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Danny Simpson, Council Delegate – Tony Padilla, President – Harrison Juan, Vice President – Brenda Holgate, Secretary/Treasurer –
Janice Padilla, Land Board – Lucinda Begay, Community Services Coordinator – Flora Gus, Accountant Maintenance Specialist

LAKE VALLEY CHAPTER
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2025
11:00 AM

1. The meeting was called to order by **Tony Padilla, Jr., Chapter President**, at 12:17 p.m. Invocation was given by **Harrison Juan**, Chapter Vice President.
2. Accepting and Approving the Agenda. The motion was carried by **Stella Valdez** and seconded by **Flora Gus** with a vote of **14** in favor, **0** opposed, and **01** abstained.

Harrison Juan: Reading of September 14, 2025, Lake Valley Chapter Meeting Agenda.

Janice Padilla: I was unable to receive my quotations, so I request you delete my resolution request.

3. Accepting and approving August 17, 2025, Regular Chapter Meeting Minutes. The motion was carried by **Clarence Beyal** and seconded by **Johnny Sandoval, Jr.** with a vote of **14** in favor, **0** opposed, and **1** abstained.
4. Accepting and approving the August 2025 Financial Report. The motion was carried by **Clarence Beyale** and seconded by **June Joe** with a vote of **16** in favor, **0** opposed, and **1** abstained.
5. Old Business:
A. None

6. New Business

~~A. Resolution Number LVC-2025-09-01 The Lake Valley Chapter hereby approves the Housing Discretionary Request for \$1,000 per Applicant for her Current Home and to assist her with Home Improvement, which Will Cover the Exterior/Interior of Mrs. Shirley Padilla's Home.~~

~~B. Resolution Number LVC-2025-09-02 The Lake Valley Chapter hereby approves the Housing Discretionary Request for \$1,000 per Applicant for her Current Home and to assist her with Home Improvement, which Will Cover the Exterior/Interior of Mrs. Janice Padilla's Home.~~

Item 6-A & B:

Tony Padilla, Jr.:

Both resolutions number, LVC-2025-09-01 and LVC-2025-09-02, were withdrawn from the agenda.

C. Resolution Number LVC-2025-09-03 The Lake Valley Chapter hereby requests to post the Cash Receipt for \$135.50 into Fund Type 01-6619 Tax and Penalty to be utilized to make payment.

M: Danille Warren

S: Flora Gus

V: 17-0-1

Item 6-C:

Tony Padilla, Jr.:

The resolution was read into the record, and without any other comments.

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D. Resolution Number LVC-2025-09-04 The Lake Valley Chapter hereby approves to Purchase Food from Fund Type 01-6352 for the Scheduled Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren and the NN Division Director's visitation to share the Chapter's Project Issues and Concerns; and to address unfinished, on-going projects.

M: Flora Gus

S: Clarence Beyale

V: 17-0-1

Item 6-D:

Tony Padilla, Jr.: The resolution was read into the record, and without any other comments.

E. Resolution Number LVC-2025-09-05 The Lake Valley Chapter hereby approves a Special Meeting on September 28, 2025, to discuss the Fiscal Year 2025 Combined Carryover Budget to continue the Chapter Operation into Fiscal Year 2026. Each Fund Type Total shall be shared at the scheduled meeting.

M: Flora Gus

S: Casey Padilla

V: 17-0-1

Item 7-E:

Tony Padilla, Jr.: The resolution was read into the record and explained its purpose, and without any other comments.

7. Presenters:

A. Gilbert Rogers -

- The Lake Valley Community needs to identify school board members. They may close the dorm or even the school due to not having enough students.
- The school is not being maintained, and there are a lot of weeds growing.
- The school is lacking students to continue.
- The current school representative lives and works in Shiprock. Maybe this Chapter needs to appoint someone from here to speak on behalf of the school.
- We also need to plan the future of our school and even meet with representatives from the Window Rock Education Department.
- Also, along highway 371 between mile posts 40 – 48 near the county line. There is a piece of land that could be used for a powwow ground or other events. This land was sold a while back and became a tribal ranch. But it was withdrawn to Lake Valley and Whiterock Chapter. The land is still available for use for both Chapters.
- The BBN9 Water Project will end at the Becenti Chapter for those who do not know. We at Whiterock said no to the water project but have a different plan for our water system. Over 160 acres on both sides of highway 371 was taken due to a ROW issue from the State of New Mexico. This project still needs planning, archaeological clearances, etc.
- A partnership effort should occur in planning out our community cemetery. Lake Valley probably has its CLUPC already discussing it.

Tony Padilla, Jr.:

- I did mention and commented on this land status near county line. I was told that the land belongs to the Whiterock Chapter. I did speak with Norman Henry as well, but it never materialized.
- What are your thoughts, member? Let us continue discussing and planning for future events.
- We need to create and appoint our CLUPC members. I need all the retirees to assist.

Johnny Sandoval, Jr.:

- The subject brought here today is true and must be discussed. The Chapter CLUPC needs to be re-established. Not sure why it has not been established.
- We try to bring these to the Chapters' attention. but we are not sure why it does not materialize.
- It can happen, and it is doable.



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Lucinda Begay:

- Regarding the school issues. Are you asking for a representative to be appointed? Per Mr. Roger, it is up to you to appoint a member to speak on behalf of your community regarding the school. We would like to increase our student enrollment or even change our school status to a Charter school.

Edith Vanderver:

- Most of our children are enrolled in the Farmington and Bloomfield school districts, and they travel with their parents because they work there.
- If you want to appoint yourself to school board, you must go through several processes for a background check. Getting a background check is not an easy process.

Johnny Sandoval, Jr.:

- Today, our school system has changed. Our students did not want to go to our BIA schools anymore.
- A lot of our students' transition to Public School. Even Lake Valley lacks funding and certified teachers.

B. Arlenta Horse-Dickie, San Juan County Clerk's Office

- Share the election schedule and information on the local election.
- Candidates School and College Board:
 - District 4:
 - Tony Deherrera
 - Bronson D. Ashcroft
 - District 5:
 - Jareen S. White
 - Ben Woody, Jr.
 - Veronica Desbah Tso
 - District 1:
 - George W. Jenkins, Jr.
 - Rebecca Ashley Montoya
 - District 4:
 - Terrian Benn
 - Christina J. Aspass
- 3 Ways to Vote:
 - Absentee
 - Early Voting
- Election Day
 - Tuesday, November 4, 2025
 - 7:00 am – 7:00 pm

Gilbert Rogers:

- Kirtland and Central Consolidated School District are not a part of our district.

C. Howard, NN Fish & Wildlife Department – Not Present

D. Adrian Blueeyes, Campaign, Sam Bregman for NM Governor – Not Present

8. Reports –

A. Danny Simpson – Not present

B. Tony Padilla, Jr.:

- We met at Nageezi on Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2025, which was hosted by Delegate Simpson. The Navajo Nation Departments presented their project updates with the Chapters.



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- Our Chapter does need additional funds for all their projects. The ARPA and RRR funds were shared.
- CHID through ARPA funding bought two trailers for our community members and lack water/power line.
- Travel to Las Vegas, NV, and attend an Emergency Conference. A lot of information was shared, such as FBI cases, Elderly Abuse, Missing Women and Children, etc.
- We also received a lot of rain and saw water flowing down. I was hoping that some of the dams were filled.

Johnny Sandoval, Jr.:

- With the recent rain, some community members cannot cross the road.
- I wish that a lot of fixing could have happened, such as our roads and earth dams, before the rain. It is a concern that I have, and we have. But not much is happening with it.

C. Janice Padilla:

- I am glad that we received the rain, but we are not quite out yet.
- I tried to visit with Mr. Franklin Charley at Water Resources in Crownpoint regarding our earth dam to be fixed. Just making excuses that they lack funding.
- I am glad that the Earth Dam is holding up in some areas.
- I was informed that RDC informed Mr. Tariq with NN Water Resources not to use fencing and closed gates as an excuse to not serve those areas.
- Today, some of you have received your grazing permits back. But those of you who have not received them, yet you may have to reapply. The canceled grazing permits may be caused by not submitting your tally counts. Also, remember, you must reduce your livestock based on your tally counts. You can plan to begin to sell your livestock and let your grazing area sit for about two years. They will begin checking your brands and ear tags to see if they are different, and if there are some with different brands or ear tags, be prepared to justify.
- The BIA in Crownpoint will begin transferring to the Gallup Region. We only have Natural Resources operating with one staff member.
- I will begin the tally count in November.
- We will begin renewing our agreement.
- Our next joint Land Board meeting will be hosted in Bread Springs next week.

Edith Vanderver:

- The grazing permits? May I get that renewed? **Per Janice, yes.**
- Several feral horses are roaming around our area and getting into our home. **Per Janice, I am trying to get them to come out and schedule them.** Some of those cows are branded and are wild. If you can round up those wild cows, do it, but once they are caught, you cannot reclaim them if they are unbranded.
- Regarding our dams, I see at least 5 broken.

Glenn Pablo:

- When will the invoice be issued? **Per Janice, once you receive your permit, they should invoice you.**
- What information do you still have for AIF? **Per Janice, the Dept. of Agriculture will present, and San Juan County has some funding, which I will conduct a follow-up.**



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Johnny Sandoval, Jr.:

- The cattle guard needs attention, and this is an ongoing issue. What seems to be the problem?
- Can the Chapter's heavy equipment be used?
- Our earth dam needs attention. We have been bringing this to your attention for quite some time. Hire an outside Contractor to fix it. **Per Janice**, we should be able to use some of the Chapter CIP funds for this project.

Lucinda Begay:

- The large dam that is being discussed is still on the ICIP list, but not a part of the top 5 priority.
- I feel that the larger dam should have been discussed and addressed. A discussion was made by Lester Tsosie, BIA, Delegate Simpson, and folks from NN Water Resources, but nothing materialized. The discussion was to hire a contractor, but later we found out that the dam was in allotment and it just ended there. Therefore, NN Water Resources backed out.
- The Chapter does not deny the usage of the backhoe; any time the equipment is used, you must fill out a rental application and pay the fee.
- The septic tank cleaning is happening now and will continue until the project is completed. But they are asking each household to clean the lid area. NTUA will work with the Contractor and assist them with the proper disposal. The Chapter hired two PEP workers to assist. The Chapter President and Vice President assess the road conditions on Friday. The Chapter has 44 families listed.
- Mrs. June Joe's housing discretionary request still lacks her repair listing.
- Regarding the powerline, our funds are being held up but are still in progress.
- We had two mobile homes delivered and two individuals assisted with ARPA funds. But they both still need water/power line hook up.
- Regarding the cattle guard near the NHA homes. **Per NHA**, you should have a housing subcommittee so they can address those issues, and I have not seen or heard of anyone filling out the rental agreement for the heavy equipment usage yet.

Edith Vanderver:

- What about this other cattle guard, who can assist? This same herd continues to get into the NHA housing area. **Per Lucinda**, the cattle guard that is being discussed belongs to San Juan County and NDOT. NDOT can assist. I will do a follow-up on this project.

Clarence Begay:

- This septic tank cleaning road number 8860 is the best road to come to my home.

Edith Vanderver:

- How do I sign up for the housing discretionary? **Per Lucinda**, fill out the application, and you must have a homesite lease, and must live in the home 24/7, too.
- My late mother never had a homesite lease. So, how can I address that? **Per Tony**, must follow the home site processes and visit with the Land Dept.

Tony Padilla, Jr.:

- Let us fix the cattle guard ourselves and pitch in for the rental fee. I can be the operator.
- I even had our pothole roads fixed recently.

Glenn Pablo:

- Regarding our septic tank cleaning, am I listed? **Per Lucinda**, yes.



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- o What about our US flagpole and rope, which needs fixing? **Per Tony**, we still need to get that repaired. I need someone to assist me with the supplies and manpower.

Tony Padilla, Jr.:

This completes our regular meeting agenda discussion.

9. Announcements:

- A. Next Chapter Planning Meeting, *October 05, 2025, at 9:00 A.M.*
- B. Next Chapter Regular Meeting, *October 19, 2025, at 12 Noon*

10. Adjournment at **2:32 p.m.**

M: Clarence Beyer

S: Stella Valdez

V: 17-0-1

Submitted by

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brenda Holgate", is written over a faint circular stamp.

Brenda Holgate, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer
September 15, 2025

