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

Wednesday, June 16, 2021 @ 10:00 am

- I. Meeting Call to Order. Roll Call. Present: President Jose, Vice President Chancey Martinez, Secretary/Treasurer Dixie Begay, and Land Board Member Rodger Martinez. Four Officials present which constitutes a quorum. President Jose called the meeting to order at 10:05 am. Total participants – 27.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance. (N/A)
- III. Invocation. Gilbert Maria, Pastor
- 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 Rodger Martinez to approve the agenda for today's meeting, second by Chancey Martinez. No questions, deletion or addition. Vote: Approve 10, Oppose 0, Abstain 0.
- VI. Review of MINUTES: Virtual RNC Regular Meeting on May 20, 2021
Virtual RNC Planning Meeting on June 2, 2021

Motion made by Victoria Henio to approve both meeting minutes and if any corrections is to be made it will be recognized at the next meeting, second Monica Yazzie. Vote: Approve 11, Oppose 0, Abstain 0.

- VII. Finance Report: (Written Report Only for Review)
 - 1. Dixie M. Begay, Secretary/Treasurer – Navajo Nation and General Funds Report. **Ending 5/31/21.**
Navajo Nation Funding Report: **Emergency Windmills** remains at \$1.99, **Chapter renovation**: \$25,211.85, Balance \$25,211.85. **Emergency Relief**: 17,787.68, Expenditure \$22,085.65, Balance (\$4,297.97). **Youth Employment**: \$5,211.35, Expenditure \$0, Balance \$5,211.35. **Capital Outlay**: \$100,113.41, Expenditure \$26703.52, Balance \$73,409.89. **Land Claims**: \$24,997.74, Expenditure \$7,570.97, Balance \$17,426.77. **Scholarship**: \$2,140.81, Expenditure \$2,140.81, Balance \$0. **Officials Stipend**: \$25,269.45, Expenditure \$18,750.00, Balance \$6,519.45. **Local Governance Act** \$16,280.01, Expenditure \$4,977.21, Balance \$11,282.80. **PEP Projects**: \$73,862.67, Expenditure \$47,329.58, Balance \$28,533.46 **Chapter Administration**: \$40,123.37, Expenditure \$16,343.63, Balance \$23,779.74. **Housing Discretionary**: \$50,882.03, Expenditure \$1,088.45, Balance \$49,793.58. **Sales Tax**: \$12598.45, Expenditure \$3,830.63, Balance \$8,767.82. **Unhealthy Food Tax**: \$12,313.26, Expenditure \$0, Balance \$12,313.26. **Totals: Funding-\$406,774.07, Expenditures - \$150,820.08, Remaining Balance - \$255,953.99.**
6/14/2021 FY'21 NN Allocations (25%) \$43,456.93
FY'21 NN Allocation (75%) \$132,592.38
Total \$176,049.31

NN UNHEALTHY SALES TAX 5/20/2021 \$2,214.90 (RNC General Funds Account ending 5/31/2021 attach)

President Jose, NN Budget question on the 25%, 75% and Unhealthy sales tax off .02 cent. Chapter Stipend account is not enough to cover the rest of the Fiscal Year. Brenda Yazzie, CSC received additional funds that need to be budgeted, a resolution on this will be presented at Planning Meeting. Rodger Martinez stated that due to audit all transaction should be corrected. Recommendation, for all outstanding amount \$195,388.44 – General Operating account to work on this by legally writing off past transactions uncollectable before next month, July 2021. In addition, account number 031007 Resource Committee (85.03) this is now CLUP Committee, review prior report and make correction to negative. President Jose question, account number 031013 Prosecutor building lease no revenues coming in for 2nd and 3rd quarter. Why is the Chapter Usage account number 031008 in the negative? Brenda Yazzie, CSC stated that when Mr. Jose developed resolutions for students or community members

requesting funds for trips this account number under General Operating Funds was part of the resolution to assist the requestors. Motion made by Rodger Martinez to approve along with corrections requested on General Operating Funds; write-off and building lease revenues as well as Navajo Nation Budget, this motion second by Chancey Martinez. Victoria Henio recommended to be followed through this needs to be taken care so it's not repeated at every meeting to take care of this before the Audit, acknowledge that the accounting system has improved

Vote: Approve 7, Oppose 0, Abstain 1.

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

IX. Introduction of Guests and/or Presenters:

1. Guest to RNC Resolution No.062110 – John Lewis not on teleconference will do his report under New Business #10 when this resolution is up for approval.

X. Reports:(Limited to Elected Officials Preferred)

1. Chapter Officials; President Jose has been working on several priority project proposals for ARPA funds pertaining to priority water projects according to State of New Mexico and Navajo Nation to be in compliance All projects to Navajo Nation ARPA funds recommendation by projects by resolution, application by CSC, Division of Community Development (DCD) staff with other Divisions, Office of Controller so we do not miss out on any projects again. We ask for CARES ACT funds we did not receive any, hope we are considered from ground up, DCD, and at all levels, top notch, middle management, local management DCD up to Controller to President of Navajo Nation and onto 24th Council our proposals to move forward and have full participation. Other: weather has been hot, lack of water for livestock, funds are needed to repair the windmills we need to work together to make this happen.

Vice President Chancey Martinez reports on the meeting on Carbon Credit in Albuquerque, after the presentation by Native American Venture (NAV) it was decided to have 638 Grants & Contracts to take up the task in working with NAV. A letter of intent to NA Venture funds, this business is already working with other Native American Tribes. With the letter a feasibility study will begin without cost once completed a report will be provided to determine moving forward.

Secretary/Treasurer Dixie Begay attended the Carbon Credit meeting in Albuquerque; call in on the Crownpoint ASC meeting and Pine Hill Community Health Planning Assessment meeting. The community Health Planning Assessment surveys are completed and moving forward with focus group to determine a priority health need within the community of Ramah. They have the following categories; housing, nutrition, health and education.

2. Rodger Martinez, ENA, Land Board Member. His report revising the Plan of Operation and field visit to White, Nicoll and Bond Ranches. Received Shihasin funds 38K to non-certified chapters. At a recent Land Board Member meeting it was stress with home site lease and allotment land the one acre will be fenced and homes build on this area. There are many that bring in sheep and 4-wheeler, bikes, vehicle making roads all over land is barren without grass. Navajo Nation Resource Development Committee will develop regulations on this. The Land Commission from Eastern Navajo Agency will meet with Bureau of Land Management and Forest Land Management. A meeting is scheduled in a couple of days through Zoom meeting at Nahodishgish Chapter House. He will announce through the Radio Station the drought situation we are in. He has seen a lot of cattle are starving as livestock owners supply your livestock with feed and water. Horses are not included unless you get a permit to have 2 horses, steers for roping need business lease. As livestock owners have a better management plan for your livestock. How are future funds going to look from Government and Navajo Nation assistance can become limited? Cattle and sheep vaccination program will continue this year with cost. Livestock owners doing their own vaccination to let him know so he can do a tally count. The tally count is required if you ask for assistance, this is important information with NRC, Department of Agriculture assistance this document is required. He has assisted several livestock owners for assistance. No livestock but have a grazing permit you will receive assistance. In such cases hay is given out, they turn around and sale the hay. Priority assistance is for livestock owners only. Meeting tomorrow at Nahodiszhi Chapter he will participate by calling in.

3. Jamie Henio, Council Delegate; Meetings on NN Budget 2022 with council working on calendar. They are waiting for three-Branch Chief to determine allocations for each Branch depending on revenues we have on hand, projection as last year budget with slight increase. Once allocation is determined a budget hearing will

take place move forward with Legislation. Get expenditure plan in place for ARPA funds. He asks for Ramah Navajo Chapter to get together all windmill rehab projects with expenditure plans for our community. Have the RNC windmill listings, as well as roads at high level overview and expenditure plans have on hand. He received the new well for Detention Center at 2 million dollars. He is traveling to visit Navajo Ranch in Colorado for a meeting with Resource Development Committee and Fish & Wildlife, Ranch Operation for future plans, benefit and opportunities in use of Ranch. All ARPA proposals send in and staffs are working on putting the documents together. On budget allocation updates will be provided as information comes in, he still stands funding chapter at 100%, when ARPA funds come in this will give us additional cash. As reported by Elizabeth Begay, Acting Controller gave a report on the Hardship Cares Act account has 41 million dollars, all funds not use were returned by NTUA into hardship account. Council Delegate Eugene Tso developed Legislation to provide hardship assistance for second round for those that have never applied in the first round. If approved by President Nez signature and becomes Law this will move forward. Question: Alvin Raphaelito asks about the school water and electric project submitted. Delegate Henio state that was return for additional information. Alvin did not receive the email so he will resend with new email. Delegate Henio recommend separating the water and electric category. He will then send them over to the Speaker Damon's office. Gilbert Maria asks if he received his package on new well for Detention Center, he received it and looks good. He also sent in Unit 5 and Unit 1 water well projects, Jamie will check his email for the 2 well projects. Update information on Hardship pay out several have not received their check, if you are one that has not received a check contact Chapter staff with your name, right now they don't have listing of names. It was reported that over 1,000 have not been paid yet. Portal being requested from the Contractor Baker Tilley, once that is received, they will get payments out.

4. Navajo Nation Division of Community Development - ASC Staff; Guarena Adeky, reports that all allocations of budget packages are in, pending are allocation check to be released presently at OOC for review. ARPA project list, Ramah is ok documents complete, the completed 568 proposals was submitted and are being reviewed. With Agriculture assistance the Chapter need to start the planning process with number of hay and number of bags of feed for purchase, they are still working on the guidelines to meet COA. Doctor Yellowman with DCD wants a meeting with Chapter Officials; they are working on date and time through CSC. CAP, she is working with staff and MIP transition still happening. She will be at the chapter tomorrow on CAP findings and visits will be every other week to work with chapter staff and administration to bring resolution to the findings. Tomorrow she meets with staff and controller she will visit weekly to do work hands on chapter findings to get them updated and find resolutions for different areas that happen in the past. She will try to come out every other week to RNC and work with chapter staff reaching out to Tribal office employees where we stand and how transaction is going to take place. Mrs. Jim-Martin, DCD on ARPA listing a meeting will be scheduled to meet with Elected Officials and DCD staff. They are awaiting the guidelines from Treasury office; they will have Delegate Henio and Speaker Damon at the meeting as well.

Gilbert Maria requests how he can get a copy of the ARPA listing. Brenda Yazzie, CSC should have a copy. President Jose asks how many were turned in for Ramah Navajo Chapter; bathroom addition, powerline broadband, transfer station, new chapter house, community cemetery, livestock training facility and BIA Rt. South of Pine Hill. Some of priority projects he did not hear, RNC has priority projects that went to State of NM and to Navajo Nation with new priority list. We have priority list with RNUA it has to do with water In CARES fund add one project went to DCD, Controller it never reaches there, so now it seem we are in the same situation to where important project acceptable to State of NM as well as Navajo Nation he didn't hear of one in there. Guarena Adeky received information that RNUA has their own listing that was set up by Denise Copeland for them. They are working through that listing for proposal requests to be submitted. For clarification contact Mrs. Yazzie. RNUA has its own ICIP listing. President Jose stated that we get it squared away at the end before all the proposals are in before expenditure plan are put in place with ARPA funds not settled to go forward with important projects under Chapter. Chapter also covers RNSB Inc. they are providing community services with water issues and RNUA under Chapter recognized by Navajo Nation Government under Title 21 base on that information we all work together jointly and not separate. Someone distinguish the difference of organization for the entity that is not right. He wants DCD to know going forward. Working together that should settle everything with ARPA funds. Brenda Yazzie, CSC assisted the Chapter Officials to set up the meeting through Navajo Nation, she is the host for this meeting. She has been working on submitting the ARPA proposals and getting employees ready to begin renovation projects under the Housing Discretionary funds. She also worked on getting hay delivered and getting workers to unload and load for community

people upon purchasing hay. Brenda Yazzie, CSC, Progress updates for the following subject matters & Completion Rate/Project:

- a. Revenue and expenditure report of all Chapter General Operating Fund Accounts? *Ongoing.*
- b. Revenue and expenditure report of Settlement Account Budget Ending 31Mar21? *Ongoing.*
- c. CAP in response to follow up review #2 by OAG? *Report presented at the last meeting.*
- d. Ramah Navajo Community Cemetery? *ARPA proposal submitted for this project.*
- e. Bond and Nicole Ranch land management plan? *JJ Clacs Contractor has been working on completing the Land Management Plans and it has been reported that North of Bond Land is extremely overgrazed. Updates at the next CLUP Committee meeting July 13, 2021, this is open meeting call in numbers and information will be send out.*
- f. American Rescue Plan Projects? *She submitted eight proposals: 1. Bathroom addition for Unit 1-5 and working with Indian Health Service Engineers on these projects, 3. Powerline extension, 4. Solid Waste transfer station, 5. Broadband for Unit 5, 6. Interior of Livestock Training center, 7. RN Community Cemetery, 8. BIA Rt. 125, south of Pine Hill, project proposals submitted meeting the extension deadline.*
- g. Resolution 062002 Archaeological Clearance for PS/Judicial land withdrawal? *RNC is assisting with Archaeological clearance for Judicial land withdrawal, received three price quotes, once selection is made next process payments, moving forward on this resolution.*
- h. Resolution 052002 Budgets Transfer of \$10,000 for Mt. View Well? *She has the resolution but need more documentation to move forward on this.*
- i. Housing Discretionary projects? *Four homes approved to renovate the exterior of these homes beginning in Unit 5.*
- j. Chapter Renovation project? *Ongoing, this is on ARPA list as new chapter house.*

President Jose recommends a written report with updates as well as the Expenditure/Revenue reports. Work needs to continue on General Operating Funds, to be finalize with corrections, has been outstanding since October. On ARPA projects he has concern that all the water is priority projects. These projects went through State of NM, ICIP and through Navajo Nation. We got to do a lot of demand for water is very high and should be part of ARPA projects. Water projects going directly to Jamie Henio, Council Delegate not through Chapter Government. There is a need to work on the Mountain View well and Cemetery funds through State of NM how are ARPA funds to be used.

Jamie Henio, Council Delegate. In reference to new chapter house building, does he pull the renovation funds back on chapter house, the 1.3 million and include that into the new chapter house? The road is at 31 million a follow up to be done by LDA Chancey on the chapter renovation. The problem is chapter renovation was approved several years ago. An amendment would be required to the Legislation to include the new building. More research needs to be done on this. Chancey reported that during Delegate Norman Begay in office the 3.1 million was approved for the chapter. The new chapter building was a last-minute idea, the legislation would need to be amended working with CPMD/NN. Brenda Yazzie, CSC to work with LDA Chancey on this. ARPA projects, bathroom addition in Unit 1-5 approximately 100 household need bathroom additions.

5. Ramah Navajo Chapter - Office of Grants & Contracts; Darnell Maria, Executive Director reported on the Community Development program. 1. NHA working to recapture funds on force account to be paid by 638. 2. Staff working on Ramah Navajo Senior Citizen building, funds came down from New Mexico, plans now is to put building on Section 21, this will include land withdrawal etc. 3. The chapter building is over 50 years old; work need to be done on water and sewer on section 21. 4. Waste collection station in Unit 3, land withdrawn completed, need \$129,852.17 to complete the project. 5. Working on District Court. 6. Cemetery in unit 3, site is ok. 7. Future Projects; wellness trails, Shiwi Transportation, Internet, RNUA deep well, water storage tank, Jacobs well storage tank, 500K gallons water tank, Law Enforcement shooting range. The ICIP State of New Mexico Debbie Islam is working on projects: cemetery, new chapter building. TIF-Indian Affairs Mike Eriacho is working on waste collection station. Another project is the deep well for Adult Detention Center, Mountain View well repair funds are being requested, Unit 5 deep well, Unit 1 deep well; he is working with Indian Health Service on these projects. The GIS/GPS program was under Community Development program before now under the IT program. A total of 33 homes, 13 homeowners near pay off include land with these homes. The County tax are paid on the land, this has been a concern they will continue to work on this. U.S. Department of Agriculture housing improvement program office was put on hold due to pandemic, will be opening back up soon. Repair or replace old waterline and sewer line in the community of Mountain View. Natural Resource staff is assisting with distribution of food from point of distribution location at the chapter house. Food distribution will continue into June through the end of August 2021. Depending on the cases of

COVID 19 they will plan on moving out of the chapter building. Tomorrow they will be picking up sanitizers and water. Contractor tree thinning crew are working in Mountaineer, NM. Windmills are checked daily and they have reported that water faucet is left on, as reminders to turn off water don't leave it running. Windmills Nos. 19,4,5,6,23 is not working staff are working with Navajo Nation Water Resource assist with repairs of these windmills. Recently spoke with staff at Farm Service Administration that there is no wool buyer in the local Gallup area, most of the wool is sold to company in Roswell. Sheep capacity this year is very low. Annual livestock projects are starting next month flyers are out, Sheep wool buyer came in this morning and took the wool.

6. Ramah Navajo School Board, Inc. Carolyn Coho gives RNSB report this morning they had a meeting with Department of Dine Education (DODE) and Board of Education along with staff; Tucker Simon, Special Education Coordinator and also on Education Leadership team, David Nez, Executive Director and Administrative Services Director Amoretti with Finance Department. Mr. Nez provided power point presentation all on education related he did very well. One year reauthorization approved for the school 2021-2022. Summer school in session, parent surveys taken result majority of parents want their students back in school classroom and 50 students want virtual learning. Summer school in session, summer classes offered to special education students. Orientation for teachers and staff is scheduled for the last week of July. School wide improvement, use of technology in classroom, School will revise curriculum and will include guidelines and safety on COVID 19 section along with policy in place for vaccination. Re-entry plan will be followed. This is a brief report will do comprehensive report at the next meeting.

William Becker, Administrator Director/PHHC the new variant Delta is a concern current vaccination of Moderna, Pfizer and J&J are effective at reduce level with two shots. Those receiving one Pfizer and one Moderna the protection from Delta Variance significantly reduces around 30%. Both shots its 80% effective preventing serious and deadly COVID 19 infections, right now Delta variance is established to be 10% of the positive cases in the area, double every week, next week we expect roughly 20% of the cases, then 40% then 80% and 100. So, if you need to get anybody that have only on shot of Pfizer or Moderna and their booster shot. We need to get prepared for the fall, Dr. Fauci mentioning is unsure the need for booster, we are still planning on delivering booster shot this fall. There is some concern across the country those States have not vaccinated population have experienced increase in cases when those States have done a very good job decrease, the State of NM is only 1.5 percent points away from fully opening once 60% population with 2 shots. COVID 19 is very much with us and with us for a number of years. At this point in time Chapter has been vaccinated and continues to vaccinate anybody that comes along and wants to be vaccinated. Question: President Jose received his shot here and received his second shot out of the area and does not have a card stating he received his two shots. Mr. Becker stated the Health Center can make you a card; they can go into the system to verify your second shot. Council Delegate Jamie Henio asks on new cases in the area. Mr. Becker, it's at zero at this point for 2 months now.

Alvin Rafelito, Good report on vaccination program, keeping our people protected from COVID 19. The new variant coming in from India, with the vaccination its effective. We appreciate all assistance from Chapter with food, water and other essentials distributed throughout the community. The ALERT meeting its every Monday once a month, next meeting June 28, 2021 at 2pm, calls in for updates. The community health assessment interviews completed now moving forward into focus groups which will require more detail information. The next meeting will be at the Parent Resource Center. The raw data information collection they are working with Albuquerque Area Center to put data together, once this is completed the findings will be reported at chapter meeting and ALERT meeting. Thanks to those who participated in the process, this will continue on this information will be used to develop strategic planning on how to deliver Health Care services, Mental Health and Social Services.

David Nez, Executive Director, thanks for the opportunity to report. This morning Pine Hill School reauthorization meeting with Navajo Nation Board of Education, you can get 3 months, 6 months, 1 year, 2 years or 4 years for reauthorization for P.L. 100-297 Grant Schools, throughout the Navajo Nation they are responsible for reauthorizing schools under the P. L. 100-297. Other Tribes deal with Federal Government directly; Governors never get involved reauthorization they deal with BIE directly with all required documents. Here, we go through Navajo Nation they look at Audit reports, fiscal year ending June 30th you have six months to complete your Audit, they look for Audit findings, modified, unmodified, reading, math, PARC scores, student proficiency, school improvement program, parents' involvement, also Navajo language and culture at least one hour of Navajo language lesson every day. They review the five courses; Language, Navajo Government, Character Development, curriculum. At this meeting a binder was provided to NN BOE

members and provided PowerPoint presentation with the assistance from Tucker Simons, all Board Members were present. They were given one year reauthorization. Another school just before their evaluation was given one year although there were a lot of findings. Pine Hill School had all the data and Audit much better than the other school. We will move forward-100% virtual curriculum. A few students will come to school with IET's and special education students are welcome on site for instructions as well as other students without internet service in Unit 5, will be looking into getting internet coverage for the whole Ramah Navajo Band Land area, pandemic still coming up with the variant. We have students coming out of Head Start, Early Childhood and Kindergarten we need to prepare for them, part of school-wide Improvement Plan which will involve Technology, upgrade on servers etc. He was part of virtual meeting with NN DODE/BOE on the agenda was school re-opening to involve parents by survey, do they want students to come back to school, keep child home or half and half hybrid schedule, i.e., on site Monday and Wednesday and virtual platform on Wednesday and Thursday and at school for homework and tutoring on Fridays. Navajo Nation approve re-entry plan, first thing for the school leadership to do is to send out surveys to parents and also get community members, Chapter Officials what are your thoughts on all information presented by Becker and Alvin from Pine Hill Health Services, they keep up with pandemic, variance, vaccinations how safe would it be for students to return to school. He plans to meet with school leadership team for discussion. The school already has a re-entry plan in place with the pandemic and variant changes take place so the plan continues to be updated. We need parents input how can we reach out to the parents. Maybe we can meet outside with 25 participates. We need to prepare before students return back to school, certain steps to take before bringing students back on site. He is willing to help out the Leadership Team, school will start in August. Electrical issues continue Bureau of Indian Education approved 3.5 million in Maximo. Last week's meeting present: NN President Nez, School Board Members, BIA/DFMC staff Andrew Robbins, Gabe Draper, and Al Sherman. Bart Stevens, Director of Navajo Region-BIA was invited and Council Delegate Jamie Henio calls in. At this meeting he presented the issue that DFMC allocated only 291K dollars, this electric issue is not a big problem as stated by DFMC by Mr. Draper. Mr. Nez explains with an analogy of a sick patient which is serious and DFMC see it as minor scratches. Look at this electrical system with two perspectives. He reported to President Nez and BIA Bart Stevens that DFMC has not been down here keep inviting them they have never come to our campus they have never actually look down manhole full with water, high voltage wire filled with water all corroded. A letter sends to the new Acting Secretary of Interior Bryan Newland the same letter went out to Tony Dearman, BIE National Director. He responded to the letter last Friday and a meeting has been set-up for this Friday at 2 pm, call in information will be shared with Chapter Officials to participate this is your community and your children, you have every right to speak up for them. The School Board members will be involved to speak to BIE Director. This electrical system has been here since 1970 and it's now completely corroded, there are areas where the ground wire corroded. If no ground wire if someone touches the wire they can be electrocuted. This is emergency threat to life & health that is how we see it and DFMC don't see it that way, their response to this situation is it's not true. This bothers me we have children at school they need a safe reliable electrical system. Another area they are working with DFMC on the new school gym construction. Funds are available for this construction but they are dragging it out. Other is renovation of school building with new windows, doors, floors, electrical, plumbing that they were agreed to do at our first meeting with another DFMC Director who has left, we now have new people that have a different attitude about this. He is working with Pine Hill Health Services, Alvin and Becker have meetings with them often and working with organization get our strategic planning in place, he had leadership training for the Program Managers have a sense of leadership and how they can run their program, oversee their program. We are all leaders we have out certain responsibilities. We need to come together with cooperative communication, work together, speak with respect, this in good spirit we all can move forward together. We are doing this for our children and future generation. He has been putting training and plans together with our efforts. Water, still working on this, met with Pearl Yellowman to get funding through ARPA. We have a lot of things in our hands. President Jose expresses his thanks for the report and to go ahead and provide call in information so those that are able to get on the call. He agrees that teamwork is important to move forward. Carolyn Coho announces the next Board of Education meeting on July 12, 2021- Education at 9am and non-Education at 1 pm.

7. Ramah Navajo Agency; President Jose reported Fire Management is part of the RN Agency and its activity; six fire trucks in the area patrolling, they are from local office, Zuni, Jicarilla, and Pueblos. Two weeks ago, 2 camp crews went to the Arizona fire, just last week another 2-fire crew were called out. This gives our local people employment this year.

8. Committees, Commissions, Boards; and Ramah Navajo Chapter.

Esther Jose, RN Court Administrator update report on court facility and its arch clearance they received three quotes received and information provided to CSC. Dine Tah Cultural Resource from Farmington \$3,365.28, 2. \$4,836.00, 3. \$9,800.00, they will go with lowest bidder, Chapter will assist with payment. The pandemic delayed this project. She received nine questionnaires from NN Judicial Branch Director, Steve Etcitty to be answered and requested to return as soon as possible on updates as far as planning i.e., land status, architect, engineers, proposal, total summary report, square footage of facility request square feet. The Kayenta Judicial court has a large facility and our request is small facility. The design of the facility update given March 23rd as proposed for a new facility. She answered all the questions and send it back in. She received a call last Friday from Judicial Branch Chief Justice through teleconference with Steve Etsitty, Karen Francis, Ms. Peterson, and Ms. Williams. They ask questions on the facility summary report, contractor, design, engineering, she has all the documents except arch clearance which the chapter is assisting with funds. The design, total construction of court building and Hogan total cost \$10,228,348.28. Steven stated ARPA funds can be used, the proposal will move forward to President Nez, Tribal Council, and Law & Order. Since this project is moving forward there is a possibility to get this funded and they would like for her to continue to assist. She asks for total funds using the settlement funds and ARPA there are funds there. Chief Justice asks if land is available. Response yes land is available, pending arch clearance. They will continue to do whatever they can to get funded. Steven asks how long it will take for the design and architect, construction at 9.6 million. Question on the Contractor how well do they know this contractor, same contractor work on Tube City, Chinle, Crownpoint court buildings. Bidding will go out they do favor with this contractor but bids will go out. How long did the construction take for these large building and here at Ramah a smaller building it will take approximately 2-2.5 years if funds are there? This information is a proposal to ask for funds. Periodic updates will be provided. Court staff continues to work either in the facility or from home. No walk-in only phone calls, Judge has been coming in to work. She sends out letters on her next quarterly virtual meeting for community resources scheduled for June 24, 2021 at 10 am. At this virtual meeting she would like all resources to give updates on their programs.

Motion made by Chancey Martinez, second Gilbert Maria to accept all the reports. Vote: Approve 12, Oppose 0, Abstain 1.

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

1. **RNC Resolution No. 052103** Approving the request of Rochelle Charley for Residential Lease on parcel of Ramah Band of Navajo Tribal Trust Land (RBL) 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 Chancey Martinez, second by Victoria Henio to approve the request. Vote: Approve 13, Oppose 0, Abstain 0. Rochelle Charley appreciates the approval of her one-acre lease.

2. **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 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 Victoria Henio, second by Julianna Cojo. Not all documents have been received on this request; location is near Mike Garcia resident, its Navajo Nation Trust Land. Faye Wilson stated again as previously that using additional land in the Pine Hill area has been a concern a petition with signatures was presented to the President, no more development in the Pine Hill area. Michael Henio gave information that Melissa Garcia is granddaughter to Mike Garcia. The question is if this went before CLUP committee for approval in the Unit 4 area. Victoria Henio withdrew her previous motion and restated the motion to move to next meeting at which time all documents should be completed. All requests such as this should have all documents attach before the resolution is entertained and put on the agenda. Vote: Approve 5, Oppose 0, Abstain 1.

XII. New Business: (Emergency Relief Items)

1. **RNC Resolution No. 062101** Approving the request of Howard Lee for Homesite Lease on tract of Navajo Tribal Trust Land (NTTL) situated within and described as SW/4 of **Section 06**, Township 8 North, Range 14 West, New Mexico Principal Meridian, County of Cibola, State of New Mexico, Containing One (1.00) Acre, More or Less, Grazing Unit 3.
Correction to this resolution to read Section 05 and not 06 was made before today's meeting it should read Section 05.
Motion made by Michael Henio, second by Victoria Henio to approve the correction made to resolution #062101 and to approve resolution #062102. Vote: Approve 12, Oppose 0, Abstain 0.
2. **RNC Resolution No. 062102** Approving the request of Esther M. Jose and Tyrone S. Jose for Homesite Lease on Parcel of Navajo Tribal Trust Land (NTTL) situated within and described as SE/4 of Section 17, Township 10 North, Range 15 West, New Mexico Principal Meridian, Cibola County, State of New Mexico, Containing One (1.00) acre, more or less, grazing Unit 2.
Motion made by Michael Henio, second by Victoria Henio to approve the correction made to resolution #062101 and to approve resolution #062102. Vote: Approve 12, Oppose 0, Abstain 0.
3. **RNC Resolution No. 062103** Approving to Withdraw Approximately four (4) acres of Navajo Tribal Fee Land (NTFL) described as SE/4 of Section 21, Township 09 North, Range 15 West, State of New Mexico, County of Cibola, Ramah Navajo Community for the purpose to plan and design, with funding in amount of \$380,000 from NM Aging and Long-Term Services Department, for the construction of Ramah Navajo Chapter Senior Center.
Motion made by Victoria Henio, second by Chancey Martinez. Rodger Martinez recommended contacting the Cibola County Taxation office to waiver tax on this four-acre tract of land. Vote: Approve 11, Oppose 0, Abstain 0.
4. **RNC Resolution No. 062104** Approving to implement Septic Tank Cleaning Services with FY 2021 Navajo Nation Capital Outlay Fund Sub-Account 041153 in amount of \$2,000 to match with twenty (20) chapter membership who will match out of pocket at \$100 each and who are in need of cleaning from Unit 1 through Unit 5 in time of COVID-19 Pandemic.
Motion made by Dixie Begay, second by Gilbert Maria. Vote: Approve 9, Oppose 0, Abstain 0.
5. **RNC Resolution No. 062105** Requesting the Resources and Development Committee of the 24th Navajo Nation Council to withdrawal of approximately forty (40) acres of Navajo Tribal Trust Land (NTTL) described as S/2 of Section 17, Township 08 North, Range 15 West, NMPM, Cibola County, New Mexico and within Navajo Nation Business Development Corridor of 750 feet width along ROW North of Highway 53 from junction across from BIA Road 130 and CDEC Substation thence towards NHA Sunset Housing Subdivision to Plan, Design, and Construct Sunset Solar Farm Project to provide up to 50 WM of Power to Supply Ramah Navajo Community and Outlying Areas.
Motion made by Lucinda Pino, second by Chancey Martinez. Vote: Approve 11, Oppose 0, Abstain 0.
6. **RNC Resolution No. 062106** Acknowledging the second review of Corrective Action Plan and Audit opinion, worse than ever imagined rendered on 23Apr21 by Lead Auditor Stacy Manuelito and others of the Office of Auditor General (OAG) as being unsatisfactory, disgraceful and too vague and general for the Auditee Ramah Navajo Chapter (RNC), because Lead Auditor Stacey Manuelito resigned on the same day of delivering the opinion via teleconference leaving RNC with no recourse to respond to specific of audit questions and the audit summary is severely damaging to the integrity of the RNC forever thereafter.
Motion made by Chancey Martinez, second by Gilbert Maria to approve resolution numbers: 062106, 062109, and 062112. Vote: Approve 8, Oppose 0, Abstain 0.
7. **RNC Resolution No. 062107** Directing the Executive Director of the 638 Grants and Contract Administration to Expedite drafting and finalizing real property leasing agreement policy, for Chapter Officials, on or within Lands held in trust for the Ramah Band of the Navajo Tribe of Indians (RBL) to adopting establishment, Management, Implementation and Administration of Uniformed Leasing Agreement(s), not limited to, for

application on any and all designated space or occupancy, building, structures, land use, etc., for the collection of fair rental rate or fees applicable to federal programs of BIA and IHS in accordance to code of Federal Regulation, and other policies of the same nature for counties of NM and the Navajo Nation or Entities for Chapter Owned Real Estates on leases within or without the jurisdiction of the Navajo Reservation.

Motion made by Rodger Martinez, second by Dixie Begay. Vote: Approve 6, Oppose 0, Abstain 0.

8. **RNC Resolution No. 062108** Requesting the Navajo Board of Election Supervisors and/or the Navajo Election Administration to certify the election results for the Ramah Navajo School Board, Inc. - Five (5) candidates based on the Navajo Nation Official Election that took place in November 2020.
Motion made by Rodger Martinez, second by Gilbert Maria. Rodger Martinez recommended that the language on this resolution be strength, to be more effective. The Election Office has disfranchised us and the other two satellite chapters, no changes were made to number of Board Members for their schools. The other Agencies had a problem so they filed their disagreements in court.
Vote: Approve 7, Oppose 0, Abstain 2.
Faye Wilson expresses there should be another vote on Board Members. President Jose stated that vote has already been taken, no one oppose.
9. **RNC Resolution No. 062109** Approving and Authorizing the Office of P.L. 638 Grants and Contracts, Housing Program. To transfer homeownership units to thirteen (13) homebuyers.
Motion made by Chancey Martinez, second by Gilbert Maria to approve resolution numbers: 062106, 062109, and 062112. Vote: Approve 8, Oppose 0, Abstain 0.
10. **RNC Resolution NO. 062110** Requesting the 24th Navajo Nation Council, via standing committee(s) or administratively, of the Navajo Nation to expedite the purchase of 650 acres of land offered for sale in amount of \$750,000 within Ramah Navajo Chapter community utilizing the Navajo Nation Land Acquisition Trust Fund through and by John Lewis – Agent. For Marvin Lewis and Joan Lewis Trust, for land described as Section 24, Township 10 North, Range 16 West, and McKinley County, New Mexico.
Motion made by Dixie Begay, second by Michael Eriacho. John Lewis reported that the land has two wells, electric and work with community on upgrades. Jamie Henio had questions, on two water wells, on 640.9 acres all rights on deed, warranty deeds, sub-surface rights on well, water rights taken care of. Get all papers together and appraisal from Navajo Nation and Agent. This will be moved to Navajo Nation.
Vote: Approve 9, Oppose 0, Abstain 0.
11. **RNC Resolution No. 062111** Approving Summer Youth Employment Program.
No resolution, questions on budget and number of positions. Council Delegate Jamie Henio, if no resolution, no action it should not be entertained. Gilbert Maria, students may not be vaccinated and chapter building occupied etc. Motion made to defer to Planning Meeting by Jamie Henio, CD, second by Lucinda Pino. Vote: 6 Oppose 0, Abstain 0.
12. **RNC Resolution No. 062112** Approving to purchase 3-twine premium alfalfa hay bales from Dutch C. Higdon, Shi Rez Hay & Farms, LLC of Chinle, Arizona by utilizing general operating fund account line 031003 for supply on demand of over 114 livestock owners of Ramah Navajo for the duration period of 90 days, effective June 16, 2021 in need of Hay while enduring Severe Drought Condition in concurrent with effective extreme operators with limited mobility to graze and make a living on already depressed livestock economy.
Motion made by Chancey Martinez, second by Gilbert Maria to approve resolution numbers: 062106, 062109, and 062112. Vote: Approve 8, Oppose 0, Abstain 0.

XIII. Community Concerns: (If any)

1. Vicki Henio with the next load of hay the elderlies should be considered as priority to buy hay. There were people in the same household buying hay. The Policy should be change to put a limit on amount of hay to be purchased.
2. Gilbert Maria, Rabies makes up clinic requested.
3. Gjermundson Jake, RNSB meetings are public open meetings this should not be confidential. They need to manage their meetings, what is going on? He is left in the hallway waiting and can't get into the meeting. Radio Station KTDB should give a whole day to our community concerns; bring forth all information through local radio station. The radio station was established for the community people by our elders.

Debbie Islam, what is happening to the Prosecutor position? Do we have Emergency Drought Plan? She has seen a lot of horses in Unit 3 area, starving with no water. There are lots of horses and cattle near Larry Pino's windmill area.

President Jose responds, the Prosecutor position will put on the Planning Meeting agenda. For the Emergency Drought Plan a Declaration to be done. For the horses starving and without water, Darnell Maria, ED to plan on having his staff conduct horse round up.

Brenda Yazzie, CSC – Someone is dumping household trash into the Chapter Dumpster which is located just east of chapter house. This is not a community dump this will be announced through local radio station.

4.. Dixie Begay, there are community members reporting illegal dumping throughout the community. A flow chart should be developed so people can use this information. There is the NN EPA they have rules/regulations/policies where do they come in on these complaints. I know they can file these illegal activities through NN courts. We have CLEO position here but who is this person, the Police Officers can be contact to investigate the complaints. We have all the programs, what are their roles we need to let the people know.

5. Jamie Henio, Council Delegate pertaining to land sale we need to get Land Use Plan/Management Plan on Bond, Nicoll and White Ranch. These Plans should be developed and completed as soon as possible. When additional land purchase is to be made, they will ask if we have management plans for previous Land they purchased.

President Jose, we will have Land Management Plan for Bond, Nicoll and White Ranch land by the end of July 2021 by the contractors. The Plan of Operation for CLUP has been completed, Land Use Plan after completion of Management Plan.

XIV. Announcements:

1. June 20, 2021, Sunday – Father's Day
2. June 20, 2021, Sunday – First day of Summer
3. July 4, 2021, Sunday – Independence Day – 4th of July
4. July 5, 2021, Monday – Observed Holiday – 638 Offices Closed
5. July 13, 2021, Tuesday - CLUP Teleconference meeting
6. July 12, 2021, Monday- RNSB Meeting

XV. Next Virtual RNC Planning Meeting.

Motion made by Dixie Begay, second by Chancey Martinez

July Planning Meeting

Date: July 8, 2021

Time: 9 am

Vote: Approve 8, Oppose 0, Abstain 0.

Carolyn Coho, there are too many horses without brand near her residence they are going over her fence getting into the garden. She has reported this several times before. Owner of these horses need to take care of their horses. Her fence has been cut and her horse is wounded. This should be address at the next CLUP Committee meeting.

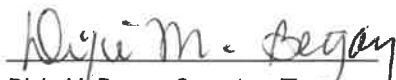
XVI. Adjournment:

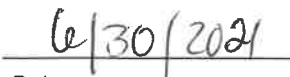
Motion made by Victoria Henio, second by Darnell Maria to adjourn.

Meeting adjourns at 4:12 pm.

Vote: Unanimous to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,


Dixie M. Begay, Secretary/Treasurer


Date