

# LeChee Chapter



**Jerry L. Williams, President**  
**Sara Dale, Grazing Officer**  
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## **LeChee Chapter Planning Meeting** **August 01, 2019 @ 6pm.** **Agenda**

1. Meeting Call to Order:
2. Invocation:
3. Announcements/Presentation/Updates from other programs: **(please allow for 10min. time limit)**
  - A) Phil Coolie from OEH to report on ROW studies for waterline from Kaibeto to Lechee
  - B)
  - C)
4. Review and Adoption of the Agenda:
5. Reading and Approval of **July Planning 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-080819A. REJECTING ANY FURTHER ATTEMPTS OR EFFORTS BY THE NAVAJO TRIBAL UTILITY AUTHORITY TO DEVELOP OPERATE A UTILITY-SCALE SOLAR PROJECT OR DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE LECHEE CHAPTER AND REQUEST TO THE NAVAJO NATION TO DENY AND, OTHERWISE REJECT ANY APPLICATION OR REQUESTS FOR APPROVAL REGARDING THE SAME**
  - B) #LC-080819B. REJECTING NAVAJO TRIBAL UTILITY AUTHORITY'S REQUEST FOR RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ITS PROPOSED LAND WITHDRAWAL FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A UTILITY-SCALE SOLAR DEVELOPMENT AND PROJECT WITHIN THE LECHEE CHAPTER COMMUNITY**
  - C) #LC-080819C.**
  - D) #LC-080819D.**
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: September 05, 2019. (**Thursday**)
9. Next Regular Chapter Meeting: September 12, 2019 (**Thursday**)
9. Adjournment:

## LeChee Chapter Planning Meeting Minutes

August 1, 2019 @ 6:00 PM (MST)

1. **Meeting Call to Order:** Jerry Williams, Chapter President @ 6:30 PM (MST)
2. **Invocation:** Elizabeth Nez
3. **Announcements/Presentation/Updates from other Programs: (please allow for 10 min. time limit)**
  - A. **Phil Coolie from OEH Office of Environmental Health and Engineering to report ROW Rights of Way studies for waterline from Kaibeto to LeChee.**
    - The water line Project to extend this from Kaibeto Community to LeChee Community was proposed 15 years ago and it is finally given to our office to start the process to get it installed, this will take place so as long as all the Grazing Permit holders sign off on the Right-Of-Way.
    - All funding will come from Sihasin the amount of \$400,772,000.00 and Federal Government \$900, 610,000.00 were budget out for this project.
    - There will be 3 Phases to the Horsethief Mesa Waterline Extension
      1. To install water line, sewer septic system then drinking water.
      2. To assure all drinking water is available
      3. Bathroom additions – The LeChee Chapter will be responsible to get the funding for all 21 homes. Size of the bathroom additions is estimated at 12’X8’. All laboratory material will be purchased by IHS with a toilet, hand washing sinks, shower/bathtub. The labor to install will be provided by LeChee Chapter. There are some homes who have already received the bathroom additions. You might need to as your Council Delegate Paul Begay to request additional funding from Sihasin to pay for the labor to help out with the bathroom additions left.
    - NTUA will oversee the utility services once it has been installed
    - NECA and NTUA are the two Contractor’s who will be working on the waterline projects, and they do hire local residents for labor and some craft positions.
    - Project is to serve approximately 300 people, and existing with minor renovations which are underway as of today.
    - Jerry asked – can this water line project be used for Business? Phil – NO this is project is for residential only. They are only installing this 6” waterline project to provide water/sewer to families that are in need, and in the final application to request for funding indicates that the funding is to be utilized just for that. It will be up to NTUA to provide that extended services to the business’s.
    - There will be a one year warranty on the 6” main waterline transmission.
    - Next year is the target date to get started from Kaibeto to LeChee, so as long as all the Right-Of-Way are signed off which is the responsibility of our Grazing Official-Sara Dale. All the paper work was handed over to Sara to get the grazing permitte’s to sign off.
    - Elizabeth Nez – Mentioned to Sara to get the grazing permittes to sign off in a timely manner, so this project can get started sooner than next year to this date.
    - Dorthy Trujilo – Asked “Who are the Grazing Permittes”? Phil- responded to her. A list of Grazing Permit holders are on a list which is provided to your Grazing Official – Sara Dale.
  - B. **Special Election on August 13, 2019 for LeChee Chapter Secretary/Treasurer position. Come out and Vote.**
  - C.
4. **Vote in Pro-Temp Vice President and Pro-Temp Secretary:** Motion to vote Renee Tsosie as the Pro-Temp Secretary,  
**Second by:** Sara Dale **Vote:** 2 yes, 0 no, 01 abstain **Motion Carried**
5. **Review and Adoption of the Agenda:** Jerry Williams
6. **Reading and Approval of July Planning Meeting Minutes:** Jerry Williams mentioned that it is posted in the lobby of the chapter house for public view every month. **Motion by:** JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche, **Second by:** Sara Dale **Vote:** 3 yes, 0 no, 01 abstain **Motion Carried.**
7. **Action items/Financial Report /Resolution(s): (Financial Reports are reported quarterly and hard copies are displayed at the front office).**
  - A. **#LC-080819A** – Rejecting any further attempts or efforts by the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority to develop operate a Utility-Scale Solar Project or Development within the LeChee Chapter and request to the Navajo Nation to Deny and, otherwise reject any application or requests for approval regarding the same.



**Motion by:** JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche, Second by: Sara Dale      Vote: 3 yes 0 no, 01 abstain Motion Carried

- B. **#LC-080819B** – Rejecting Navajo Tribal Utility Authority’s request for resolution supporting its proposed Land withdrawal for Development of a Utility-Scale Solar Development and Project within the LeChee Chapter Community.

**Motion by:** JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche, Second by: Sara Dale      Vote: 3 yes, 0 no, 01 abstain Motion Carried

- C. **#LC-080819C** – Supporting and Approving a Hiking Tour and Photography Permit within the Navajo Nation Parks and Recreation designated Parks and Recreation authorized Navajo Nation land, for designation. (Remaining part of the resolution was not provided to the Planning meeting) Discussion: Minnette Roundstone presented her resolution to the Planning Members in requesting the LeChee Chapter Planning to approve her resolution, that she has gone through the process of getting the grazing land user Pete Littleman approval to utilize the customary use area for her new business. Also stated that there are no disputes.

Joann Yazzie-Pioche – Requested that Minnette Roundstone go back to the Coppermine Chapter to get the approval, then present it as a supporting resolution to the LeChee Chapter next month. Due to the fact the Customary Grazing Permit is from Coppermine.

Jerry Williams – Indicated that the wording on the resolution will need to be changed to “Supporting” and not “Approving” when Minnette present this in September Planning meeting. Mentioned that Pete Littleman had received funding for housing repair assistance from LeChee Chapter and that he is a LeChee Chapter voter, how does that happen?

Sara Dale – Mentioned that Pete Littleman would like to change his Grazing permit to LeChee Chapter sometime soon. If this is the case the location of the land where Minnette Roundstone is requesting will become LeChee Chapter customary use area.

- D. **#LC-080819D** -

8. **Reports:** (Reports done at the chapter meeting)

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

B. **Chapter Officials:** Jerry Williams- During the Western Navajo Agency work session meeting Mr. Carlyle Begay talked about Navajo Nation Taxes \$28 million in revenue that is being lost. Will make complete report at the chapter meeting next week.

JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche will make the report during the chapter meeting next week.

C. **Council Delegate:** Not in Attendance

D. **Grazing Representative:** Sara Dale will make a report during the chapter meeting next week.

9. **Next Regular Planning Meeting:** September 5, 2019 @ 6:00 pm.

10. **Next Regular Chapter Meeting:** Thursday, August 5, 2019 @ 6:00 pm

11. **Adjournment:** Time: 8:15 PM (MST)

**NOTE: ALL CHAPTER MEETINGS ARE SCHEDULED ON MOUNTAIN STANDARD TIME - NEXT CHAPTER MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2019 @ 6:00 pm (MST) SEE YOU ALL THERE AND THANK YOU FOR COMING AND SUPPORTING YOUR COMMUNITY. BE SAFE ON YOUR WAY HOME,,,,,,,,,WEAR YOUR SEAT BELTS.**

Submitted by: Renee Prossie 8/5/19