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

Thursday, August 5, 2021 @ 9:00 am

Call in number: 1 352-608-0176

PIN number: 360943962

- I. Meeting Call to Order. President Jose opens the meeting @ 9:07 am. Roll Call. Present: President Jose, Vice President Chancey Martinez- call in, Secretary/Treasurer Dixie Begay, Land Board Member Rodger Martinez, Council Delegate Jamie Henio-call in. Five Officials present with call in attach.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance. (N/A)
- III. Invocation. Dixie Begay, Secretary/Treasurer
- IV. Sergeant at Arms. (Effective 6Jul21 Resolution CJN-36-21)
- V. Reviewing and Approving of Meeting Agenda: Agenda read by President Jose.

Motion made by Monica Yazzie to approve agenda, second by Rodger Martinez. Dixie made note of heading of resolution language change to Resolution No. 082107. At the RN Scholarship Committee meeting it was decided by committee we don't have the election of officers and quorum when asked by Dixie. New heading was read with new committee members effective August 3, 2021. At the committee meeting it was decided to develop a new resolution. No selection of Officers was done not necessary. President Jose stated that back at the last meeting selection of Officers was requested, defer to next planning meeting, no election of Officers was done. Dixie stated this resolution identifies the committee members and next would-be selection of Officers. President Jose stated we can handle this in different fashion if there are no Officers, the office of the President can go ahead and appoint the Officers if committee don't want to select the Officers of committee. Dixie ask so this resolution is any good, identifying the new members. Another meeting will be call again to select Officers. Rodger Martinez to establish the committee members this resolution identifies these members. Now, these members can select themselves the Officers, that resolution will come from the committee, we will honor that resolution as established Officer of Scholarship committee. President Jose asked if understood, if you feel Rodger is correct then that's the way it should be done. Lucinda Pino stated we did have a meeting August 3rd, only thing discuss was creating a new policy for RN Scholarship Committee yes, Officers were mentioned be selected but worked on the new policy for Ramah Navajo Educational Financial Committee, this will be coming forward. Committee that is put forth under the RN Chapter, its mainly five members as I see it, alternate we can relay documentation to the individua, that's how CLUP and Transportation function similar with any committee she sees it that way. Need to really focus on the policy the new policy we reviewed by each member, abide by that and understand the policy. President Jose, Rodger recommendation is online, we have new members identified. There were no Officers before changes took place on members. Selection of Officers goes back to the committee. Defer back to committee to selecting Officers. Motion to defer back to committee by Rodger Martinez to establish the members first then selection of Officers. Dixie agrees with Rodger, the committee will come back together to select Officer.

Chancey Martinez, VP recommend moving this resolution forward or the meetings that took place will be null and void. President Jose, now, we don't need to take action on this resolution the committee already is established and functioning only selection of Officers. Null and void is not part of this. Dixie second the motion this resolution only identifies the committee members effective August 3, 2021, meeting. Another resolution with elected Officers. Monica Yazzie, follow the agenda we are in discussion. When we get to the resolution recommendation can be address. President Jose defer to committee selection of Officers has not been done. Monica Yazzie this can be address when we get to the resolution. Vote: Approve 5, Oppose 0, Abstain 2. Agenda adopted.

VI. Review of MINUTES: Virtual RNC Regular Meeting on July 22, 2021. Move to regular chapter meeting for action.

VII. Finance Report: (Written Report Only for Review) Move to regular chapter meeting. Include the Settlement Funds report to be given at 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)

IX. Introduction of Guests and/or Presenters:

1. Margaret Merrill, Oso Internet Solutions, LLC. Reported on the Emergency Broadband Benefit (EBB) program. This is a temporary government program funded by the FCC to help offset the cost of broadband services for eligible households during COVID 19. The program will provide a discount of up to \$50.00 per month towards broadband services for eligible households and up to \$75.00 per month for households on Tribal lands. To qualify for EBB funds one member of the household meets at least one of the following; qualifies for the Lifeline program, receive benefits under the free and reduced-price school lunch program in 2019-2020 school year, received Federal Pell grant during the current award year, experienced a substantial loss of income since February 29, 2020 and household had a total income in 2020 below \$99,000 for single filers and \$198,000 for joint filers and lastly has an income that is at or below Federal Poverty Guidelines or certain assistance programs, i.e. SNAP, SSI and Medicaid. How to apply for program fill out & sign customer consent form and EBB application. Paper copies are available at Pine Hill Health Center – Mr. Becker has forms to give out, Pine Hill school and Ramah Navajo Chapter office. You can also download the document at website, <http://osointernetsolutionscom/fcc-ebb.html> Oso Internet will call you to complete the process. This is temporary program for six months or government calls of pandemic or government runs out of funds. Questions: who does this apply to those that qualify, families that qualify under the government programs, with cell phone that use 911 service. Connect all families with 911 for emergency. Broadband program you are using Oso Internet will reimburse \$40.00 up to \$75.00 or \$50.00. The plan you are on will determine the amount reimburse. If on lower plan you can switch to higher plan you can get reimburse. Dorothy Ramone asks if Pandemic ends you have families will be stuck with higher plan, can they come back down after funds go out. Yes, you can go back to lower plan/class. Overview on the fiber, she is working with Kee Lee, Realty an Anna Pino, Superintendent/BIA on ROW to get approved. Running fiber from State highway 53 junction BIA Rt. 125 to Pine Hill campus, chapter house the construction happening running the fiber to Flat top mountain tower to Pine Hill tower which will provide more bandwidth available to families. State highway section and BIA 125 all documents are done and presented to Kee Lee, Realty, for Pine Hill signed by Mr. Nez and Jose, work continues this project. Chancey ask if the line is prepared for future connection. Her response yes, they are putting in junction points to add later such as run fiber to Rt. 122 they will have a point prepared. Monica Yazzie, issues of lagging we have students on virtual and families online. Loss of service does happen and if fiber will help. People on \$40.00 and \$5000 plans having student online during the day and having meetings there is tremendous strain in homes and broadband. Century link bandwidth have more than 10, they are taking care of other issues.
2. Beth Landon, with RMCH partner with Pine Hill Health Center Steering Committee with Alvin Rafelito support on the assessment. Interviews by local people for this assessment. Reported on the 2021 Community Health Needs Assessment: Preliminary Findings. These areas were covered, who responded, and how they feel, biggest health concerns/risky behaviors, how to improve health,

education, healthy eating, food security, boarding school and adverse childhood experiences (ACEs). Responded: 421 adults-age categories: 18 years old through 70+, 61.4% female/38.6% male and 6% single parent head of household. Responded 413 answered questions in Mental Health and Physical Health past 30 days. Another area were community health problems from very important, somewhat important and not important health problems. Risky Behaviors such as Alcohol Abuse – very important to not very important tobacco Abuse. Focus groups were developed to interview participants on How to Improve Health; 60% satisfied with PHHC, Concerns: Add optometry, radiology, dialysis, expand behavioral health and confidentiality. Patient Empowerment ideas in education, health fairs, home visit and “app” and finally improve coordination across RNSB departments and consider separating PHHC from RNSB. Increase Healthy Eating identified barriers to healthy eating are high cost, poor quality and limited variety and availability. In-depth questions in; barriers to produce, food security and improving education this was very important had pride in RNSB history, but frustrations were identified. Boarding school experience-161 out of 407 respondent attended boarding school, of the 160 respondents 90 (56%) rated their experience as “Good” and 24 (15%) rated as “Poor”. With the Adverse Childhood Experiences within household situation and abuse experience data provided. President Jose asks after the assessment what’s next? Beth, report writing for public, she would like to do town hall meeting at chapter house or committee meetings to clarify findings. Early September it will go to School Board as part of five-year plan, have cooking class and other external findings. President Jose, subject to COVID 19 don’t know when to reopen, we are under Navajo Nation auspice of Government and related Health Issues. Beth, she can do through Zoom Meeting, do power point presentation at the Regular Chapter Meeting if they can do more and want community input. She will be on the agenda regular chapter meeting.

X. **Reports:(Limited to Elected Officials Preferred)**

1. **Chapter Officials:** President Jose reported on Budget & Finance the 24th Council moving Legislation to President Nez and VP Lizer giving 10% administrative services to Executive Branch Fiscal Recovery Funds office to be develop they will determine the budget and spending process. Washington is still in discussing the one trillion dollars by Biden and Harris Jobs Bill, Infrastructures. The Tribal Office no phone service in the training center building, only cellphone. No phone service in Mountain view for the last three days. Vice President Chancey Martinez, part of the heavy equipment policy & procedure presentation on-line as well as Budget hearing with different council committees. President Nez and VP Lizer, Speaker Damon and Council approving the ARPA. Secretary/Treasurer Dixie Begay emphasize the importance of Officials duties and responsibilities, being sanctions has been difficult it impacts us as community to move forward and we are non-certified chapter. The need to work together is critical to serve our community people.
2. **Rodger Martinez, ENA, Land Board Member.** Attended meeting in Nahodishgish Chapter and tomorrow another meeting on the concerns and issues surrounding drought relief. Tuesday a reservation wide tour throughout the five agencies. Crownpoint area it rained Wednesday, which was good we need more rain, we have been in drought for two years. The ground very dry the rainwater would soak up and if it continues to rain it will be great. The cold weather is coming upon us which is not enough time for grass to grow. Navajo Nation continue to stress that no horses on Fee land and Trust land, ok with allotment lands which the livestock owner own the land. All other land you need approval for use of land and management plans. Livestock owners to management grazing areas and get tally count which he can do. Windmill water is there and can be used for livestock, Jacobs well is for domestic water for community only.
3. **Jamie Henio, Council Delegate.** He is presently chairing the NN Budget & Finance committee today and tomorrow. In reference to Rodgers report we are Bless to get rain and several dirt tanks are full of water in our grazing area, Unit 3, 4, and 5. With the Leadership meeting on ARPA funds, President Nez signed the document, next legislation will be the expenditure plans to be develop. August 17, 2021, the next meeting. He has the RNSB water and electric, windmill water and broadband. Other wastewater using ARPA funds the 1.8 billion the other alternative is investment have separate account so the money will be earning interest. All projects should be shovel ready continue into next year 2021-2022. Budget hearing this month. No projection,

no short fall, NN budget same as last year. Chapter no short fall. The DP sub-station design all included and moving forward. What does the case increase in our community and vaccination in community at what percent?

4. Navajo Nation Division of Community Development - ASC Staff; President announce the water crisis in community, Jacobs well is repaired and now water is pumping into storage tank per RNJA. Pine Hill well pumping at low rate. Delegate Henio reported that Mr. Paulson Chaco came forward and ask how they can help with Jacobs well. They partner with NTUA, he reached out to NTUA to assist with Jacobs well. The Chapter Declared Emergency with those agencies receive the letter and they all came out and assistance. Appreciate their assistance.

Brenda Yazzie, CSC, Progress updates for the following subject matters & Completion Rate/Project:
She will have a written report at the chapter meeting.

- a. Revenue and expenditure report of all Chapter General Operating Fund Accounts?
 - b. Revenue and expenditure report of Settlement Account Budget Ending 31Mar21?
 - c. CAP in response to follow up review #2 by OAG?
 - d. Ramah Navajo Community Cemetery?
 - e. Bond and Nicole Ranch land management plan?
 - f. American Rescue Plan Projects?
 - g. Resolution 062002 Archaeological Clearance for PS/Judicial land withdrawal?
 - h. Resolution 052002 Budget Transfer of \$10,000 for Mt. View Well?
 - i. Housing Discretionary projects?
 - j. Chapter Renovation project?
5. Ramah Navajo Chapter - Office of Grants & Contracts; No report, Acting ED-Chief of Police Edison, report move to regular chapter meeting.
 6. Ramah Navajo School Board, Inc. Maxine Coho, President/RNSB, August 2, 2021, Board Meeting was postponed due to paying respect to loss of a family member. Pine Hill school has started have 330 enrollments. Parents were given the choice to have their student do on-line or Hybrid (two days on campus and two days on-line). Out of the enrollment 114 students are going virtual instruction, on campus 126 and Hybrid 90. Teachers need more vacancy exist. COVID 19 in Ramah Community in July had 13 cases, they all recovered. Today it was reported three positives. Pine Hill school is following CDC Guidelines and parents choose to do virtual. We must be careful, no matter how much you protect yourselves you can get it from asymptomatic person. Vaccination over 18-year-old at 85%- and 12-18-year-old at 15% vaccinated. The school is encouraging students to get vaccinated but reluctant. All PPE available at the school and follow CDC, school has re-entry plans. Net week a short week next meeting third week in August. Today there are two resolutions on the agenda need Official's support. Two Board Members have not come on board, due to going to court on reapportionment plan. NN Department of Dine Education did not go according to the Boards request. Subsection 9 gives the power to NN Council and Health, Education, Human Services Committee. Give it back to Navajo Nation Council, listen to Navajo voters. She explained resolution no. 082109, objecting to the Navajo Nation Department of Dine Education to enter into P.L. 93-638 contract with the Bureau of Indian Education to "Contract out all Bureau of Indian Education funded schools. Mr. Nez, ED and Mr. Becker will give a report at regular chapter meeting. Lucinda Pino recommend to Becker and Alvin to include dates when doing radio reporting.
 7. Ramah Navajo Agency. No Report.
 8. Committees, Commissions, Boards; and Ramah Navajo Chapter. No Report.

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

XII. New Business: (Emergency Relief Items)

1. **Proposed Resolution No. 082101** Approving the residential lease application for Rosanna Mae Apachito on Ramah Band Land (RBL). A tract of land situated within the NW NW of Section 31, Township 07 North, Range 16 West, New Mexico Principal Meridian, County of Cibola, State of New Mexico, containing one (1.00), more or less in grazing unit 5.
Motion made by Lucinda Pino to make change to include Section 31, second by Monica Yazzie. Vote: Approve 8, Oppose 0, Abstain 0. Approve to move forward to regular chapter meeting.
2. **Proposed Resolution No. 082102** Approving and Authorizing the Ramah Navajo Chapter, Ramah Band of the Navajo Tribe to enter into a 2022 Annual Funding Agreement, Contract No. A15AV00395 for Conservation Law Enforcement Officer, effective January 01, 2022, through December 31, 2022, with the United States Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs pursuant to the provisions of Title 1 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450 et seq.).
Motion made by Chancey Martinez to move this resolution in addition resolution nos. 2 thru 6, second by Monica Yazzie. Vote: Approve 9, Oppose 0, Abstain 0. Approve to move forward these resolutions to regular chapter meeting.
3. **Proposed Resolution No. 082103** Approving and Authorizing the Ramah Navajo Chapter, Ramah Band of the Navajo Tribe to enter into a 2022 Annual Funding Agreement under a Mature Model 108 Agreement, Contract No. A13AV00388, Consolidated Tribal Government Programs, effective January 01, 2022 through December 31, 2022, with the United States Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs pursuant to the provisions of Title 1 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450 et seq.).
Motion made by Chancey Martinez to move this resolution in addition resolution nos. 2 thru 6, second by Monica Yazzie. Vote: Approve 9, Oppose 0, Abstain 0. Approve to move forward these resolutions to regular chapter meeting.
4. **Proposed Resolution No. 082104** Approving and Authorizing the Ramah Navajo Chapter, Ramah Band of the Navajo Tribe to enter into a 2022 Annual Funding Agreement under a Mature Model 108 Agreement, Contract No. A13AV00574 Ramah Navajo Detention Services, effective January 01, 2022 through December 31, 2022, with the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs pursuant to the provisions of Title I of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450 et seq.).
Motion made by Chancey Martinez to move this resolution in addition resolution nos. 2 thru 6, second by Monica Yazzie. Vote: Approve 9, Oppose 0, Abstain 0. Approve to move forward these resolutions to regular chapter meeting.
5. **Proposed Resolution No. 082105** Approving and Authorizing the Ramah Navajo Chapter, Ramah Band of the Navajo Tribe to enter into a 2022 Annual Funding Agreement under a Mature Model 108 Agreement, Contract No. A10AV00318, Law Enforcement effective January 01, 2022, through December 31, 2022, with the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs pursuant to the provisions of Title I of the Indian Self Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450 et seq.).
Motion made by Chancey Martinez to move this resolution in addition resolution nos. 2 thru 6, second by Monica Yazzie. Vote: Approve 9, Oppose 0, Abstain 0. Approve to move forward these resolutions to regular chapter meeting.

6. **Proposed Resolution No. 082106** Approving and Authorizing the Ramah Navajo Chapter, Ramah Band of the Navajo Tribe to enter into a 2022 Annual Funding Agreement under Contract No. A15AV00322 Road Maintenance Program effective January 01, 2022, through December 31, 2022, with the United States Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs pursuant to the provisions of Title I of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450 et seq.)
Motion made by Chancey Martinez to move this resolution in addition resolution nos. 2 thru 6, second by Monica Yazzie. Vote: Approve 9, Oppose 0, Abstain 0. Approve to move forward these resolutions to regular chapter meeting.

7. **Proposed Resolution No. 082107** Confirming the selection of officers (president, Vice-President and Secretary/Treasurer) currently of the Ramah Navajo chapter scholarship committee members as following: Lucinda Pino, Dixie M. Begay, Priscilla Henio, Dorothy Ramone, and Mary T. Cohoe effective July 20, 2021. **President Jose the committee already established. Therefore, the selection is recommended. Dixie read the language change to confirming the appointments of the Ramah Navajo Chapter Scholarship Committee members as following: Mary T. Cohoe, Dorothy Ramone, Priscilla Henio, Lucinda Pino, Dixie M. Begay, and alternate Brenda Yazzie effective August 3, 2021.**
Motion made by Monica Yazzie to defer to next Chapter meeting which is to be announce. Change in the wording of this resolution. Policy is separate document. She will also include resolution numbers; 082108 and 082109, second by Carolyn Coho. Vote: Approve 6, Oppose 0, Abstain 1. Approve these resolutions to move to regular chapter meeting.

8. **Proposed Resolution No. 082108** Supporting and urging the NAABIK'IYATI' and the Navajo Nation Council to amend the Navajo Nation Election Code of 1990 School Board Reapportionment by amending 11 N.N.C. §§ 2(H), 11, and 321 (A)(8).
Motion made by Monica Yazzie to defer to next Chapter meeting which is to be announce. Change in the wording of this resolution number 082107. Policy is separate document. She will also include resolution numbers; 082108 and 082109, second by Carolyn Coho. Vote: Approve 6, Oppose 0, Abstain 1. Approve these resolutions to move to regular chapter meeting.

9. **Proposed Resolution No. 082109** Objecting to the Navajo Nation Department of Dine' Education to enter into a P.L. 93-638 Indian Self-Determination contract with the Bureau of Indian Education to "Contract" out all Bureau of Indian Education Funded Schools and Strongly Supports all Navajo Nation Bureau of Indian Education Funded Schools to remain as Bureau of Indian Education operated or P.L. 100-297 Grant or P.L. 93-638 Mature Contract Schools and their Governance to remain vested with the locally elected School Boards, Pursuant to 10 N.N. C. et. seq. and each Grant and Contract Schools Grant or Contract Authorizations between the Navajo Nation Council and the Bureau of Indian Affairs.
Motion made by Monica Yazzie to defer to next Chapter meeting which is to be announce. Change in the wording of this resolution number 082107. Policy is separate document. She will also include resolution numbers; 082108 and 082109, second by Carolyn Coho. Vote: Approve 6, Oppose 0, Abstain 1. Approve these resolutions to move to regular chapter meeting.

10. **Proposed Resolution No. 082110** Approving the Action to combine the Old Fund Accounts into the New Fund Account in preparation of the implementation to a MIP Finance System for the Ramah Navajo Tribal Government.
Motion made by Chancey Martinez to move this resolution and include resolutions numbers 082111 and 082112 to regular chapter meeting, second by Lucinda Pino. Lucinda Pino stated that Ramah Navajo Tribal Government put in as subdivision from Ramah Navajo Chapter. She made further recommendation to have chapter staff set up a meeting with Officials to discuss the three resolutions. President Jose stated that it's not getting out of sanction its more than that. What does it mean old fund account and new fund account and MIP what is this? The Ramah Navajo Tribal Government name, Ramah Navajo Chapter is sub-division of Navajo Nation. Monica Yazzie asked who is implementing this? This is being implemented through NN DCD/ASC/CSC. What is ITG and there are other questions. Chancey Martinez request to move to regular chapter meeting, no response by chapter staff, meeting and other action to

be taken. Need consultation by DCD/ASC/CSC, this can go up to President Nez and VP Lizer. There is no way this will get us out of sanction. President Jose the three resolutions move to regular chapter meeting with all unanswered questions. Vote: Approve 6, Oppose 1, Abstain 1.

11. **Proposed Resolution No. 082111** Approving and Adopting to move forward with purchasing the MIP System and have the financials of the Ramah Navajo Chapter be implemented by ITG New Mexico. **Motion made by Chancey Martinez to move this resolution and include resolutions numbers 082111 and 082112 to regular chapter meeting, second by Lucinda Pino. Chancey Martinez request to move to regular chapter meeting, no response by chapter staff, meeting and other action to be taken. Vote: Approve 6, Oppose 1, Abstain 1.**

12. **Proposed Resolution No. 082112** Approving and Adopting the action to update the Employer Identification Number (EIN) and name of the Ramah Navajo Chapter Account to 87-1398866 Ramah Navajo Tribal Government with Bank of America.

Motion made by Chancey Martinez to move this resolution and include resolutions numbers 082111 and 082112 to regular chapter meeting, second by Lucinda Pino. Chancey Martinez request to move to regular chapter meeting, no response by chapter staff, meeting and other action to be taken. Vote: Approve 6, Oppose 1, Abstain 1.

XIII. Community Concerns: (If any)

Monica Yazzie asks what are the Officials authority and administration staff? Why is there animosity between Officials and administrative staff, why? She will withhold that question until regular chapter meeting when CSC is at the meeting.

XIV. Announcements:

1. August 9, 2021, Monday – RNSB, Inc. Board of Trustees' Education and Non-Education Regular Mtg at 9am.- 2:30 pm.
2. August 13, 2021, Friday – Holiday in observance Navajo Nation Code Talker's Day August 14, 2021, Saturday
3. August 28, 2021, Saturday – ENAC meeting at 9 am
4. Hardship Cares Fund is open for new applicants; additional information can be found website.
5. August 10, 2021, Tuesday-CLUP meeting.

XV. Next Virtual RNC Regular Meeting.

Motion made by Chancey Martinez, second by Dixie Begay schedule next meeting.

Date: August 19, 2021, Thursday

Time: 10 am

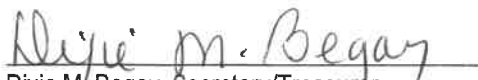
XVI. Adjournment:

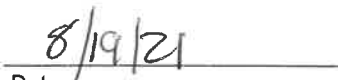
Motion made by Carolyn Coho, second by Rodger Martinez to adjourn.

Meeting adjourns at 12:25 pm

Vote: Majority

Respectfully submitted:


Dixie M. Begay, Secretary/Treasurer


Date