 2019 at the next scheduled chapter meeting: Paul Begay Second: Renee Tsosie Vote: 3 yes, 0 no, 01 abstain

- D. **#LC-051919D** – Requesting the LeChee Chapter to support the Exoneration of the 2014 Navajo Nation Election. (**Denis will provide the resolution to Rae on May 3, 2019**)

Motion: Sara Dale Second: Renee Tsosie Vote: 3 yes, 0 no, 01 abstain

Denis mentioned that the Navajo Collations Committee would like to collect 56 supporting resolutions for the Navajo Nation Council to reconsider our fine fellow leaders who were put in a difficult situation at the time of election within that year of 2014.

E. **#LC-050919E** – Requesting and supporting a proposed plan to develop at Mutton Curve for future entrepreneurs with in the community. Wilson Lister mentioned that he would like to help develop a plan to have all vendors start paying a fee and in the plan to have all vendors be accountable for the cleanup, and not let overnight vendors stay there. He is also aware that at one time this same issue came up when the previous chapter manager Wilfred Lane was in office, and the only thing that took place at that time was the areas was cleared out and red dirt was placed there. He would like to see a more organized vendors place. Maybe even start locking up the entrance gate.

Discussion: JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche, mentioned that the Coconino County Health Department had made a visit on April 27th, 2019 and had went around to see if all the food vendors had the proper documents to sell food! Apparently some were told to close down and told to move out. This item has been on the chapter reports from time to time and nothing has really been addressed. It true chapter needs to start planning for these types of projects, so our local entrepreneurs who are using this type of services for their way of income to provide for their families. Porta Potty needs to be provided on site as well. This item has been brought up with discussion between Jerry Williams and Rae Tate. Also with the planning it needs to be relocated due to the dangerous location of a high traffic area.

Navajo Nation Food Handlers Card and Vendor's Permit should be implemented to be a vendor on site.

Invite the Navajo Nation Food Handlers to hold a class here at the chapter house.

A motion was made by Renee Tsosie to table this item until we get input from Jerry Williams and Rae Tate, since it has been brought to the attention of the chapter officials on more than one occasion. We need to get their input on this matter before it comes into a resolution.

Second: Sara Dale Vote: 3 yes, 0 no, 01 abstain.

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

A. **Chapter Manager** – Not in Attendance

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

- Attended the Fiscal Year Budget and Finance Committee
- Navajo Power – is wanting to go with Green Energy in the future for Navajo Nation, a progress report will be made at the next planning meeting in June, 2019.
- Announced that the DETOX facility is looking to hire.
- Update on Tuba City Regional Health Facility – Still looking to hire a representative for LeChee Chapter. Rae Tate had applied was told she was not selected for the position. Please pass the word out to individuals who might be interested in representing our community. Also see attached full quarterly report in a binder on updates.
- Cancer Treatment Center is underway at the Tuba City Regional Health Care Facility.
- Kaibeto Assisted Living is still looking for new residents to apply, a background check on applicants is part of the application process.
- Veterans Health Care Benefits Overview – This is also going to become available in Tuba City. So our Veterans don't have to travel the distance to get health care needs. Updates will be provided as it comes available.
- Reason to why chapter meeting schedule has been changed it is due to my work schedule down in Phoenix. I was able to attend the meeting on Mondays before. But since I was relocated to another job site I had to make changes on the schedule chapter meetings, and to move it to Thursday. It also states in the Title 26 Local Governance Act (LGA) and the Five Management System (FMS) that the LeChee adopted and is currently

working with. Jerry stated that the president can change the schedule of all chapter meeting. He encouraged the community members to please familiarize yourself with this LGA and FMS. At one time there were copies in the chapter lobby for public to review in-case a community member is questioning the operation of the local chapter government.

- Public Discussion took place with questions from the following:
- Bellann Holyon – Expressed that there is a rumor within in the community about Jerry Williams the Chapter President would be in a conflict of interest to his position as a chapter president with his employment with SRP? Jerry responded – There are no conflict of interest at this time, he has gone through the right process with SRP to get approval to be a chapter president.
- Why are chapter meetings being changed just to accommodate to your work schedule? See Jerry Williams response to this under #8. Reports, Chapter Official:
- Bellann expressed that there are a lot of chapter members that are used to the meetings being held on Mondays and it should stay that way, and not to accommodate to the chapter president Jerry Williams work schedule, and if it don't work for him he should just resign, because at the end it's up to the community members to vote what they want, and it's the community members that voted him in his position as a chapter president, that he should be here for the community members and not for himself.
- Annie Littleman – Was there a resolution at the beginning of the year of 2019 to have the community members vote and approve a meeting schedule for this year? If there was a resolution the chapter officials need to work with that schedule to accommodate to the voting community members since they voted you in.
- Jerry Williams – I am not sure but it can be researched and discussed at the next meeting. **(See if there was a resolution on this matter to be presented to the chapter members during the May 7, chapter meeting)**
- Chapter Vice-President – JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche reported the following:
- Grazing Permit Holders really need to report to the chapter grazing official how much water they haul from the City of Page per year.
- Attended the WNA Drought Meeting as well, same report as Sara Dale.

C. Council Delegate: Paul Begay is in attendance. See attached report.

D. Grazing Representative: Sara Dale reported the following:

- District 1 Grazing Representative Meeting on June 5, 2019 @ 9:00 AM (DLT) in Tonalea - Redlake chapter house.
- Western Navajo Nation Agency meeting is scheduled for May 20, 2019 @ 9:00 AM 9 (DLT) in Tuba City BIA Conference Room, Tuba City, Arizona.

9. Next Regular Planning meeting: To be determined and announce at the May 7, 2019 chapter meeting @ 5:00 PM (MST)

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11. Adjournment: 8:30 PM (MST) Motion: Sara Dale Second: Renee Tsosie
Vote: 3 yes, 0 no, 01 abstain

Chapter Planning Meeting Minutes submitted by: Renee Tsosie, Pro-Temp Secretary