

LeChee Chapter



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LeChee Chapter Planning Meeting **September 5, 2019 @ 6pm.** **Agenda**

1. Meeting Call to Order:
2. Invocation:
3. Announcements/Presentation/Updates from other programs: **(please allow for 10min. time limit)**
 - A) Ray Daw, Coconino County Elections Outreach
 - B) Susan Eubanks, CEO Banner Health Page Hospital
 - C)
4. Review and Adoption of the Agenda:
5. Reading and Approval of **August Planning Meeting** Minutes:
6. Action items/Financial Report/Resolutions(s): (Financial Reports are reported quarterly and hard copies are displayed at the front office)
 - A) **#LC-091219A.** Supporting the Lechee Chapter to apply for some funding source for Preliminary Economic Development funds from the Navajo Transitional Energy Company in the amount of \$11,000.00
 - B) **#LC-091219B.** Supporting the Drought Needs Assessment for Lechee Agricultural Plans
 - C) **#LC-091219C.** Approving of the Lechee Chapter to demand some funds to go back to the host Chapter of the final payout to the Navajo Nation from Salt River Projects
 - D) **#LC-091219D.**
 - E) **#LC-091219E.**
7. Reports: (Reports done at the **Chapter Meeting**)
 - A. Chapter Manager:
 - B. Chapter Officials:
 - C. Council Delegate:
 - D. Grazing Representative:
8. Next Regular Planning Meeting: October 3, 2019. **(Thursday)**
9. Next Regular Chapter Meeting: October 10, 2019 **(Thursday)**
9. Adjournment:

LeChee Chapter Planning Meeting Minutes

September 5th, 2019 6:00 P.M. (MST)

1. **Meeting Call to Order:** Jerry Williams, Chapter President called the meeting to order @6:20 P.M. (MST)
2. **Invocation:** Community Member Wilson Lister Sr.
3. **Announcements/Presentation/Updates from other programs:** (please allow for 10 min. time limit)
 - A. Ray Daw, Coconino County Elections Outreach Program – Jerry Williams mentioned that this report will be done at the Chapter Meeting on September 12, 2019.
 - B. Susan Eubanks, CEO Banner Health Page - Reported on a Ballot Initiative “Elevator Speech” and to Show Support your Hospital in voting YES on Proposition #431 which is being sponsored by Page Hospital District Board Committee. The Ballot Initiative #431, this is a mail in ballot only. The following communities are the only one to participate in this mail in ballot, Page, LeChee, Greenhaven and Marble Canyon. Please vote “YES” to support the continuous tax which has been place since 1984. These tax funds are managed by the Page Hospital District Board, which is made up of community volunteers who own property in the district. Funds are utilized to maintain or improve the property and most equipment, building repairs, maintenance, state of the art equipment; ie. CT and MRI Scanners, beds, stretchers, IV pumps, expansions of Medical and Surgical, labor/delivery rooms, emergency department, laboratory and pharmacy. Future tax funds will help plan Planetree, Level IV trauma center and Pediatric Prepared Emergency Center. The following dates to remember are: October 7, 2019: Deadline to register to vote, October 9-15, 2019: Ballots are mailed out to voters, October 30, 2019: Last day to mail in ballots (all postage is paid), November 5, 2019: Last day to drop off ballots at Page City Hall or in LeChee Chapter House. Hand out flyers will be provided to community members during the chapter meeting next on September 12, 2019.
 - C. Update on Drought Fund through Western Navajo Agency Water Department – Joann Yazzie-Pioche will report a update at the Chapter Meeting. Need to put a good plan together to provide to the Navajo Nation Council with a Resolution requesting funding to assist all the Grazing Permit holders who have livestock. Next meeting will be scheduled on Wednesday, September 11, 2019 @ 10:00 am (MST) here at the LeChee Chapter meeting room. Please come and attend for community input.

D. Office of Environmental Health (OEH) water line Extension with Navajo Tribal Utility Authority (NTUA) – Joann Yazzie-Pioche reported that NTUA has put this project on hold due to the following issues.

- Not enough customers along the water line extension requesting, which could cause E coli in the water lines due to condensation and could be a health hazard for future customers.
- NTUA was not made aware of the proposed water line extension, and they would like to request Navajo Nation Council to give them the funding to proceed with the project.
- We need to ask our Council Delegate Mr. Paul Begay to keep advocating on behalf of our rural community members to get the funding to get this project underway.

E. Reporter Mark Henley with Arizona Republic is in attendance to see how the community is effected by NGS/SRP Closure.

4. Review and Adoption of the Agenda:

Motioned by: JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche to approve agenda for tonight Chapter Planning meeting, with the and addition under 6. D #LC-091219 – To be presented by Jerry Williams on the McCracken Mesa land.

Seconded: Renee Tsosie Vote: 2 yes, 0 no, 01 abstain Motioned carried, no further discussion.

5. Reading and Approval of August Chapter Planning Meeting Minutes: Jerry Williams announced that

since the planning meeting minutes are posted in the Chapter House lobby for public review, he has

requested a motion: Motion by: Joann Yazzie-Pioche Second: Renee Tsosie
Vote: 2 yes 0 no 01 abstain Motion Carried, no further discussion.

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

A. **#LC-091219A** – Supporting the LeChee Chapter to apply for some funding source for Preliminary Economic Development funds form the Navajo Transitional Energy Company in the amount of \$11,000.00

Motion: Joann Yazzie Pioche Second: Renee Tsosie

Vote: 2 yes 0 no 01 abstain Motion Carried, no further discussion

B. **#LC-091219B** – Supporting the Drought Needs Assessment for LeChee Agricultural Plans – Joann Yazzie-Pioche presented this resolution, with a report about a meeting she attended on September 4th, 2019. Department of Justice (DOJ). During the meeting DOJ mentioned that due to mismanagement of funding provided for the Drought through out the Western Navajo Agency, it was determined that all the Drought funding will be given to

Water Resources to make repairs to all Windmills. As for our chapter we will have to work with Kaibeto, Coppermine Chapters since they are adjacent to LeChee Chapter community. Also requested was to have all Archaeological Clearance done for all Earth Dams before they are cleaned out. Ron Hardy proposed \$200 thousand dollars to repair each windmill. Lambert Tso has helped with putting the Drought Proposal and a resolution together for the Navajo Nation Council to approve the future funding.

Motion: Joann Yazzie Pioche Second: Renee Tsosie

Vote: 2 yes 0 no 01 abstain Motion Carried, no further discussion

C. **#LC-91219C** – Approving of the LeChee Chapter to demand some funds to go back to the host chapter of the final payout to the Navajo Nation from Salt River Projects.

Motion: Joann Yazzie Pioche Second: Renee Tsosie

Vote: 2 yes 0 no 01 abstain Motion Carried, no further discussion

D. **#LC-091219D- Requesting the Navajo Nation Council, Navajo Preseident and Western Agency Council to research the McCracken Mesa Congressional Land exchange Act of 1957 and correct all the wrong doing to the people (Navajos) of LeChee Community.**

Motion by: Joann Yazzie-Pioche to table this resolution due to the outline of the resolution being very vague, recommendation to have it be re-written by a professional lawyer who can stay on the subject of what LeChee Chapter is requesting. Seconded by: Renee Tsosie Vote: 2 yes 0 no 01 abstain, Motioned carried.

Discussion: Community Member Wilson Lister Sr. If this resolution Jerry is requesting approval for is not filled out correctly it should not present during the scheduled chapter meeting next week. Wilson Lister Sr. recommended Jerry to have a professional lawyer revise this resolution and present it at the next Planning meeting in October.

E. **#LC-066019E** - NONE

8. **Reports:** (Reports done at the chapter meeting)

A. **Chapter Manager:** No Reports, not in attendance.

B. **Chapter Officials: LeChee Chapter President Jerry Williams reported the following:**

- The Navajo Generating Station (SRP) railroad tracks had proposed \$30 million dollars to demo the

railroad tracks, and just recently they came up with a new proposal in the amount of \$10 million dollars,

we need to question NGS/SRP why this amount was reduced?

- Attended a meeting regarding the Public Service Building and the Fire Station off of highway N-21 toward

the Antelope Point Corridor. Jessie Donald, Effie Yazzie, and Mike Anderson attended this meeting as well.

Mike Anderson mentioned that Antelope Point Marina would be willing to bring up the waterlines up to the

withdrawn land for future development projects. Years ago Dixie Young-Ellis had proposed to build a RV

Park, all Archeology Surveys were completed, but since the funding was not available Dixie decided to give

the land withdrawn back to LeChee Chapter (no date of when the land was given back to LeChee Chapter). The

estimated cost to build was \$9 million dollars. Since the land has already been withdrawn, we as a chapter

should start planning to build the Public Service Building and a Fire Station with an Emergency Response

Center, also NGS/SRP has an ambulance and fire truck we could request in a letter to JT Willie who is in

Charge of dealing directly with donations from NGS/SRP. Next meeting is scheduled for September 26, 2019

at Twin Arrows Casino @9:00 A.M.

LeChee Chapter Vice-President Joann Yazzie-Pioche reported the following:

- Sacred Peaks Clinic is having a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on September 6th, 2019 @ 10:00 A.M. in Flagstaff, Arizona. You are all welcome to attend this Ceremony.

C. Council Delegate: NOT IN ATTENDANCE (Attending meetings in Window Rock)

D. Grazing Representative: NOT IN ATTENDANCE (Report will be done during the regular Chapter Meeting).

9. Next Regular Planning Meeting: October 3, 2019 @ 6:00 pm. (MST)

10. **Next Regular Chapter Meeting: Thursday, September 12, 2019 @ 6:00 pm (MST)**

11. **Adjournment: Time: 8:40 P.M.**

Motion: JoAnn Yazzie-Pioche Second: Renee Tsosie

Vote: E yes 0 no 01 abstain Motioned carried

LeChee Chapter Planning Meeting Minutes submitted by Renee Tsosie, Pro-Temp Secretary.
