

C. decisions should be made locally by elected School Board members. She also stressed the need for transparency in decision-making and budget allocation.

1. **Albert Bailey**

Albert Bailey noted that many changes have occurred since his last involvement, including updates to policies. He stated that there is a need to revisit and clarify current issues and concerns related to BIA school boards.

2. **Shandiin Parrish**

Shandiin Parrish shared that HEHSC Chairman Vince James introduced legislation in 2024 to regionalize BIE School Board membership. Since the reapportionment, there has been a lack of transparency in budget reporting. She recommended that the matter be revisited in the coming years and suggested passing a resolution to amend the legislation.

3. **Joan Gray**

Joan Gray agreed with Delegate Parrish and emphasized the importance of meeting with local leaders to address concerns. She supported passing resolutions to amend the current legislation.

4. **Anita Singer**

Anita Singer expressed concern that the absence of a School Board and lack of transparency creates a high risk of fund mismanagement. She noted that no reports are being received from any School Board, whether public or BIE. She stressed the importance of transparency and representation for both students and staff at all levels.

5. **Shandiin Parrish (Additional Comment)**

Parrish suggested that the chapter consider offering a resolution to amend the law to improve advocacy for students and increase transparency in budget use. She also recommended reviewing how funds were previously used and distributed by prior School Boards.

6. **Albert Bailey (Additional Comment)**

Bailey stated that this concern requires continued collaboration with Delegate Parrish. He suggested meeting with all local entities before proceeding with any legislative changes.

7. **Joan Gray (Additional Comment)**

Gray noted that one requirement for School Board members is an extensive background check at both the federal and Navajo Nation levels. She identified this as a significant barrier for potential candidates.

8. **Stanley Clitso**

Stanley Clitso reported that, through the Navajo Nation Election Office, there is one at-large position and four open positions. However, there is currently a shortage of candidates willing to run for these roles.

VI. Review & Accept Previous Meeting Minutes: March 2026 Minutes were read into the record.

Motion: Ben Blackhorse

Second: Jodonna Ward

- No questions were asked about the meeting minutes.

In Favor: 21

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 1

VII. New Business:

A. Financial Report: March 2026 Financial Record was read into the record.

Motion: JoDonna Ward

Second: Martha Young

- No questions were asked about the financial report.

In Favor: 23

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 1

B. Resolutions: *Sponsor or Co-Sponsors must be present at both meetings.

- 1. Resolution No. KY26-04-044**
APPROVING THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL OFFICE SPACE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE KAYENTA CHAPTER AND THE NAVAJO NATION DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES CENTER-KAYENTA OFFICE.
Sponsor: Kayenta Chapter
Motion: Anita Singer **Second:** JoDonna Ward
 o No questions were asked about the resolution.
Vote: **In favor:** 20 **Oppose:** 0 **Abstain:** 3

- 2. Resolution No. KY26-04-045**
ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE KAYENTA CHAPTER'S SALES TAX FOR FY2026 DISTRIBUTION, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$113,841.00.
Sponsor: Kayenta Chapter
Motion: Anita Singer **Second:** Alberta Interpreter
 o No questions were asked about the resolution.
Vote: **In favor:** 25 **Oppose:** 0 **Abstain:** 1

- 3. Resolution No. KY26-04-046**
APPROVING THE INCOMING REVENUE FUNDS FROM MARCH 2026 AS A BUDGET TRANSFER FROM FUND 01 (CHAPTER ACTIVITIES GENERAL FUND) 6303 (OPERATING SUPPLIES)FOR \$18.89, 6321 (GASOLINE VEHICLE) FOR \$56.66, 6322 (DIESEL FUEL) FOR \$56.66, 6352 (PURCHASE -FOOD) FOR \$18.89, 6504 (REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE-BUILDING) FOR \$18.89, AND 6722 (FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE-FUNERAL) FOR \$207.76 TOTALING \$377.75 TO BE PUT INTO FUND 08 (SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT) TO GL CODE 6106-SUTA EXPENSE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$377.75.
Sponsor: Kayenta Chapter
Motion: Anita Singer **Second:** JoDonna Ward
 o No questions were asked about the resolution.
Vote: **In favor:** 25 **Oppose:** 0 **Abstain:** 1

- 4. Resolution No. KY26-04-047**
APPROVING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO FOUR SEASONS CONSTRUCTION, LLC., FOR THE KAYENTA CHAPTER ROOFING REPAIR PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$197,100.11.
Sponsor: Kayenta Chapter
Motion: Alberta Interpreter **Second:** James Parrish
 o No questions were asked about the resolution.
Vote: **In favor:** 25 **Oppose:** 0 **Abstain:** 1

- 5. Resolution No. KY26-04-048**

**KAYENTA CHAPTER REQUESTING A JOINT PARTNERSHIP WITH
NAVAJO NATION POLICE DEPARTMENT AND NAVAJO COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO IMPLEMENT ANNUAL DUI CHECKPOINTS
WITHIN THE KAYENTA CHAPTER SERVICE AREA IN EFFORTS TO
REDUCE DUI'S AND TO SUPPORT JUSTICE FOR KARSON APODACA.**

Sponsor: Catherina George

Co-Sponsor: Dalton Singer

Motion: JoDonna Ward

Second: Martha Young

○ **JoDonna Ward**

JoDonna Ward expressed her desire to serve as the primary sponsor of the resolution, noting that the victim's mother and grandmother are registered members of Oljato. She explained that the resolution calls for annual DUI checkpoints during the time of the incident. She also stated that the Kayenta Township should be held accountable and that the Kayenta Chapter should reestablish oversight over the Kayenta Township Commission (KTC). She added that a binder of related information had been provided to Delegate Parrish the previous year.

○ **Delegate Shandiin Parrish**

Delegate Parrish stated that both the Navajo Nation and the Chapter are limited in their actions due to the supreme court case ruling. She explained that the Kayenta Township operates under home rule authority. She noted that she has introduced legislation addressing this issue at both the committee and council levels. Efforts have been made to work with Navajo Nation legal counsel; however, the only way to remove township authority is through a referendum vote by registered Navajo Nation voters.

○ **James Parrish**

James Parrish emphasized the need for greater accountability, not only regarding DUI incidents but also other public safety concerns such as stray or unleashed dogs. He shared a personal experience of being attacked and bitten by a dog.

○ **Anita Singer**

Anita Singer raised concerns about whether the current police force has the capacity to conduct regular DUI checkpoints. She suggested the possibility of inviting the FBI or other external agencies to assist with implementing checkpoints locally.

○ **Catherina George**

Catherina George shared the background of her and her son and the tragic incident that happen to them. She stated that after speaking with a police lieutenant, she was informed that law enforcement is not involved in planning local events. She stressed the need for greater presence and involvement from the Navajo Nation Police Department at community events. She emphasized that such incidents must be prevented and that improved safety measures are needed for community members.

○ **Shandiin Parrish (Additional Comment)**

Parrish noted that the resolution, as written, is broad in scope, allowing it to reach and involve multiple entities rather than being limited to Kayenta or a single organization.

○ **JoDonna Ward (Additional Comment)**

Ward raised serious concerns about delays in obtaining police reports from the Navajo Nation Police Department. She noted that families and community

members have reported waiting several months to nearly a year to receive reports, or not receiving them at all. She emphasized that these requests should be processed in a timely manner and not dismissed.

Vote: In favor: 20 Oppose: 0 Abstain: 1

6. **Resolution No. KY26-04-049**
KAYENTA CHAPTER RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE
STRENGTHENING OF THE NAVAJO NATION CODE TITLE 17
AMENDMENTS TO ENHANCE PUBLIC SAFETY AND JUSTICE TO
HONOR KARSON APODACA.

Sponsor: Catherina George

Co-Sponsor: Dalton Singer

Motion: JoDonna Ward

Second: Ben Blackhorse

- **Catherina George**

Catherina George spoke about the driver responsible for Karson's death, stating that the individual had approximately 20 prior DUI offenses along with other criminal history. She expressed concern that current Navajo Nation laws are not strong enough to address such offenses. She shared that during meetings with the Law-and-Order Committee, amendments were requested to strengthen protections for victims. While the proposed amendments may not be as strong as desired, she noted they represent a step in the right direction. She requested the Chapter's support for these efforts.

Vote: In favor: 25 Oppose: 0 Abstain: 1

- **Post-Vote Discussion and Amendment**

After the initial vote, Dalton Singer (Secretary/Treasurer) asked Delegate Parrish for clarification regarding the language in the "Now therefore be it resolved" section.

- **Delegate Shandiin Parrish**

Delegate Parrish recommended revising the language to be more inclusive. She suggested adding "Navajo Nation Government" instead of specifying either the Navajo Nation Council or the Navajo Nation Executive Branch, noting that this broader term would strengthen the resolution.

- **President Bailey**

President Bailey asked the motioning party if they agreed to the proposed language change. JoDonna Ward and Ben Blackhorse both agreed to the amendment.

- **Revote Outcome**

A revote was conducted with the following results:
25 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention.

7. **Resolution No. KY26-04-050**
APPROVING THE STANDARD OFFICE SPACE USE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE KAYENTA CHAPTER AND THE KAYENTA TOWNSHIP
FOR A PERIOD OF ONE MONTH.

Sponsor: Kayenta Chapter

Motion: JoDonna Ward

Second: Martha Young

- No questions were asked about the resolution.

- **Vice President Stanley Clitso**

Vice President Stanley Clitso informed the Chapter membership that the current Chapter building will be temporarily closed due to roofing repairs.

During this period, Chapter administration will be relocated and operating under limited services for the month. He stated that all meeting locations will be communicated to the public via social media, the digital display sign, and announcements on KTNN.

Vote: In favor: 25 Oppose: 0 Abstain: 1

VIII. Reports: (Please limit Reports to 5 minutes and please provide a written report.)

A. Delegate Shaandiin Parrish, 25th Navajo Nation Council report:

1. She reported that the Navajo Nation water rights settlement totals approximately \$3 billion. The legislation was originally introduced in Congress during the Biden administration and has since been reintroduced under the Trump administration. It was recently heard by the Indian Affairs Committee (IAC), which has requested a reduction in the funding amount. As a result, the Navajo Nation is currently reviewing a breakdown of projects to determine which items may not be funded.
2. Delegate Parrish also discussed legislation introduced by Council Delegate Arbin Mitchell, which proposes \$2 million in funding under project N591. This legislation is scheduled to be heard during the Spring Council Session.
3. She announced that the Kayenta Chapter will receive additional emergency funding in the amount of \$91,771.00 to support local emergency needs.
4. Regarding the Navajo Nation Procurement Act, Delegate Parrish explained that proposed updates to the law could reduce regulatory requirements for Chapters if signed by the President. This would allow for a more efficient and streamlined procurement process at the Chapter level.
5. Lastly, Delegate Parrish shared two resolutions passed by the Kayenta Township Commission (KTC) that are being introduced at the Council level. She noted that, as the Chapter's Delegate, it is her responsibility to share this information with the community. She also mentioned that other Delegates have been asked to sponsor these resolutions.

B. Supervisor Fern Benally, Navajo County Supervisor District 1 gave her report during the Planning Meeting.

C. Clairice Begay, Kayenta Chapter Manager- submitted a written a report that will be added to the meeting minutes.

D. Jonathan Nez, Kayenta District 8 Grazing Official-

1. **Jonathan Nez** reported on ongoing efforts related to feral horse management. He stated that the most feasible methods for conducting horse roundups are the use of helicopters or drones, as locally owned horses are not reliable for this purpose. He noted that once horses are rounded up, there must be a clear plan for next steps, such as selling them off the reservation or training them for local use, including trail rides. He also mentioned that equine incentive programs are still ongoing.

2. Brooke Cly

Brooke Cly raised concerns about unbranded cattle and horses, noting that local resources are limited. She asked whether the Chapter could outsource roundup efforts, as some other Chapters have done. She emphasized that current vegetation and water sources, including wells, are not sustainable due to the impact of roaming horses and cattle. She asked what alternative methods are available to manage and capture these animals.

3. Jonathan Nez (Response)

Jonathan Nez responded that helicopters or drones remain the most effective tools for conducting roundups. He referenced a previous effort on Black Mesa where these methods were used; however, an issue arose when the contracted company wanted to take possession

of the horses. The Navajo Nation intervened and required that the horses be transported to Window Rock. He added that he has submitted the necessary paperwork to conduct a local horse roundup. If approved and scheduled, the roundup is expected to take approximately one week.

E. Ben Edwards, Kayenta Farm Board President:

1. Ben Edwards reported that he attended a major irrigation meeting in Window Rock at the NDOT building, where a significant amount of useful information was shared. He stated that the Farm Board has been meeting with local entities, including IHS, to explore options for securing water resources locally. He also noted that they have been attending Farm Board meetings in Oljato and Dennehotso Chapters to collaborate and share information.

F. Geraldine Laughter- Kayenta CLUPC Chairwoman:

1. Geraldine Laughter, Kayenta CLUPC Chairwoman, was not present. CLUPC member Victoria Manyules provided the report on behalf of the committee.

2. Victoria Manyules explained that the CLUPC is responsible for planning and ordinances within the Kayenta Chapter. She reported that the committee currently has a full membership. She also stated that surveys will be conducted across all regions within the Kayenta Chapter to gather community input. Additionally, the committee has approved hiring a consultant to assist with updating the CLUPC binder.

G. Kayenta ASC- Lena Poyer: was not present

H. Bobby Donald, Kayenta Veterans Organization: next meeting is May 14, 2026 at 6pm. Were asked to register at the chapter and agency levels. There are so many veterans not registered, so when funds are available, they run into the road block. May 26 is our next commanders meeting in Coppermine. There are still funds for veterans that need to be used so it is not sent back to window rock.

1. **Bobby Donald** reported that the next Kayenta Veterans Organization meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2026, at 6:00 PM. He emphasized the importance of veterans registering at both the Chapter and Agency levels, noting that many veterans are currently unregistered, which creates barriers when funding becomes available. He also announced that the next Commanders Meeting will be held on May 26 in Coppermine. He added that there are still funds available for veterans, and it is important that these funds are utilized to prevent them from being returned to Window Rock.

2. **Alberta Interpreter**

Alberta asked whether Kayenta has a color guard or honor guard and inquired about the level of assistance provided for veteran funerals. She also asked whether each Chapter has a Community Development Officer (CDO).

Bobby Donald responded that there is no formal color or honor guard, and services are currently supported by volunteers. He noted that many veterans are hesitant to participate, but women veterans frequently volunteer for color and honor guard duties.

3. **Delegate Shandiin Parrish**

Delegate Parrish shared that she had spoken with Peter Hewey, who raised concerns regarding funding and the movement of funds by Bobbie Baldwin.

4. **Bobby Donald (Response)**

Bobby Donald stated that the issue has not yet been resolved. He explained that during a recent meeting, Bobbie Baldwin introduced resolutions to reallocate funds, but concerns were raised. He added that the meeting ended prematurely when she left in an unprofessional manner.

5. **Delegate Shandiin Parrish (Additional Comment)**

Delegate Parrish recommended to bring the CDO matter back into a resolution so it can be reaffirmed at the Chapter level and supported by Chapter voters. She noted that planning for next year's budget is beginning and emphasized the importance of having an updated CDO.

This would allow her to effectively communicate Chapter budget requests and concerns when Bobbie Baldwin presents her budget.

6. Bobby Donald Additional Concern Raised

Concerns were expressed regarding frequent minor language changes in resolutions introduced by Bobbie Baldwin. It was noted that these changes can create confusion and difficulty during the review process.

I. Nellie James, Kayenta Senior Center Supervisor was not present

J. Jarvis Williams- Kayenta Township Manager provided the following updates:

1. He reported that the recreational park will include a new wellness center, with expected completion by the end of June or July. He also stated that several Requests for Proposals (RFPs) are currently posted on the KTC website, including projects for the park, cemetery, bike park, basketball court lighting, Veterans Park improvements, and road repairs on the hill.

2. He announced the opening of additional homesite leases behind the old Holiday Inn area, along with plans to develop infrastructure to support these homesite areas. Aviation Day will be held on May 2 at the airport, with Matthew Hale scheduled as a featured speaker.

3. He also addressed ongoing efforts to focus on bootlegging issues and the potential review or revocation of homesite leases in relation to violations. He reported that construction of the NPC building will begin this month, including plans for a water tank to support fire suppression systems, which will also provide water services for the industrial park once completed.

4. Jarvis Williams announced that Earth Week will take place next week, during which residents are encouraged to clean their yards and dispose of trash free of charge.

5. He noted that KTC meetings are posted online and held on the second Monday of each month, emphasizing efforts toward transparency. He stated that all resolutions received will be forwarded to Delegate Parrish for review. He also expressed enthusiasm about continued collaboration with the Kayenta Chapter on future projects.

6. Regarding the RV park project, he explained that three potential locations were considered: near the old clinic, near Burger King, and near the former Church's Chicken site. Only one bid was received, and the selected location is the site near Burger King.

K. Superintendent Lemuel Adson, K.U.S.D. #27 was not present.

L. Mariva Plummer, Kayenta IHS Chief Executive Office was not present.

M. Letresia Todecheene, Navajo Head Start was not present.

IX. Announcements: (Please provide flyers/information if available)

A. Grazing Official:

1. Western Agency Grazing Meeting: April 16, 2026 @10am- Western BIA Office
2. Western Agency NPL Meeting: April 21, 2026 @10am, Forest Lake Chapter

B. District 8 Grazing Permittee Meeting: May 15, 2026 @10am, Kayenta Chapter (Subject to Change)

C. Farm Board:

1. 1st meeting: May 7, 2026 @10am, Kayenta Chapter House
2. 2nd meeting: May 14, 2026 @10pm, Kayenta Chapter House
3. Permittee Mtg: April 16, 2026 @10am at Kayenta Chapter.

D. Veterans Organization: May 14, 2026 @ 1800 (6pm) at Kayenta Chapter House.

E. Kayenta Township:

1. Regular Meeting May 11, 2026 @ 5:30pm.

F. K.U.S.D. Governing Board Meeting

1. May 14, 2026 @5:30pm- KUSD Board Room

- G. St. Mary's Food Distribution: April 21 & May 5, 2026 @1pm- Kayenta Vendor Village
- H. Kayenta Community Land Use Committee (CLUPC) Meeting: May 12, 2026 @ 4:00pm.
- I. Kayenta Chapter & Kayenta IHS Earth Day Fun Run/Walk- April 22, 2026 @ 11:00am
- J. Kayenta Chapter CPR Class- April 23, 2026, 8:00am-4:00pm, Kayenta Chapter House.

X. **NEXT MEETING DATES:** Next Planning Meeting: May 4, 2026 @ 9:00am
 Next Regular Meeting: May 20, 2026 @ 5:00pm

XI. **BENEDICTION:** Delegate Shandiin Parrish conducted the Benediction.

XII. **ADJOURNMENT:** 9:10pm
Motion: Jarvis Williams **Second:** Fern Seaton
Vote: In favor: 19 **Oppose:** 0 **Abstain:** 1



**KAYENTA CHAPTER
 FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2026**

FUND ACCOUNT	BEGINNING BALANCE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUES	OTHER LIABILITIES	ENDING BALANCE
01 Chapter Activity	\$5,998.24	\$418.46	\$377.75		\$5,957.53
02 Personnel Funds	\$355,452.69	\$13,369.76			\$342,082.93
03 Land Claims	\$52,377.03			\$2.95	\$52,379.98
08 Summer Youth	\$29,678.68				\$29,678.68
09 Housing Discretionary	\$71,019.02				\$71,019.02
10 LGA Funds	\$239,676.85	\$7,185.59			\$232,491.26
12 Chapter Stipends	\$25,366.10	\$3,461.40			\$21,904.70
13 General Claims - Scholarship	\$27,744.00				\$27,744.00
14 Land Claims - Scholarship	\$3,899.21				\$3,899.21
15 PEP	\$266,639.60	\$15,506.04			\$251,133.56
16 Veteran's Fund	\$11,604.67				\$11,604.67
17 Emergency Fund	\$72,596.05				\$72,596.05
20 County	\$12,690.60	\$8,689.80			\$4,000.80
21 Lapse Fund	\$67,932.52	\$1,285.60			\$66,646.92
23 Capital Outlay	\$277,502.06	\$84,033.38			\$193,468.68
24 Supplemental General Funds	\$0.00				\$0.00
25 Navajo Nation Sales Tax	\$368,862.75	\$1,145.00			\$367,717.75
40 Healthy Dine Nation Act	\$281,654.33	\$322.70			\$281,331.63
51 Peabody	\$750,000.00				\$750,000.00
52 NTEC Grant	\$17.35				\$17.35
54 Freeport McMoran	\$8,320.00				\$8,320.00
55 Alliance For Green Heat	\$19,461.03	\$10,400.00			\$9,061.03
Total	\$2,948,492.78	\$145,817.73	\$377.75	\$2.95	\$2,803,055.75

JV#2358: Adjustment on check 19115: Walmart

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