

**RAMAH NAVAJO CHAPTER**

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**VIRTUAL PLANNING MEETING MINUTES (COVID-19 Emergency)**

**TRIBAL OFFICE TELECONFERENCE CALL**

**Thursday, February 4, 2021 @ 09:00 am**

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- I. Meeting Call to Order. Roll Call. President Jose calls the meeting to order at 9:07 am. Roll Call: Present, President Jose, Vice President Chancey Martinez, Secretary/Treasurer Dixie Begay, Land Board Member Rodger Martinez and Council Delegate Jamie Henio (on line). With five elected officials present this constitutes a quorum. Participation by others on line are acknowledge by introduction.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance. (N/A)
- III. Invocation. Chancey Martinez, Vice President
- 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 Begay to approve the agenda with the three resolutions added as read. Second by Chancey Martinez. Add: Resolution #8 – Reaffirming the appointment of Beverly J. Coho to represent RNC on the NIHB Director. Resolution #9 - Supporting an Action by Legislation 0002-21 approving Supplemental Funding from the Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance in the amount of \$4,000,000 for the 110 Navajo Nation Chapter's Summer Youth Employment Programs. Resolution #10 – RNUA request allocation from Sihasin funds for O&M. Vice President stated that for RNUA resolution the funds coming from CIA-01-21 to purchase equipment has been approved by President Nez and all funds are allocated to chapter requests. This is a done deal. He requested this resolution be removed and encourage RNUA to send the request through NM State funds. Motioning party agreed. This resolution is removed from the agenda. Vote: Approve 5, Oppose 0, Abstain 0.
- VI. Review of MINUTES: Virtual RNC Regular Meeting Minutes on January 13, 2021. Move forward to Regular Chapter meeting.
- VII. Finance Report: (Written Report Only for Review) Move to regular chapter meeting.
  1. Dixie M. Begay, Secretary/Treasurer – Navajo Nation and General Funds Report.
  2. 638 Office Grants and Contracts - Funds Report
- VIII. Condolence Resolution: (If any - otherwise N/A) None reported.
- IX. Introduction of Guests and/or Presenters: None.
- X. Reports:(Limited to Elected Officials Preferred)
  1. Chapter Officials; President Jose: Auditors are working on Correction Action Plan for our Ramah Chapter to get off sanction. His concern is lack of communication/correspondence from the Local Government, NN Auditors Office, State and other Government Agencies. Vice President Chancey Martinez to CSC Brenda Yazzie to get purchasing documents in line for Office of Management & Budget on the purchase of the Heavy

Equipment approved for Ramah Chapter. Working on getting out of sanction, being sanctioned we are missing out on a lot. Secretary/Treasurer Dixie Begay, the January 13, 2021 Regular Chapter Meeting minutes will be on Grants & Contracts/638 website for community members. From this day forward we will post the minutes of the meeting on website. Was on zoom meeting with Rod Begay, DOJ – Attorney to assist all chapters. Presentation covered History of Chapters and new rules that apply to the Officials, Tribal Administration etc. due to the COVID 19 pandemic. Resolutions and all matters shall be related to COVID 19. There are three priorities and one other- justification is requested.

2. **Rodger Martinez, ENA, Land Board Member-** District 16 reelected its Officers as: Chairperson Anthony Begay, Vice Chairperson Henry Chee and Secretary/Treasurer Kathleen Arviso. A teleconference meeting is scheduled for tomorrow February 5, 2021 at 10 am. He will be ending his 2020 duties as Vice Chairperson and at times as Chairperson. It was all for the good, learned a lot. He just received from NN Department of Agriculture a Notice to Impound unauthorized livestock beginning January 2021 – December 2021. Unauthorized Livestock are owners not having permits these animals will be impounded. All issues and concerns by owners will go through the NN court system. So, with this let us here in the community take care of our livestock. If you are not using your horse or livestock you can take action by selling.
3. **Jamie Henio, Council Delegate;** Honorable Henio mention the approval by the Council CIA -01-21 and President Nez, this resolution listed all the chapters request of Heavy Equipment and Water Projects expenditure plan. Ramah Chapter receiving two equipment and one water project. Begin putting the budget together for the heavy equipment and Dooley Contract-water project to work with Jason John with Water Resource. Brenda Yazzie, CSC to work with Department of Community Development as soon as possible, keep in mind prices do change. Any question on the process to call him. 60 million dollars in interest within the NN Drought Insurance if these funds are release, we need to be prepared to use these funds get projects together such as windmill repairs etc. In some areas the water table may have drop so no water, in such cases well testing will need to be completed. We had extreme drought this year thus far and has been difficult for our livestock owners. We need to be prepared for these funds, this goes for Alamo and Tohajilli chapters. People are now receiving their Hardship checks. President Biden is looking at getting \$1400.00 out to the people if approved. President Biden signed "Declaration of Emergency" for Navajo Nation we may see more money coming down. NN Council 2021 Speaker Damon is developing a Legislation to get the funds which was vetoed by President Nez. Special Session is scheduled February 12, 2021 to address this Legislation. President Jose expresses his appreciation for the approval of the chapter two equipment and one water project. We now need to have our CSC and Community Development and Water Resource to work on process. One other concern the Officials have been waiting for stipends for three meetings, reason – don't know. Thank you again to Delegate Henio.
4. **Navajo Nation Division of Community Development - ASC Staff;** Guarena Adeky reported that the Chapter heavy equipment purchase process is handled by Elmer Johnson with CPMD, he has a team together to purchase. He will keep all Chapters updated and involved. Elmer Johnson is working on the paperwork for the purchase in line with all policies. Audit-CAP they are working on this, audit team has changed documents requesting are all at the Tribal Office and not at chapter administration. No reports these reports are still needed. The finance reports were requested two months ago, due to MIP software, used by 638 and chapter funds this needs to be separate. They are working on this. President Jose would like communication from all parties from the Auditors, DCD, ASC. We at Ramah Chapter operate different in comparison to other chapters. So, we all need to have that understanding.

Brenda Yazzie, CSC, she is working on the list requested by DOJ office, these documents were due 2/2/2021, unable to meet the deadline date she requests for extension. President Jose again reiterated that he had good communication with Frieda Lee and now its hurry up and wait. Ms. Adeky, Chapter administration and 638 Business office need to work on the monitoring reports. Previously the check list for monitoring was sent out to all chapters, she Ms. Adeky is now working to have chapters meet this requirement. This information is for DOJ and Chapter Officials so that they will know what is going on with the budget. She is working on this. Chapter Administration need to work with the Officials. President Jose stated that the Chapter is working with different entities i.e., Government, State and NN. President Jose requests a written report on the listing below at the Regular Chapter Meeting.

Progress updates for the following subject matters & Completion Rate/Project:

- 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.
5. Ramah Navajo Chapter - Office of Grants & Contracts; Darnell Maria, Acting ED – He called a meeting for all Program Managers on issues and had a meeting with President Jose, Agency Superintendent. At this meeting they identified projects and to get these projects shovel ready. RN Department of Transportation is going to have two projects shovel ready, they are submitting funding applications, it includes Infrastructure funding through Washington. The recent CARES ACT funding that came through was disorganized and were given three weeks to submit requests. So, lets get our projects ready. The NM ICIP projects are moving forward and working on Chapter new vehicle, community cemetery etc. In April TISS discussion took place to identify five projects. Business office will give quarterly finance report to chapter instead of monthly. DOJ approved the 638 attorneys and firms. Brian Rodgers is 638 Attorney as well. He will provide program reports at regular chapter meeting. He has requested of the program managers to provide reports at chapter meetings. Police Department will be giving a report at the regular chapter meeting this month. President Jose, as far as finance report 638 will give a report quarterly and for NN finance report it will be either monthly or quarterly that will be determined. Also, on the three Capital Outlay Projects, Darnell are you working with CSC and 638 community development on these projects? Darnell stated that the vehicle is for Chapter. Question is who will be the agent for this vehicle purchase. Damell is operating according to a previous chapter resolution, coordinating the CIP projects. He will make a follow up on this. President Jose also asked about the Fiscal Agent on Capital Outlay Funds, example the Police Vehicle purchase. The Chapter, State had Inter-Governmental agreement which was unique arrangement with 638 Grants & Contracts involved and Munoz, McKinley County this was approved. President Jose stated that Elmer Johnson is working with the chapter, as an agent NN Approved work with NN Procurement Policies. Brenda Yazzie, CSC understood. Vice President Chancey Martinez ask if she Brenda is working on purchasing the MIP – she is working on it. With the Chapter Priority List five years ago it remains, last year no projects were funded. They will continue to work with the listings.
6. Ramah Navajo School Board, Inc. Beverly J. Coho reported on the RNSB meeting on February 1, 2021 for all educational programs. On the Agenda: 1. Indirect Cost from January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021 annual budget. (Approved) 2. Organizational Chart this item moved forward. 3. Auditors to review budget for KTDB. (Approved) 4. School Audit Firms (Approved) and RDEW of Albuquerque Audit firm move forward for approval. Next Teleconference Board Meeting- February 5, 2021 at 10 am, for all non-education programs. Information from National Indian Health Board, President Biden and VP Harris signed several Executive Orders and one is to have everyone wear a mask and practice safe distance for all personnel in Washington and all other programs, 638 and other Government contracts. Indian Health Services approved to seek out funds, Acting Director Fowler. Another area is to have all Native Americans tested for COVID 19 and Health Equality task force is put together to assist by evenly distribute PPE etc. It is also reported that 4 million dollars are given to Native Americans and 8 Million to non-native population.
7. Ramah Navajo Agency; No report.
8. Committees, Commissions, Boards; and Ramah Navajo Chapter.  
CLUP teleconference meeting/orientation today with Kee Lee at 1 pm. They will be reviewing the Range Code.

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

XII. New Business: (Emergency Relief Items)

1. **Proposed Resolution 022101:** Proposing to be approving to Defray the cost of power line extension and waterline extension hookup to the residence of Della Martine in Unit 5 area of Ramah Navajo Community Utilizing Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fund/Settlement Funds.  
Motion made by Dixie Begay, second by Chancey Martinez. Rodger Martinez, Land Board Member asked if all required documents for clearance be included such as Right of Way etc. Brenda Yazzie, CSC stated that only thing missing is resolution. Request made to have all the documents forward to Officials. Vice President Martinez request a list of all the requests that had been made in the past by the people that are still pending. Vote: Approve 4, Oppose 0, Abstain 1.
  
2. **Proposed Resolution 022102:** Supporting an Action by Legislation 0017-21 Relating to Resources and Development, Budget and Finance, NABI Committees and Navajo Nation Council; Approving Supplemental Funding from Unreserved Undesignated Fund Balance in the amount of \$1,616,413 for the 110 Navajo Nation Chapters' Community Response Plans.  
Motion made by Rodger Martinez, second by Chancey Martinez to move this resolution to regular chapter meeting. Vote: Approve 5, Oppose 0, Abstain 0.
  
3. **Proposed Resolution 022103:** Approving and Requesting to Defray the Cost of Land Survey and Archaeological Clearance from the FY 2021 Navajo Nation Capital Improvement Fund to Expedite the Approval of process of said Residential Lease on Individual Indian Allotment (IIA) Original Owner Guy Jake, Allotment No. 722-36097-A for Latoya Niki Yazzie.  
Motion made by Rodger Martinez, second by Dixie Begay. All documents will need to be attach for the regular chapter meeting. A question for Kee Lee, Realty office was not present but the question has to do with IIA and probate. This request has to do with IIA land and there are legal documents that need to be adhere to.
  
4. **Proposed Resolution No. 022104** Approving the Ramah Navajo Chapter Policies and Procedures for the Five Management Systems consistent with applicable Navajo Nation Law.  
President Jose recommended to further review the Five Management System before it goes back on the agenda. Motion made by Chancey Martinez, second by Rodger Martinez to defer this resolution. Vote: Approve 4, Oppose 0, Abstain 1.
  
5. **Proposed Resolution No. 022105** Approving and Adopting the Ramah Navajo Chapter Range Code.  
Darnell Maria, Acting ED, stated that a wrong copy was send out before, he is sending the right copy out today. Motion made by Rodger Martinez to move this to next month meeting to have ample time to review the Range Code and CLUP still need to review the document. The motion second by Dixie Begay. This resolution deferred to March Planning Meeting. Vote: Approve 5, Oppose 0, Abstain 0.
  
6. **Proposed Resolution No. 022106** Approving disbursement of Scholarship Assistance not to exceed (20) Twenty Eligible students who have completed all required documents for 2020 FALL or 2021 SPRING Semester utilizing Fiscal Year 2021 Navajo Nation Chapter Student Financial Assistance (CSFA) Fund for (20) Twenty students at \$200.00 from Account 41155.  
Motion made by Rodger Martinez, second by Dixie Begay to move this resolution forward to regular chapter meeting. Vote: Approve 5, Oppose 0, Abstain 0.
  
7. **Proposed Resolution No. 022107** Reaffirming the support for RAMAH NAVAJO SCHOOL BOARD, INC'S (RNSB) Request to the HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE (HEHSC) of the NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL for REAUTHORIZATION of GRANT SCHOOL Education Programs Operated by the RAMAH NAVAJO SCHOOL BOARD, INC. AT PINE HILL SCHOOLS, PINE HILL, NM.  
Motion made by Rodger Martinez, second by Chancey Martinez to move this resolution to regular chapter meeting. Vote: Approve 5, Oppose 0, Abstain 0.

8. **Proposed Resolution No. 022108** Reaffirming the appointment of Beverly J. Coho as the authorized representative of the Ramah Navajo Chapter to serve as a Director of the Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board.

Motion made by Dixie Begay, second by Rodger Martinez to move this resolution forward to regular chapter meeting. Vote: Approve 5, Oppose 0, Abstain 0.

9. **Proposed Resolution No. 022109** Supporting an Action by Legislation 0002-21 Relating to Health, Education and Human Services, Budget and Finance, Resources and Development, and NAA'BIK'IY'ATI Committees, and Navajo Nation Council; approving Supplemental Funding from the Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance in the amount of \$4,000,000 for the 110 Navajo Nation Chapter's Summer Youth Employment Programs.

Motion made by Chancey Martinez, second by Dixie Begay to move this resolution to regular chapter meeting. Vote: Approve 5, Oppose 0, Abstain 0.

XIII. Community Concerns: (If any)

1. Question to Mike Henio, Natural Resource, is the hay barn emptied out? The barn is needed to store two more load approximately 600 bales of hay for community livestock owners per President Jose. Mike Henio with Natural Resource received donated bales of hay from the State of NM for horses only. They have been working with individuals that meet the eligibility criteria to take the hay. They have at least 200 bales of hay for horses only left to distribute. All the bales remaining in storage will be removed by Friday, 2/5/2021.
2. Windmill #23-Sandmountain junction. The standpipe has been leaking causing limited water for livestock. Can this be repaired? Mike has been in contact with Station 23 to do work on the windmill. Max Yazzie reported that the staff are only working three days a week. Mike indicated that the standpipe is freezing causing the leakage. The water has been turned off but some one is turning it on causing the freeze. The standpipe has to be replaced by Vanderwagen Station 23 maintenance staff; work is pending at this time. President Jose asks if a band aid fix will do – wrapping it up. Natural Resource staff try to keep it going.

XIV. Announcements:

1. February 2, 2021, Tuesday – Groundhog Day
2. February 5, 2021, Friday – RNSB Meeting-Non-Education
3. February 12, 2021, Friday – Chinese New Year
4. February 14, 2021, Sunday – Valentine's Day
5. February 15, 2021, Monday – President's Day – Observed Holiday
6. February 17, 2021, Wednesday – Ash Wednesday
7. February 24, 2021, Wednesday – Flag Day
8. March 14, 2021, Sunday – Daylight Saving Time Begins
9. March 17, 2021, Wednesday – St. Patrick's Day
10. March 20, 2021, Saturday – Spring Begins

XV. Next Meeting: Regular Chapter Meeting.

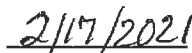
Motion made by Chancey Martinez, second by Dixie Begay.  
Regular Chapter Meeting-February 17, 2021 @ 10 am  
Vote: Approve 5, Oppose 0, Abstain 0.

XVI. Adjournment:

Motion made by Dixie Begay, second by Chancey Martinez.  
Vote: Approve 5, Oppose 0, Abstain 0.  
Meeting adjourned @ 11:48 am.

Respectfully Submitted;

  
Dixie M. Begay, Secretary/Treasurer

  
Date