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Regular Chapter Meeting **MINUTES** July 11, 2025

1. Meeting was called to order at 11:05 am, and everyone was welcomed by chapter president Harrison LaMone

2. Invocation was made by Harrison LaMone

3. Review and approve the agenda: Harrison LaMone reviewed the agenda and asked if there were any additions. No other additions from members.

Motioned by: Dennis Charley **Seconded** by: Alyya Tsosie

Votes: 19 approved, 0 opposed, 1 abstain. Agenda passed.

4. Accepting the Last Meeting minutes for June 06, 2025, was read by Theresa Johnson, Secretary/Treasurer. Harrison LaMone asked if all is correct and there were no comments from members.

Motioned by: Laverne Begay **Seconded** by: Lillian Bluehouse

Votes: 21 approved, 0 opposed, 1 abstain.

Harrison announced some SYEP crafts on sale, displayed in chapter meeting hall.

5. Guests: Harrison introduced three (3) guests that were present and told the guests 3 to 5 minutes each.

a. **San Juan County Election Office:** Ms Mary Ann Benally introduced herself and she works for the Aztec County election office. Spoked of the upcoming election in November 2025 and to register if they haven't registered yet, and what districts Burnham is under. This is SJ County local election and next year it'll be the governor's and state officials' election. All information on election is on her election bulletin at the back of the meeting hall. Bloomfield district does not apply to Burnham, only Central Consolidated district 4 and Farmington district 1 applies to Burnham. The county commissioners' name is on the bulletin as well.

b. **USDA:** Next presenter is director from McKinley County office department of Ag. She is mainly from Thoreau and manages the Gallup office and introduced her clans. Also manages SJ county office. She disclosed three programs the USDA offers and are all open to applicants. But an applicant must own their own land, property, tribal property, grazing permit. Anything that has your name on it. Paperwork from the court. The first program you do have to have a grazing permit is Livestock Forage program. Livestock Forage Program is Centered directly onto drought and San Juan is in a drought stage of 5 different levels of D1 to D5. The higher the rate of drought the bigger payment. She explained the US drought monitors and how payment is made. A tally count is a must. Next program is ENAP Program. We are all in minority program, non-white. This basically is coverage for livestock forage. The deadline to apply is December 1st for 2026. This basically covers any natural disasters on your farm, fire, volcanoes, tornadoes, hurricanes, flood typically in your McKinley and SJ county. Another program is ELAP, emergency livestock assistance programs in water hauling. With this program you have to have a grazing permit, and it is tedious you have to have proofs of your water hauling well, sources of water drying out, photos of your livestock and land. There must be reasons why water is drying out and the county