

**RAMAH NAVAJO CHAPTER**

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**VIRTUAL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES (COVID-19 Emergency)**  
**TRIBAL OFFICE TELECONFERENCE CALL**

**Thursday, May 20, 2021 @ 10:00 am**

**Dial in Number: 12063314836**

**PIN: 558576751#**

I. Meeting Call to Order. Roll Call. Meeting calls to order @ 10:12 am. Present: President Jose, Vice President Chancey Martinez, Secretary/Treasurer Dixie Begay, Land Board Member Rodger Martinez, Five Officials present constitute a quorum. Call-in Council Delegate Jamie Henio. Total Call in/online – 14.

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 throughout.

Motion made by Chancey Martinez, second by Dixie Begay. Call for addition or deletion; Defer Resolution No. 052106 to June meeting Plan of Operation will need to be reviewed. Alvin Raphaelito request to add Resolution No. 052108 – Ramah Navajo School Board resolution with attach documents. Vote: Approve 6, Oppose 0, Abstain 1.

VI. Review of MINUTES: Virtual RNC Planning Meeting on April 1, 2021  
Virtual RNC Regular Meeting on April 14, 2021  
Virtual RNC Planning Meeting on May 6, 2021

Motion made by Chancey Martinez, second by Rodger Martinez to approve the three meeting minutes which can be viewed on website. Any corrections to be address at the next meeting. Vote: Approve 4, Oppose 0, Abstain 1.

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

1. Dixie M. Begay, Secretary/Treasurer – Navajo Nation and General Funds Report - Ending 4/30/21.

Navajo Nation Funding Report: **Emergency Windmills** remains at \$1.99, **Chapter renovation:** \$25,211.85, Balance \$25,211.85. **Emergency Relief:** (3,166.75), Expenditure \$877.06, Balance (\$4,043.81). **Youth Employment:** \$5,211.35, Expenditure 0, Balance \$5,211.35. **Capital Outlay:** \$125,914.11, Expenditure \$10,669.60, Balance \$115,244.51. **Land Claims:** \$24,947.79, Expenditure \$8,097.46, Balance \$16,850.33. **Scholarship:** \$2,506.56, Expenditure \$2,140.81, Balance \$365.75. **Officials Stipend:** \$29,537.65, Expenditure \$16,950.00, Balance \$12,587.65. **Local Governance Act** \$15,385.19, Expenditure \$3,977.21, Balance \$11,407.98. **PEP Projects:** \$73,734.80, Expenditure \$45,419.58, Balance \$28,315.22 **Chapter Administration:** \$40,798.45, Expenditure \$17,284.41, Balance \$23,514.04. **Housing Discretionary:** \$51,096.03, Expenditure \$604.69, Balance \$50,491.34. **Sales Tax:** \$21,110.55, Expenditure \$3,506.55, Balance \$17,604.00. **Unhealthy Food Tax:** \$9,788.66, Expenditure \$0, Balance \$9,788.66. **Totals: Funding-\$422,078.23, Expenditures - \$109,527.37, Remaining Balance - \$312,550.86.**

**5/21/2021 FY" 21 NN Emergency Relief - \$19,602.00**

**FY" 21 NN Allocations (25%) - \$43,456.93**

**FY'21 NN Allocation (75%) - \$132,592.38**

**Total \$195,651.31 (RNC General Funds Account ending 4/30/2021 Attach)**

President Jose stated he notice that the Chapter General Funds there is carry over funds from last Fiscal Year and new Fiscal Year, but there are still some questions. The 638 Business Offices oversee the day to day transactions, also the Chapter Administration collect & spend. Chancey Martinez stated that hay purchase was put on hold due to lack of funds under the hay line item. Can we purchase hay now? Respond to this from AMS and CSC did not occur. Pricilla Wayne, Controller responds that the hay purchase from the settlement account for three purchases, the revenues went back into the hay account 031003. The account 031010 is under 638 accounts this account only shows up on the 638 side, President Jose would like for better understanding make note of it on the Chapter General Operating Account sheet. The Nicoll Ranch leasing amount change from over 87K down to 35K. Controller respond that the 35K collects as cash in Chapter General Account and the 87K invested with Santa Fe, New Mexico. President Jose glad that Chapter Royalty in 10K plus in the account, transaction in the positive. The Chapter Usage in the negative due to pandemic no one renting space. Building Lease account we have a question on the revenues in the arrears beginning back 2020 and 2021 to have Chapter Administration to make follow up on revenues. Everything taking shape in the positive matter, appreciate Darrel Martinez going into the Business Office and improving the Financial Statements, also thanks to the Finance and Business Office staff. Lucinda Pino- move forward the DPR for hay purchase that in place. Resolution was pass for purchase along with Policy. We are still face with drought conditions proceed to purchase from Rez Hay.

2. 638 Office Grants and Contracts - Funds Report. Controller, Pricilla Wayne provided the Quarterly report today highlight; they received most of direct funding on the contracts, Detention/Law Enforcement received \$29,235.00 in additional funds \$54,779 and Corrections \$119,944. Funds total received \$99,118.67. The direct/indirect cost still waiting for the amount. Darnell Maria, ED request to report on the next Audit which is scheduled for June 7, 2021 it will take two months, all documents request by Auditors will be submitted via email and/or virtual. Update to be provided for the 2022 indirect cost rate. The staff to keep us updated, entry call to take place on June 7, 2021, financial questions on Law Enforcement, Detention reports for 2019 was send to Southwest Region – 2020 submitted as well.

2. RNSB, Inc. Finance Report – Quarter Ending 31Mar21 – No report/response.

3. RNUA Finance Report – Quarter Ending 31Mar21. – No report/response.

Motion made by Chancey Martinez, second by Monica Yazzie to accept the reports given and requesting written reports as soon as possible from RNSB and RNUA. Approve 4, Oppose 0, Abstain 1.

VIII. Condolence Resolution: Read by Lucinda Pino.

RNC-2021-M01 Elton Pino.

Motion made by Chancey Martinez, second by Rodger Martinez. Vote: Approve 5, Oppose 0, Abstain 0.

IX. Introduction of Guests and/or Presenters: None.

X. Reports:(Limited to Elected Officials Preferred)

1. Chapter Officials; President Jose reported on the move from the double-wide trailer which was found unsafe, dilapidated per Navajo Nation OSHA survey, Officials moved over to training Center. Projects work continues Infrastructures such as water, etc. documents equipment to be submitted to Window Rock, Arizona deadline date May 30, 2021. Vice President Martinez reported chapter renovation and he is working with Andy Thomas and Mr. Franklin. Asking for ARPA funds to increase for the renovation. Dzil na o dilthle Police sub-station tour. He will be attending a meeting in Tohajilli for a meeting with Alamo, Ramah and Tohajilli representative on planning of Police sub-stations. He also asks the price of Navajo Nation Codes 1-26 for the Chapter. Secretary/Treasurer reported on the Sub-station tour.

2. Rodger Martinez, ENA, Land Board Member- The Land Board Members, 10 members will be having a meeting tomorrow in Pinedale. Still working on infrastructure funds and conservation plan is being made simple for livestock owners by NEA, this will be out soon. He is working on putting a plan

together for the severe summer drought. A consultant will be in the area tomorrow, he will be out of the area so he would like either the local CLUP commissioner's member or Natural Resource staff to assist with the Bond and White ranch and its Land Management Plan and section of for grazing. Ramah Natural Resource will soon have a schedule out on its livestock activities. Several livestock owners have been asking about tally count from him, it is easier if he is contact in the mornings so he can make plans on that. President Jose stated that the community land management plan in the works; this pertains to the 200 grazing permittees. Working on grazing permit continues this need to be done.

3. Jamie Henio, Council Delegate; He is presently in Flagstaff attending a work session on Navajo Government with 12 commissioners in attendance with different background. Yesterday at the Special Council Session a hard decision was made and right now he is not to provide any more information the Judge put a Gag Order. The ARPA funding, Treasury departments will provide the timeline. According to a report May 24, 2021 all requests to be submitted to Council. It will then be determined what Navajo Nation will receive hopefully 1.9 billion, for projects, meetings have been taking place. Department of Community Development is responsive under Dr. Yellowman and Ms. Jim-Martin direction. The three chapters he represents will be represented adequately. Naabikiyati committee today move the meeting to another day, more detail budget is needed. Any proposal coming in such as water Attorneys will review these documents making sure everything is correct. So he would like the Chapter requests have estimated budget, quotations etc., detailed budget from RNSB and Chapter. The Chapter renovation that Chancey reported on. He was also part of the tour Dzil Na o dith hle Police sub-station. The building is located on County land and 100% funded through County. He will push for sub-station for the three chapters. He will be attending the meeting in Tohajilli tomorrow at 10 am. Ms. Greyeyes has been assisting moving the construction plans forward into 2021 budget allocation from three-Branch Government. They will be busy in June putting budget together, he will be very busy. Thanks to everyone; Officials on line today. President Biden – Infrastructure funds if pass we will have more money for roads, bridges. Alvin Raphaelito asks if he received the detailed budget along with cover sheet he send May 4, 2021. He also send Chancey a copy through his email. Jamie will look for the documents and if Chancey finds it he will forward the information to Delegate Henio.
4. Navajo Nation Division of Community Development - ASC Staff; Guarena Adeky gave an update report on the allocation for Sales tax and Healthy Dine Nation Act has been submitted for processing, she will make a follow up on this with Window Rock Administrative Assistant where it's at for processing. Once information is received she will share with CSC. She send out email on ARPA memo from Dr. Yellowman with deadline for proposals submission moved from May 19, to May 30, 2021 and number of proposals change from three to five or eight proposals. This change resulted from concerns raised from the Chapter recommendation to Executive Director/DCD and she took into the account to make the change. Question on Roads and Housing as well as with Eastern Regional Business office Brenda H. is reaching out to chapters to have a meeting with the Chapter Officials and staff to discuss any Economic Development projects. With roads she received recommendation to work with Project Manager under Navajo Department of Transportation for Eastern Agency due to procedures that are there for Chapters to request APRA funding under Navajo DOT. Housing Patrick Dalgai can be contact under the Division Community Development, she has not receive a response as to if they are receiving proposals at this time, they may still be in development on how to do that with his department. As soon as she gets information she will share with the Officials, chapter staff and Delegate Henio through email. Financial reports are a concern she is getting with Ms. Yazzie and Pricilla on the discussion that took place this morning. She has weekly zoom meetings at 9 am with Chapter Officials and staff to go over concerns from the Audit findings and try to get them corrected and get RNC out of sanction because there will be another follow up on Audit coming up we need to work together to get the rest of the findings correct and chapter will be ready to request follow up Audit. She recommends having Officials on the call with concerns or questions.

President Jose stated the Road Projects, Housing and Economic Development how we can get approve through Navajo Nation with ARPA funding. He would like the staff of Community Development an opportunity to question ASC with Baca/Gallup Region.

Darnell Maria, ED 638 asks the timeline for second review and what needs to be done to wrap this whole thing up. CAP has been there for several years to this day we are still addressing it. Ms. Adeky response looking at the findings will determine the timeframe and what has been resolved and what needs to be resolved. Schedule to be at chapter next week Thursday to go over with Chapter staff and come up with internal deadline to begin focusing on taking care of those findings. At this time the Audit was finish not too long ago, she is working with the Auditors to see what the next step will be. She is still learning the process and in the pass the VSO staffs in office before her were there for a short time. She is trying to get the Chapter out of Sanction. She will talk with staff on what can be resolve quickly and what will take more time depending on the findings itself be able to produce a document that shows the deadline or timeline will be. Until the meeting with staff she cannot give a clear answer to that.

Darnell Maria, ED on additional eight project proposals and extension on submitting proposals received. A follow up meeting yesterday was scheduled with Dr. Yellowman on issues to have the program managers come together to address the needs for Ramah Navajo, to keep us on the list we have shovel ready projects, ready to go. Concerns with Road project not getting funded and next year the price may increase sure don't want that to happen.

President Jose recommends moving forward with Roads, Housing, Economic Development with our Sanction to make another move first part of June planning meeting, things put together for DCD and whole Navajo Nation and may extend to Navajo Nation Council, possible contracting the Navajo Nation Chapter funds under the P. L. 638 Grants & Contract Administration office, he is looking at the this and he feels comfortable because he seems to look backward, main point RNC Sanction with no reason at all and second review by Auditor on findings plus the opinion by Stacey Manuelito. I am surprise she had to move on to resign giving a verbal report the same day she resigned. A concern he has how Stacy can respond to opinion if there are questions. Those are his concern from his office as President of RNC. ASC Region was develop with problems on a lot of positons such as Attorney, Planner, Accountants these positions we are without these positions out here lower management this was formally set-up to not even talk to them or tell them what to do because we do not really directly supervise them, however DCD is the main supervisor. So, those are some questions we have that can be address when you come out on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Request involvement by Chapter staff, CSC/AMS, all Chapter Officials, Land Board Member and maybe NN Council Delegate Jamie Henio, this is what he would like to see that way informally decide what to do with Sanction. President Jose hates to stir up a commotion when we are in the middle of sanction; we are losing money by the day. Inflation going up right now, how can we live with inflation when we are deducted 10% on NN programs and 20% Officials. These are his concern to ASC including CDC staff. He would like to meet face to face at chapter house or Pine Hill School with bigger space. Roads projects we have a Manager she put together three projects are shovel ready, we now understand now we are to go through Navajo DOT. We did meet with Brenda H. here at RNC; we are pretty much in line with what we plan to do in the future. Some are in planning stages because there is no Economic Development activity within RNC area we are just beginning. For housing projects we have a whole bunch of projects that we can start with complete housing with 2-4 bedrooms can be discuss upon your trip here will remain under DCD.

Alvin Raphaelito on RNSB Housing Improvement they have additional homes to be built is it possible to get solar hook up to off-set the cost of utilities. A lot of cost that is increasing for some our homes is all electric, unable to pay. So is there a possibility doing solar project as well part of Economic Development or under Housing program. President Jose, this request can be done and she will be out on 27<sup>th</sup> at 9 am, we will look out for announcement and agenda. This can be done for solar utility from Chapter Official side under Economic Development set up Solar Farm near Sunset housing be able to withdraw land for solar farm and hook up to sub-station to power all facilities on

Ramah Navajo as well as other domestic utility issues. Alvin Raphaelito, another pressing issue the trailer setting up on RNC grounds using diesel to operate the generator to keep the cooler cool on the trailer. He recommends switching to solar generator operated by solar power so not spending too much to operate the trailer cooler. Ms. Adeky will place this on the agenda to be determined and keep number of people for 10 in a room. Priority at this meeting will be Chapter sanction. Dr. Pea Yellowman will be coming out again on discussion on projects. At this meeting we will address the sanction and administrative matters as well as Policies so Ramah can get out of sanction.

Brenda Yazzie, CSC, Progress updates for the following subject matters & Completion Rate/Project: CSC will verbally response to the items and will provide a written report as well. JJ Clacs are working on the Bond/Nicoll Land Management Plans and ongoing on other project, at the end of July a report will be received. April 16, 2021 the drillers were out on Bond Land they drilled four locations, they will also be out to do work on White and Nicoll Ranch.

- a. Revenue and expenditure report of all Chapter General Operating Fund Accounts?
- b. Revenue and expenditure report of Settlement Account Budget Ending 31Mar21?  
For A and B she is working with MacDarrel Martinez this is ongoing.
- c. CAP in response to follow up review #2 by OAG?  
Out of the 28 corrective measures to be corrected, only 8 were resolved and 20 not resolve. CAP report was not comprehensive but based on previous audit report. Next review will be in September but will continue to work with Ms. Adeky on sanction. Letter was sending out on April 23, 2021 to NN Controller asking for amount of funds withheld as well as stipends.
- d. Ramah Navajo Community Cemetery?  
At the last CLUP commissioners meeting on cemetery it was to be reduced the 40 acres, reason don't know.
- e. Bond and Nicole Ranch land management plan?  
JJ Clacs Contractors are working on the Bond/Nicoll Land Management Plans and ongoing on other project, at the end of July a report will be received. April 16, 2021 the drillers were out on Bond Land they drilled four locations, they will also be out to do work on White and Nicoll Ranch.
- f. American Rescue Plan Projects?  
She received a memo from Dr. Yellowman to extend the deadline date to May 30, 2021 in submitting proposals. She has been working on chapter renovation, electrical and bathroom addition. She is working with Andy Thomas on chapter renovation; want a new chapter building or renovation. For new chapter house he has a list that is needed. Her intend is to add a resolution base on the Officials and people decision on this. She is working on Bathroom addition in areas where waterline extension will be happening in Unit 1 and all other homes in other units needing bathroom additions, with the assistance from Indian Health Service. Powerline extension the estimated cost from 30-35,000.00 she needs additional assistance on this.
- g. Resolution 062002 Archaeological Clearance for PS/Judicial land withdrawal?  
One contractor will do arch clearance at \$9,000.00 so she is waiting for two more quotes for 20 acres.
- h. Resolution 052002 Budgets Transfer of \$10,000 for Mt. View Well?  
Gilbert Maria email on August 2020 to receive assistance from Crownpoint NTUA on Mountain View well and have RNUA to work with NTUA on reimbursements and provide assistance.
- i. Housing Discretionary projects?  
Recently hired Foreman and he worked on price quotes for five homes to renovate exterior of the homes only and not interior due to Navajo Nation/CDC Guidelines. The Foreman resigned and went to another job. On Monday she will advertise the Foreman position for two weeks.
- j. Chapter Renovation project?

Plans continue and working with Mr. Thomas.

k. Equipment(s) purchase?

Received the three heavy equipment; front-end grader, back hoe loader, back hoe grader, total cost; \$468,585.08, Resolution No. 032102 all forward to Elmer Johnson. Risk Management report to add insurance as of today have not received insurance documents yet, she will make a follow up.

l. Dooley Construction – 500K Water Tank?

She has received SOW from Dooley Construction with agreement attach, all documents to be processed on 500,000 water tank, Contract will be ready by today.

President Jose request for written report and responds to each of the projects. The A and B he is still waiting for revenue/Expenditure reports. Hay funds under another account and the balance is in the positive, so now the approve resolution to purchase hay due to drought. For CAP need response to Audit reports and opinions. Stacy resigned after the audit so now he request to have staff to set-up a location enough space to meet on CAP/Sanctions. Need balance withheld report to get our refunds as soon as possible. Cemetery we need to work on plans and design on this regardless to reduce acreage. ARPA projects should all be ready. Need all documents to be done on Arch clearance. The transfer of \$10,000 for Mountain View well, budget transfer to be done, get another vendor from outside, we can get other funds. For Housing Discretionary funds need to be spending. President Jose suggested more discussion on the chapter renovation or new chapter building to take place. How is the heavy equipment to be used? The quote of \$15,000.00, the contract will be out being out of the way soon. Finally, better understanding per Presidents comments, work together and better working relationship.

Rodger Martinez asks there are many projects requesting funding, two entities or departments. How are these projects to come up with priority lists? The RNSB, Chapter and 638 projects they need to streamline. The ICIP Resolution this need to be reviewed and agreed together on the listing on projects. All should be ready and others are not ready, how are we all submitting one request. President Jose, we need to come together on projects to be submitted. Chancey Martinez, CSC will need to add this new resolution on renovation or new chapter building. President Jose would like to review the resolution. Alvin Raphaelito asks about the Unit 5 internet tower can that be added for expansions. Students are still using the internet through virtual learning. President Jose stated that the Chapter has a five years water plan and doing water plans, waterline in Unit 1 and plan for water well, put in elevated water tank, there is a test well cap off. Dooley Contractor will be doing Engineering study on this project.

5. Ramah Navajo Chapter - Office of Grants & Contracts; Darnell Maria reported on requesting funds from Yvette Herrell she is part of our District, the funds pertain to Law Enforcement vehicle and equipment's. Her response she is unable to fund the requests. So the letter was send out to Lujan his response would like to receive the documents send to Herrell be send to him. All priority projects continue to submit projects documents that are shovel ready. Our hope is to receive ARPA funds for these projects. He made and overview of the meeting with Dr. Yellowman at this meeting it was brought to her attention that funds distributed to Federal Recognized Tribe leaving Ramah out, Navajo Nation stated that Ramah is under Southwest Region, so no assistance from Navajo Nation. He request to include the Natural Resource building south of the chapter house which is shovel ready, Road Maintenance shovel ready – Dorothy Claw made a follow up on the Road Maintenance. Future plans were given to Dr. Yellowman for the Ramah Navajo Community. Another area mention was the Police Substation for the three satellite chapters, judicial complex, Police Department to be located near Detention Center. All 638 staff is back on regular schedule. Mask still required and continues to follow Navajo Nation guidelines. Next report will be done by Kee Lee at the next meeting.

6. Ramah Navajo School Board, Inc. - Beverly J. Coho reported for this meeting and her report outline is **attach**.

Tucker Simons, Pine Hill Education, as a reminder again on RN Economic Development Plans, a few people from other chapters are willing to provide information on how their ED plans are set up. We can use this to give us an idea of how the Plan looks like. If this is OK with you, he is offering his assistance to do that, so we can get that half a million Grant for computer science. Finishing up school year, graduation went well had a really good speaker, kids look great. Sports finishing up with basketball they ended up with District MVP, for Boys and Girls. The girls team three received All District and boys four earned All District. School is proud of the boys and girls for their accomplishments. In the middle of Track and Softball, we had kids going for State Track; Mr. Daniels works hard to get as many opportunities as he can for our kids. He is looking at other sports like gaming planning video games for students not necessarily want to play sports but interest in completion. Getting ready for end of the year and for summer school, special education students and getting ready for next year, it has been busy preparing budgets together for next year. He appreciates the Chapter support, community support and as well as Board of Trustees coming through for them. President Jose encourage working together like economic development plan to get funds for computer science he recommend to get together with Chapter Officials with detail information on the half a million dollar project. A meeting ASAP and go forth, we have the land in Ramah we can use for various economic development projects. We all work together utilize Ramah Trading Post and Cedar Bluff

Alvin Raphaelito, PHHC, Organizational Chart Approved as part of the Emergency Response needs, announcements brought through KTDB Radio Station. During the week of May 17 no cases reported in the service area. To date confirmed deaths is at 6 from COVID 19 and Vaccinated 2,547 people in the service area. Back in January to March 2021 vaccinated 100-200 people and now it has slowed down with 30-5 people getting vaccinated. It will be helpful; if everyone could get their second shots. Plans are now to vaccinate ages 12 and over. May 27, 2021 another vaccination drive at Rodeo ground. He is requesting the Officials to participate on Zoom meeting on ALERT done every two weeks next one May 24, 2021 at 2 pm. The PH Clinic still receiving assistance from Albuquerque Epi Office and encourage everyone to get vaccinated, these shots are similar to measles, and flu shots its science base and not faith base. Another area they are doing is Community Health Assessment survey which is going on and letters were send out and announcement made on KTDB. This survey will give us information on Health needs of community. All surveys are confidential and done on tablets.

7. Ramah Navajo Agency; No report/no response.  
8. Committees, Commissions, Boards; and Ramah Navajo Chapter – No reports.

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

XII. New Business: (Emergency Relief Items)

1. **RNC Resolution No. 052101** Approving and adopting the updated fiscal year 2021 Special Revenue Fund Internal Sales Tax distribution and approving to budget in the amount of \$11,493.00 further rescinding resolution no. 032107 which had an amount of \$46,560.00 that was input into the Navajo Nation wind system in error.  
Motion made by Chancey Martinez to approve and adopt Resolutions # 052101 and # 052102 second by Rodger Martinez. Vote: Approve 5, Oppose 0, Abstain 0.
2. **RNC Resolution No. 052102** Approving and adopting the updated fiscal year 2021 special internal revenue fund unhealthy food tax distribution and approving to budget in the amount of \$2,461.00. Further rescinding resolution no. 032108 which had an amount of \$11,546.00 that was input into the Navajo Nation wind system in error.



Motion made by Chancey Martinez to approve and adopt Resolutions # 052101 and # 052102 second by Rodger Martinez. Vote: Approve 5, Oppose 0, Abstain 0.

3. **RNC Resolution No. 052103** Approving the request of Rochelle Charley for Residential Lease on the Ramah Band of Navajo Tribal Trust Land situated within and described as NW/4 NE/4 of Section 34, Township 08 North, Range 15 West, New Mexico Principal Meridian, Cibola County, State of New Mexico, containing one (1) acre, more or less, Grazing Unit 4.

Motion made by Rodger Martinez to defer Resolutions # 052103 and # 052104 to June Planning Meeting, additional document needed; Concordance, he walked to Realty Office no one in the office. To have document attach to prevent future land dispute despite type of land, second by Chancey Martinez. Vote: Approve 4, Oppose 0, Abstain 0.

4. **RNC Resolution No. 052104** Approving the request of Melissa Garcia and Maynard Alonzo for Homesite Lease on Navajo Tribal Trust Land (NTTL) situated within and described as Section 33 of NE/4, Township 08 North, Range 15 West, New Mexico Principal Meridian, Cibola County, State of New Mexico, containing one (1) acre, more or less, Range Unit 4.

Motion made by Rodger Martinez to defer Resolutions # 052103 and # 052104 to June Planning Meeting, additional documents needed, Concordance, he walked to Realty Office no one in the office. To have document attach to prevent future land dispute despite type of land, second by Chancey Martinez. Vote: Approve 4, Oppose 0, Abstain 0.

5. **RNC Resolution No. 052105** Approving the Request of Grace Begay for Financial Assistance to Defray the Cost of Water Line Extension to her Residence in Unit 5 by Utilizing Navajo Nation Capital Improvement Program Fund Account.

Motion made by Gilbert Maria, second by Michael Henio. Brenda Yazzie, CSC, she requests the documents on waterline, work order by RNUA, voter registration all should be attach to the resolution, NN Capital Outlay Account #41153 to be use. Vote: Approve 6, Oppose 0, Abstain 0.

6. **RNC Resolution No. 052106** Review of RNUA Plan of Operation, selection of new RNUA Board Members present membership expired their terms. This resolution to be deferred to June Planning meeting as stated upon approval of agenda, motion by Chancey Martinez, second by Dixie Begay. Vote: Approve 6, Oppose 0, Abstain 1.

7. **RNC Resolution No. 052107** Approving the Annual Infrastructure Capital Improvements Plan (ICIP) Priority listing in accord to all eligible projects pursuant to Statute, Law or Regulation of funding agencies, for the years 2022 – 2026 of Ramah Navajo Chapter concurrently to the State of New Mexico and the Navajo Nation and/or the American Rescue Plan Act of the U.S. Congress.

Motion made by Michael Henio, second by Chancey Martinez. Michael Henio request to add the Livestock training center to project proposal if possible, Damell Maria, ED stated its shovel ready. There was a meeting with James Adakai and they agreed that it was a good idea, refer to Mr. Shebala but no response on this. President Jose restated to add this project it will include the cost for interior, road and parking lot estimated at 2 million. Gilbert Maria recommends having the Mountain View street lights, along the right of way, he has three price quotes. President Jose asks for all the documents, ROW etc. Chapter Officials do not have the plans. Gilbert Maria gave all documents to CSC he stated we all need to work together. President Jose stated he does not get the map or any documents, give it to us before the end of the meeting. He also asked why we are asking for additional documents these should be requested at planning meeting not at regular chapter meeting, this is double work. President Jose we do resolution for projects as it comes in at that time there are questions or opposition it is then deferred when necessary. Rodger Martinez stated that the Livestock training center is a good idea, Nicoll Ranch is on Fee Land any construction on the site will increase property tax by NN Tribe, right now quarter section the Tribe pays 10K for property tax. So have all the



documents together if shovel ready attach arch clearances, soil testing, concordance etc. President Jose stated there is an issue with county tax, NN is not going to like it even with small improvement some administrative work to be done before moving on for any construction on NN Fee Land. Darnell Maria, ED/G&C stated if you can recall a meeting with Ms. Charlene McCabe she talked about a tax close and several calls were made, She recommend to work with this man from NN Land Office he has the expertise he may have retired. Charlene recommend to work with Land Department they need to work on the waiver for Chapter and BIA facilities, a follow up is needed. President Jose a Good idea on addition to the list for the project, there is an issue on tax. No waiver on tax has been done and the lighting system we do not have the plans. Chancey stated an update of listing are usually done in July so if the ground work is done we can update this in July according to NN ICIP and State so at that time another list will be developed. With this list today this is going in for ARPA funds. President Jose recommended to have all projects reviewed, update and submit all documents with NN Land Office on fee land status and tax issue with County, resolve this as administrative matter and with the street light there no plans today. The motioning party still stands to approve the resolution as is also, have not seen anything from the BIA office as well. Vote: Approve 3, Oppose 0, Abstain 1.

8. **RNC Resolution No. 052108** DEMANDING THAT THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS DIVISION OF FACILITY MANAGEMENT AND CONSTRUCTION (DFMC) PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF RAMAH NAVAJO SCHOOL BOARD, INC., PINE HILL SCHOOL ELECTRIC SYSTEM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,500,000.00.

President Jose highlighted the issue pertaining to Electrical problem at Pine Hill School, Bureau of Education/DFMC on correcting the problem. This issue is now going to Navajo Nation President Nez. Motion made by Rodger Martinez, second by Chancey Martinez.

Alvin Raphaelito gave an overview of the resolution. The school electrical system is over 40 years old which does not meet the Electric Code of today. When the electric goes out it effects all programs on campus, housing, education programs and two water wells on campus that supplies the community, right now we have one well in operation. In the middle of all this the pandemic happen we needed water for the school and community. Last year they were successful in getting NN CARES ACT funds and work to meet the deadline date 12/30/2020 to complete half of the problem. All of the designing and other documents completed to replace the remaining circuits number 2 &3. An Emergency Outage occurred on school campus in order to repair this they went to BIA/DFMC for fund for repairs; the response was they did not want to repair or upgrade the system; they only want to do a band aid solution. Many negotiations took place and request assistance from Congressional leaders. Now, at this stage they are going to Navajo Nation President Nez for \$291,313.00 to repair the existing 4160 Volt Electrical system. A letter to President Nez with three options he will respond to.

Vote: Approve 7, Oppose 0, Abstain 1.

9. **RNC Resolution No. 052109** Approving to Amend Shihasin Fund Chapter Capital Project Expenditure Plan per NNC Resolution CAP-35-18, Exhibit D, Project #12, Deleting Project Type "Planning, Designing, Renovating/Constructing, Equipping, and Furnishing: and Adding :Demolition, Planning/Designing, Construction, Equipping and Furnishing: for Complete Replacement of Ramah Chapter House by Leveraging Sihasin Fund with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding in Amount of \$3,000,000.

Motion made by Rodger Martinez, second by Chancey Martinez to move forward with a new Chapter House building. A land withdrawal on Section 21 would be necessary for Chapter House and Senior Citizen buildings. Chancey Martinez recommend same location, all documents are attach to the renovation project, only change would be to include the word demolition within the resolution. All utilities are there, shovel ready. Darnell Maria stated that according to the previous RNUA Water Manager the waterline & sewer line are in bad condition. Delphino Antonio, member of the community stated that renovation is out of the question, infrastructure is a concern, would like to see a new chapter house building. Brenda Yazzie stated there are other areas of cost we need to consider. The

new chapter building can be used to house all Officials, Veterans Office and other office space. This is for the future generation. Beverly Coho, funds allocated for renovation and to investment interest can be use and other funding source, now is the time, this can be done. Rename the building as all-purpose building not chapter house. Consideration is given to location, square footage of building and parking lot size. Be careful ask more question such as if the funds that are there for renovation will stay or taken back. Further discussion on this; consider other programs using the space get revenues through this for chapter. Rodger Martinez, resolution is now in place, make sure our funds will be there and reword the language, not using Tribal language change to reflect ARPA, Amend CAP 34-18 Renovation resolution, the resolution should include parking lot, office space estimate cost 3.5 million. President Jose estimate the cost of 10 million to include total infrastructure, internet, parking land withdrawal section 21, new building/public facility and have the tax waived or change land status from fee land to trust land which has to start now, get county to waiver tax base on Government facility. Resolution to be rewritten with estimated cost 4.3 million with few changes, replace the old building. Vote: Approve 2, Oppose 1, Abstain 1.

XIII. Community Concerns:

Delphino Antonio asks about the wool sale and livestock vaccination. Darnell Maria stated that CLUP commissioner will decide on a schedule. Usually Chapter using Navajo Nation funds purchase the vaccines. Mike Henio will be working with Chapter and CLUP commissioners. CSC Mrs. Yazzie stated Julianna will submit price quotes for the livestock vaccine, a budget then is develop. Rodger Martinez provided information wool sale will open June 14<sup>th</sup> and close June 16<sup>th</sup>. All Livestock activity will be posted. Lula K provided an update on Mountain View Estate problems. They were in contact with 638 Community Development and Cibola County office on deeds, land appraisals, boundary survey and information given to her was that the land is chapter fee land. When all documents are complete the Chapter can turn over to County. She spoke with Gilbert Maria on paid off letter on her house. As of now the County has nothing to do with Chapter fee land. There needs to be a meeting with Officials, Community Development involved and need a letter from Officials. President Jose would like to have a conversation with Gilbert Maria and would need a consensus of all tenants, it appears 638 is the middle man. Lula again stated land survey is needed for 2 to 3 acres, tax is not corrected. President Jose once understood on plans of action it will be put into a resolution. Darnell Maria to make a follow up on this situation, Lula K. stated its 4.5 acres; the acres went to Road ROW. Darnell Maria, ED will work to schedule a meeting with Tenants, Officials and 638 staff.

XIV. Announcements: New Navajo Nation Acting Controller Elizabeth Begay.

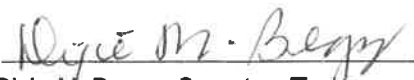
1. May 16 – 22, 2021 Navajo Nation Emergency Medical Service Week is themed as “This is EMS: Care for our Communities”
2. May 31, 2021, Monday – Memorial Day (Observed Holiday)
3. Month of June 2021 “Men’s Health Month”
4. June 1, 2021, Tuesday – Navajo Nation Memorial Day (Observed Holiday)

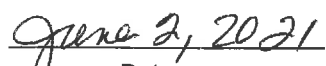
XV. Next Virtual RNC Planning Meeting

Motion made by Chancey Martinez, second Rodger Martinez to schedule the Planning meeting June 2, 2021 @ 9 am  
Vote: Approve 4, Oppose 0, Abstain 0.

XVI. Adjournment:

Motion made by Chancey Martinez, second by Dixie Begay to adjourn  
Meeting adjourns @ 3:55 pm, Majority in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,   
Dixie M. Begay, Secretary/Treasurer

  
Date