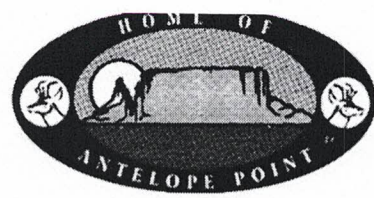


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LeChee Chapter Planning Meeting

December 2, 2019

AGENDA

1. **Meeting Call to Order:** Chapter President Jerry Williams
2. **Invocation:**
3. **Announcements/Presentation: (please allow for 10 min. time limit)**
 - A. LeChee Chapter Community Christmas Dinner for Dec. 9, 2019 – JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche, Renee Tsosie
 - B. NTUA Broadband Presentation – NTUA Representative
 - C. LeChee Chapter Senior Citizen Council member updates/Richfield Dormitory & BIA School Member updates – Denis Tsosie
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5. **Reading and Approval of November 4, 2019 Planning 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-120919A** – Resolution of the LeChee Chapter, Western Navajo Agency, Navajo Nation. Approving the Carryover Budget for FY2020 in the amount of \$450,986.77
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E. **#LC-120919E** – Resolution of the LeChee Chapter, Western Navajo Agency, Navajo Nation. Supporting and requesting Navajo Nation-Hopi Land Commission and other entities to assist Verna Bryant with housing assistance to her burnt down Joint Use Area (JUA) home located in upper LeChee, Arizona at Lot P.

7. **Reports:**

A. **Chapter Manager:** Revaline Yazzie-Tate

B. **Chapter Officials: LeChee Chapter Officials:** Jerry Williams, JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche, Renee Tsosie

D. **Grazing Representative:** Sara Dale

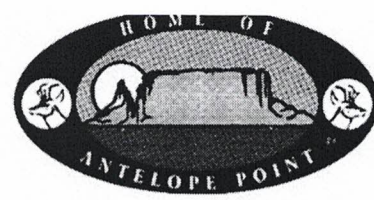
E. **Chapter Council Delegate:** Paul Begay

8. **Next Regular Planning Meeting:** January 6, 2020 @ 5:00 P.M. (MST)

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10. **Adjournment:**

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1. **Meeting Call to Order:** At 5:47 p.m. Chapter President Jerry Williams called the meeting to order.
2. **Invocation:** Francis Redhouse, with Choice Wireless
3. **Announcements/Presentation: (please allow for 10 min. time limit)**
 - A. **LeChee Chapter Community Christmas Dinner for Dec. 9, 2019** – JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche - Announced the dinner will be a potluck style, so please bring a dish to share with everyone. Ham will be purchased with the Tuba City Tax Fund a balance of \$185.43. Also please wear Ugly Christmas shirt.
 - B. **NTUA Broadband Presentation** – Jonan Charley
 - There were only 15 chapter on the Navajo Nation that were selected to receive the Wireless Broadband Internet Services.
 - Choice Wireless will provide the connectivity via Fiber or Microwave, with 24/7 service level agreement, eventually get a community library status.
 - The mission is to provide broadband to the chapter benefits with Economic Development, Veterans/SNAP/TANF Assistance, improved quality of life with online shopping, emails, weather, news, sports, Education, Public Safety, and Health Care Facility.
 - There are a lot of Community Resources available, which also could provide savings to the chapter.
 - Non-Recurring cost of \$27,000.00 will be paid by Microsoft for all chapters who are interested.
 - Service Level Agreement which guaranteed to be available 99.9% of the time
 - 8 hour time to restore service outage, during normal business hours, weekends, and holidays.
 - See attached brochure for more information. (Attached to the meeting minutes for your review).
 - Francis Redhouse - interpreter for Jonan, reiterated the same presentation in Navajo. Mentioned that Hughes Net is a shared internet services, so at times it is a lot slower on the connectivity. If the chapter were to covert over to a 501C agreement with the County or the State to build a local library the chapter would only pay \$39.00 per month for this broadband internet service.
 - Question: JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche – Does the price agreement end after the 2 year agreement?
 - Response: Jonan – No the price will stay the same.
 - -Question: Jerry Williams – So the cost I calculated is \$9,540.00 is a onetime fee and then the monthly service charge for the broadband? And will this service be available to the community members?
 - Response: Jonan – Yes, and after the chapter gets the internet services, they can provide it to the community members.

- Comment: Jerry Williams – Salt River Project/Navajo Generating Station paid \$4.2 million to run Fiber Optic to the NGS Power Plant located on Navajo Nation, why can't NTUA just tie into the same system w/Southwest Communications Internet Services? This would seem to be the way to get the fiber optic internet services here in our community of LeChee.
- Francis – We will look into this and ask about it once we return to NTUA Central office.
- Comment: Murphy Alex – NTUA just needs to follow through with the current plans and if it doesn't work explain to the people why it didn't work, don't just come in and make a presentation and never come back. Also, if the opportunity is there take advantage of it to improve our communities.
- This Presentation was moved to presented as a approving resolution on the agenda under 6. Action Items, C.

C. **LeChee Chapter Senior Citizen Center Council Member**– Denis Tsosie has requested the remaining balance of \$384.74 + \$5,000.00 donations which is a total of \$5,384.74 to pay for some minor repairs, equipment at the Senior Center. Water Heater is about to breakdown, and there is a water leak in the roof. We need this funding to go towards the repairs and equipment, so if the chapter manager can make this happen our Senior's will appreciate this.

Revaline Yazzie-Tate – I will work with you to make sure that your request is done, and make sure you provide all receipts and any labor expense that need to be paid out for financial accountability.

BIE School Board Committee Member update report – Denis Tsosie, upcoming Public Hearing on December 3, 2019 at Greyhills High school, Tuba City, Arizona. Where Public Law 93 638 will be discussed. The BIE boarding schools are reviewing to give the Navajo Nation to operate BIA boarding schools. Some of the boarding schools are: Kaibeto, Redlake, Richfield, Greyhills, Navajo Mountain and Shonto Prepreatory. I recommend all chapter officials to come out and show your support and address your concerns at these public hearings.

Comment: Jerry Williams – The previous BIA Superintendent Mr. Tommy Lewis left and was in his plans to make changes but apparently never completed these changes and now he is currently working for Coconino County School as the new Superintendent.

Comment: JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche – I feel it is wrong that these changes might take place. We need to keep the US Government be accountable to educate our youth and keep these schools up and running.

Comment: Murphy Alex – It will be wrong to give the BIA boarding school to the Navajo Nation to operate. It was already in our Treaty and US Government should be held accountable to educate our youth.

Comment: Denis Tsosie – We need to stick to our Treaty of 1868 and keep the BIE schools under the Treaty law. A lot of Public Concerns state the same thing.

4. Review and Adoption of the Agenda:

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

5. Reading and Approval of November 4, 2019 Planning Meeting Minutes:

Motion by: JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche Second: Renee Tsosie Vote: 3 yes, 0 no, 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-120919A – Approving the Carryover Budget for FY2020 in the amount of \$450,986.77. – Revaline Yazzie-Tate presented the FY2020 Carryover Budget, this budget amount is used for operation of the chapter,

General Activities Fund, Navajo Nation General Fund, Land Claims Trust Funds, Supplemental Youth Fund, Housing Discretionary Fund, LGA Grant Fund, Tuba City Grant Fund, Student Scholarship, Student workers, Chapter official stipends, Public Employment Program, Emergency Fund, Unhealthy Food Tax, NN Sales Tax, NN Supplemental \$100K, Veteran's Funds, NN \$180K Community Improvement Fund, Headstart, LGA Trust Fund, and Senior Citizen Center.

- Senior Citizen and the Veterans Fund will be expended to a zero balance, since these funds have been carryover year after year. The chapter manager will draft up a Policy to expend the Veterans funds, which will only go to those veterans that are registered with LeChee Chapter and have never received any type of financial assistance under the Veterans.

Motion to approve and combine 6. Action items Resolutions A, B, C, D, E: JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche
Second: Renee Tsosie Vote: 3 yes 0 no 01 abstain Motioned Carried

- Discussion: Lou Tso expressed that her son Lionel Tso served in the Marine for over 5 years in Iraq, he was injured on his tour. He really doesn't like to talk about what happened, from what I know most Veterans are humble people. They just wanted to serve their country.
 - Question – Patricia Kent, I want to know if parents can serve on the Veteran Council? So I can speak for our son who also served his country, also on the side of medical field.
 - Response: Lou Tso, also asked the Veterans office in Tuba City and they said they didn't have a problem with that, just so the Veteran who served had a written statement indicating that the individual they choose can represent them on the Veteran Council.
 - Comment: Renee Tsosie, I picked up a copy of the current Veterans that are registered for LeChee Chapter, I will share this with the chapter manager.
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7. **Reports:**

A. **Chapter Manager:** Revaline Yazzie-Tate – no report

B. **Chapter Officials: LeChee Chapter Officials:**

- Jerry Williams – Reported on the Wood Haulers, which was paid by Lower Antelope Canyon Tours, Dixie Young Ellis & Antelope Canyon Adventure Tours, Carol Bigthumb. This wood was purchased by the two tour companies to help families that are in need here in our community. The wood was stored over at Wilson & Ada Lister home. All wood haulers were to have chapter staff sign off on the load so they could get paid by either tour companies. This process was not planned out properly at the time it started. Which caused some problems here at the chapter with the staff and as well as at the location the wood was being delivered to. The wood haulers were starting to verbally abuse the chapter staff since they were not signing off on the load of wood. Chapter staff had to lock the chapter doors at one point trying to avoid confrontation with the wood hauler. Here are some other issues:

1. Wet trees are being cut down, large black ants are in the wood, long wood is at the bottom of the loads.
2. Small loads that are not even considered a full cord.
3. Verbal abuse to chapter staff.
4. Both tour companies are not aware of what kind of wood they are hauling in to get paid for.
5. Poor quality of wood being delivered by the wood haulers.

Some suggestions from community members:

1. Have the wood haulers deliver to the tour companies and the chapter provide a list of names of families that are in need of wood for the winter.
2. Have wood inspected by tour companies, since they are the ones that make the pay outs.
3. Community members that are getting this assistance can not be picky about the type of wood they are getting.
4. Assign one person to be in charge, and make sure this person knows what a cord of wood looks like.
5. Definitely no wood to be picked up after dark.
6. Build a 4' x 4' x 8' wooden box, and have the wood haulers load the box so they know if the load is less than what they brought, and let the tour companies know what type of load it was and they could be paid accordingly to the load.
7. Give the responsibility to the tour companies that are paying for the wood.

Comment: Murphy Alex suggested that the chapter draft up a resolution on public harassment to the chapter staff to protect the staff. Maybe install security camera's outside the chapter and inside.

8. Maybe have Dixie & Carol haul wood to the community members instead of dropping off the load at the Lister's home.

Jerry Williams – There was a Public Harassment posted on the front door, don't know if it is still posted. I think nobody even reads the information.

Lou Tso – We have community members being belligerent and not being respectful.

Dorthy Truijlo – I have been a chapter member for over 4 years and have never received any type of help from the Navajo Tribe or the chapter. Even the Housing Services denied services to build a home for me. The Range Management Unit (RMU) where I live highway 89 has put a stop to getting power to our homes. We have been in court with Tom Manson who is keeping us from getting power. As leaders of this chapter you need to help out people. Chapter staff are never friendly to even welcome people, we need local people to work for us. I have raised my children without any type of assistance from the chapter, they are also educated and have master's degree.

Jerry Williams – This RMU withdrawal was done in the last chapter administration. Tom Manson stopped the \$350,000.00 Powerline Project to keep NTUA from extending the electricity lines on highway 89. Due to this NTUA will not touch this RMU, from what we know its still tied up in court litigations.

Renee Tsosie – Suggestion, why not have the residents of 89 apply through “Light UP Navajo Project”.

Jerry Williams – NTUA will not touch this RMU agreement, and since its under litigations in court with the residents of 89, there will not be any reason to have them sign up for “Light UP Navajo Project”.

Marvin Lister – Suggested that the chapter hire a security guard.

Patricia Kent – The Tuba City Regional Health Care will be hiring a security officer soon, who will be stationed in our building and grounds. We had to secure our own clinic here in LeChee with a digital entrance code. On a monthly basis we have a security per-caution drill to prevent from abusive patients. I am sure if people see our security officer around, hopefully they will think twice before acting on bad behavior. But this kind of bad behavior happens everywhere it's just the generation of kids we have, and we just need to educate and go through safety drills with our staff so they won't get hurt and will know how to handle the situation.

Community member concerns/suggestions:

Wilson Lister Sr. – Brought up the following concerns:

1. When is the chapter grounds going to get paved? Patricia Kent responded that she can bring this up to the TCRHC Board. Jerry Williams – Maybe funds can be made available this upcoming year for TCRHC Budget. We are working to have a meeting with Coconino County Election Office, and TCRHC Board Members to get a joint budget set to pave the parking area soon. This needs to happen due to Safety.
2. What are some of the Future Projects the chapter has? It seems like nothing has changed, we as a community have been in the same place for years, no improvements, why do we even bother electing you?
3. The Flag Pole I had mentioned over 8 or 9 months ago has not yet been placed in front of the chapter. What is the status on this?
4. I would like to see streetlights along highway N-20 from Mutton Curve to the last turn off heading south on N-20, this is a project that needs to be addressed, find some funding for this. Make it a solar power. There was just another person that was hit off this same highway and the person is now deceased. Even Cameron Chapter has this nice set up. Jerry Williams – mentioned that he had a meeting with Revaline the chapter manager on this item but found out that Navajo Nation Department of Transportation and the BIA Roads

will not say who is to be held responsible for highway N-20 on repairs or maintenance. Can't seem to get a clear answer from both departments.

5. Side Walks need to be installed along the highway of N-20.

6. I know our chapter has no money, but we need to start looking for funds to better our community, we have a lot of tourist and visitors from everywhere and we look like we still live in a third world country. When are we going to start improving our community?

D. **Grazing Representative:** Sara Dale reported on the following:

1. Safety is a real concern in the Rural areas of our chapter. A man was reported unconscious due to cattle rustlers being reported to Coconino County Sherriff's officers. Please watch out when out in rural areas, take per cautions at all times.
2. Overstocking of Livestock is being addressed at our central grazing office, there is also retaliation happening to some of the Grazing Officials. This was given back to the BIA to address.
3. The Grazing Permit for Tom Manson was for District One and 3 is for Coppermine (1-3) and as of today it has been changed to District One/LeChee area (1-4) this was changed by BIA in Tuba City, Arizona.
4. Teach your children to learn what a Conservation Plan is. So they know what type of vegetation there is on Navajo Nation. This is being expressed to us from Central office. Since there are a lot of Grazing Permit transfers taking place to young adults. They need to know more about the livestock.

8. **Next Regular Planning Meeting:** January 6, 2020 @ 5:00 P.M. (MST)

9. **Next Regular Chapter Meeting:** December 9, 2019@ 5:00 P.M. (MST)

10. **Adjournment: at 8:48 p.m.**

Motion to adjourn by: JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche Seconded by: Sara Dale Vote: 3 yes 0 no 01 abstain Motion carried.

HAVE A SAFE DRIVE HOME.....GOOD NIGHT!

LeChee Chapter Planning Meeting Minutes Prepared by: Renee Tsosie, Secretary/Treasurer.

