

LeChee Chapter



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LeChee Chapter Meeting AGENDA

January 13, 2020 @ 5:00 P.M.

1. **Meeting Call to Order:**
2. **Invocation:**
3. **Announcements/Presentation: (please allow for 10 min. time limit)**
 - A. Tara Benally, Voter Registration
 - B. Rita Salaigo – Consultant for Chapter Finances/Budget
 - C. NHA – Report
 - D. WNA Grazing Officials Meeting is January 13, 2020 @ 9:00 A.M. in Tuba City BIA office conference room.
 - E. Resignation of Chapter Manager -Jerry Williams
 - F. PUSD Newsletter (extra copies are on the table in the chapter lobby)
 - G. Living Legends BYU Native American Group Performance
4. **Review and Adoption of the Agenda:**
5. **Reading and Approval of December 9th, 2019 Chapter Meeting Minutes:**
6. **Action items/Financial Report /Resolution(s): (Financial Reports are reported quarterly and hard copies are displayed at the front office).**
 - A. #LC-01132020A – Navajo Oil and Gas to initiate talks and plans for Gas and Convenient Store along highway N-222 and highway 98.
 - B. #LC-01132020B – Resolution of the LeChee Chapter, Western Navajo Agency, Navajo Nation Supporting the current plan of the Navajo Nation Council Health, Education, Human Services Committee’s Proposed School Board Reappointment Plan and Oppose Regionalization in any Form.
7. **Reports:**
 - A. **Chapter Officials: LeChee Chapter Officials:** Jerry Williams, JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche, Renee Tsosic
 - B. **Grazing Representative:** Sara Dale
 - C. **Council Delegate:** Paul Begay
8. **Next Regular Planning Meeting:** February 3, 2020 @ 5:00 P.M. (MST)
9. **Next Regular Chapter Meeting:** February 10, 2020, @ 5:00 P.M. (MST)
10. **Adjournment:**

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LeChee Chapter Planning Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2020 @ 5:00 P.M.

1. **Meeting Call to Order:** 5:31 P.M. by Jerry Williams, Chapter President
2. **Invocation:** Winona Nez, Community Member
3. **Announcements/Presentation: (please allow for 10 min. time limit)**
 - A. **Tara Benally, Voter Registration** – Was not in attendance for tonight’s meeting, no report was made.
 - B. **Rita Salaigo – Consultant for Chapter Finances/Budget.** JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche reported that Rita will not be attending the meeting tonight, since she is busy working on 2019 W-2. She will attend next month in February Planning/Chapter Meeting.
 - C. **NHA – Report** from Jerry Williams - NHA representative did not show up for tonight’s meeting to make a report. Frank Begay with Planning and Development Department gave us the following report during the Planning Meeting, Monday, January 6, 2020.
 - The land has already been withdrawn, all Archeological Surveys are complete, so this project would have been ready to build if the land withdrawn areas did not have problems with the infrastructure, ie. Waterline/Sewer. Some of problems which will require the chapter to haul in back fill dirt and have the chapter take the cost on this back fill. Even if we were to move the development to the west side of the purposed site it will also need a lot of back fill dirt. The sandy dirt is only 3 feet down then we hit hard red rock, which will be a problem to get the sewer/water lines installed.
 - Community members voiced their opinion during the Planning meeting and requested that we request home ownership homes and not public rentals.
 - Back when this land was withdrawn the original request to NHA was to build 30 Public Rental Units. Maybe back then the chapter did not consider the closure of NGS. This was approved in 1990, over 30 years ago.
 - There are a lot of planning and development that take place, and that’s where I get involved in building these NHA homes. As of last year, Earl Tulley and WA Pacific worked with the chapter to designate land within the LeChee Community to develop these 30 Rental Units, which is located in upper LeChee, near Cliff View homes located on the south side of the chapter house.
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 - As we were out scouting the purposed land, we came across a gentleman who has a current homesite lease within the withdrawn area. The chapter would have to address this before we could build these homes.

- NTUA made a feasibility report and within the report they stated that the 3 feet of sandy dirt is not enough to build sewer/water lines, they also indicated that sewer lines will need a lift station to run the sewer to the lower lagoons.
- All the Archeological and Geo Tech survey has been completed for this withdrawn site.
- Maybe we need to consider selecting another site to build these homes for the community. We could reach out to NHA and host a Public Hearing and get the community input, since the funding is available to build the homes, since we are in need of more homes for family.
- Comment: JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche – During the planning stages there were a lot of oppositions to build Public Rental homes, since the homes would be available to whomever applied. There were not enough applicants for the Public Rental Unit, people don't want to apply for rental homes, they would rather apply for home ownership. We also have to consider that we only receive limited amount of water from the City of Page, with the Western Water Line Project is still in the planning stages it might take another year or two, before we get more water, and we currently don't have a water waste treatment plan which would be a great help to build more homes. We would like NTUA to help us with funds to prepare our community for more homes to build. A lot of our children and grandchildren living with family and must find rent or purchase homes in the City of Page. So, we do have a problem with lack of housing.
- Question: Denis Tsosie – When was this resolution approved to build these Public Rental Units and do you have a copy. The scenario changed due to the housing needs in our community due to NGS closure, maybe we need to make changes on the resolution to request home ownership homes instead. I hear Public Rentals cause a lot of crime for most communities. Do we really need Public Rental homes? In 1977 Shonto NHA built homes on a rock area.
- Comment: Irene Whitekiller – I agree with Denis Tsosie on the Public Rental Units. I remember \$72,000.00 was never paid to NHA maybe that's why they backed out in the 1990's. I know the \$72,000.00 was never used really don't know what happened to the funding at the time. This was brought to our attention back when we were in office. We even requested to have them build homes for high income families as well as low income. Our people really need homes along highway 89 and 98. Maybe we just need to make a new request to build Homeownership homes instead of Public Rentals. Also, remember NHA homes are based on income to be approved. Even the Behavior Health and Johnny Platero were trying to develop along Hamburger hill and came across the same problem with the infrastructure to get water/sewer/electricity for their businesses started.
- Jerry Williams – I asked if the funding was available? The funding is not a problem, to build homes. And Frank Begay response was we just need land to build on. We asked Frank Begay “So if these are Public Rental Units these homes would be available for anyone to apply” his response was “Yes and as long as they meet the income guidelines with NHA”.
- Renee Tsosie – I had asked Frank Begay, about how many applicants do you know of that are LeChee Chapter members? His response was he would not know that information because he works on the construction side of the development. Suggested to him, why don't not just build scatter home project, because there are a lot of community members who have homesite lease but have a mobile home them or just a small Hogan. Maybe request 10 scattered home and 15 home ownership homes and resubmit our request in a resolution form from

the approval of the communities. I am thinking that if you advertised that you are taking applications for scattered homes you would get a lot of families signing up. All scattered home projects must have utilities within services within 1,000 feet from purposed home. There are homesite leases that have burnt down homes and trailers, we could re-assign these homesite lease to individuals who really want a home.

- Jerry Williams – Maybe we need to hold a Public Hearing for community members to get involved.
- JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche – First we need to upgrade/improve our waterline/sewer system before we start planning for new homes. Our waterline/sewer system is barely taking care of us now, also we need to find another area to build, were its more feasible for all the infrastructure.
- Jerry Williams – The Waterline Extension Project along highway 98 has been tied up. We were told there needs to be homes at least within 4 miles from each other. Currently this is not the case.

D. **WNA Grazing Officials Meeting is January 13, 2020 @ 9:00 A.M.** Tuba City BIA office conference -room.

E. **Resignation of Chapter Manger** -Jerry Williams, reported that our chapter manager Revaline Yazzie-Tate has resigned December 27, 2019, due to her spouse accepting employment in Washington DC. An exit interview was done with her on Friday, January 3rd. We will be advertising for the Chapter Manager position. Rae was good help to our community. She helped with a lot of Projects. Example: LLC was created by her. Wilford Lane hired a law firm from Phoenix and DOJ kept returning the LLC to the attorney that was hired, due to the improper wording. Then Rae took on the task and completed by make all the corrections and re-submitted it to DOJ and before you know it was approved. This is just of the examples I could share with you. But we understand why she had to leave, to be a support to her boyfriend in his new endeavors. We wish them well.

JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche – Rae expertise was legal writing, she was well educated, had good writing skills. Before we hired her, we had to hire Grant writers. She had a Master Degree in Legal Writing. She also looks forward to finding a job with the Health Department. A big thanks to her and I know she and her family will do well in DC.

F. **PUSD Newsletter** (extra copies are on the table in the chapter lobby).

Jerry Williams – Reports, the PUSD Newsletter is also being advertised on the PUSD website for the public. Comment, the last couple of years the PUSD is a failing school district, 3 out of 2 schools were failing, this information is on the Arizona Department of Education website. We need to have our Superintendent come out and make monthly reports to keep our parents updated. We as parents, grandparents need to be informed how the school district is operating, and are they really teaching our students correctly?

Irene Whitekiller – Some of our Native American are not being considered for top positions, or long-term substitute teacher positions, even though they are more than qualified for the position. They are hiring Philippians from another country to fill the teacher positions, and our students don't understand the curriculum they are trying to teach in the classrooms, due to language barrier issues. After they hire the Philippians the Native teachers have to help them teach the curriculum. Why are we letting this happen? We need to make it Navajo Preference, since most of the students are Navajo. Years ago President Kelsey Begay addressed these same concerns with PUSD and it was ok for a while, and now the PUSD is operating the same way again. Yes, our communities need to address this to the School Board and the Superintendent. It's our young Navajo children that make the school stay in business. Change needs to happen.

JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche – We need to tell our parents and grandparents not to sign the Impact Aid for this fiscal school year. The Impact Aid money is for our children. I heard that some of the Impact Aid is to off-set the

Property Tax for the people that live in the City of Page! In New Mexico the chapters announced to the communities to not sign the Impact Aid and it really worked so now the school districts work with the local communities. During our meetings with HESE committee the Council Delegate to us to get our communities to get involved to make changes. Even Debbie Holgate who has a master's degree was not able to get a job at PUSD, now she is working as a Principle at Many Farms, even Veronica Klain is well educated and they won't hire her. A lot of Native applicants are being over looked for positions at PUSD. Need to get qualified members to run for the school board to represent our Native kids.

Murphy Alex – Instead of blaming teachers, superintendent, system and the whole school district for the problems our communities are having, let's just encourage our communities to get involved with PUSD. Just like I see all the Natives at all the basketball games, we need to get involved to make changes. Get involved in school board elections, you must start from getting involved from the inside. This reflects yourself and how you raise your children.

Sara Dale – Mentioned that when she was a substitute teacher the students really enjoyed her teaching skills. I really enjoyed the position as a substitute teacher.

Yvonne Yazzie/JOM, PUSD – Reports that the newsletter will be out two times a month, beginning and the end of the month. Any questions on Impact Aid funding need to address to Elouise Goatson who works with the funding. The Impact Aid pays for salaries and curriculum.

Denis Tsosie – How much is the Impact Aid paid out to PUSD?

Yvonne Yazzie – It depends on the area and how many students turn in the forms.

- G. **Living Legends, BYU Native American Group Performance.** Poster is posted in the chapter lobby for more information on their performance. The performance date is January 28, 2020 @ the CAB. Day time performance is for the students and its free, but the nighttime performance at 7:00 P.M. there is a \$3.00 fee to the public. This was paid by Dixie Ellis Tour Company. The \$3.00 entrance fee is used for IEC - Heritage Month for incentives. Jerry Williams – The gymnasium at Chinle and Ganado High School, artificial turf was built with funding from the Impact Aid Bond. Schools on the Navajo Nation provide housing for teachers. I think the total estimate of Impact Aid per student is \$4,000.00, they also get Belie Button Funding from the State of Arizona, and JOM Funding, that's a lot of funding that our students get through the school districts. There are also a lot of funding they can apply for on behalf of our students.

Jerry Williams made his report – on the following:

Parent Night @ Tse'Yaato' High School – Scheduled for January 29, 2020 from 5:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

Jerry Williams reports that this parent night is to present QPR Suicide Prevention Seminar, and space is limited, so please call to save your seat 928-645-6825 ASAP. Flyer is posted in the chapter lobby for more information.

- Navajo Nation Tax Commission – Me and JoAnn attended this meeting this morning here at the chapter house. Kayenta and Tuba City has a pilot program going on currently. The meeting was regarding the Local Sales Tax Code which was approved by NNC CJA-12-18. Martin Ashley who is the Executive Director with Office of the Navajo Tax Commission, presented the brief summary of the tax commission. Title 26 Local Governance Act, this act clearly defines the executive and legislative functions of the chapters, LGA certified chapters adopted the ordnances pursuant to local tax code developed by the Navajo Tax Commission. Title 26 and 24 don't work together. We as a chapter need to host a public hearing to educate the public the

importance of NN Tax Commission and get a referendum to get our community members vote and pass it. The only way to make changes is to have more than ½ of the chapter voters, vote yes and it has to be put on the upcoming November ballot for approval. The NNC approved a resolution CJA-12-18, NNC amended Title 24 by enacting the Uniform Local Tax Code back in January 25, 2018 with NN President Russell Begaye signing it into law on February 12, 2018. There was a lot of good information. We will keep you posted on the updates with any future meetings.

- Denis Tsosie – so you are saying that if we had 900 voter’s 1/2 will have to vote get it approved?
- JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche – Its confusing, but yes you are right. The council is working on making the changes.
- Attended ADOT meeting – I attend these meetings that ADOT hold, just to make my presents so they know our community is serious on whatever request we might have in the future. I have even addressed the Lower and Upper Antelope round about turn soon, but we missed the 5-year plans at the Globe meeting. Some of the Board members would like to make a sight visit soon. The ADOT is planning the turn lane construction project on US Highway 89 between milepost 544.0 and milepost 545.0 is the city of Page, Coconino County. Project tentatively scheduled for the summer of 2020 with an expected duration of 180 calendar days, traffic will be controlled to minimize impacts to motorists and construction personnel as needed. Traffic would be maintained in both directions throughout construction.
- At large membership for Farm Board, Grazing Officials and Council Delegates to start attending our meetings, this must have the approval of RDC. This was one item we had to work on today at our meeting with ADOT.
- Navajo Oil and Gas will be presented to you shortly in this meeting.

4. **Review and Adoption of the Agenda:** Motion was made by Irene Whitekiller motion to approve the agenda for tonight’s meeting and to allow Honorable Judge Roberts and Donna some time before we move on to our agenda.

Second: Yavone Bigman Vote: 41 yes 0 no 01 abstain Motion carried.

Honorable Judge Donald Roberts – First of all Happy New Year to everyone who supports me and Donna throughout all the years I have been a Judge, we appreciate you.

- Today is a special day for the Page Precinct, we had our first graduate from Drug Court program. We have changed the program from 6-months to 10-month program, this really made a difference to individuals that go through the program. They say the 6-month program is not long enough to overcome the addiction. We had one come into the program at the age of 11 and now he is now 30 years old and it has made a big difference for him. Wanted to share this with communities involved. It is making a difference, it’s a slow epidemic that is not going away. We all know of family or someone we love struggle with drugs/alcohol/any type of substance in our community, also the young adults were introduced to drugs/alcohol at an age of 6 or 11 years old. We all need to work together to help our youth and family members. As everyone might have heard we have lost two more community members to drugs. And again, thank you for letting me make a small update report.

5. **Reading and Approval of December 9th, 2019 Planning Meeting Minutes:** Motion was made by: Irene Whitekiller to approve the December 9th, 2019 Planning meeting minutes, it is also posted in the chapter lobby for public review.

Second: Marietta Williams Vote: 43 yes 0 no 03 abstain Motion carried.

Jerry Williams – Thanks to everyone that brought food for tonight’s meeting and thank you for attending the meeting it is appreciated and we appreciate all the involvement from the community.

JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche – We are celebrating the New Year. And a Happy New Year to everyone.

6. Action items/Financial Report /Resolution(s): (Financial Reports are reported quarterly, and hard copies are displayed at the front office). Budget is also been printed on the back of the agenda.

A. #LC-01132020A – Navajo Oil and Gas to initiate talks and plans for Gas and Convenient Store along highway N-222 and highway 98.

Jerry Williams – I have explained earlier this is to initiate the talks with Navajo Oil and Gas. There will be a public meeting January 27th, 2020 here at the chapter starting at 9:00 A.M. They are willing to give: Scholarship back to the community. They have already built store across the Navajo Nation, in places like Shonto Junction, and Denehosto. Navajo Oil and Gas to build a gas station along the N222 on the west side of the entrance to Antelope Point Marina off highway SR-98. Next meeting is January 27th, 2020. Will give update report in February chapter meeting.

- Working on Public Service Building with Antelope Point Marina. \$4.7 million has already been set aside to build. Twin Arrow has a Public Service Building and they are willing to give the architectural drawings to APM to build this facility on N-222 on the east side of the entrance to Lower Antelope Tours.

Daisy Etisitty – Can we attend the meeting because I have questions.

Jerry Williams – Yes community members need to attend the meeting to ask questions.

Denis Tsosie – We need to incorporate the laundry matt to the plans, so it will not delay their projects.

Regina Riggs – Resolution needs to be read to the community members.

JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche read the resolution to the community. Rae had started this land withdrawal, and this is the results of this supporting resolution. If we don't start this the NN will take the planning and development away.

Pearl Begay – We need to act on this proposal, we don't need others to make money from our community. The City of Page has already done this to us, we never gained anything from them developing. Please make good decisions on our community behalf.

Jerry Williams – Explained to Pearl that this is a supporting resolution to initiate the talks with NN Oil and Gas.

Motioned to approve this supporting resolution by Elizabeth Nez Second: Marietta Williams

Vote: 32 yes 5 no 9 abstain Motion carried.

Elizabeth Nez – Denis Tsosie stated that we need to include the laundry matt. On behalf of grandma Pearl Begay, we need to explain this to everyone clearly.

B. #LC-01132020B – Resolution of the LeChee Chapter to support the current plan of the Navajo Nation Council Health, Education, Human Services Committee's proposed school board reapportionment Plan and opposes Regionalization in any form.

Irene Whitekiller motion to approve this supporting resolution.

Second: Elizabeth Nez Vote: 41 yes 0 no 03 abstain Motion carried.

Denis Tsosie – New Mexico Mrs. Faye Greyeyes who sits on the school board committee is requesting us members to get this supporting resolution approved. I am currently on the Richfield School Board Committee. The executive director sent this draft copy and now it has been drafted on LeChee Chapter letter head and the proposed resolution needs our support. The school board is planning on reappointment plans and oppose regionalization the school boards, only because they want less administrative paperwork, and it also save money, what our committee wants is local control on behalf of the children. WNA will also be involved with us. We want to stay with the HESE

agreement from the beginning. I was hoping this resolution would have been addressed during the Council Delegates Winter Session but did not meet the deadline.

Jerry Williams would like to be excused from the meeting and turned the meeting over to JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche, Chapter Vice-President. He is traveling back to Phoenix for employment. 7:55 P.M. Thank you for all the food that was shared with the community.

7. Reports:

- A. **Chapter Officials: LeChee Chapter Officials: Jerry Williams-** Completed his report earlier in the meeting.
- **JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche/Chapter Vice President** – We are currently working on this with Rural Addressing with MC Baldwin from Department of Community Development. We have been attending the training's in Windowrock, and it is a lot of work to get everyone mapped out on the maps, which requires us to make door to door visits to community members. Even plotting out on a GPS map setting, taking pictures of the signs that are already posted out on some of the streets, updating them in the mapping tool. We still have a lot of work to get this completed. We will keep you posted in future meetings as well as the progress, plan is to have it done by March of this year and turned into MC Baldwin with final approval of resolution from community members.
 - Working on the Right of Way for SR 98 and 89. Resolution will be coming forth for community approval.
 - Tax Commission meeting here at the LeChee Chapter today they shared a lot of good information with us today. Plans are to request even 4% of their tax revenue to come back to our chapter, since we are affected by all the tourism in our surround community, the NN tax rate is 6% as is, we need to ask for the full amount of 4% in a referendum ordinance as soon possible. If we move on this quickly, we could be able to see this on the November ballot during the elections. But we will also need a lot of input from the community make this happen, and ½ of the total registered voters to vote yes. If the taxation gets passed, we should be able to start receiving revenues starting next year in 2021. Since NGS closure we will not get enough money allocated for upcoming FY-2021 and years to come. This will be a good resource of revenue for our chapter. A gentleman by the name of Bobby White worked hard to this fund into a Permanent Trust Fund, so this taxation program can carry on helping the chapters. He worked directly with Martin Ashley. Please let local tour companies know about this update so we could get the 4% tax from the tour business.
 - Quadrilateral Agreement renewal agreement is due in September 2020 of this year, at this time it will go before the DOJ Department of Justice to agree if it will be another 25-year agreement, also to eliminate the 1-mile buffer zone. There are 5 other chapter Coppermine, Gap, Cameron, Kaibeto and Navajo Mountain involved. Starting next month, they are going to start negotiations with the NN. NPS has been nice to us lately, only because of the upcoming renewal agreements in September, but we were told from DOJ not to reveal to much information regarding the revisions we want to make in the renewal agreement. Even APM agreed back in 1974 were supposed to build campgrounds, hotels, and cultural center, but to this day it has not been built.
 - Back in 1974 agreements were made by our leaders with NGS/SRP. The agreement made was that NGS/SRP will have their taxes waived for 35 years. This was so disheartened to hear at the meeting. A lot of companies have kept gained so much money from this waiver made back then. 50% went back to NN which estimated about \$2million dollars. Same thing happened with the Quad Agreement; we were not included to receive revenues.
 - Antelope Point Marina (APM) lease agreements are coming up for renewal. They finally started to build the RV Park, Campground and additional Dry Storages, these should have built over 30 years ago when the first

agreements where made, but they are just now trying to start these projects, maybe because the lease agreement is about to expire. Whatever happened to all the revenues generated all these years? These are questions we would like to know as a community. Back in 1968 when the negotiations started with our NN Chairman, our leaders were not educated enough to know what our future community would need, so agreements where made back then.

- **Renee Tsosie/Chapter Secretary Treasurer** – I have attended two trainings with the Rural Addressing in Window Rock, and yes it is a lot of work, and heard from Matilda Burke there is a box here in the chapter office that has all the information she had collected when she was working on the Rural Addressing and Mapping system in the community. Since I had an operation on my knee, I am not able to look for this missing box, but once I feel better, I will start to look for this box.

- Attended the Western Navajo Agency meeting and there was a lot of chapter there and a lot of reports, with resolutions, and new business. My first meeting attended, and it was very interesting.

- Currently I have not received the November financials to complete my reconciliation for this month.

- Due to this I am not able to put the current budget report on the back of agenda. Hopefully I can get this done soon. Because I know this was requested from community members and it's important to our community members to know what the budget looks like.

- NGS Assets – We are doing our best to work with JT Willie who is the person that was selected to work with all the chapters that were affected by the closure. With this new administration its hard to work with, hard person to have a meeting with, no communication. PUSD had requested computers, tables, partitions. We turned in a request letter and would like the document camera, tables, chairs.

- Chapter Manager Revaline Yazzie-Tate gave us an exit report here are some of the projects she was working on: She has requested to have us complete these projects.

1. 333 Acres Commercial Site – Legal boundary has been completed waiting Archeological clearances to be surveyed by Dinetahdoo Cultural Resources. The cost for the survey will be \$33,000.00. Environmental Assessments are completed. Legal boundary is done by Goldtooth. The final process will end by giving it to the NN Land Department.

2. Quadrilateral Agreement – I have submitted a site plan in the commercial area in the Parcel B area. Submitted a proposal and drafted amendments (in LeChee's favor) to this agreement and sent Council Delegate Paul Begay and Latonia Johnson. We want to do away with the 37.20 waterline agreement. Hopefully DOJ gives us the support to get this included in the new agreement.

3. APM – This matter is between the lessee and the lessor, meaning APM and NN DED office. I suggest you let Mr. Shebala know that LeChee would like to be included in these private meetings that effect LeChee community.

4. LeChee Financial Audit – We have just completed the FY 2015-2016 audit; copies will be posted up in the chapter lobby for public review. Just recently signed an agreement with Harshwell Accountants from Albuquerque, NM. A check was issued to pay on the invoice. We also have Rita Silago helping April finish up this process.

5. C-Store – We got an interest from NN Oil and Gas Company. Our contact person is Albert Damon. Please contact him to make future meetings. They are willing to give back to the LeChee Chapter to build a Chevron in the commercial site area along N-222. They are willing to give: Scholarship, Lease Revenue with a request of the

10% of the accumulated Sales Tax revenue, make sure this is stipulated in the agreement with the NN since they have the Business Site Lease authority.

6. 3 Acres Commercial Site – Just recently RBDO of Tuba City, Dolly Lane finished up the report to have an entrepreneur start a building on this site. All the surveys are complete. Whoever decides to build would have to follow the proper procedures to acquire the Business Site Lease from the NN.

6. Sihisin Powerline Project – This project was when Tachonie Slim was our Council Delegate. He had requested the 5 chapters to come up with projects that are shovel ready. \$5 million dollars was given to each Delegate, since he had 5 chapters it should be divided between all five chapters. NN Council requested chapters to have shovel ready projects. Meeting was held in Twin Arrows; at this meeting we were asked to bring all the projects we are requesting funding for. All projects will need to be ready by 4:00 P.M. that Friday of the meeting. DOJ asked the Tachonie what they are going to do with the extra \$1 million dollars that is left from one chapter that is not shovel ready. We suggested that we split the money up between the chapters that were shovel ready at the end we received \$1.2 million has been given to NTUA to do the powerline project. NTUA. Shanda Young and Frank Young were on the list, but they have already been serviced through Light Up Navajo Project funds by a volunteer group from back east. Last month me and Rae went to Windowrock to ask about where is the rest of the funding, it seems they are hiding the funding from us. Had a meeting with Ethilind John on November 25th, 2019 and told us we need to find more clients to expend the \$1 million dollars. Arthur Halwood, Modesta Salt, DJ Tsosie have not been serviced. The cost to run 1 mile of poles/electrical line to Arthur Halwood \$68,779.43, then the cost to run the electrical line to Modesta Salt resident is \$196,046.60 from highway SR 98, DJ Tsosie which is the community will cost \$14,517.19. The total for the three resident is around \$279,343.22. We are going to go back and ask where the remaining funding is, we would like to use this toward the water line project for our community. NTUA would only pay \$45,000.00 toward this project. The talks with bringing the waterline project from NGS is still in the planning stages. I asked Paul if this is going to be brought up during the Winter Session? Paul said there is not legislation on this at the time. We also meet with Tom O'Hallern in July at the Gap chapter; our meeting was held outside under the shade house. We gave our proposal of the water treatment plant, and hopefully we get federal dollars to help pay for the \$30. million-dollar project. Also hoping he could help us get the water from the Upper Colorado Basin and get it to Lower Colorado Basin.

7. Business Site Lease – Navajo Nation does not want LeChee Chapter to have this authority, since LeChee community has other business developed already, which pay some lease fees to the NN which sustains central government, this is the same for the taxes and fee collection ordinance the community is requesting. Chapter officials need to set up a meeting with OMB ask about the budget process for NN. An ongoing battle with NN government.

8. Recertification of Land Use Plan – Whatever we have for Land Use Plan is what we are currently working on. There has been no progression since 2010 when the Land Use Plan started being initiated. Only growth was the tour business at Antelope Canyon. Infrastructure is lacking in this area.

- NN Council Delegates Winter Session starts on January 27, 2020 in Windowrock.

- Lena Fowler wrote a proposal to help us get money for economic projects, Tom O'Halleren will help her with this.

- WNA meeting, Nathan Brown got voted in and he is from Navajo County, Felix Fuller, Sarah Slim to sit on a committee.

- Council Delegate Paul Begay – has requested us to pick 5 major projects that he could help us complete these projects with funding. We have a meeting with him on Wednesday this week at Coppermine Chapter. We will take the list Rae provided and pick the 5 major projects.
- Chapter Budget – The budget is finally been corrected. Due to the FY 2019 Carryover being delayed, we needed a resolution approval also and needed to be updated in the Wind system.
- Drought Proposal is ongoing, working on GPS on all dry ponds, and windmills that need repairs, need to continue to search more dry ponds, and find locations where water is seeping out of the ground.

Renee Tsosie – Reported the following: - Chapter Manger made the exit report and asked the chapter officials we need to plan another meeting to put these projects in order and review other projects we have yet to discuss.

- Let people know there is Land is available at Upper LeChee to start a business. This was reported by JoAnn.
- Residency Verification letter request are to be done through MC Baldwin with the DCD office in Windowrock. Forms are available in the chapter lobby and mail them to the address on the form and they will fill it out with resident of where you live. We were told from MC Baldwin that the chapters are not to write these residency letters. The community Rural Addressing must be approved by resolution and turned into their office before letters are filled out at the chapter offices.
- Best Buy Investigation – The chapter account has been hacked and someone made purchases in the amount of \$3,777.00 and it is under investigation from Flagstaff Police Department. We will update you once we find out more information.
- Financial Budget report – completed this with ASC, Margorie Sangsters. Finally completed and came out correct. I did not do the bank reconciliation for the month of November, it was completed by Rita Saligo, who was hired by the chapter as a consultant. Going forward I will do my elected duties to make monthly reports on the chapter financials. I left the Veteran Funds, Senior Citizen Fund, Head Start fund on the budget. It still needs to be zeroed out to be removed from our budge. Veterans need to come into let us know what type of financial assistance they need. Head Start fund – my recommendation is to move it into the Housing Discretionary fund or Supplemental Youth fund, but this needs to be still discussed with the chapter officials. Also, we need to make sure we can transfer the funds into those accounts.

Yavone Bigman – Back when we were in office we had a meeting with Windowrock Headstart in this meeting we discussed on re-opening the Pre-School, but since they are having a hard time in hiring the staff to run the school. They never re-opened the school back up. At that time Headstart purchase a bunch of new school supplies, can you guys asked what happened to all the school supplies the Head Start purchased?

Renee Tsosie and JoAnn – we don't know. But we can find out.

Rural Addressing – As JoAnn mentioned we are working on this project and plan to have this done by March. There is a lot of updating to be entered into the system with the GPS location, and names of everyone living in the LeChee Community. We will need more volunteers to help us out.

Regina Riggs asked so the signs that are posted in the community are not recognized.

Renee Tsosie – The signs posted are good, but it has not been recognized in the addressing system. Cassie and Matilda Burke worked on this project before and there is a box in the storage and in the box is all the information to complete this Rural Addressing Project. Once I can get around a bit faster, I will look for the missing box here at the chapter house.

JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche – No they are not approved yet through Rural Addressing, that's what we are working on.

Annette Tallsalt/IEC Member – PUSD is working with Kaibeto Community in setting up a Pre-School Pilot Project. If the school district is willing to hire the teachers and provide the maintenance to make repairs and deliver food service. I would let Superintendent Rob Varner know you might be interested in talking with him about this. We have a IEC meeting this week on Thursday this week, you are welcome to attend.

JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche – We would lease the building to PUSD. We have also had others who have had interest in starting a day care or pre-school, but they never follow through the plans.

B. Grazing Representative: Sara Dale –

- Livestock Sales Schedule and District Grazing Meeting Schedule, Agency Grazing Meeting Schedules, will be posted in the chapter lobby for dates and times of sales and upcoming meetings.
- Horse sales are taking place in Windowrock. This is for horse that are no longer being used, there will be buyers onsite. \$100.00 ahead for Stallion, Gelding, 3 years and older are \$350.00. There is a flyer posted in the chapter lobby on prices the buyers are willing to pay.
- NN Equine Reward Program will be at Windowrock on January 14, 21, 28, 2020.
- Western Agency hauled off 198 horses that were not being used.
- Overstocking on the Navajo Nation is a ongoing problem with Permit holders. Overstocking and overgrazing livestock and trespassing is a criminal offense per NN Rangeland.
- Currently working on the Permittee Conservation Plan for our community.
- There is a total of 98 grazing permit holders in LeChee, but with Coppermine there is 115 Permit Holders, 16 inactive permit holders, 6 subletting permits, 24 permits are being probated, 6 RMU.
- We have 295,307.5 grazing land acres within the community of LeChee . 4,820 SU Yr long,
- LeChee is allowed 172 horses but we are over this amount.
- Thank you for allowing me to do my report. Have a good night.

C. Council Delegate: Paul Begay – Not in attendance in tonight's meeting. (Report was made during the Planning Meeting *(see Planning Meeting Minutes for full report)*).

8. **Next Regular Planning Meeting:** February 3, 2020 @ 5:00 P.M. (MST)
9. **Next Regular Chapter Meeting:** February 10, 2020, @ 5:00 P.M. (MST)

10. Adjournment: 8:54 P.M. by JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche

Meeting minutes prepared and submitted by Chapter Secretary/Treasurer Renee Tsosie on January 15, 2020.

