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VIRTUAL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES (COVID-19 Emergency)

TRIBAL OFFICE TELECONFERENCE CALL

Wednesday, January 13, 2021 @ 10:00 am

Dial In Number: 12063314836

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I. Meeting Call to Order. Roll Call. President Jose opens the meeting at 10:06 am. Present: President Jose, Vice President Chancey Martinez, Secretary/Treasurer Dixie M. Begay, Land Board Member Rodger Martinez, Council Delegate Jamie Henio call in online. Five Officials present constitute a quorum.

II. Pledge of Allegiance. (N/A)

III. Invocation. Dixie M. Begay, Secretary/Treasurer

IV. Sergeant at Arms. (NNC NABIJN-26-20 and CMA-19-20 Applies)

V. Reviewing and Approving of Meeting Agenda: President Jose read the agenda.

Motion made by Dixie M. Begay to approve and accept the agenda, second by Chancey Martinez. One addition to the agenda requested by President Jose in reference to the local supervision of CSC Chapter position. Brenda Yazzie, CSC stated DCD will accept the memo that was sent out with Officials signature this memo does not need resolution. This RNC resolution will be Resolution # 012104. Motions party accept the added resolution. Vote: Approve 4, Oppose 0, Abstain 1. (Chair not voting)

VI. Review of MINUTES: Virtual RNC Regular Meeting Minutes on December 17, 2020
Virtual RNC Planning Meeting Minutes on January 7, 2021.

Motion made by Chancey Martinez to approve both minutes subject to correction, second by Rodger Martinez.
Vote: Approve 4, Oppose 0, Abstain 1. (Chair not voting)

VII. Finance Report: (Written Report Only for Review)

1. Dixie M. Begay, Secretary/Treasurer – Navajo Nation and General Funds Report.

Emergency Windmills remains at \$1.99, Chapter renovation: \$25,211.85, Balance \$25,211.85. Emergency Relief: (1,814.32), Expenditure \$2,390.45, Balance (\$4,204.77). Youth Employment: \$5,211.35, Expenditure 0, Balance \$5,211.13. Capital Outlay: \$80,405.66, Expenditure \$11,848.16, Balance \$68,921.50. Land Claims: \$13,272.09, Expenditure \$2,876.83, Balance \$10,395.26. Scholarship: \$601.13, Expenditure \$0, Balance \$601.13. Officials Stipend: \$3,834.05, Expenditure \$4,450.00, Balance (615.95). Local Governance Act \$8,616.31, Expenditure \$750.00, Balance \$7,866.31. PEP Projects: \$40,077.30, Expenditure \$24,991.90, Balance \$15,085.40. Chapter Administration: \$25,777.66, Expenditure \$3,289.96, Balance \$22,487.70. Housing Discretionary: \$28,472.93, Expenditure \$0, Balance \$28,472.93. Sales Tax: \$12,598.45, Expenditure \$736.71, Balance \$11,861.74. Unhealthy Food Tax: \$10,098.39, Expenditure \$0, Balance \$10,098.39.

1/11/2021 ~ FY'21 NN Allocation (Partial) - \$43,456.93
General Funds Account ending 12/30/2020. (Attach)

Questions: President Jose asks about the FY 21 report for first quarter only? Continuing resolution with this NN funds when is the second allocation coming in. Answer: CSC stated first allocation received and second allocation will be received soon we will know sometimes today. Guarena Adeky stated that the second allocation is out and forthcoming,

either Friday or next week. Email should be sent out to Officials whenever CSC receives these reports; it's up to CSC to get that out to the Officials. Another question the Emergency Relief funds expended in the first quarter in the amount of \$2,390.45. CSC reported that these funds was spend on lunch for the staff at command post, also a question on the fund balance estimated (4,204.77). Next question on the settlement funds account No.1015 the difference. Account No. 1018 – Drought Insurance Claim there is an increase from the last report, if there is a deposit slip on this please provide that information to Officials. Brenda Yazzie, CSC stated that NN Controller sent out them out with no justification. Darnell Maria, Acting ED will work with CSC and Controller on these funds and get questions answered.

2. 638 Office Grants and Contracts - Funds Report – A copy of the RNC Balance sheet as of 12/31/2020 was provided by Controller Pricilla Wayne. Question: Rodger Martinez under the Assets cash & cash equivalents Tribal funds \$5,675,216.41 if you compare the amount with General Account No. 1015 the amount is different. President Jose asked about the due from other funds \$1,819,575.61 need explanation. All questions need a response. Rodger seen an invoice last month requesting tax by county assessor what account is used to pay the County Assessor tax?

3. RNSB INC. Board of Trustees' Finance Report

4. RNUA Finance Report.

Chapter requests of RNSB and RNUA to submit quarterly ending report and year ending or fiscal report. The Chapter General Account and 638 Grants & Contracts to submit expenditure report ending of each month.

Motion made by Rodger Martinez, second by Chancey Martinez to accept the financial reports given today and pending answer to questions addressed. Vote: Approve 4, Oppose 0, Abstain 1. (Chair not voting)

VIII. Condolence Resolution: (If any - otherwise N/A)

IX. Introduction of Guests and/or Presenters: (Written Updates Preferred)

1. Martha Garcia, Cibola County Commissioner. She won re-election for 4 more years serving the District 5 area. When she first came on board the first thing on the agenda was to fix the Finance problem within two years with the assistance from Santa Fe Finance office. The problem was more on revenue and expenditure which has been corrected. They hired an individual with many years of experience; she came in and fixes the budgets. Policies made so that if funds are requested and approved the office would report back on expenditures. Presently the offices are close due to the pandemic Power plants etc. closed – unemployment increase. The Commissioners are working on getting more jobs from the closures. Mount Taylor road has been improved up to where the dirt road begins, this will be improved. All Tribal input will be acknowledge when plans to improve the dirt road, considering sensitive issues surrounding religion and culture. Ramah Chapter CLUP committee may get involved in this. Next commissioner meeting nomination of Officers will be on the agenda and budget report. All Cibola county roads are maintained. Meetings are fourth Thursday of every month, next meeting January 14, 2021. She is also on Executive Committee for NW Region of NM Counties. President Jose will continue to look out for funds for our community.
2. Brenda Yazzie, CSC, Progress updates for the following subject matters & Completion Rate/Project: **President Jose requests verbal report on these projects, but no response from CSC. If there are any questions it will be sent to her.**
 - a. Progress of Septic Tank Cleaning?
 - b. Revenue and expenditures of NN Emergency Relief Fund?
 - c. OAG follow-up of audit review?
 - d. Ramah community cemetery A&LS?
 - e. Bond and Nicole Ranch land management plan?
 - f. Waterline extension to Judie Antonio?
 - g. Hay purchase?
 - h. Resolution 081805 Mr. & Mrs. Phillip Martine re Cistern Tank?
 - i. Resolution 072007 Emergency Bathroom Addition Projects?
 - j. Resolution 062002 PS/Judicial-Land Survey/Arch?
 - k. Resolution 052002 Mt. View Well Budget Transfer of \$10,000?
 - l. Resolution 092003 Residential Lease site A&LS Assistance?
 - m. NN CARES Fund Chapter Distribution Expenditure Plan update.

X. Reports : (Limited to Elected Officials Preferred)

1. Chapter Officials; President Jose, no new updates/report. Chancey Martinez, VP reported on the Shiwi transit according to Marcus Tooley NN Transit/GSA, Ramah Chapter is budgeted under Zuni Shiwi transit. He will make a follow-up with Zuni Office. Dixie Begay, secretary/treasurer no report.
2. Rodger Martinez, ENA, and Land Board Member- He will be setting up a meeting to make a decision on Grazing Permits. We still need Range Code approved. He participated in taking his oath of office as Land Board Member. Orientation for all District Land Board members is being scheduled once this is completed then a meeting for Land Board Member to put the Officers in place. Navajo Nation still working on assisting livestock owners with feed. In the meantime we as livestock owners need to continue to provide feed and water for our livestock.
3. Jamie Henio, Council Delegate; CARES ACT/Hardship Relief checks will be going out beginning January 18, 2021, Adult \$1300.00 and less than 18 years old \$470.00. Several applicants are lacking CIB. He does not know if Controller shut down call in. Hope all the Ramah applicants are approved for these Hardship dollars. NAABIK'YATI committee meetings continuing with an agenda starting at 10 am. Special session on Friday discussion on Legislation 0309-20 that will be sent over to President Nez. The last meeting went very well. With Biden administration the selection of Debra Haaland, cabinet pick her for interior secretary we can only wait and see how she will assist Navajo, we may see more dollars, we need to be ready. Navajo Nation has learned from past Stimulus Plan funds, we will do better as Council. He would like to CLUP committee to get community profile together for future use and leaders to be aware of this. Get these plans in place for future reference, profile to include; census count, income, household numbers etc. This document will be a big part of future developments. The 2020 census count is an issue there is litigation going on, on how the count were done in Indian Country. Example, Eastern Navajo Agency land status-checkerboard, here in Ramah there is an issue with counting as part of county and not Navajo Nation. As far as the donation from the outside its going well such as food/water. He was sitting outside of Speedway south of Gallup, he observed our local staff receiving boxes of food, bags of potatoes, water for our Ramah people. If there are deficiency with Chapter budget make it known to ASC/DCD personal, appreciate their participating teleconference. He is available if needed. Winter Session is coming up for Council Delegates a Legislation coming up, first order of business is selection of new Speaker or Damon remains for next two years will be decided. The chambers will be open to 30 people or 34 which will consist of Delegates, NN staff and election office staff.
4. Navajo Nation Division of Community Development - ASC Staff; Guarena Adeky provided information to log in and participate with the Officials Orientation January 15, 2021 on Friday. Secondly, five pellets with humanitarian supplies and water for Ramah Chapter will be delivered according to distribution plans. Thirdly, Local direct supervisor documents are needed soon, it does not need a resolution but it can be honored. The office is still lacking finance report for the month of October, November and soon December 2020, these reports should be submitted as soon as possible.
5. Ramah Navajo Chapter - Office of Grants & Contracts; Darnell Maria, Acting ED reported on 638 programs, the essential employees are on rotating schedule. Real Estate is close the staff work closely with BIA staff out of Albuquerque most of their staff are working from home. They are also working on computers on the Bureau side. Community Development, Gilbert Maria check into the office and staff are call in as needed. All other program staff are on a schedule to report into work. The COVID 19 vaccination, Pine Hill Health center staff have been contacting each employee to receive vaccination. Following the vaccination program, the staff will be reporting back to work. Four contract agreements approved but waiting for funding: Law Enforcement, Corrections, Office of Justice Services. Consolidated Tribal programs; Natural Resource, Facilities etc. agreements are moving forward waiting for funds. For Ramah Navajo Department of Transportation agreement documents have been put together. Law Enforcement Conservation Officer Position is budgeted on annual basis; this position will soon be open. NN Shut down ends January 25, 2021 during this time employees have been working on line. Business office staffs are on rotating basis working on 2019 Audit continues by accountant. All communications are done through phone or fax. Property & Procurement staff are working completing inventory, still waiting for Police Department inventory list. Employee insurance renewed with Mahony Group. Have two attorneys on staff and one contract expired they worked on updating documents to go 5 years. These documents go through Navajo Nation DOJ for final approval, in this case to Roderick Begay, legal representation for NN Chapters. IT staff continue to assist through computer backup and taking care of other responsibilities. Facility Maintenance continue to do housekeeping for all building, monitor and repair

heating system, windows, doors as well as keeping Propane full. Security checks at the old Ramah Dormitory and all buildings in Mountain View. All maintenance work is input into computer system, this determines the amount of funds returned to the program. Community Development office are working on roof repairs in Pine Hill which is completed doing final paperwork to NHA. Assisting GPS, Chapter building renovation, Unit 3 transfer station, Land withdrawal for court building this is completed. Cemetery for community, wellness trail, shiwi transit, GPS. Digital internet, RNUA deep water well in the planning stages. Police Department continues to have staff meetings through teleconference. No trainings until further notice. Incarcerated census as of December 31, 2020; Male – 33 and Female – 8.

6. Ramah Navajo School Board, Inc. Beverly Coho, Board Vice President. RNSB Monday meeting report, under Old Business a resolution approving the candidate nominated for employment with RNSB, Inc. as Fitness Aid at Wellness Center. Under New Business: 1. A resolution rescinding all past signatory authorizations and revising signatory authority for all RNSB Grants and Contracts with Federal, State, Tribal and Private Agencies-passed. 2. Resolution approving the candidate recommended for employment with RNSB as Dental Hygienist. 3. Approving 2021 ICA with PDI Pest Control for 2021 calendar year for non-education buildings – passed. 4. Approving the ICA with Gallup Water Works for calendar year 2021. Water Works provide drinking water, hot & cold dispensers this is an annual agreement. 5. Approving ICA with PDI Pest Control for calendar year 2021 to provide service for staff housing-passed. 6. Indirect Cost – deferred. 7. Organizational chart deferred. 8. Approving ICA for WH Pacific Inc. to work on preliminary engineering report for RNSB campus water and waste water system rebuilding using CDC funds – passed. 9. Deferred ICA with REDW for reconciliation of MIP data. 10. Approving PSC for UNM Health Sciences center to provide PHHC Emergency Medical Services, with direction – passed. 11. Deleted approving ICA for Vac Nurse to give COVID 19 vaccination, another method to be used to procure. 12. Approving ICA for Jeff Kiely for developing RNHOCC plan in response to COVID 19 pandemic –passed. 13. Adopting and implementing the RNHOCC Plan – passed. 14. Deferred CA with REDW to assist with financial matter re SF-425. 15. Passed single audit prep REDW ICA. Assignment completed in reference to \$375K funds reporting glitch resolved by RNSB, Inc. on health funds from CARES ACT received through the AISDH from the Navajo Nation. Prepared 230 pages of needs in the field of Medical Health for all Native Americans, this document submitted to Biden Administration from National Indian Health Board. Received our Diabetes Project funds although less than requested. Tai lend Navajo Nation has us listed to receive goods, not good to be at tail end so stay vigilant on our position to remain with Southwest Regional Office as opposed to Navajo Nation Regional Office. January 25, 2021 special Meeting to take care of IDC and Organizational chart.

Davis Nez, Executive Director/RNSB. 1. Electrical construction completed with 3.5 million received from NN CARES Act funds. All documents submitted before the deadline date December 30, 2020. We still have Circuit #1 school Maximo website used to request funds sent up to Washington, Facilities Management received word that 3.5 million approved. Project Management Alvin Sherman Facilities Management/BIE meeting with him on the new gym and school building renovation also include electrical work, we want to use the approved funds we already have the preliminary Engineer report, construction company and materials we have but we lack funds. He contacted DFMC three times and sent out email and letter to Dale with DFMC requesting a meeting on the approved funds. As of today he has not receive a response. In the meantime 4G electric contractors are near completion once they are finish they will be leaving; his plan was to get the funds so 4G contractors can continue. This morning he drafted a memo on Albuquerque Region not responding to his request for a meeting. The letter will go to Ms. Lee, Assistance Secretary Indian Affairs, Tony Dearman, Indian Education National Director, Patricia M. DFMC Southwest Regional Director, why no response to our emergency situation with electrical problem at the school. He is requesting Supporting Resolution from Ramah Chapter at the next meeting so we can get this renovation/electric going. 2. Program Of Requirements (POR) is approved funds for renovation of school buildings and gym construction; Phase 1-lighting protection completed, Phase 2-school renovation, Phase 3-gym construction. P.O.R. is based on student enrollment each child generate a certain number of square footage then they go back on enrollment for last 10 years and come up with an average. Of the average they project for the next five years into the future. For Pine Hill High School enrollment has been increasing so based on this information an agreement made on new gymnasium. Negotiation went for one year for funds it was finally approved. Trip made to Albuquerque to go over checklist of all school buildings. An agreement was reached to fund all school renovation renovations and auxiliary and new gym. Information received recently is that they DFMC never completed their space analysis report. Agreement that was made with previous BIE staff they are no longer there and now we have all new staff, starting all over again. Just this morning Wylie received a call he was told we don't qualify for the auxiliary gym. They are going back on their

word and what was initially agreed upon and now they are taking things out. We want to put in adequate size for the community. He wants everyone to realize is that go by space analysis criteria isolation factor says a lot of BIE are in the rural community away from everything they don't have access to municipal public sports/activity buildings they only have the school. When putting in new school buildings or new gym they need to take this into consideration. Need a supporting resolution they will be meeting again reminding DFMC Alvin Sherman we put in a lot of effort on the agreement that should be honored. 3. Pine Hill School water well #1, the drillers are on site install drop pipe install a new pump only hold back was variable frequency drive that's computer that runs the pump etc. an error occurred they are reprogramming right now. As soon as completed the well#1 will be up and running. 4. Mass vaccination for everyone on Ramah Community and surrounding area, all patients using Pine Hill Health Center and non-native included. 150 individuals vaccinated a day, 750 a week and plans to give 6,000 shots get the announcement out pre-registration. Protocols to follow to be announced for traffic control get assistance from Police department, Security, Facilities Management, Health staff from Pine Hill Health Clinic. President Jose agreed with the supporting resolution this will be place on February meeting agenda. Jacobs well has been providing water to the community for quite sometimes.

Mr. William Becker, PH Health Director. Mass vaccination to begin January 25, 2021 is changed to January 27, 2021. UK Mutation now found in New Mexico and spreading. Los Alamos Lab found the mutation in New Mexico and spreading on Navajo Nation. Clinic staff have been making phone call to contact elderly population for vaccination once this group is complete they will go to the next group using all the vaccine available. He requests more vaccine from Navajo Nation and State of NM. Clinic will focus more on vaccination/COVID 19. 706 vaccines will be available on Wednesday. During the mass vaccination urgent care will limited. Requesting support from RNSB, Chapter Officials and Council Delegate in case Navajo Nation or the State of NM express concern and or complaints on our mass vaccination. President Jose is in favor of the mass vaccination for the local community members beginning 27th of January, as well as surrounding area. Mutation is not more deadly it affects more people over long time. COVID 19 effects less people, current vaccine will work against mutation. The mass vaccination actually have second interactive bacteria, the longer we go with a lot of people being affected with COVID 19 the more mutation are going to appear, it may get more infectious and deadlier, not too much longer before these will pop up everywhere we need to vaccinate the community as quickly as possible to prevent that from happening. 138 total of vaccination given as of today. President Jose, volunteer the staff to assist putting PSA together with more information.

Jamie Henio, Council Delegate-request information from Mr. Becker so they can have electronic communication on Friday Afternoon with Native American company to assist with vaccine.

7. Ramah Navajo Agency; No report.
8. Committees, Commissions, Boards; and Ramah Navajo Chapter

XI. Old Business: (Emergency Relief Items from prior meetings for consideration)

XII. New Business: (Emergency Relief Items)

1. **RNC Resolution 012101:** Approving Financial Assistance from FY 2021 NN Capital Improvement Fund for Joanna Pino to Defray the Cost of Archeological Clearance and Land Survey on One (1) Arce of Ramah Band of Navajo Tribal Land (RBL) described and Situated within the SE/4 of Section 33, Township 07 North, Range 16 West, New Mexico Principal Meridian, County of Cibola, State of New Mexico in Unit 5 to Expedite Construction of New Home Development.
Motion made by Rodger Martinez to approve Resolution Nos. 012101 and 012102, second by Chancey Martinez. Vote: Approve 4, Oppose 0, Abstain 1. (Chair not voting)
2. **RNC Resolution 012102:** Approving Financial Assistance from FY 2021 NN Capital Improvement Fund for Louise M. Pino to Defray the Cost of Archeological Clearance and Land Survey on One (1) Arce of Ramah Band of Navajo Tribal Land (RBL) described and Situated within the SE/4 of Section 33, Township 07 North, Range 16 West, New Mexico Principal Meridian, County of Cibola, State of New Mexico in Unit 5 to Expedite Construction of New Home Development.

Motion made by Rodger Martinez to approve Resolution Nos. 012101 and 012102, second by Chancey Martinez. Vote: Approve 4, Oppose 0, Abstain 1. (Chair not voting)

3. **RNC Resolution 012103** Confirming the Appointment of Nixon Martinez to Community Land Use Planning Commission (CLUP) for Unit 3 and to replace Cecelia S. Whitetail Eagle.

Motion made by Lucinda Pino to confirm the appointment, second by Delegate Jamie Henio. Vote: Approve 5, Oppose 0, Abstain 1. (Chair not voting)

4. **RNC Resolution 012104** Local supervision over Community Service Coordinator at the local level. Following the memo sent out by Division of Community Development (DCD) office, memo read by President Jose as the supervisor for CSC effective today. The Officials, Brenda Yazzie, CSC and DCD Department Manager will sign the memo.

Motion made by Rodger Martinez, second by Lucinda Pino to approve, second by Delegate Jamie Henio. Vote: Approve 5, Oppose 0, Abstain 1. (Chair not voting)

XIII. Community Concerns: (If any)

1. Do we still have fire wood for community members?
2. CLUP will be holding a meeting to address Windmill #24. Well #24 valves are broken and water is flowing into dirt dam near the windmill. Darnell will get his staff to make a follow-up on this windmill.
3. Rez Farm will be delivering two truck load of hay this information will go up to Ramah Court

XIV. Announcements:

3. January 18, 2021, Monday – Martin Luther King Jr. Day – Observed HOLIDAY
4. January 19, 2021, Tuesday – CLUPC Meeting @ 9:00 am
5. January 29, 2021, Friday – RNC Food Distribution, time TBA (Drive thru once a month and home visits once a month).

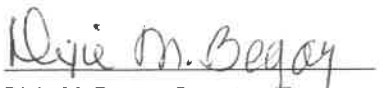
XV. Next Meeting: Regular Chapter Meeting.

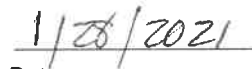
Motion made by Dixie Begay, second by Chancey Martinez.
February 4, 2021 - Thursday, Time @ 9 am.
Vote: Approve 4, Oppose 0, Abstain 1. (Chair not voting)

XVI. Adjournment:

Motion made by Dixie Begay, second by Chancey Martinez.
Meeting adjourns at 1:46 pm.
Vote: Approve 4, Oppose 0, Abstain 1. (Chair not voting)

Respectfully submitted;


Dixie M. Begay, Secretary/Treasurer


Date