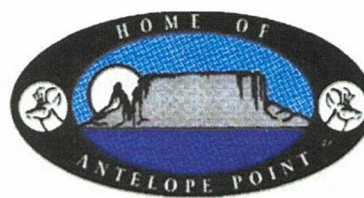


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LeChee Chapter Meeting

November 11, 2019

AGENDA

1. **Meeting Call to Order:**
2. **Invocation:**
3. **Announcements/Presentation: (please allow for 10 min. time limit)**
 - A. Christine Gamble – Fund Raising for JUA Burnt Home on Cliff View Loop, Upper LeChee
 - B. Veteran Photo Wall and Committee – Lou Tso
 - C. Zion Way – Jeremy Greer
 - D. TCRHC – Pearlana Nanonka, Presentation
 - E. NTUA Broadband Presentation – NTUA Representative
 - F. Update to change ALL Chapter & Planning meetings to start at 5:00 PM. – Jerry Williams
4. **Review and Adoption of the Agenda:**
5. **Reading and Approval of October 10, 2019 Chapter Meeting Minutes:**
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 - C. #LC-111119C – Requesting the Navajo Nation Council, Navajo Nation President and Western Agency Council to Research the McCracken Mesa Congressional Land Exchange Act of 1957 and Correct all the wrong doing to the People (Navajos) of LeChee Community.
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7. **Reports:**
 - A. **Chapter Manager:** Revaline Yazzie-Tate
 - B. **Chapter Officials: LeChee Chapter Officials:** Jerry Williams, JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche, Renee Tsosie
 - C. **Council Delegate:** Paul Begay

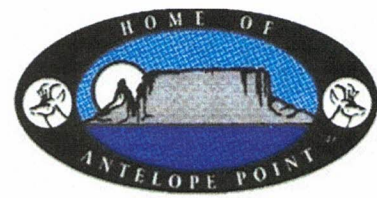
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8. **Next Regular Planning Meeting:** December 2, 2019 @ 5:00 P.M. (MST)

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10. **Adjournment:**

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1. **Meeting Call to Order:** Jerry Williams- Chapter President called the meeting to order at 5:24 P.M.
2. **Invocation:** Paul Begay, LeChee Chapter Council Delegate
3. **Announcements/Presentation: (please allow for 10 min. time limit)**
 - A. Christine Gamble – Renee Tsosie made the report for Christine Gamble.
 - Fund Raising for JUA Burnt Home on Cliff View Loop, Upper LeChee, burnt down about 9 years ago. Another fund raiser is going to take place 11/12/2019 at Mutton Curve, community volunteers are more than welcome, taking orders on her cell phone. Flyer on the front door for more information. You can also just make donations for all material and repairs.
 - Navajo Taco Dinner Sale on 11/9/2019, it went well \$400.00 was raised to purchase material to fix the house for the upcoming cold winter. Sale took place at Mutton Curve.
 - Still waiting on the assistance application from Window Rock to get Verna to fill out, once the application has been filled out we will hand this off to Paul Begay, so he can walk the application through to the appropriate office in Window Rock.
 - B. Veteran Photo Wall and Committee – JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche announced to have all Veterans who are in the meeting to stand up and introduce themselves with the military they served. We had a few Veterans introduce themselves. Community members gave thanks to everyone for their services in the military.
 - C. Zion Way & Home Health Care– Jeremy Greern – Was unable to attend the meeting tonight, Irene Whitekiller who works for Zion Way will be giving the report.
 - Zion Way is located across from the post office in Page, they have been around for over 7 years.
 - It provides Hospice Service to all those who would like to assure that family member are taken care of at the end of life by providing comfort, even helping them understand the religious side.
 - They also take care of patients who have gone through surgery and need assistance at home with bathing, find volunteers to come and sit with patients.
 - Received my certification to be a Chaplin, so now I can also help with the religious side to our patients and to get families to understand the end of life process
 - Have a lot of Navajo’s working for us, but always need volunteers. Staff we have nurses, doctors working with us as well.

- They provide service to Navajo Mountain, Shonto, Kaibeto, Inscription House, Red Lake, Coalmine, Tuba City, Gap, Coppermine, LeChee, Church Wells and Big Water.
- We have cell phones to keep in touch with each other, so we can be there to provide comfort.
- Home Health has their own team to help out their patients.
- Get on the Agency Council to report what services we provide to Navajo Nation.
- Question: Orlinda Tsosie – How does it work when the physician tells us that a patient passes away and don't have the right paper work to let the family aware, who does the communication to the families?
- Response: Irene Whitekiller – We have a nurse who steps in to let the mortuary know when that happens as well as notifying the family. We give the support to the family.
- Paul Begay – Expressed his thanks to Zion Way for assisting their family when the lost their mom on March 20, 2019. They did a good job at the time in telling us the stages of our mother's death, also to make her feel comfortable. Our family was very pleased with the preparation with our mothers passing.

D. TCRHC – Pearlena Nanonka, Presentation – Provided a Power Point, received a grant from Washington to help us preserve our language to educate our people in Navajo on the power point.

- Provide patient interpretation, employee training, community outreach, Introduction to Navajo classes, Navajo medical terminology, anatomy, and physiology, even getting their medication, to connect on the internet for questions patients have, we also present these types of services at all Senior Citizens Centers through out Navajo Nation. Pamphlets were handed out to members for more information. Couldn't get the speaker to work.
- Gave presentation on Alcohol substance abuse with yourself or family members, and how it affects you in your daily life as well with work or school.
- Information on help is on the pamphlets, also Behavior Health is available.
- If you want presentations at your work place please contact us.
- Question: JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche this has nothing to do with your presentation, but TCRHC Committee is aware of the poor shape of our parking lot. At one time TCRHC said they would help us pave the parking lot, even Coconino County Board of Elections was willing to help pay the cost to get the parking lot paved, this has been going on for over 2 years since this was brought up. So if you could please share this message with TCRHC Health Board Committee it would be appreciated. Due to us officials attend the SRP impact meeting we were not available to meet during the quarterly meeting that took place in TCRHC. So please let them know to put this parking lot into the budget. Thank you.
- Response: Perleana – Will relay that message to the Board of Directors.
- Question: Virginia Whitehorse – We work at PUSD and just recently we had a student pass away and we need your assistance in working with families on how to deal with finding services on the

Navajo Nation. How is TCRHC dealing with families that need counseling or educating them about what services are out there for them?

- Response: Pearlena Nanonka – For counseling there is Behavior Health, but we work closely with other resources, and I can email you some information since you work at the school.

E. NTUA Broadband Presentation – NTUA Representative, No representation from NTUA.

F. Update to change **ALL Chapter & Planning** meetings to start at 5:00 PM. On the first/second Monday night – Jerry Williams

G. Budget and Finance had their meeting here last week. Jerry Williams

H. Regional Development Committee (RDC) – will be having a meeting here in LeChee on December 4th, 2019 at 9:00 A.M. Community is welcome to attend and listen. Jerry Williams

4. Review and Adoption of the Agenda: Motion to approve the Agenda: Denis Tsosie Second: Marietta Williams Vote: 30 yes, 0 no, 01 abstain Motion carried.

5. Reading and Approval of October 10, 2019 Chapter Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve the 10/10/2019 Chapter Meeting Minutes since it is posted in the chapter lobby: Olinda Tsosie

Second: Wilson Lister Sr. Vote: 33 yes, 0 no, 02 abstain Motion carried

6. Action items/Financial Report /Resolution(s): (Financial Reports are reported quarterly, and hard copies are displayed at the front office).

A. #LC-111119A – Approving and Supporting the Reversion of the Rights of Way from Salt River Project (NGS) to Grazing Land in the LeChee Chapter Area.

Motion: Irene Whitekiller Second: Daisy Etsitty Vote: 36 yes, 0 no, 03 abstain Motion carried

Discussion: Jerry Williams – Mentioned that this same resolution will be presented at the Western Navajo Agency Meeting as well, since this effects LeChee, Kaibeto, Tonalea land grazers.

JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche – Mentioned that since these agreements between Navajo Nation and SRP took place years ago and there might be no money in the budget to tear down the fencing or the railroad, so this resolution might not get passed by the council. Russel Begaye past NN President made these agreements. Maybe we could just use the material and start recycling it ourselves. Just something to make the community members aware of.

Question: Irene Whitekiller – Agreements should have already been in place to tear it down for the land grazer who gave up grazing land to build the railroad? People are already cutting fencing and stealing the railroad materials.

Mentioned: Renee Tsosie – Had Deon Dodson a community member brings up a concern about their Range Management Unit which is located along the SRP/NGS railroad. His question was “Is SRP/NGS going to take down the fencing? And what will it do to us since our Range Management Unit fencing ties into the railroad fence?” This question will be directed to JT Willie and Navajo Nation President, when we meet at the next meeting.

Question: Orlinda Tsosie -What will happen to the \$6 million dollars that will be paid out to Navajo Nation? And will they be using that payment to tear down the railroad?

Response: Jerry Williams – SRP/NGS will pay Navajo Nation \$18 million for final payment, according to the final agreement. The agreement was to put the land back to its normal state, before all the construction took place of the Power Plant. Part of that payment will be to take the catenary down, but the railroad and fencing around it will not be removed, since Navajo Nation is going to take that over, and maybe they are going to get diesel engine railroad carts to start tourism from LeChee to Pea Body, then run a bus tour to Monument Valley. This is still up in discussion with JT Willie and Navajo Nation President. Johnathan Nez also mentioned that they will come into LeChee to meet with our community, he really didn't set a date, but the community is welcome to attend. We will update you when new information is provided. Also RDC will be having a meeting here on December 12, 2019 at 9:00 A.M. Navajo Nation Vice President Liezer will also be here that day.

JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche – Meeting has been set up on November 20, 2019 at 9:00 A.M. for the NGS Impact meeting, you are all welcome to attend, lets make it a Pot Luck luncheon meeting. Show our concern, and we want our concerns to be address.

Jerry Williams - This meeting is run by JT Willie, Economic Development office. There were 13 Chapters that will be affected by this NGS closure, other chapters are trying to get involved in getting benefits, the 23rd Navajo Nation Council made this legislation years ago.

Modesta Clubfoot – Question, Does this mean they are going to take down the fencing? This keeps a boundaries for us land users, one of the fencing should stay up. Who do I talk to about this.

Jerry Williams – We are requesting that the fencing comes down and get the land to its normal state again.

Paul Begay – At the beginning of the planning stages, two administration have gone by. Now JT Willie is in charge. I told them I am the council delegate for this area, and to keep me informed of all future planning and meetings. I had to invite myself to one of the meetings, and I am sure they were surprised. These are called retain assets, to regrowth the vegetation to its normal state. I asked why they want to keep the railroad? No response from JT Willie and President Nez. Make sure you ask these questions on November 20, 2019 during the meeting. Community involvement is really needed. We really need to express to JT Willie our public concerns, since we are the effected chapter. Even the shareholders of SRP/NGS wanted to tear down the railroad with fencing at the beginning of the planning stages, but all this got changed as the administration has changed over twice. It all started out with 6 chapters that were impacted, and now there are 15 chapters, and more chapters want to get financial benefits from it. The total pay out to impacted chapters has come down to \$12, 000.00 since the past two administration, this amount keeps coming down every year. Even Council Delegates that vetoed to shut down the Power Plant are wanting to benefit from the final payment. The gravel on the railroad is expensive and

they are planning on running the water line extension on it. The railroad will be an eye soar in 10 years. I will make the meeting on November 20, 2019.

B. #LC-111119B – Approving the Annual Allocation Budget of \$291,685.00

Motion: Irene Whitekiller Second: Dorothy Trujilo Vote: 33 yes, 0 no, 03 abstain Motion carried
Open Discussion: Renee Tsosie – We had a meeting here with ASC office from Tuba City. This funding is for FY 2020, Reviewed this budget with chapter officials, chapter manager and administrative assistance. Had to time review the budget. Some corrections will be made after the carry over has been completed. The CIP fund will also be updated before the budget is turned in with the resolutions. Its posted in the lobby for public view. The PEP and Chapter stipends are in the negative and once the funds are released to the chapter it will take care of the negative balance, so the budget on the white board will be updated. ASC office staff requested that we be transparent with the community members.

JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche – this will also release funds for the scholarship, its online, so your students can start applying on line.

Murphy – Since it's a safety hazard to have the Chapter manager move her office downstairs. So it won't happen again.

Irene Whitekiller – Please put the budget on the back of the agenda, its up to the community members to review and approve it in a resolution format. Going forward please put the financial budget on the back of the agenda, the one on the white board isn't even up todate. Also on the chapter scholarship, the chapter manager went and changed the eligibility GPA from a 2.9 to a 4.0 I want to know who gives her the authority to make changes without a public hearing and community members final vote on a resolution form? Where is the resolution that indicated the GPA to be changed? Even Navajo Nation eligibility guidelines are 2.9 GPA for scholarship. I confirmed with the scholarship office in Tuba City that the GPA is still at 2.9. This is all in the FMS on how changes have to be made.

JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche – I think 2.0 GPA is to low and we need to expect our students to work harder. We don't need to cheat out our 4.0 GPA students who work really hard for their education, and we need to support our students who are high achievers. If we need to do a legislation let's get one done.

Irene Whitekiller – Make sure you do a public hearing and not just to make changes on your own as chapter officials and chapter manager.

College Student – Miss Etsitty went to NAU and completed 4 years of college and it does take a lot of commitment. Maybe the GPA should at least be at a 3.0 GPA to get the chapter scholarship assistance. Majored in Business Management.

Murphy Allison – Maybe you should look at he scholarship applicant and their circumstances, and not so much as to what their grades are, it all depends on the person, so if you deny someone you are making them not worth. Some students must have a 4.0 GPA to get accepted into college. Take time to consider these situations. Think beyond the individuals circumstance and so much to what the GPA is.

Marla Lane-Butler – I work at PUSD and we have a lot of students who have problems with alcohol, drugs, family abuse, which brings there grades down and lose interest in their education. We as staff to PUSD have to encourage every student on a daily basis, we just can't pick and choose who we feel would do better and just help that one student. But for you chapter officials, to say only help the high achievers is just wrong. As a chapter we need to help one another.

Jerry Williams – Thank you for speaking up, we need the community members input on subjects like this. I just received a text message from chapter manager, and back on 2012 we were LGA certified and the FMS was approved by the chapter members, since then there has not been any changes made to the chapter scholarship GPA, this is for eligibility requirements to receive a chapter scholarship. I welcome you to come into the office and review this on the FMS.

- C. #LC-11119C – Requesting the Navajo Nation Council, Navajo Nation President and Western Agency Council to Research the McCracken Mesa Congressional Land Exchange Act of 1957 and Correct all the wrong doing to the People (Navajos) of LeChee Community.

Motion by: Wilson Lister Sr. Second: Marietta Williams Vote: 37 yes, 0 no, 02 abstain
Motion carried.

Jerry Williams – back in 1957 a land exchange took place and the LeChee Chapter community members where not notified this taking place. There was a land exchange for the City of Page, and the land is located in Anneth, Utah that belongs to LeChee Chapter members. A dam was built to help build the City of Page and provide water down south to Phoenix. There is oil and some minerals on the land in Anneth, Utah, that the Navajo Nation receives the revenues, and nothing comes back to LeChee community. Even the Utah Trust Fund receives funds. Maybe we could start receiving revenues since the Navajo Generating Station is going to close down. In title 26 it states we need to be self sufficient sometime soon. Discussion: Angela Cody – This resolution is a Congressional Act to get passed. This land is their but all the mineral rights were given to Navajo Nation. So I am asking you be mindful of the request to this resolution. Are you writing this resolution to the Congress and the Navajo Nation agreed to this long time ago.

Jerry Williams – This resolution is a stepping stone to get it approved through the Council of the Navajo Nation, and if this has to go to Washington it will have to be sent there. The resolution also states to research the way the resolution is written, and its addressed to the Western Navajo Nation. This is also needs to be kept under discussion, we just can't sit aside and let this happen to our community. There is nothing wrong in addressing this.

- D. #LC-11119D - Approving and Supporting the expend the Veteran's Fund account from the LeChee Chapter for Registered Voters.

Renee Tsosie – The meeting we had with the ASC office suggested that use this funding to all chapter Veterans, who are registered voters of LeChee Chapter. Have them apply for financial assistance to zero out the account. (*This resolution was discussed on resolution LC -11119B under FY 2020 Budget.*)

Motion by: Irene Whitekiller Second: Virgie Whitehorse Vote: 42 yes, 01 no, 02 abstain
Motion carried.

Jerry Williams – Stated that the Senior Citizen Funds will also be zeroed out in the next meeting in December. The funds for Senior Citizen Funds are allocated from Window Rock and they take care of all funds. The chapter is not responsible for Senior Citizen Funds. There was a donation given to the Senior Citizen from Delvin Etsitty, Navajo Tours, and chapter manager will write a check in the amount of the

donation in the amount of \$5,000.00 and return it to Delvin, then the Senior Citizen will have to get a EIN# to open an account to make the deposit into their own bank account.

E. #LC-111119E – Approving Supporting Antelope Canyon Navajo Tours to drill for Preliminary Studies for Water Infrastructure Development.

F. Motion by: Irene Whitekiller Second: Vangie Lane Vote: 41 yes, 0 no, 02 abstain
Motion carried.

Discussion: Delvin Etsitty – Expressed to the community members with appreciation to support this resolution on the behalf of Navajo Tours. Also, he cannot guarantee to get water from the ground, this is still a process of getting the water project underway. Working with JT Willie, the Economic Development Committee to help develop this resolution. I do my best to give back to my community, makes me humble and grateful to our grandfather for all these blessings our family receives. All my work is by the book and within the guidelines.

Jerry Williams – Mentioned that the water line project from Kaibeto to LeChee has been approved and there is funding available. This came from Mr. Coley. I am also excusing myself from the chapter meeting, headed back to Phoenix for work. Vice President, JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche will take over the meeting.

7. Reports:

A. **Chapter Manager:** Revaline Yazzie-Tate – No report, was not in attendance.

B. **Chapter Officials: LeChee Chapter Officials:** Jerry Williams – Left the meeting.

JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche – There will be an NGS impact meeting here on November 20, 2019, please come out and expressed your questions and concerns in reference to the closure. With the railroad a community member David Tso stated why is the Navajo Nation keep the railroad?

- National Park Service meetings are ongoing, meeting have been held in Tuba City. The Nation has put JT Willie in charge of most of these meetings and has put him in charge on most of these meetings.
- Antelope Point Marina – Back when the agreement of the land lease was made a lot of promises were made by APM to build campgrounds, hotels, gas stations, but as of this day APM has yet to fulfill their obligation. We also heard that APM owes the Navajo Nation back taxes estimated in the amount of over \$20,000.00, but the Navajo Nation will not really say what is the status of these taxes owed. The renewal of the APM agreement is coming up, and in our position, we see that APM has yet to meet the obligations in the agreement. Maybe we could start looking for a new concessioner and have the agreement go in our favor to start receiving revenues. We as a community have lost in a lot of funding in the past, such as SRP/NGS, Navajo Nation Parks and recreation. All dealings are done in Windowrock with the Navajo Nation and as a chapter we don't get much funding back to our chapter, this could be funding to help us get infrastructure developed and get more economic development started in our community.
- Drought Proposal is almost complete, waiting on Kaibeto chapter to turn in their information to complete the proposal, which will go to Angela Cody and then to our Council Delegate, Paul Begay.

- NTUA Solar Project – A letter and a resolution was written to NTUA to cease and assess their project. This is to stop all surveying. We would like to explore with other solar companies. During the Budget and Finance Committee meeting here at LeChee Chapter, our Chapter President – Jerry Williams was in attendance with Navajo Power Solar Company, which is also came before our chapter meeting requesting land, at the time of the meeting the community members were not pleased with their presentation. We were surprised that Navajo Power was here in the meeting that day. Next Era Solar Company is also interested in developing solar, we need to keep our options open and do what is best for our community.
- Christmas Dinner for next month is all in the planning stages, will update you.
- Wood Hauling for upcoming cold months – Dixie Young Ellis hired someone to haul wood for our community members and elderlies. Lou Tso and I went and delivered some wood.
- Kaibab wood hauling permits are given out free to members here at the chapter house.
- Carol Bighumb also mentioned that she needs names of community members that need wood.

Renee Tsosie – Had a meeting with National Park Service and the Cantena Foundation. At this meeting we had discussed to build trails and bike trails within the community. The Cantena Foundation is a non-profit program, and willing to help build these trails & bike trails. I would like to propose to use the Junk Food Tax Funds to start coming up with plans for the community. Sometime ago a skate park was proposed, and the material was purchased or donated for our youth here in the community, and nothing was done to get this project completed. The Cantena Foundation is willing to help us build the skate park with trails & bike trails. I think if its being offered to our youth we need to start planning in getting this done for them, because a lot of our youth hang out in the city of Page and they end up finding trouble or trouble finds them, so if we build a place for recreation they won't have to go into town. There are future meetings to be held and hopefully we can develop a place for our youth and for all those that like to recreate along the rim trails for exercise.

- Public Concern – The trails are a good idea but we have a lot of trash needs to be cleaned up, and maybe even build a playground for our younger youth. Whatever happened to the basketball courts that were donated to the community, why haven't they been put up? You are also invited to attend the next meeting with the Cantena Foundation. It will be posted on the LeChee Chapter face book page. Your input is needed in the planning.

- I had mentioned to the chapter officials we also need to get a new CLUP committee established here in the community to help with these types of projects.

C. Council Delegate: Paul Begay – I have invited Jim Swearline with Navajo Nation Veterans to come out to Tuba City in the Western Navajo Agency and meet with our Veterans.

- I am asking that I be put under reports at the next chapter meeting agenda, due to my early morning travels to Window Rock. I have already run off the highway, just asking due to my own safety.

- All Council Delegates are assigned a LDA to work with, Angela Cody is here tonight and she is our LDA in District One. She is my help in all projects at the chapter level. We work well together.

- The ribbon cutting to build the new Tonalea Chapter Project took place. This project was a joint effort to get the 164 process started and completed. Also this is one of the projects we had to lobby to the council delegates to get approved, it was a lot of work. We had to take it out of archive and start the process all over again. Vote was 18 to 1 and approved.

- Light Up Navajo Project – The deadline to submit an application is November 15, 2019, which will be extended, only 250 applicants are needed and only 55 applicants applied. Please pass the word to apply with Angela Cody, LDA. Rural community members are encourage to apply.

- Black Mesa is now closed no more coal can be picked up for heating source. NTEC will be taking over the coal. All 110 chapters where notified in a email on the closure, and to set aside a location to get the coal delivery. None of the chapters responded at this time. So the offer was no longer in place.

- Community Heating Resource Program – Bitsie Fuel Energy takes care of all the coal request. Andy Hawkins is the contact person. Please send all request to him. Angela Cody also sent out emails to the chapters in District One for all the information on hauling coal.

- Navajo Nation Tourism Summit – On November 12, 13 & 14, 2019 at Twin Arrows starting 9:00 A.M.

- Will be attending the Rural Non-Gaming Tribes in Tonto Gaming Casino Tourism Conference.

Havasupai, Hopi, Apache, San Juan Southern Paiute are wanting to start imposing to start charging for the use of roads to the casinos. There are a lot of disputes against Navajo because of gaming. We come to find out it all has to do with greed. Gaming and Water is a big issue we have with the Hopi tribes.

- Western Water Line Project – is another project I will be working on to extend the water from NGS to Coppermine, Gap, Cameron, and Coal Mine chapters, the estimated cost is \$61 million dollars, and this project will come in phases.

- Opportunity Zones along N-22 to Antelope Point Marina is available, there are also Grants available through the state of Arizona for Economic Development and the Federal Grant, this was land has already been approved by the LeChee Chapter community. When JT Willie comes next week ask him what the Opportunity Zone is?

- McCracken Mesa – Mr. Mike Holona is in charge of this and I have yet to meet with him in reference to this land exchange. He oversees all the land on Navajo Nation. I am on the Navajo Hopi Land Commission Committee and I want to ask him to attend the meeting so I can ask questions about the history of this land exchange. Maybe even invite him to our chapter meeting so he can educate everyone and give us the updates, even ask questions.

Question: JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche – Can we attend the meeting you are having with NTUA tomorrow?

Paul Begay – No, only because I don't know the details of what the meeting is for and the meeting was set up by their invite only, so they only requested that I attend. But once I meet with them I can update you on the meeting.

Question: Ada Lister – Did the Navajo Nation buy land somewhere in Montana for Coal?

Paul Begay – Yes, NTEC purchased 3 coal mines, but now they are disputing due to bonds. These bonds are Navajo Nation member funds. All revenues are paid back to Navajo Nation in the amount of \$30 million dollars which will help the Navajo Nation since the closure of SRP/NGS. There are 3 council delegates that were pro EPA which makes it hard to get this type of business with the Coal to get passed through the council delegates. This company is like NAPI. The 1958 agreement it states that the Nation will become self-sufficient with their own natural resources, but these 3 council delegates are always against the use of coal on Navajo Nation. We as council delegates have to vote yes on issues that pertain to what our community needs. This was a bad purchase by NTEC. Our Navajo Nation budget will be fine with the current budget, since we are getting the final payment from SRP/NGS, but as of next year the Navajo Nation will end up cutting a lot of programs and the 110 chapters will not get enough funding. The Nation will be doing a lot of budget cuts for FY 2020. At least when SRP/NGS was operational it paid a lot of money to Navajo Nation, due to this closure at SRP/NGS it brought a lot of hardship to our people in this community and on Navajo. This was my expression to the Navajo Nation Council.

- Thank you for letting me give this report. The only thing I promised during my campaigning, was to do what I can to help the community. Good night.

D. Grazing Representative: Sara Dale – No report is given.

8. **Next Regular Planning Meeting:** December 2, 2019 @ 5:00 P.M. (MST)
9. **Next Regular Chapter Meeting:** December 9, 2019@ 5:00 P.M. (MST)
10. **Adjournment:** 9:27 P.M. by Vice-President JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche

Chapter Meeting submitted by Renee Tsosie, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer

