

LeChee Chapter



Jerry L. Williams, President
Sara Dale, Grazing Officer
Revaline Yazzie-Tate, Chapter Manager

JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche, Vice-President
Paul Begay, NN Council Delegate
Renee Tsosie, Secretary/Treasurer

P.O. Box 4720 Page, Arizona 86040 P: 928-698-2805 F:928.698.2803 E: lechee@navajochapters.org

LeChee Chapter Planning Meeting

October 3, 2019

AGENDA

1. **Meeting Call to Order:**
2. **Invocation:**
3. **Announcements/Presentation: (please allow for 10 min. time limit)**
 - A. Page Unified School District – Information only
 - B. Coconino County Elections – Ray Daw
 - C. Community Trash Concern – Oliver V.
 - D. Catena Foundation –
 - E. Public Harassment against Chapter Staff Employee's
 - F. LeChee Chapter Senior Citizen Budget – Senior Council Member
 - G. New LeChee Chapter Registrar – Renee Tsosie
4. **Review and Adoption of the Agenda:**
5. **Reading and Approval of September 5, 2019 Chapter 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-101019A – Requesting and approving the Re-Affirming of the Internal Audit Request by the Navajo Nation Office of the Auditor General for the LeChee Chapter.
 - B. #LC-101019B - The LeChee Chapter voting Community Members are requesting for approval to change the LeChee Chapter meetings and the LeChee Chapter Planning meetings to the first and second Monday of each month.
 - C.
 - D. #LC-101019C - Tuba City Navajo Nation Police Department requesting donations to purchase water, snacks. – Stg. David Butler.
7. **Reports:** (Reports done at the chapter meeting)
8. **Next Regular Planning Meeting:** Thursday, November 7, 2019 @ 6:00 P.M. (MST)
9. **Next Regular Chapter Meeting:** Thursday, October 10, 2019@ 6:00 P.M. (MST)
10. **Adjournment:**

LeChee Chapter Planning Meeting

October 3, 2019

MEETING MINUTES

1. **Meeting Call to Order:** 6:15 P.M. by Jerry Williams, Chapter President
2. **Invocation:** Jerry Williams, Chapter President
3. **Announcements/Presentation: (please allow for 10 min. time limit)**
 - A. Page Unified School District – No representative to present information. Will be presented at the chapter meeting on October 10, 2019.
 - B. Coconino County Elections – Ray Daw – was not present to make announcement. Will be presented at the chapter meeting on October 10, 2019.
 - C. Community Trash Concern – Oliver V. – was not present to make announcement. Jerry Williams commented to the community members the illegal trash dumping has become a problem, as community members we need to educate each other on how to prevent this problem. The cost of the dumpster's located outside is a big cost to the chapter, also the chapter staff in the office are being harassed by community members when they come into dump their household trash. I ask of you members to be respectful to chapter staff; they are here to provide this service for everyone.
 - D. Catena Foundation – Jerry Williams moved this item to the chapter meeting on October 10, 2019.
 - E. Public Harassment against Chapter Staff Employee's – Jerry Williams – This item will be moved to the chapter meeting on October 10, 2019 at 6pm MST. We have invited Brian Lewis, who is the in-house attorney for the LeChee Chapter. He will be attending the chapter meeting on October 10, 2019. He will present the laws of harassment against Chapter Staff employee's under Navajo Nation. This item is being addressed to educate the community members, since this is an ongoing problem reported by the chapter staff.
JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche mentioned that the Navajo Police also mentioned there are laws that protect the Navajo nation employee's, which applies to our chapter staff.
 - F. LeChee Chapter Senior Citizen Budget – Senior Council Member, Denis Tsosie is questioning the chapter officials and the chapter manager how they are budgeting the annual donations from Delvin Etsitty. The amount donated every year is \$5,000.00 to the Senior Citizen and \$5,000.00 to the chapter scholarship. Why don't we see in our chapter budget as received donations? I would suggest that they put the amount of donations received in parentheses on the chapter budget. No reports from chapter manager to indicate that donations have been made. The chapter needs to show accountability and be reported during a chapter meeting, even get a resolution ready to indicate that donations was received and moved into the Senior Citizen account for accountability. So, I request that a proper protocol be put in place, so the public is informed of such a donation from any tour company or any other entities. I can prepare a resolution to be presented in the November 2019 meeting. I don't know how previous

chapter administration staff has handled this type of donations, maybe chapter manager needs to investigate and report back during the November chapter meeting.

Question: Renee Tsosie – What I would like to know is who receives the donation and where on the budget on the white board is it accounted for?

Response: Jerry Williams – Stated that Rae Tate is on her way and would be able to respond to the donation received for Senior Citizen and Chapter Scholarship.

Denis Tsosie – I would request that the chapter manager be transparent with all financial budget items and be available for community members at all the chapter meetings, so we can have answers to our questions.

G. New LeChee Chapter Registrar – Renee Tsosie. There will be a Voter Registration Drive October 24, 25, 2019 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM Lunch 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM (MST) here at the chapter house, please bring your state identification card, Certificate of Indian Blood, if you would like to know if you are registered please stop by and check with me, but if you want to check on another family member according to rules and regulations I will not be able to give you that information. Only the person who is requesting that information will need to provide an identification card to get the information. I have the current listing of all LeChee Chapter members. If you have any questions, I will leave a flyer in the chapter lobby with my contact information.

JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche – Reminded all members to practice their civic duty as a voter, when it comes time to vote. Its very important to vote, this is how money is allocated from the Federal Government to our Navajo Nation Government, as well as the County Elections.

Denis Tsosie – The 2020 Census Drive is also underway; this is where the Federal & State dollars are allocated. So please participate when the Census workers come to your door, or you can go on-line and answer a few questions about where you live. The website is www.census.gov.

Jerry Williams – Our local school district needs your vote as well.

Sara Dale – Mentioned that when tally counts are done annually it is another source of accountability of total amount of grazing permits that on Navajo Nation.

Back to F. LeChee Chapter Senior Citizen Budget: Chapter Manager, Revaline Yazzie-Tate arrived to respond to Denis Tsosie about the Senior Citizen Budget and the donations.

- I have been continuously trying to get hold of Denis Tsosie to have a meeting. Has not been successful.
- Last Year \$8,000.00 was donated by Delvin Etsitty and his tour company. It was divided up as follow: \$5,000.00 to the Senior Citizen and \$5,000.00 to the chapter Scholarship.
- Lower Antelope Slot Canyon w/Lyla Young and Dixie Ellis donated \$5,000.00 last week. No specific date given with the report.
- All LeChee chapter budget reports are put on the white board, and the one written on the white board now is a reconciliation from the month of July 2019.
- All budget reports are done on a quarterly basis. Still waiting on the report from the Auditor General office from Window Rock.

Community Member: Bellann Holyan, questioned Revaline why she is so rude to her staff and the community members? I have witnessed Revaline running around the chapter office accusing her staff of losing some receipts and being very loud, there was other community members witnessed this behavior from Revaline, why do the chapter officials allow this kind of behavior from Revaline, this needs to be addressed.

Jerry Williams – Point of order, lets get back to the agenda.

JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche – agreed with Jerry Williams.

Revaline Yazzie-Tate – Questioned Denis Tsosie on why he was questioning her time off request? I had to use up my accruals for the Fiscal year or I would have lost it, and I did request this time off prior to taking the time off and it was approved by the chapter officials.

Community Member: Denis Tsosie – 90% of the time our Chapter manager is not in the office or attending chapter meetings to make the community aware of what is going on with community projects or budgets. I also did ask why you are never in the office or attending meetings or even to give the community updates on community projects, financial matters. Because every time a question arises in reference to community projects or financial matters, the chapter officials response is let us question our chapter manager first and we can report back, which most of the time we never get a response back until the issues are brought up again during a chapter meeting. All the community is requesting that you attend the Planning and Chapter meetings going forward and be available to answer the community questions.

Jerry Williams – This meeting needs to come to point of order and let's stay on the agenda. Also, the Local Governances Act (LGA) started to change once our new administration came into office.

LDA - Angela Cody, All donations need to be presented at the chapter meeting with a resolution, The Chapter Manager, Revaline Yazzie-Tate needs to be transparent on all financial matters pertaining to the chapter budget, monthly expenditures, so there are no assumptions from the community members, at the end of each month. Also, all financial report needs to be presented to the chapter members by the chapter manager, according to the Financial Management System (FMS). Since I have been attending chapter meetings here in LeChee I personally haven't seen any request for budget transfer and points to the negative balances on the white board. I also reminded the chapter officials the community members have the right to know how the money is spent, since its their money and they have every right to know about how every penny is spent.

Revaline Yazzie-Tate – Going forward the budget report will be on the back of the agenda as well as updated on the white board. Whatever happened in 2107 with the financial end our new chapter administration had to inherit all the wrong findings with the budget.

Community Member: Elizabeth Nez – Anytime you are a public service employee, you need to work with the community members. I worked here at the chapter years ago and was here everyday for the people, even if my leave or sick leave accruals has reached the limits, I was still here in the office. In this position as a chapter manager you need to be here daily for the community members, as well as watch the way you address community members, and attend chapter/planning meetings which I agree with Denis Tsosie comments.

Jerry Williams – Point of Order.

Revaline Yazzie-Tate – I will start putting the budget back on the agenda. The money from last years donations went into the scholarship funds so we could fund more students, at least 33 students this next fall session.

- Chapter got LGA certified in 2012.
- Been busy working on community projects, this take a lot of my time away for the office, as well as community meetings.
- I do care about this community and their needs.
- I would also like the chapter officials to step up and start taking their responsibilities in attending meetings and helping out with the community projects.
- Also, every person who needs services is different, they are not all the same requests.
- The Fiscal Year budgets were just approved in Window Rock, so we will be preparing another resolution for the community approval.
- There has been a decrease in this year's Fiscal Year budget, will keep you all informed of this.
- I am for regionalization for all chapters throughout the Navajo Nation
- Whatever happened in the audit for 2017, we had to inherit all the wrong findings at the end of the audit.

Community member: Irene Whitekiller – Every month the chapter officials need to audit the financial budget on all expenditures for each month, this is written in the FMS which was approved by the chapter members in a resolution form.

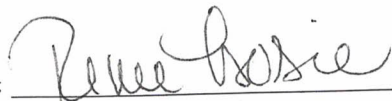
Jerry Williams – Each official will audit the financial budget; this will have the Navajo Nation Auditors approval from Window Rock.

JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche – I am always here to question all checks and payables, I always ask questions of all expenditures, all checks require two signatures, which is myself and our chapter manager, Revaline Yazzie-Tate.

Jerry Williams – I keep reminding community members the Five Management System (FMS) is online for the public's view. If you want to question how the financial budget works, and everyone's roles and responsibility you are all welcome to go online and view this public document.

- Attended a meeting with NGS/SRP last month and my question to them was “What would be the legacy they would leave behind”? for the local LeChee Chapter community and the Western Navajo Agency communities.
 - Boadaway Gap Health Clinic name is under discussion, this will be a partial clinic, no major medical care will be provided, everyone will have to travel to Tuba City Regional Health Care for those services.
 - Gallup Indian Medical Center needs a renovation, it might not even last another 2 years, land purchase is underway, problems they are having is getting housing for employee’s, which is not in the planed budget.
 - 2020 Census Count is underway. This count is done every 10 years throughout the United States. We need everyone to participate. The Navajo Nation is allocated federal dollars according to this Census Count. So please tell all your family members to participate. If you have additional questions you can go online to their website www.censuscount2020.com
 - Attended a meeting with U.S. Representative Tom O’Halloran at Gap Chapter to deliver a report from Congress to Council Delegates. See complete report attached.
 - Council Accepts Parade Candy Legal Opinion. See complete report attached.
 - Navajo Nation Council Approves Full Funding for Chapter Stipends. See attached report.
 - Delegates Congratulate, Offer Coordination to Navajo Area Director Roselyn Tso our own local community member. See attached report.
 - Navajo Nation FY 2020 Comprehensive Budget signed into Law. See attached report.
 - Pea Body Coal is official been closed.
 - Kaibab Nation Forest is offering firewood permits to all Navajo and Hopi communities. See attached flyer, and it will be posted in the chapter lobby for public view.
 - The chapter needs to always have a resolution prepared when requesting funding from Navajo Nation ie. Community Street Lights along highway N-20, just like Cameron Chapter Community.
 - LeChee Chapter Drought Proposal is underway, LDA – Angela Cody is working with District One Chapters to get the proposal completed. This proposal needs to be combined when it is presented to the Council Delegates for approval. All funding will go directly to the Water Department to get the projects underway.
8. **Next Regular Planning Meeting:** Thursday, November 7, 2019 @ 6:00 P.M. (MST)
 9. **Next Regular Chapter Meeting:** Thursday, October 10, 2019@ 6:00 P.M. (MST)
 10. **Meeting Adjournment:** Jerry Williams adjourned the Planning Meeting at 8:30 PM (MST)

Chapter Planning Meeting Minutes submitted by:

 10/23/19

LeChee Chapter Secretary/Treasurer, Renee Tsosie