

LeChee Chapter



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LeChee Chapter Planning Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2020 @ 5:00 P.M.

1. **Meeting Call to Order:** 5:25 P.M. (MST) by Chapter President Jerry Williams
2. **Invocation:** Brook Spain with Benefits for Elderly/Medicare Benefits
3. **Announcements/Presentation: (please allow for 10 min. time limit)**
 - A. **Victim Witness Services** – Charmayne Lane, was not present at the meeting tonight.
 - B. **LeChee Community Garden** – Florinda Tracey. JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche made this report for Florida Tracey who was not in attendance to the meeting tonight.
 - The LeChee Community Garden might be requesting for some land to build a community garden, the location is at the late Clara Clark resident. Her son Alfred Clark has given permission to build the community garden in the old location where his mother had a garden. Another location would be at the LeChee Senior Citizen old garden plot on the chapter boundaries. This will all depend on the outcome of the first location. Updates will be provided as this project takes off.
 - This will be a community volunteer program to build the garden.
 - They will be planting some fruit trees, vegetables, corn.
 - I am not sure if we need to provide them a support resolution.
 - C. **Benefits for Elderly Request** – Brook & Gretchen Spain
 - Sharing with you about Part B Plan Reduction for Medicare Benefits to all natives. These extra benefits are already paid by you through SSI so they are practically free benefits, that you don't have to pay for.
 - Cost savings per person is up to \$50.00 month/\$600.00 per year.
 - There is a \$0.00 Copay for Routine Hearing and Eye Exams.
 - Even a \$2,000.00 Dental Benefit.
 - A \$100.00 Benefit for Eyeglasses or Contacts.
 - \$0.00 Copay Acupuncture up to 25 visits.
 - A \$50.00 allowance every 3 months for over the counter medications, ie cough medicine, supplies, weigh scale, canes, walkers, even gym membership.

Community Discussion: Is this service being billed back to HIS – Indian Health Services? NO as mentioned you have already paid for this through deductions from you SSI. We will be here during the chapter meeting on Monday, March 9, 2020 to bring more information for community members to benefit from this program. Thank you for allowing us to attend your Planning meeting tonight.

- D. **Plus Code Addressing** – Nita Rodriguez, Not in attendance to make a report. JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche will make the report.
- Nita Rodriguez is currently working on the Plus Code Addressing for our community, getting GPS on community members residence, and filling out forms from everyone to sign. Community members can agree to participate if they choose to.
 - The Plus Code Addressing is another way to identify your residence.
 - Nita Rodriguez should provide a Identification Badge to community members to identify who she is currently working for to get this information from community members. There are a lot of fraudulent people out there taking confidential information.
 - This Plus Code Addressing might be for Utah Trust Fund. We are not sure, this will be a question we need to ask her, hopefully she will attend the chapter meeting on Monday next week.
- E. **Steward to the Earth** – JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche reported on this.
- This was addressed at a meeting in Twin Arrows, it has to do with education land erosion on the Navajo Nation, at that time a presentation was provided to all attendees. Its focus was to all land grazer's with livestock and Grazing Permits.
 - How to take care of the land and re-seed.
 - A flyer will be posted in the chapter bulletin board in the chapter lobby for more information.
- F. **Coconino County Democrat Party** – Floyd Steven was not present tonight. JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche reported for Floyd Stevens.
- On March 17, 2020 is the Democratic Election here at the LeChee Chapter house.
 - There is about 3 Democratic Parties that will be in attendance during the chapter meeting to present.
- G. **Dist. One Council Delegate** – Paul Begay reported on the following with updates:
- First of all, thank you for allowing me to make my report tonight.
 - Corona Virus update – NN Council is very concerned about this disease, at first there was not a big concern, but since there are more cases being reported in the United States. The NN Council is asking that you to take care of your health, a lot of hand washing, wash your hands under warm water for up to 20 seconds with soap, cover your coughs, visit a doctor as soon as you start feeling high fevers. Please take care of your families, prepare your families with extra food and water. This has become a big concern on Navajo Nation from our NN President Nez. As a council delegate we might not be allowed to travel outside the state anymore. Our NN President Nez is working on putting out a press release regarding no more traveling.
 - There is a 45 days incubation period with the Corona Virus, this is once you have contracted it.
 - Meeting with Native American Caucus on March 3, 2020 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Not attending this meeting since I will be attending all 5-chapter's meeting which I cover.
 - Next Sunday I will be attending the TIPIT meeting in Washington DC. This meeting will take place for 1 week. To be covering the funding for education.
 - Western Water Pipeline Project – I am still looking for funding, it is up to the chapter officials to put the plans with the proposals together and get them turned into myself or Angela Cody, who is my LDA. This is an ongoing project. Will keep everyone posted on new updates.
 - NN HESI Committee – There are a lot of ongoing meetings weekly with all the chapters.
 - NGO's Environmentalist – They are continuously wanting to have meetings with the NN Council. Since they played a big part of shutting down NGS/SRP here in LeChee, NN Council asked them where are all the jobs you promised our Navajo people? No response.
 - As you have noticed there are no more cigarette commercials on TV. Now they are advertising Vaping commercials which even more dangerous and we need to educate our youth to not get addicted. The national statistics are 5 out of 8 middle school age kids have tried vaping.

- There is a high rate of people wanting to use their cell phones while driving. This is also another problem here on Navajo Nation highways. Try to remind ourselves to not use cell phones while driving, try to wait until you get time to stop then answer your messages and return calls.
- There will be a Uranium Mine Hearing in March 2020, flyers will be posted and announced on KTNN radio, for those of you that would like to attend.
- Gaming Enterprise – We must agree to meet with State of Arizona on the Compact. There are a lot of moving parts, we plan on having a meeting sometime soon. Will keep you all posted on the meeting dates and location.
- Problem here at NGS with Navajo Preference, with a lot of Navajo people complain that contractors are not abiding to Navajo Preference Act in hiring their staff for the tear down. Jerry commented that he talked with JT Willie and Pearl Yellowman about this problem of not hiring Navajo. Suggested that they hire a new Public Relations person during this tear down who could ensure that these contractors hire Navajo Preference. Our Navajos have to travel for work and it would be nice if they could find work locally.
- State Task Force meeting is this Thursday, March 5, 2020.
- As a Council Delegate we are responsible for all community projects that need to be addressed or get approved through all the right committees involved at Central level of the government. We attend a lot of meetings daily and are busy every day of the week. Sometime its difficult to attend local chapter meetings. Please work with your local chapter officials on any future projects this community might have.
- District One Council Delegate meetings with all 5 chapters will be held every two months. My LDA, Angela Cody will coordinate and make the agendas, please work with her on committee's you would like to hear from so she can invite them to these meetings, also bring in all projects you are planning for your communities. At the next meeting we have invited Mike Holona with the Land Department and maybe invite NN Headstart Program.
- Question: JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche asked – What is the status of the Drought Proposal that was turned in? Paul response, I will have to follow up with the Department that it was turned into, I know that is a working progress proposal. They all take time and I will give you an update.
- Question: Regina Riggs asked – What are some of the issues/projects that are being addressed for our community in Window Rock Central offices?
- Paul response: The Western Waterline Project is the largest project on Navajo Nation at this time to get water to everyone within Western Navajo Nation. Our people really need water to build new infrastructures to do more development of Economic Growth on Navajo Nation.
- Question: Regina Riggs asked – Does Navajo Nation have Water Rights?
- Paul response: No – This is a very hard process to claim. We, as a nation never tried to get water rights, even after NGS/SRP shut down all the water rights they had they gave back to the State of Arizona. We have very limited options at time. Even this community must purchase water from NTUA then they buy it from the City of Page.
- Question: JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche asked. What is the status on the Quadrilateral Agreement?
- Paul response: Maybe we need to request NABI Committee and Resource Development to address this agreement with the invite of the following DOJ, NN Park Service, National Park Services to present us with updates, need to find a location to have this meeting. But I will follow up with these committees and see when they can schedule a meeting with us.
- Comment: Jerry Williams made a comment about 5G cell phone services being offered with T-Mobile. Let people know this is not a good, there is radiation to the batteries.

H. Navajo Nation Division of Social Service w/Child Care Development - Selena Curley from Window Rock, Rena Dodson Presented:

- There are 17 Programs under this Division, funds are from Federal Funds from Washington to provide Day Care for infants, toddlers and kids up to the age of 12.
- Looking for land within the chapter boundaries to set up a modular building to start the day care program.

- This program is based on low income families.
- We have currently opened 3-day care facilities on Navajo Nation.
- We look at larger communities with a high population to get these Day Care started and LeChee is one of those communities that could benefit from this program.
- Not really interested in the Head Start building that are in the chapter boundaries.
- Our program really doesn't want to pay for the maintenance cost of NN Headstart buildings.
- Jerry Williams suggested they work with Sara Dale on the land to put up the modular buildings.

I. **Corona Virus Update** – JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche. This item was already discussed under 3. G. with Council Delegate Paul Begay report.

J. **Hydrostor Inc. and Navajo Power** - Kelvin Long would like to added to the chapter meeting next Monday to make a presentation on Hydrostor with Navajo Power. I will also be requesting a supporting resolution which I am requesting to be approved to be put on the agenda for Monday night chapter meeting. JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche suggested he change the verbiage on the resolution which was provided in tonight's planning meeting. Please work with Renee Tsosie, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer. Also this item J will be added to the agenda.

4. **Review and Adoption of the Agenda:** Motion by Renee Tsosie to approve the Planning meeting agenda with the following additions:

- **H.** Navajo Nation Division of Social Services w/ Child Care Development
- **I.** Corona Virus Update
- **J.** Hydrostor Inc. and Navajo Power

Second by: Sara Dale Vote: 3 in favor, 0 oppose, 01 abstain Motioned Carried.

5. **Reading and Approval of February 3, 2020 Planning Meeting Minutes:** Motion by Renee Tsosie

Second by: Sara Dale Vote: 3 in favor, 0 oppose, 01 abstain Motioned Carried.

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

A. #LC-03092020A – LECHEE CHAPTER IS REQUESTING FOR SOLAR STREET LIGHT IN THE LECHEE AREA ON NAVAJO ROUTE 20 (NN ROUTE 20). LECHEE CHAPTER WILL WORK A COLLABORATIVE PROJECT WITH NAVAJO NATION DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AS WELL AS THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS (BIA). THE STREETLIGHTS WILL PROVIDE SOME SAFETY AND SECURITY FOR LECHEE COMMUNITY.

Motioned by: Sara Dale Second by: Renee Tsosie

Vote: 3 in favor, 0 oppose, 01 abstain Motioned Carried.

B. #LC-03092020B – REQUESTING APPROVING TO RESCIND DONATION FROM LOWER ANTELOPE CANYON TOURS OF \$5,000 THAT WAS ACCEPTED AND WAS DEPOSITED INTO LECHEE BANKING ACCOUNT AND THE REMAINING BALANCE OF \$94.45 FROM THE LECHEE CHAPTER SENIOR CITIZEN COUNCIL ACCOUNT, WHICH BRING THE TOTAL TO \$5,094.45. THIS WAS COMPLETED WITHOUT PROCAL OF THE APPROVED LOCAL LECHEE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND AS RECOMMENDED BY THE WESTERN AGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE OFFICE.

Motioned by: Sara Dale Second by: JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche

Vote: 3 in favor, 0 oppose, 01 abstain Motioned Carried.

C. #LC-03092020C - APPROVING SUPPORT OF THE NAME “ECHO CLIFFS HEALTH CENTER” FOR THE BODAWAY GAP HEALTH CENTER AT GAP, ARIZONA.

Motioned by: JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche Second by: Sara Dale

Vote: 3 in favor, 0 oppose, 01 abstain Motioned Carried.

D. #LC-03092020D – RESOLUTION OF LECHEE CHAPTER SUPPORTING, APPROVING AND RECOMMENDING THE INVESTIATION OF ADVANCED COMPRESSED AIR ENERGY STORAGE OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN LECHEE CHAPTER, ARIZONA.

Motioned by: JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche Second by: Sara Dale

Vote: 3 in favor, 0 oppose, 01 abstain Motioned Carried.

7. Reports:

- A. **Chapter Officials: LeChee Chapter Officials:** Jerry Williams – Chapter President, JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche – Vice President, Renee Tsosie – Secretary/Treasurer
- Chapter President, Jerry Williams – will make his report during the chapter meeting 3/9/2020
 - Chapter Vice-President – Reported on March 17, 2020 is the Presidential Election, See Flyers to be posted in the chapter lobby for more information.
 - 2020 Census Count takers are being hired, please apply online. Flyers are posted in the chapter lobby for more information. They are paying \$16.50 per hour, also pay for you to attend the training with mileage.
 - Chapter Secretary/Treasurer, Renee Tsosie reported that currently ran out of Navajo Nation Election Registration cards and will get supplies next week from election office. Please send anyone that wants to registrar with Navajo Nation to Tuba City Election Office or go see a registrar at Coppermine Chapter or Kaibeto Chapter. The LeChee Chapter financial budget report will be on the back of the Chapter meeting agenda next week on Monday.

B. **Grazing Official:** Sara Dale reported next Grazing Permittee meeting is on March 10, 2020.

8. **Next Regular Planning Meeting:** April 6, 2020 @ 5:00 P.M. (MST)
9. **Next Regular Chapter Meeting:** March 9, 2020, @ 5:00 P.M. (MST)
10. **Adjournment:** 8:26 PM (MST) Good Night and see you all at the chapter meeting March 9, 2020.
Thank you for your attendance.

Thank you for your attendance and drive home safely.

Meeting submitted by: _____ on March 5, 2020

Renee Tsosie, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer