

LeChee Chapter



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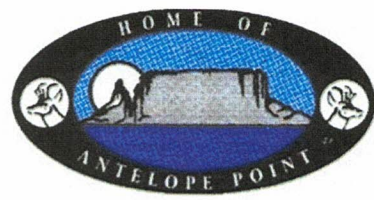
LeChee Chapter Planning Meeting

November 4, 2019

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 - B. Planning Community Thanksgiving Dinner – JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche & Renee Tsosie
 - C. Veteran Photo Wall and Committee – Lou Tso
 - D. Zion Way – Jeremy Greer
 - E. TCRHC – Pearlana Nanonka, Presentation
 - F. NTUA Broadband Presentation – NTUA Representative
 - G. Update to change ALL Chapter & Planning meetings to start at 5:00 PM. – Jerry Williams
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 - B. #LC-111119B – Approving the Annual Allocation Budget of \$291,685.00
 - C. #LC-111119C –
 - D. #LC-111119D -
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
 - D. **Grazing Representative:** Sara Dale
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:**

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1. **Meeting Call to Order:** Jerry Williams, Chapter President @ 6:26 p.m. (MST) The Planning Meeting Agenda was reviewed.
2. **Invocation:** Wilson Lister Sr.
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
 - Christine Gamble and Jeanie Bitsoie community members are planning on a Navajo Taco fund raiser for Verna Bryant, who is need of financial assistance to repair her JUA home located in upper LeChee, on Cliffview Loop. This home had burnt down 9 years ago. Spoke to Robert Black with Navajo Hopi Land Commission, and was told that there are funding available and Verna will need to fill out the application, which was sent to me, and I will help Verna fill out the form. Also the Navajo Hopi Land Commission is revamping the criteria for the assistance. This house was burnt on the north side of the house, back in 2010, after all this happened her daughter commit suicide in the home so Verna moved out due to no utilities and the hardship of losing her daughter. Verna is an elderly and living with her grandson. As of today, she still has no water or sewer. The fund raiser will take place at the local Nazarene Church, on November 9th, 2019 starting at 10:00 a.m. up to when the food runs out. Need volunteers with community involvement. Flyers will be posted in the chapter lobby for more information with my cell phone number to make pre-orders.
 - We need to find a contractor to repair the electrical, plumbing.
 - Have a cousin that is an certified electrician, I could ask him myself.
 - We need to help her rebuild the house as a community.
 - Being here in the community to talk about this, we are hoping others will start to help out.
 - Jeannie Bitsoie – Spoke about how we as a community needs to help Verna out in the repairs. I can only do so much with my yard sale items on Saturday, need volunteers to help with the cooking at the fund raiser on Saturday. Also expressed that we should not just look at our community member and stand by and what her suffer. It broke my heart to see this happening to our community member. She lives with her grandson and he is very smart young man, and really needs facilities to

make a living. Lets do something for someone, maybe we as community members can give this help.

- JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche – Meeting took place in Coppermine at the Bennett Freeze meeting. Robert Black said they are in the process of doing renovations on JUA homes. This burn out was brought to the attention of Robert Black in Window Rock he is with the JUA Navajo/Hopi Land Commission. Robert Black mentioned that Verna Bryant will need to come to Windowrock office to fill out an application if she wants any financial assistance. I just told him Verna is going through hardship daily. Suggestion is to have our Council Delegate Paul Begay look into this for Verna and bring the application for financial assistance back so Verna could fill this out and he can return it to Robert Black’s office once he returns to Windowrock. We also had a meeting with Congress O’Hallaren and he mentioned that money was put aside for Bennett Freeze and would like to know whatever happened to the funding, maybe they could use the money to help JUA recipients as well on situation such as Verna. Application for assistance is in the mail to Christina Gamble.
 - Paul Begay – There are 9 chapter throughout Navajo Nation for JUA Renovation Project, but LeChee Chapter is not one of the chapters, but in a way they might still be connected to the revocation and should cover all JUA homes. Navajo Land Commission set aside money to fix homes such as this one, but they never worked with the chapters to find labor to make the repairs. I will stop in to address this with Robert Black and give him the application once Verna fills it out. Will give the update next month in December.
 - Renee Tsosie – Neighbors do help in anyway through out the year, I am sure Verna doesn’t really like to make it know that she gets help, she is a private person.
 - Jerry Williams – Texted Robert Black and his response was his office is working the procedures before funds are allocated for any type of renovations to JUA homes through out the Navajo Nation. Burn outs is a high category to help with financial assistance. Thanks to Christine and Renee for stepping up to help Verna.
- B. Planning Community Thanksgiving Dinner – JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche & Renee Tsosie. The plans are to have the chapter purchase the turkey’s; the community members can sign up for sides to bring. Date will be on November 11th, 2019 at the regular chapter meeting, starting at 5:00 p.m. The chapter will purchase the turkey, and it’s also Veterans Day.
- C. Veteran Photo Wall and Committee – JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche, plans are to put up a wall in the chapter house for all our local Veterans, so please bring in a copy of any Veteran you are aware of two share. We could also post them up during our thanksgiving dinner. Plans are to expend the Veterans fund in the amount of \$5,134.78. Since we don’t have a committee or council put together to help put a Plan of Operation together on how to spend the funds. This has been a struggle to get our local Veterans together to form a committee/council. The funds came up during our meeting with the ASC office from

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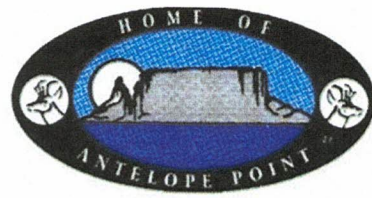
Tuba City last week. The recommendation was to just write up a resolution, present it at the next chapter meeting and have the community vote on it. Then get a list of the Veterans and see who might need financial assistance. This will bring it to a zero balance. All Veterans fund request will come out of Western Navajo Veterans office in Tuba City, Arizona.

- D. Zion Way – Jeremy Greer – was not present at the meeting. Will be moved to the chapter meeting next week.
- E. TCRHC – Pearlana Nanonka, Presentation – I work at TCRHC Hospital, I am an interpreter for the hospital. It is difficult when it comes to medical terminology. There is also a new Cancer Center opened. So, patients don't have to travel to Flagstaff for this service. Provided a PowerPoint presentation in reference to the following: Also gave out handouts with a jump drive-USB for those who want to learn more about this problem with our people face daily.
- Alcoholism Problems with yourself or someone you know.
 - Common Illness in our country
 - Signs of being an alcoholic
 - Where to find help and who can help
 - Where to get more education or literature
- F. NTUA Broadband Presentation – NTUA Representative – was not present at the meeting, will be moved to the next chapter meeting under reports.
- G. Update to change **ALL Chapter & Planning** meetings to start at 5:00 PM. Every Monday – JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche. Please share this information with everyone.
- H. Raymond Chee Sr. – Update on Business Site lease from 3 years ago. Completed all the land survey's, now just waiting on the Fish & Wildlife survey. Requesting for the chapter to write him a support letter to open the right of away fence off of N-20 pass at mile post 39.5, this is entrance to his future business site lease. Raymond spoke to BIA Roads in Tuba City office and they are willing to open the fence, but it will also need to have 3 cattle guards installed and would like financial assistance from the chapter to purchase the 3 cattle guards. I have all the documents required to purchase the cattle guard. Went to Central Navajo Nation NDOT office in Gallup, where Harold agreed to opening the fence for the entrance. Needs signatures of chapter official's approval on a letter head, also need a support letter to get the cattle guards installed. Thank you

- JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche – mentioned that N-20 belongs to the BIA and not NDOT. BIA take care of all roads on the Navajo Nation. We have no control over installing cattle guards. Derek Silversmith is in charge of all Navajo Nation Roads, he would be the one to give you a support letter to get the entrance opened.
 - Paul Begay – Maybe the chapter can do a supporting Resolution and you can provide that to BIA to open the entrance on N-20, mile post 39.5, as well as paying for the 3 cattle guards which need to be installed.
 - Jerry Williams – We are not sure who the right away belongs to. But BIA takes care of N-20.
- I. Coconino County Coal – Jerry Williams presented to help haul coal to community members, environmental protection program said no to haul coal out for the people due to environmental laws. Talk with Coconino County, Lena Fowler so she could help with hauling the coal to the community in a larger truck. NTEC and Navajo Mine is overseeing the coal. NTEC would like to help community members with the coal.
- Paul Begay – NTEC wrote letters to the council to help with the coal hauling to all the 110 chapters. There was no response when letters are sent out. Now that its getting cold everyone wants coal. Just asked the council to get the chapter needs to designate a location on the chapter boundaries to get the coal hauled to. Some community members use coal as a source of heating for the winter months. Suggested the chapter officials to write a letter to Bistie Fuel, Andy Hawkins with Community Heating Resource Program to be added to this resource program. Cannot be turned down. Make the letter of request on the chapter letter head. Its recommended that the chapters request 1,000 tickets issued to the chapters. Then you can come into the chapter and request one ticket to get 1 ton load. You will also need to call ahead of time to Andy Hawkins to let him know you are coming the next day to get a load to he will make sure someone is there to load the coal for you. The chapter officials will need to move on this quickly, the program is a first come first basis. The public will not be allowed to load the coal, it is not set up like Pea Body Coal. Truckload will be filled up to the bed which is about 1 ton. Maybe the chapter could rent a large truck to haul the coal, the chapters are allowed to haul 5 tons at one time, also maybe the chapter could hire some PEP employees to help load the coal when it arrives here at the chapter for the safety of our community members. There is no charge for the coal, it is free to the Navajo people. This program has already started for all the people on Navajo Nation. All the information as been emailed to all chapter officials from Angela Cody, LDA.
- Jerry Williams – the quality of the coal from Navajo Mine and Pea Body Coal are different from each other.
- Paul Begay – The best quality of coal from Navajo Mine has been set aside.

4. Review and Adoption of the Agenda: Motion: JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche Second: Renee Tsosie
 Vote: 2 yes, 0 no, 01 abstain Motioned Carried

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5. **Reading and Approval of October 3, 2019 Planning Meeting Minutes:** Motion made by JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche to approve the October 3, 2019 Planning Meeting Minutes, since it is posted in the chapter lobby for public view, and no questions. Second: Renee Tsosie Vote: 2 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).** Motion by JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche to combine 6. A, C, D & E, under Action items Resolution(s) together since they are all supporting resolutions which the chapter members will be able to vote on during the chapter meeting on November 11, 2019.
Second: Renee Tsosie Vote: 2 yes, 0 no, 01 abstain Motioned Carried.
 - A. #LC-11119A – Approving and Supporting the Reversion of the Rights of Way from Salt River Project (NGS) to Grazing Land in the LeChee Chapter Area.
 - B. #LC-11119B – Approving the Annual Allocation Budget of \$291,685.00 – Chapter Secretary/Treasurer briefly reviewed the budget which a copy was provided to each chapter official, and with the meeting held on Monday, November 4th, 2019 with the ASC office. At this meeting the ASC staff provided clarification on all questions for the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget to the chapter officials. With a few corrections that will need to be made by the chapter manager and the ASC staff, Margorie Sangster.
 1. Code# 8715 Grant 10-6600 Payment for Consultant Services for MIP and any additional assistance in the future in the amount of \$11,000.00. This will be corrected to be reduced to at least \$3,000.00. This will take place after the carryover of Fiscal Year Budget 2019 has been completed by chapter manager and presented to the chapter members in a resolution form for community approval. The remaining balance of \$8,000.00 will be distributed within the budget where it's needed. Margorie Sangster with ASC office will work with chapter manager to get this fixed.
 2. Question: Renee Tsosie – On budget FY 2020 under Code 8000 fund 8705 Personnel Assistance – 02-6100 Administrative Assistance received an increase of \$3.00 from last year's FY2019, "Who makes the decision and how is it determined that chapter staff get an increase?"
Response: Milfred Nez w/ASC Director – All increase in salary is determined by chapter manager and should be discussed with the chapter officials and base the increase on the employee performance evaluation for that year, this is in the Personal and Procedure Policy of the chapter in the FMS, a copy of the performance evaluation will be in the employees personal file which chapter officials can view.
 3. Jerry Williams – A donation was made to the Senior Citizen Council in the amount of \$5,000.00. This donation will need to be refunded to Dixie Ellis or Delvin Etsitty who are the tour companies

located at Antelope Canyon. During this meeting it was made clear to us that Senior Citizen funding is their own responsibility to manage. The reason the chapter took responsibility to take donations on behalf of the Senior Citizen was because the Senior Citizen Council does not have a EIN# to open a bank account, to make deposits into. This will also eliminate the chapter being responsible for any future request from the Senior Citizen Council for repairs, donations or paying for their payables. Mr. Black and Denis Tsosie were made aware that they would need to open a separate bank account to take care of their own funding. Previously the Senior Citizen Council gave the chapter all donations which came in a check form and the chapter deposited into the chapter bank account, and it was monitored by the chapter manager. The Senior Citizen Council will need to work on getting EIN# so they can make all donation deposits. Paul Begay will work on making the contact with the appropriate office to help the Senior Citizen to get a EIN#.

4. The following were brought up with a discussion during this meeting on November 4, 2019 with ASC staff, Milfred Nez and Margorie Sangster.

a. Veterans Fund \$5,134,78 - Chapter manager will draft up a resolution to zero this account and will be presented at the chapter meeting on November 11, 2019.

b. Head Start Fund \$4,514.06 *(Chapter manager will research the history of what the funding was intended for and report back to chapter officials for further action. This will be presented in the December 2019 Planning/Chapter meeting to zero the account. Community vote is needed and a resolution will be provided)*

c. Tuba City Grant Fund \$185,43 06 *This will be handled the same as the Head Start Fund.*

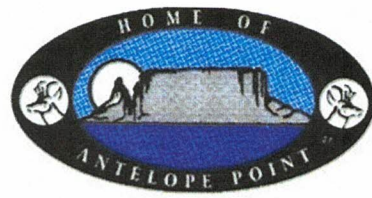
4. Administrative Service Center (ASC) staff, Milfred Nez and Margorie Sangster conclude the meeting by expressing that their office is there in Tuba City to assist chapters with the budget and any other financial recommendations or questions the chapters have, and they work with all the chapters in Western Agency. If the chapter staff and chapter officials are transparent to the community members in reference to all financial matters on a monthly/quarterly basis the chapters members will not be questioning chapter staff and chapter officials on monthly expenditures or assuming embezzlement. Being transparent will make the chapter staff and the chapter officials comply with the Five Management System, FMS. Once again thank you for inviting us to this meeting which looks like it was way overdue.

Motion to approve FY 2020 Budget – JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche Second: Renee Tsosie Vote: 2
yes, 0 no, 01 abstain.

LC-111119C – Requesting the Navajo Nation Council, Navajo President and Western Agency Council to research the McCracken Mesa Congressional Land Exchange Act of 1957 and correct all the wrongdoing to the people (Navajos) of LeChee Community.

Paul Begay – Mentioned that he will talk with Mike Holana on this resolution and maybe even invite him out to give the chapter more information or to get better clarification.

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

- This came up during the meeting with ASC office staff as a recommendation to the chapter officials, since the Veterans received funding/assistance at the Tuba Agency Veterans office, and there is no need to keep a budget at the chapter level and it will keep the LeChee chapter comply with the expenditures of the Five Management System (FMS). The chapter manager had requested the local LeChee Chapter Veterans to put together a council or committee with a Plan of Operation from time to time and the LeChee Chapter Veterans have yet to put a council or committee together, this council or committee will be able to make decisions on behalf of all the LeChee Chapter Veterans on how to utilize this funding. This will also eliminate the questions from the Veterans of LeChee Chapter, on “Why they are not able to request assistance from this account”. Chapter manager will draft up a resolution to zero this account and get it presented at the chapter meeting for community approval.

D. #LC-11119E – Approving supporting Antelope Canyon Navajo Tours to drill for preliminary studies for water infrastructure development. No Questions or Discussion.

7. Reports:

A. **Chapter Manager:** Revaline Yazzie-Tate, was not able to make a report due to her tripping down the stairs and sprained her ankle.

B. **Chapter Officials: LeChee Chapter Officials:** Jerry Williams – Regional Development Committee (RDC) will be having a meeting here at LeChee Chapter on 12/04/2019 @ 9:00 A.M. The Budget and Finance Meeting is here tomorrow 11/5/2019 @ 9:00 A.M.

JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche, Renee Tsosie – Will make their reports at the chapter meeting.

C. **Council Delegate:** Paul Begay will make a report at the chapter meeting.

D. **Grazing Representative:** Sara Dale – Reported the following:

- I will be late for chapter meetings going forward, I am usually at Grazing Meetings in Window Rock
- My cell phone is not working to well, so if you are trying to get hold of me please leave me a voice mail message and I will return the phone call.
- Supplemental Feed will be ready to be picked up at the end of November in Tuba City, please bring your Certificate of Indian Blood, Driver License, Grazing Permits and Annual Tally Count. Super Tuesday are Horse Sales in Window Rock, Arizona.
- Just a reminder to everyone to really consider when transferring Grazing Permit’s please select someone that is aware of livestock, and the land.
- Reminder to all over Grazer need to reduce due to land abuse.

- District 1 Grazing Meeting is on the first Wednesday of December at 9:00 A.M. at Kaibeto Chapter.
- All Tally counts are done within District 1, all paper work was also completed and turned into BIA.

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

8. **Next Regular Chapter Meeting:** November 11, 2019 @ 5:00 P.M. (MST) The chapter Thanksgiving Dinner will be provided during the meeting.
9. **Adjournment:** Jerry Williams adjourned the meeting at 9:07 p.m. (MST) Good night and everyone drive home safely and see you at the chapter meeting next week.

Planning Meeting Minutes submitted by: Renee Tsosie, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer

