



Navajo Nation UPPER FRUITLAND CHAPTER

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CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES June 17, 2025 5:20 P.M.

- 1) **Call to Order** Lisa Byrd – President, Keleigh Lee - Secretary/Treasurer, Ray Jim – Grazing Representative, Albert Lee – Farm Board Representative
Absent: Rickie Nez – Council Delegate
- 2) **Invocation** Madame Lisa Byrd
- 3) **Review and Adopt the Agenda;** Motion by Laurence Bekis, seconded by Christina Kee Discussion as follows, Taylor Yazzie recorrected her name to Taylor Yazzie not Yellowman under item 7C. Laurence Bekis had a question under New Business Item number (D) if the chapter received the check. Madam president Lisa Byrd replied that they will let the chapter know when they have printed the check. Udora Redhorse requested to be under item number 6e Under New Business. Madam Lisa Byrd forgot to do a motion beforehand and did them after the discussions. Vote 27 in favor, 00 opposed, 04 abstain: motion passes
- 4) **Review and Adopt Chapter Meeting minutes held May 20, 2025** Motion by Robert Allen, seconded by Christina Kee, Secretary/Treasurer Keleigh Lee read minutes into the Statement of Revenue, Madam Lisa Byrd replied that the rentals are paid in advanced. Vote: 23 in favor, 00 opposed, 07 abstain: motion passes
- 5) **Old Business**
 - a) None
- 6) **New Business**
 - a) Accepts and Approves the Monthly Financial Reports (Balance Sheet, Statement of Revenues and Expenditures and the Budget to Actual) for the Month of May 2025 with attachment A, B and C) These (A, B, and C attachments were read on a projector for the community to see. Community members also have hard printed out copies of the Balance Sheet and Statement of Revenues.



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May 2025 Statement of Revenue and Expenditures- (Attachment B) from 05/01/2025 through 05/31/2025

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|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Rental - Meeting Hall/Chairs/Table | \$750.00 |
| Total Revenue | \$935.00 |
| May 2025 Expenses: | |
| Total Personnel Expenses | \$ 20,700.66 |
| Total Travel Expenses | \$ — |
| Total Operational Supplies | \$1,499.18 |
| Total Communication and Utilities | \$823.72 |
| Total Repair & Maintenance | \$5,094.77 |
| Total Contractual expenses | \$3,630.90 |
| Total Capitalized Expenses | \$ — |
| Total Expenditures | \$37,468.73 |
| Revenues over Expenditures | (\$17,137.73) |

May 2025 Budget to Actual (Attachment C) 10/02/2024 through 05/31/2025
Total Budget to Actual: \$796,270.92

May 2025 Balance Sheet (Attachment A) as of 05/31/2025

- Chapter Activities- Fund 01 = \$20,354.33
- Navajo Nation- Fund 02 = \$150,472.74
- Land Claims Trust- Fund 03 = \$40.02
- Supplemental Youth- Fund 08 = \$14,376.00
- Housing Discretionary- Fund 09 = \$33,901.44
- LGA Grant- Fund 10 = \$19,867.13
- Chapter Stipend- Fund 12 = \$1,436.11
- Scholarship General- Fund 13 = \$3,972.00
- Scholarship Claims- Fund 14 = \$1,021.50
- PEP- Fund 15 = \$52,108.32
- Veterans- Fund 16 = \$7,127.69
- Emergency- Fund 17 = \$46,999.00
- County- Fund 20 = \$6,610.78
- Chapter Repair and Maintenance- Fund 21 = not listed on balance sheet
- NN Sales Tax- Fund 23 = \$153,272.40
- NN 200,000 CIP- Fund 27 = \$20,963.26
- Chapter Projects- Fund 28 = \$98,288.76
- LGA Trust- Fund 29 = \$6,758.18
- Agricultural Infrastructure- Fund 34 = \$1.95
- Unhealthy Food Tax- Fund 40 = \$85,722.14
- Senior Center Building Construction Project- Fund 50 = \$53,458.59
- Rodeo Donations- Fund 51 = \$16,069.58
- NTEC Donations- Fund 53 = \$3,449.00
- General Fixed Assets- Fund 80 = \$2,586,824.81

TOTAL = \$3,343,095.73



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Motion Robert Allen seconded Tasha Evans, Discussion as follows, No Question or Discussion. Votes 31 in favor, 00 opposed, 07 abstain; motion passed **Resolution FRUI FY25-06-462**

- b) Approves and adopts the attached Digital LOGO selected because of the unique representation of the community's farming environment and its background. Motion by Christina Kee, seconded by Tasha Evans. Discussion as follows; Laurence Bekis asked if the logo wording is spelled correctly. Madam Lisa Bryd replied that that it is spelled correctly on the website and that's how CLUP-C spells it. Tasha Evans asked if she can use that certain logo for the t-shirt's that she is going to print for the Senior Center: Madam Lisa Byrd read the Resolution that corresponds this this item under New Business. Vote; 31 in favor, 02 opposed, 04 abstain, motion passes. Resolution **FRUI-FY25-06-463**
- c) Accepts and approves the fund for the FY25 Navajo Nation Sales Tax Allocation of \$66,215.00. Motion, Robert Allen, Seconded Tashina Pinto. Discussions as follows No questions nor concerns; Vote; 25 in favor, 00 opposed, 05 abstain, motion passes Resolution **FRUI-FY25-06-464**
- d) PNM Accepts and Approves Contribution. Motion Laurence Bekis, seconded Laverda Mason. Discussions as follows; Tashina Pinto questioned if the amount is correct. President Lisa Bryd made a note to correct that typo in the resolution. Laurence Bekis asked if sports are included Madam Lisa Bryd replied yes. Lynelle Lee asked who determines and who is approved or denied. President Lisa Byrd replied that the Chapter Manager is the one that approves the application. Vote; 39 in favor, 00 opposed, 04 abstain, motion passes Resolution **FRUI-FY25-06-465**
- e) Udora Redhouse, Motion Laverda Mason, seconded Tasha Evans. Presentation summary; requesting for community support, a grant fund for 1 year. Targeting towards Native American Youth and help provide for the youth and assist them in a positive environment such as (sports, activities, decrease behaviors such as drug and alcohol) Discussion as follows; Laverda Mason commented that its really good for the community and if there was a resolution she would motion to help benefit the youth. No question nor concerns. Vote; 29 in favor, 00 opposed, 08 abstain, motion passes Resolution **FRUI-FY25-06-466**

7) Introduction, Presentation or Recognition of Guests



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- a) Pete Etsitty with PNM, Northern Navajo Chapters Youth Development Grants, handed in a PNM check of \$3,000 to the Upper Fruitland Chapter House.
- b) Arlenta Horse-Dickie, disseminate information regarding Filing Day for the 2025 Regular Local Election, announce the Regular Local Election November 4, 2025 Filing Day listed. Information on Candidate Filing must be a registered voter in San Juan County, NM. Not be convicted of a felony. Reside in the county of district. Be a citizen of the United States and be 18 years of age.
- c) Priscilla Yellowman, Heat exhaustion and heat stress; Absent; Madame Lisa Byrd report on behalf Priscilla Yellowman,
- d) Taylor Yazzie, Research update on Water Sampling; gave an update on her research. A Short recap on her Water sampling in the San Juan areas of the Navajo Nation. A lot of water wells didn't have the infrastructure to pump water out.
- e) Melissa Nez, Vice-President, resigning presentation; Summary on why she had resigned her position as Vice-President. Prior to the leadership that was being held. And that things weren't being met. Anthony Hardwood asked if Madam Lisa Byrd will be putting out a memo regarding the resigning position. Madam Lisa Byrd said once she has received confirmation about the resigning position then she will put out a memo afterward. Gertrude Badonie had a question about why Lisa Byrd hasn't been notified about the resigning position. Speaking on behalf of previous Melissa Nez and how good of Vice President was. Laurence Bekis had concerns that the Upper Fruitland Chapter said we need a Vice President as soon as possible. Upper Fruitland citizen ask why should anyone want to run as office officials if its challenging and complicated. Lisa Byrd responded that it takes a lot with what has been going on with the audits, and Vice President resigning and not getting paid the monthly stipends. Recommendation on working on communication skills and that it needs to be improved. Lisa Byrd, had said that she held staff meeting every month to see if there has been issues or concerns of staff officials and chapter workers. Regina Wood had concerns on how Madam Lisa Byrd is communicating to others and how the community supports Melissa Nez decisions on resigning. Nathan Benally had Called point of Order so discussion has been moved forward to Item (f).
- f) Mother of Zachariah Juwaan Shorty, MMIP. Presents MMIP and speaks about her two sons.

8) Reports



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- a) Council Delegate, Rickie Nez; Absent, Mrs. Watson; reported on behalf of Council Delegate, Rickie Nez. Nenahnezad Chapter House will be hosting the 25th Navajo Nation Council Public Hearing on June 19, 2025 at 9:00AM.
- b) Tasha Evans, commander for the Veterans Organization for Upper Fruitland Chapter. Veteran Status and a member of the Honorable status. Have to complete a registration form. Meeting June 18, 2025 at the Chapter House.
- c) Chapter Manager, Alvis Kee; No Report
- d) Chapter President, Lisa Marie Byrd; Reported that the road signs are about 6 weeks away from completion. The roads should be on google maps, and NTUA. Tashina Pinto asked if the road sign will be easier for delivery's Madam Lisa Byrd said yes deliveries will be easier. And the Upper Fruitland Chapter is close to closing out the Audits by the end of June. Construction on N-36 is in the process.
- e) Chapter Grazing Representative, Ray Jim Jr.
 - i) Pet Vaccine Spray/Neuter Clinics
 - ii) Health Effects on Burning Trash
 - iii) Navajo Nation Air Quality Control Program Open Building Registration Form
 - iv) Navajo Nation Department of Fish and Wildlife Grazing/ ALUP Review Requestion Form
 - v) Ducan's Ranch Sheep Shearing
 - vi) Navajo Nation Wool Buys FAQs and Northern Navajo Wool/Mohair Buy
 - vii) Transferring or name changing and updating
 - viii) Navajo Nation 2025 Animal Health Requirement and Notice to Livestock Requirement
- f) Chapter Farm Board Representative, Albert Lee; reported on properly filling out forms. And raises concerns on water issues and water assessment that he is getting special agent to come in.
- g) CLUP-C President, Robert Allen; reported they are helping with putting up signs and establishing a survey in July.
- h) Community Health Representative, Priscilla Yellowman; Absence
- i) Veterans; No Reports

9) Announcements

- a) See Calendar Attachment for June 2025.



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10) Next Chapter Meeting: Tuesday, July 15, 2025 at 5:00 p.m., In Person

11) Adjournment 8:06 PM Motion by Tashina Pinto, Seconded by Tasha Evans; Vote 18 in Favor, 00

Opposed, 01 Abstain; Motion Passes

Chapter Meeting Minutes submitted June 27, 2025 by,

Keleigh Lee

Keleigh Lee, Secretary/ Treasurer