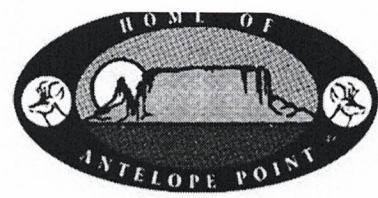


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LeChee Chapter Planning Meeting

January 6, 2020 @ 5:00 P.M.

AGENDA

1. **Meeting Call to Order:**
2. **Invocation:**
3. **Announcements/Presentation: (please allow for 10 min. time limit)**
 - A. Tara Benally, Voter Registration
 - B. NHA – Report
 - C. WNA Grazing Officials Meeting is January 13, 2020 @ 9:00 A.M. in Tuba City BIA office conference room.
 - D.
4. **Review and Adoption of the Agenda:**
5. **Reading and Approval of December 9th, 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-011320A – Navajo Oil and Gas to initiate talks and plans for Gas and Convenient Store along highway N-222 and highway 98.
 - B. #LC-011320B –
7. **Reports:**
 - A. **Chapter Officials: LeChee Chapter Officials:** Jerry Williams, JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche, Renee Tsosie
 - B. **Grazing Representative:** Sara Dale
 - C. **Council Delegate:** Paul Begay
 - D.
8. **Next Regular Planning Meeting:** February 3, 2020 @ 5:00 P.M. (MST)
9. **Next Regular Chapter Meeting:** January 13, 2020, @ 5:00 P.M. (MST)
10. **Adjournment:**

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LeChee Chapter Planning Meeting Minutes

January 6, 2020 @ 5:00 P.M.

1. **Meeting Call to Order:** 5:18 P.M. by Jerry Williams, Chapter President
2. **Invocation:** NHA Representative, Frank Begay
3. **Announcements/Presentation: (please allow for 10 min. time limit)**
 - A. Tara Benally, Voter Registration – Was not in attendance for tonight’s meeting, will forward to the chapter meeting agenda on Monday, January 13, 2020.
 - B. NHA – Report from Frank Begay with Planning and Development Department with NHA
 - 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.
 - This land that was selected is as some problems which will either take the chapter to haul in dirt to back fill and have the chapter take the cost on this back fill. 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.
 - As we were out scouting the purposed land, we came across a gentleman who has a current homesite lease within the withdrawn area.
 - 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.
 - Even if we were to move the development to the west side of the purposed site it will also need a lot of back dirt fill.
 - My suggestion is to purpose another site to build these 30 rental homes for the community. This would be left up to the chapter members to request.
 - Comment: JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche, 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 housing. So, you are saying these are Public Rental Homes you are going to build?

- Frank Begay – Yes these are Public Rentals, which was requested over 5 years ago. This could be changed by the chapter members in requesting a new resolution to say home ownership homes are needed.
- Jerry Williams – When you say Public Rentals it is open to anyone who applies for a home?
- Frank Begay- Yes, if they meet the income guidelines with NHA.
- Renee Tsosie – About how many applicants do you know of that are LeChee Chapter members? And 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. I am thinking that if you advertised that you are taking applications for scattered homes you would get a lot of families signing up.
- Frank Begay – I would not know the answer to that information, you would need to contact the Tuba City NHA Office, since they provide the services for this area. We only take care of the land development area and that what I am here to report on tonight. All scattered home projects must have utilities within services within 1000 feet from purposed home.
- Murphy Alex – Funding should be directed to repairs on pavement or roads and sidewalks built within the sub-divisions. Potholes and repairs is not just a problem with our community it is all over the Navajo Nation where NHA puts up homes.
- Paul Begay – Are the new NHA homes built in Kaibeto public rentals?
- Frank Begay – Yes, and you can apply in Kayenta for those homes, these homes are ready to be occupied.
- Jerry Williams – Public Rentals was requested over 5 years ago, and now the funding is available to build homes for LeChee, but they will be Public Rentals if they are built.
- Sara Dale – At the time the Clinic, Navajo Police Department and the Boys & Girls Club was being developed, so the need for the homes were needed. I encourage community members to get homesite lease in LeChee so they could benefit a new home. Mobile homes are not recommended for Navajo Homesite Lease section, the Navajo Nation considers them a temporary homestead structure. Some community members are asking what happened to their homesite lease, and the response is some of the homesite lease are in Red Zone areas where they are proposing to build a home. When that happens, I try to work the person and suggest another location.
- Doreen Manson – Public Rentals are not good for our community; we have already had problems with the JUA Relocates moving into our sub-division. They don't get involved with these community meetings, and all the police officers all moved to town. My daughter applied for a Public Rental in Kaibeto, and was turned down due to income guidelines, so its not income based as you are saying. Where are these homesite lease available, so my children can apply?
- Bessie James – Is this the first time Public Rental is being purposed?
- Frank Begay – Yes

- Raymond Chee – Are you associated with the Kaibeto Public Rentals? And I hear that 80% of payments will go to the home, and 20% of your income is yours.
- Frank Begay – Correction on that statement. Its 30% of your based annual income, and all these questions about eligibility requirements will need to be addressed by the Tuba City NHA office. You can request them to come out and meet with community members for more information.

Jerry Williams interrupted the meeting to allow Council Delegate Paul Begay to give his report, since he just received a text message to attend a meeting in Window Rock first thing at 8:00 A.M. with Vice-President and his staff on Antelope Point Marina with agreements from 2005.

Paul Begay reports – APM Holdings agreements is an ongoing negotiation, since their contract will be expiring in 2021. With in the old agreements, they were supposed to build Agricultural Sites, more Boat Storage, Public Safety, Emergency Response Center, Security, Convenient Store, Dry Storage Facility and RV Park. Currently they are building a Dry Storage Facility and a RV Park. This is only because of the deadline to renew their agreement with Navajo Nation. Our question should be “What did they do with all the revenues already earned and why didn’t they use that toward the first purposed projects in the first agreement?”

- HESIE is having a meeting in the morning in Window Rock.
- Winter Session starts on January 27 to January 31 for all Council Delegates to attend.
- Navajo Nation President, Judges will be presenting their reports on January 13, 2020.
- I will be presenting 3 legislations to the Council.
- A. Greyhills Academy School
- B. Veterans Affairs will be requesting funding to go directly to the chapters.
- C. Dine College/Navajo Technical University is requesting funding
- LDA – Angela Cody will email the 15 chapters and requested to prepare 2 Projects to make sure they are ready to be started, then she will send out invites to attend the meeting in Coppermine chapter. These community projects need to be important projects to the whole community.

Question: Antelope Point Marina needs to provide the Financial Report. Why are the contractor’s only Angelo’s? and Why don’t they hire Native Contractors to do the work?

Paul Begay – I am aware that there is a Steel Company from Flagstaff that has Hispanic employees who are working under Michael Anderson, but he did state that other contractors and employees are Navajo.

- We did ask them to provide us with Financial Documents.
- My question was “Why the urgency to start developing?”

JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche – Is the Speaker requesting funding to help build the Western Waterline Project?

Paul Begay – The Speaker is working on identification of funding in the amount of 25 million then project will begin. According to the Speaker it will start late Spring of 2020.

JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche – The NGS is another place we need to make sure they are hiring Navajo Preference. Is that still in place with the Navajo Nation?

Paul Begay – All Navajo or Native Contractor's were given the opportunity to turn in a bid during the bidding process of the Demolition Project, and they all turned it down due to not enough revenue to run the projects. This will be the completion of my report. Thank you for allowing me to interrupt your meeting to make this report. If it were not for the early meeting, I would have attended this meeting to the end and made my report. Once again thank you.

Continue NHA Report: Jerry Williams – suggestion to the community to have the chapter members review the old NHA resolution request and make changes to request Homeownership homes. Frank has reported that the land is not a feasible site for this project. We will need to find another place to build homes, since the funding has already been allocated for our community. Maybe even hold a Public Hearing to find out what the community wants. JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche agreed with Jerry on his comments made. Our local Grazing Official Sara Dale should know where there is land to purpose a new site to build these homes which are in need for community members.

Murphy Alex – Commented that he guaranteed that Navajo Police will not move to LeChee, I am sure they feel they are safer to live in the City of Page.

Frank Begay – We need a email contact person here at the chapter to contact about any future information. Thank you for letting me do this report I will share with our office upon my return.

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

Ada Lister – Question for Sara Dale - What is the update on the Supplemental Feed for our livestock?

Sara Dale – NN Agricultural is still working on getting all delivery's to Tuba City. My suggestion was having it delivered here to our Quan son hut here in LeChee, still waiting on response from them. But it will be soon, and I will keep you all posted.

Ada Lister – Resident Verification letter should be done at the chapter level; we should not have our community members travel to Window Rock to get a letter.

Renee/JoAnn – We are currently working on this with Rural Addressing in Window Rock. We have been attending the training's and it is a lot of work to get everyone mapped out on the maps, we need a lot of confidential information to make this all happen, which requires us to make door to door visits to community members. Even plotting out on a GPS map setting, which is a lot of computer program work. We will keep you posted in future meetings.

Alex Murphy – Why not ask the college students to help out in completing this project.

Keith Benally – A LeChee Chapter Voter mentioned that he has just moved home from working construction back east due to health issues he can no longer work out of town. That he feels that it is a big concern if our community is not been mapped out and could be a problem with Emergency Response team to find our elderlies, such as my mom. We as a community need to work on getting streetlights, sidewalks fixed, with pot-holes repairs.

A. #LC-011320A – Navajo Oil and Gas to initiate talks and plans for Gas and Convenient Store along highway N-222 and highway 98.

JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche motion to approve this resolution and moved to chapter meeting agenda.

Second: Renee Tsosie Vote: 3 yes 0 no 01 abstain Motion carried.

Jerry Williams reports that he is currently working with Navajo Oli and Gas to build a gas station. Next meeting is January 27th, 2020. Will give update report in February chapter meeting.

- Working on Public Service Building with APM Antelope Point Marina, \$4.7 million has already been set aside to build.
- Thank you for the food went out to Michelle & Murphy Alex.
- There was a flyer put out on Face Book put out by the Navajo Nation Agricultural Department pertaining to Notice to intent to impound un-branded livestock.
- Jerry Williams turned over the meeting to JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche, he must travel back to Phoenix for employment early in the morning. Thank you and have a good night.

B. #LC-011320B – 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.

JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche motion to approve this supporting resolution and moved to chapter meeting agenda.

Second: Renee Tsosie Vote: 3 yes 0 no 01 abstain Motion carried.

Community Member Comment: Lou Tso stated that the Chapter Officials need to work together and plan on how to use the Veterans Funds. Veterans of our community stop by the office and want to know if they will be able to get assistance from the Veteran Fund, and I just tell them its up to the chapter officials to decide how the funds will be distributed to the Veterans.

7. Reports:

A. **Chapter Officials: LeChee Chapter Officials:** Jerry Williams- Will make his report at the chapter meeting.

- JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche – Chapter Vice President – Working on the Rural Addressing we have attended two trainings in Window Rock and I tell you this is a lot of computer work, very time consuming. But we will get this done soon. Maybe we could find some youth to help us complete this project.

- 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 involved but Navajo Mountain is one chapter that has not been involved to much, since they are working with the Utah Trust on who knows maybe their own agreements.

- Navajo Nation Parks & Recreation – The current fee amount to enter the Antelope Canyon is \$8.00 which is paid to NNPR and as a community we should request a \$3.00 increase to come back into our

general funds. Maybe pass an ordinance or even come to the next scheduled Tax Commission meeting here at the LeChee Chapter to request even 2% or 3% of their tax revenue to come back to our chapter, since we are effected by all the tourism in our surround community.

- 401K Deductions from employee's- This is set up for all Navajo Nation employee's but its an option the employee can sign up for. Chapter Manager said the funds are there if an employee wants to sign up for deductions. Our chapter manger is a very highly educated person and her pay has been brought up as the chapter has hired her over the Navajo Nation pay grade scale. Milford Maloney with ASC office of Tuba City assumed that she was over paid. His question was their and agreement in her Personal Action Form (PAF) to pay her over the Fiscal Annual Budget the chapter approve yearly? When we hired Rae and saw her credentials with her education, we as a chapter would have never found anyone willing to work with the current pay scale Navajo Nation has to offer for such a demanding job. The decision of pay rate was based on her credentials as well as her expertise in grant writing, and the knowledge of policy and procedures with the laws that pertain to the chapter. Was my response to Milford Maloney.

- 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.

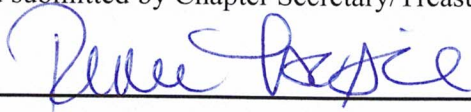
- As Lou Tso said, "You chapter officials need to work together" I agree with this statement only because we have not made the time to have a complete meeting due to our everyday busy work schedules, and yes our projects needs our input to plan with our community. I have requested to have a meeting sometime soon and it has yet to happen this has been going on since I was elected in office from October of 2019. I took the Oath to do work for my community members and provide the information to the best of my ability to do the elected position I hold. After our exit interview with our Chapter Manager last Friday I see there are a lot of projects that need to be addressed. So this meeting will need to take place soon.

B. Grazing Representative: Sara Dale – Will make my report during the chapter meeting next Monday, January 13, 2020.

C. Council Delegate: Paul Begay – Made report earlier and then left the meeting.

8. **Next Regular Planning Meeting:** February 3, 2020 @ 5:00 P.M. (MST)
9. **Next Regular Chapter Meeting:** January 13, 2020, @ 5:00 P.M. (MST) This meeting we will make it a pot-luck dinner. Please bring a dish to share for the New Year.
10. **Adjournment: 8:35 P.M. by JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche**

Meeting minutes prepared and submitted by Chapter Secretary/Treasurer Renee Tsosie on January 10, 2020.



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