

LeChee Chapter



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LeChee Chapter Meeting May 09, 2019 Agenda

1. Meeting Call to Order:
2. Invocation:
3. Elect Pro-Temp Secretary:
4. Announcements/Presentation/Updates from other programs: **(please allow for 10 minute time limit per presenter)**
 - A. NTUA – Power Updates
 - B. Tuba City Regional Health Care, TCRHCC – Pearlana Nanonka
 - C.
 - D.
 - E.
5. Review and Adoption of the Agenda:
6. Reading and Approval of April Chapter Meeting minutes:
7. Action Items/Financial Report/Resolution(s): **(Financial Reports are reported quarterly and hard copies are displayed in the front lobby of the office for public view)**
 - A. **#LC-050919A – Supporting, Approving and recommending the land withdrawal of 1,300 Acres within the exterior boundaries of LeChee Chapter for the Horse Shoe Bend Development project to be developed by Tom Manson.**
 - B. **#LC-050919B – Approving and amendment to Resolution #LC-09-124-16 to add required language for a Land Withdrawal Designation and Business Site Lease for Taadidiin Tours, land located in LeChee Chapter, Navajo Nation, Arizona.**
 - C. **#LC-050919C – Requesting the LeChee Chapter to recognize the LeChee Senior Citizens 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 needs arise via an establishment of a budget for the Senior Center.**
 - D. **#LC-050919D – 2014 Election Exoneration Results**
 - E. **#LC-050919F**
8. Reports:
 - A. Chapter Manager:
 - B. Chapter Officials:
 - C. Council Delegate:
 - D. Grazing Representative:
9. Next Regular Planning Meeting: June 6, 2019 @ 6:30 PM (MST)
10. Next Regular Chapter Meeting: June 13, 2019 @ 6:30 PM (MST)
11. Adjournment:

GOOD NIGHT & HAVE A NICE EVENING, THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENDANCE! SEE YOU NEXT MONTH.

LeChee Chapter Meeting Minutes

May 9, 2019 @ 6:30 PM

Agenda

1. **Meeting Call to Order:** By JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche, Chapter Vice -President @ 6:56 PM (MST)
2. **Invocation:** Effie Yazzie, Navajo Nation Parks Manager
3. **Appoint Pro-Temp Secretary:** Motion made to appoint Renee Tsosie, Community Member
Motion: Tomasita Kaibetoney Second: Christopher Deschene Vote: 51 yes, 0 no, 3 abstain.
4. **Announcements/Presentation/Updates from other programs:** (please allow for 10 minute time limit)
 - A. **NTUA Power Updates** – *Get from Iva on the contact person who made the update report.*
 - B. **Tuba City regional Health Care, TCRHCC** – Pearlena M. Nanoka, Presented the following: The Health Effects of Glaucoma - (Power Point Presentation, attached to meeting minutes).
 - C. **National Park Service (NPS)** – JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche announced that they are currently hiring interns that are interested for the summer of 2019, please apply on line at USAJOBS.GOV, All positions are posted on the website as well. Pass the word out to those that are interested.
 - D. **Just Move It 2019 Campaign** – JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche announced that this is an annual event held across the Navajo Nation. Will be held here in LeChee on May 14, 2019 and the event starts at 7:00 PM (DST). Please come out and support your community for health and wellness, you will receive a free T-shirt when you participate and water will be provided.
 - E. **Page Unified School District, Indian Education Representative** – Annett Tallsalt. Renee Tsosie read a written report for Annett Tallsalt. (Report is attached to meeting minutes).
 - F. **LeChee office will be closed May 10, 2019 to observe Navajo Nation Police Day.**
5. **Review and Adoption of the Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda.**
Motion: Jeanita Tsosie Second: Loretta Goatson Vote: 41 yes, 0 no, 01 abstain
6. **Reading and Approval of April 8, 2019 Chapter Meeting Minutes:** Motion to approve the April 8, 2019, Chapter meeting minutes, it is also posted in the front lobby for public to view. No Questions. The Financial Report is also displayed for public view.
Motion: Tomasita Kaibetoney Second: Jeanita Tsosie Vote: 39 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 1,300 acres within the Loom Rock Range Management Unit #105, Land Management District No.1, Unit4, and supporting and approving the Business Site Lease for the Horseshoe Bend Development Project to be Developed by Tom Manson.**
JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche, Chapter Vice-President – Moved this item to be address when the Jerry Williams the Chapter President arrives at the meeting, he is currently on his way back from Phoenix.

Renee Tsosie, Pro-Temp Secretary – Address the community members to be considerate of each other and the presenters of this resolution. Since this resolution will effect community members that are current residents near the proposed Land Withdrawal.

B. #LC-050919B – Approving and amendment to Resolution #LC-09-124-16 to add required language for a Land Withdrawal Designation and Business Site Lease for Taadidiin Tours, land located in LeChee Chapter, Navajo Nation, Arizona.

Rita Tadytin-Tsinigine, currentl business owner – Presented the resolution to the community members. The Land Department requested the Taadidiin Tours to update the language on a resolution that was previously passed in September of 2016. This language added to the resolution is required since the Navajo Nation Resources and Development Committee; Delegating authority to the director of the Navajo Land Department approving the Land Withdrawals of the Navajo Nation; and approving the administrative rules and regulations for Land Withdrawals, which was amended and approved on June 15, 2016. This language was not inserted in Resolution #LC-09-124-16 which was approved by the previous chapter administration on September 12th, 2016. The language will be added to the following resolution #LC050919B, under NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: under #4 of this resolution. (Please see attached Resolution for amendment)

Motion: Denis Tsosie Seconded: Jeanita Tsosie Vote: 51 yes, 0 no, 01 abstain

C. #LC-050919C – Requesting the LeChee Chapter to recognize the LeChee Senior Citizens 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 needs arise via an establishment of a budget for the center.

Presented by Denis Tsosie, LeChee Senior Citizen Council Secretary Member – The LeChee Chapter administration is not taking on the responsibility of the LeChee Senior Citizen center. Some of the problems the Senior Council has challenges with are the LeChee Chapter administration not wanting to assist the council with the budget, maintenance is the a real issue, the facility is old and needs a lot of repairs, the staffing to manage the facility. Currently there are only two employee’s managing the facility, both are taking turns as a driver and a cook. They do not have a Manager at this time and if you are interested in applying please do so. By presenting this resolution to the community the Senior Citizen Council is wanting the LeChee Chapter administration to start working with the Senior Council to get a budget in place so funds be allocated to pay for all the maintenance and repairs the facility needs. Rae Tate, Chapter Manager and Ernest Lister the Chapter Maintenance conducted a site visit and came up with a plan to address the current repairs on the facility. Ernest Lister has been working on the repairs at this time.

Motion: Jeanita Tsosie Second: Irmadine Charlie-Tso Vote: 54 yes, 0 no, 01 abstain

D. #LC050919D – Supporting Resolution of the Western Navajo Voters Coalition. Supporting and Recommending to the honorable 24th Navajo Nation Council to Exonerate the 2014 Navajo Board of Election Supervisors of indirect Civil Contempt in the Case of No. SC-CV-68-14. Which prohibited the performance of their duties in presiding over the 2014 Navajo Election. In the spirit of “K’E’ to restore Harmony for the well-being of the Navajo People and the Navajo Nation.

Denis Tsosie – Presented this resolution to the community, expressed that the Navajo Nation Voters Coalition to petition a corrective action of the Navajo Supreme Court’s violation of NBOES’ due process and for a settlement of the matter by the Navajo government. This action made against these individuals and families mentioned in this resolution will be effected by this decision if the Navajo Nation Supreme Courts. These individuals/families need our support with this resolution.

Motion: Christopher Deschene Second: Wilson Lister Sr. Vote: 54 yes, 0 no, 01 abstain

Jerry Williams - Chapter President arrived at 8:16 PM (MST) and took over the chapter meeting from Vice President – JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche. Jerry apologized to the community members for being late, his flight from Phoenix was late. Item Number 4-A, Resolution LC-050919A will be addressed at this time.

Tom Manson – Presented the following: Gave a welcome address to all community members with kinship. He is presenting this resolution to get the community to support him and his family in a vision of a future Business Development located by the Horse Shoe Bend and east of Highway 89. This business development will help the improve the general welfare of the community and providing the improvements in the area of livelihood, health and education with future employment, and to generate revenue for the Navajo Nation, instead of having the City of Page and National Park Services continue to profit off our community within the tourism industry that has been expanding due to Horse Shoe Bend, Slot Canyon Tours. All these tourist attractions are located on the Navajo Nation and as a community need to start developing business for the future of our children and grandchildren to come. He has asked Christopher Deschene, his lawyer and his son Otis Manson to help him present this plan to the community. Also provide large maps of the location with his presentation.

Christopher Deschene – Presented a welcome addressed to the LeChee Chapter Members and thanked for all the support. Introduced himself with his clan and as a community member who is representing Tom Manson as his lawyer. He can see the vision that Tom has in supporting his business development, and how it can help the community in return and not just his family. It’s for the well-being of our community, and we need more entrepreneurs to start business, otherwise the City of Page will continue to progress in their economic development while our community just stay in our idle state and watch. When are we as Navajo “Dine” people going to start planning for our future so we are not so dependent on border towns, and start working with each other instead of against each other? A lot of border towns generate so much tax revenues from Navajo people, and keep progressing and building. This Land Withdrawal will provide economic growth and employment here in the community. We have had meetings with District One Grazing Officials, Bureau Indian Affairs, and Regional Business Development Office. The next step is getting the land withdrawal approved by the LeChee Chapter members, to move forward with this new business development plan. Tom has given up the 1,300 acres of his Range Management Unit to start this business. His RMU consist an estimate of 3,000 acres. The meeting with BIA, District One Grazing Committee members on April 22, 2019 has approved the changes made to the Plan of Operation of Tom’s RMU, these changes are to the effect of his business proposal he has provided to the RBDO office in Tuba City, Arizona.

Otis Manson – Presented the drawings and maps of the future business development plans, brochures were handed out to community members as he presented the business development. Expressed that a lot of work has been put into this business development.

- There will be 4 different phase of this project (see complete business proposal attached)
- Create tourism on Navajo Nation
- Benefits to assist our youth with college scholarships
- Entertain more entrepreneur's to start small business
- Generate revenue back to the community needs

Jerry Williams, Chapter President – requested a motion from the members.

Motion by Dorthy Trujillo to table this item at this time, due to land disputes that are not resolved and are still pending in Navajo Nation Courts. Also expressed that the Manson family continue to harass the local residents that live near the proposed business site. There are a lot of disputes that have yet to be resolved by the District One Grazing Official Committee and the BIA. She feels that the residences are not being heard on these disputes and is against this resolution of the Land Withdrawal to have the Tom start the business development.

Second by Nellie Bennett, who also stressed the same concerns Dorthy Trujillo has mentioned in her motion to table this resolution.

Vote: 25 yes, 30 no, 6 abstain

A vote took place and the motion to table this resolution was denied based on the vote was in favor not to table the resolution of the community members, the discussion will continue.

Motion by Annie Littleman to continue the discussion of this resolution of the Land Withdrawal.

Seconded by Jeanita Tsosie

Vote: 32 yes, 20 no, 4 abstain

Community Concerns and Discussion:

Marla Butler, community member expressed – Her concern was why can't we all work together as a community and not work against each other, "why do we have to be like this toward each other?" This business project is for our livelihood of our youth in the future, and our community.

Annie Littleman – She address that maybe there are disputes from residents located in the proposed Land Withdrawal that have not been resolved. Our Grazing Official Sara Dale should have all the documents, and share that with the chapter officials, since that is the main concern of the residents, or share the information with the residents so they can all understand they are being heard. This is how you work with your community members, you don't go and keep information from them, if you do that this is how the residents feel they are not being included with community projects. We all just need to work together.

Leo Kesoli – Commented that the RMU was passed back in 2014 and everyone has already given consent to get the RMU for Tom Manson established. Also to make sure the Chapter Officials/Manager are doing their jobs an informing the community of future projects.

The following made comments: Irmadine Tso-Charley, Minnette Roundstone, Regina Riggs, Dixie Ellis, Allen Martin. Pricilla Man, Kaibeto Grazing Official and Vickie R. Kee, Redlake Grazing Official.

Public Comments covered the following:

1. This proposed project is taking away vegetation from livestock that are grazing with in the area.
2. Why is Tom Manson allowed to keep his RMU and develop a business, it is not fare to other community members. BIA is causing conflict between community members.
3. A lot of promises were made when NGS/SRP moved in and developed the power plant and to this day there is no return and now they are moving out. Navajo Nation keeps taking all the revenues and our community is still at a standstill no more new economic development to have our community move forward.
4. City of Page keeps taking revenues from our community, so we as a community need to start working with each other on future Economic Development, so our community can move forward.
5. All future planning is for our children and grandchildren, at some point in time Navajo Nation will not be able to provide revenues to keep our community growing.

Jerry Williams – Commented that the Navajo Parks and Recreation never approved the land withdrawn, and no paper work has been submitted to their office. Also National Park Service has ongoing meetings which myself and JoAnn have been attending, in reference to the Quadrilateral agreement of 1958, which will be expiring September 2020, and this is why NPS still has an interest of the Horseshoe Bend. NPS is also stating they are responsible of Partial A on the maps provided with the resolution packet being submitted. There is a 1 mile buffer to also be considered from NPS, which they want to take claims over, which would leave LeChee Chapter out of any future developments.

JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche – Reported that Navajo Nation has agreed to work with NPS on letting the LeChee Chapter be in charge within the 1 mile buffer zone area of the Horseshoe Bend. The NN Department of Justice does not do away with the 1 mile buffer zone, they would let NPS have the 1 mile buffer zone. NN never consults with our community on future economic development projects, ie. Navajo Generating Station/Salt River Project and Antelope Point Maria, then all revenues are generated to Navajo Nation and our community loses out.

Jerry Williams – Closed discussion/comments and requested a motion from a community member.

Motion: Annie Littleman Second: Jeanita Tsosie

Vote: 32 yes, 20 no, 4 abstain.

Motioned passed.

8. Reports:

- A. Chapter Manager – Not in Attendance
- B. **Chapter Officials:** Jerry Williams – No report at this time
- C. **Chapter Vice President** – JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche,
- D. **Council Delegate:** Provided a report and submitted at the Planning meeting on May 9, 2019 and posted in the Chapter lobby entrance for public review. Unable to attend - in Window Rock with the Naabik'ihati' Committee meeting.
- E. **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
 - Western Navajo Nation Agency meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2019 @ 9:00 AM (DLT) in Tuba City BIA Conference Room, Tuba City, Arizona.

9. Next Regular Planning meeting: June 6, 2019 @ 6:30 PM (MST)

10. Next Regular Chapter meeting: June 13, 2019 @ 6:30 PM (MST)

11. Adjournment: 10:30 PM (MST)

LeChee Chapter Meeting Minutes submitted by:

Renee Tsosie, Pro-Temp Secretary