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VIRTUAL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES (COVID-19 Emergency)
TRIBAL OFFICE TELECONFERENCE CALL
Thursday, September 16, 2021 @ 10:00 am

- I. Meeting Call to Order. Roll Call. President Jose open meeting at 10:06 am. Present: President Jose, VP Martinez, Sec./Treasurer Begay constitute a quorum. Total participants on line 24.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance. (N/A)
- III. Invocation. Dixie Begay, Secretary/Treasurer
- IV. Sergeant at Arms. (Effective 6Jul21 Resolution CJNI-36-21)
- V. Reviewing and Approving of Meeting Agenda: Read by President Jose.

Motion made by Chancey Martinez, second by Monica Yazzie. Any deletion or addition. Chancey Martinez under Old Business Resolution Numbers 2.3.4 defer to next planning meeting in October. Resolution No. 7 was passed at ENA Council which Ramah was included. Maxine Coho stated that this resolution is Opposing School Board Apportionment Plan (Plan 6) coming from the local chapter, the ENA resolution is for all the Eastern Chapters. Chancey Stated that this same resolution was approved by ENA Council at its meeting. Further discussion when resolution comes up. Darnell Maria, regardless, if it's the same resolution to go ahead and submit this resolution as part of Ramah Navajo Chapter approval. Monica would like to leave it as is from the local area resolution in we need a resolution at this level. President Jose, request adding resolution numbers. 07 and 08 to this regular meeting it was not on the planning meeting agenda. Donovan Pete request to add a resolution for Fiber Optic as Resolution No.092109. Vote: Approve 5, Oppose 0, Abstain 1.

- VI. Review of MINUTES: Virtual RNC Regular Meeting on July 22, 2021
Virtual RNC Planning Meeting on August 5, 2021
Virtual RNC Regular Meeting on August 19, 2021
Virtual RNC Planning Meeting on September 2, 2021

Motion made by Chancey Martinez, second by Vicki Henio to approve all minutes. Vote: Approve 6, Oppose 0, Abstain 2.

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

1. Dixie M. Begay, Secretary/Treasurer – Navajo Nation, General Funds Report/Settlement Funds.
RNC/Navajo Nation Funding Report. **Ending 8/31/21.**
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:** 40,094.36, Expenditure \$0, Balance \$40,094.36. **Capital Outlay:** \$100,113.41, Expenditure \$36,035.00, Balance \$64,096.41. **Land Claims:** \$24,997.74, Expenditure \$8,000.92, Balance \$16,996.82. **Scholarship:** \$2,140.81, Expenditure \$2,140.81, Balance \$0. **Officials Stipend:** \$25,269.45, Expenditure \$24,785.00, Balance \$484.45. **Local Governance Act** \$16,280.01, Expenditure \$7,852.21, Balance \$8,407.80. **PEP Projects:** \$73,862.67, Expenditure \$80,715.98, Balance (\$6,853.31), **Chapter Administration:** \$40,123.37, Expenditure \$23,226.50, Balance \$16,896.37. **Housing Discretionary:** \$50,882.03, Expenditure \$4,413.54, Balance \$46,468.49. **Sales Tax:** \$22,942.15, Expenditure \$7,409.22. Balance \$15,532.93. **Unhealthy Food Tax:** \$12,313.26, Expenditure \$0, Balance \$12,313.26.

Totals: Funding-\$452,018.78, Expenditures - \$216,664.83, Remaining Balance - \$235,353.95.
 9/13/2021 FY" 21 NN Allocations (25%) \$43,456.93
 FY'21 NN Allocation (75%) \$132,592.38
 FY'21 NN Youth Employment \$34,883.01
 FY'21 Sales Tax \$10,343.70
 NN UNHEALTHY SALES TAX 5/20/2021 \$2,214.90

The RNC General Operating Accounts and Ramah Settlement Funds ending August 31, 2021 report was given by Secretary/Treasurer. President Jose made correction to the Ramah Settlement account: Current Period Actual total expenditure (15,750.00) current year actual (132,747.55), YTD Budget Original 1,311,280.80 and YTD Budget Variance Original at (132,747.55). Budget reports attach.

2. 638 Office Grants and Contracts - Funds Report

Pricilla will do her report at October Planning Meeting. Rodger Martinez reported to take note of and to be aware the other part is that is a required monthly report for public information is part of Audit question however, they want to treat the quarter report as final report that is a requirement, they were cited with that at one Time. Pricilla Wayne, during certification from Auditor General really was looking at the NN Allocation its activity and General Funds. Can do quarterly report. This is for NN Account. President Jose stated is you are saying that AG of NN is looking into all Grants & Contracts, General Operating account as well as Settlement expenditure plan. Pricilla Wayne, they are just looking at the Tribal side and its activities, finding in the report is that part of 638 subject to them. She said no, there are financial report was not reported many, many years ago. President Jose, is that the findings after the last Audit report? Pricilla stated that is still being addressed. President Jose, not sure of Audit going on by NN AG office, that we are not aware of this by Chapter Officials. Pricilla, this is ongoing with your sanction since they are still reviewing activities under Tribal account monthly thing they do. President Jose, when are they going into single audit? Darnell Maria, NN Continues to look at NN funds on chapter side, basically out of that the sanction came in, required to give monthly report which was done by Secretary/Treasurer, this is part of sanction reviewing records. For 638 Grants & Contracts Pricilla can provide program operation report, if need be, on monthly basis financial report can be done by quarterly basis. 638 is not mandated by NN according to AG to make a monthly report but will do quarterly report. President Jose, as far as report by Controller, that audit is expanding by NN AB, 638 as well as to findings in 2007. Chapter Officials are not aware of expanding of budget by AG. Still need to narrow that down to findings and sanction. We like to know the chapter officials to need to be aware. there should be given to the public on monthly report as well as quarterly. Auditor General from Navajo Nation required every month. President Jose stated is that NN is looking into all accounts such as 638 G&C etc. Findings was on NN Account and audit we the Officials do not know about this. Pricilla W. this is part of the sanction through NN. Darnell Maria, NN continue to look at the funds on the Tribal side, due to sanction and required to report. The 638 report they can do that on monthly basis and quarterly basis they will do. President Jose would like to hear from the Controller, 2007 findings through NN, NN are they are expanding the audit by NN. If there is an expanding the audit the Officials need to know. Darnell stated that there is no extension of audit on 638 side, we have our own single audit that we do retaining an Auditor right now, they are doing last year. No, NN is not looking at 638. President Jose went back to Rodgers note to provide monthly report and financial report quarterly. For clarification Rodger stated even though 638 is treated different they are required by Accounting Standards that means reporting to the constituents or public that's where that comes in. That's why Navajo Nation found chapter in violation before, this is Account Standard that you provide a monthly or quarterly basis so that the public have interest in the funds are and aware how money is being spend, we don't have to meet Tribal Auditing questions it's a standard to report and post them so public will know. 638 funds are Federal Funds its mandated under Accounting Standards. President Jose understood go with monthly reports and quarterly final report. the 638 has its single audit, NN is not looking at 638 funds. Motion made by Rodger Martinez, second by Jamie Henio.

Vote: Approval 7, Oppose 0, Abstain 1

VIII. Condolence Resolution: Read by Secretary/Treasurer

1. RNC-2021-M03 Jason Ray Antonio
 Motion made by Monica Yazzie, second by Vikki Henio.
 Vote: Approve 10, Oppose 0, Abstain 0.

IX. Introduction of Guests and/or Presenters:

1. Margaret Merrill, OSO Internet Solution. Update on Oso Internet project; 1. In working with Brenda CSC, Jerome J., IT Director and Robia Adeky made available EBB program a federal program to credit \$75.00 for

Tribal members. They have 144 families approved for the EBB program and continue to receive applications from families. This assistance program will end when COVID 19 ends or when Federal funds end. 2. Encouraged RNSB members in working with Oso Internet working with the school and community to connect to as many families as possible from Pine Hill, Unit 3, Unit 5 remote areas. Additional Emergency Connectivity Grant proposal will soon be open she is working with Pine Hill School students and staff to connect to fiber optic to improve connection. Pine Hill school staff are working on this Grant Application and Oso Internet assisting with planning, engineering, and writing the Grant, hope to get this approved. Remote communication is priority, we are hopeful to facilitate for the school. The leadership team consist of Mr. Nez, and clinic leadership team, IT as well as Monica has been part of these meetings and working on this. Preliminary Plan, current Fiber is to expand fiber across Ramah Navajo Country. She will continue to report and give updates. Reach everyone to reach all homes with Internet. Currently with State Highway 53, NMDOT on State Trust Land and Tribal land working on ROW for approval. Preliminary archaeological survey small piece of land just outside of town of Ramah, south of Ramah, record in 1980 report a culture site, no record after that. Working through process with State Land Office. Further investigation on this so no culture site will be disturbed, working with Navajo Preservation Department and she is working with local Archaeological Genevie waiting on clearance. The ROW from BIA Rt. 125 junction to Chapter Library, Pine Hill with the assistance from Kee Lee Realty, Anna Pino Superintendent, on meeting all requirements doing ROW. Fiber Optic line from BIA Rt. 125 to Mountain View over to Pine Hill is 15% completed, delay cause by hitting rocks the standard is to put the line at 6 inches, but the contractor Rutherford Diversified Industry will place the lines at 2 feet. Walk through conducted in the Mountain View they will bore under the pavement to run the fiber optic line, 638 Grants & Contracts staff, Chapter Administration and Officials to introduce to them where the fiber optic line is to be installed. The Fiber Optic line to Flat Top Mountain to improve Radio Station and community, private landowners and PH school approve to run the line up to tower. She also conducted a walk-through identifying fiber lines path to be installed on school campus with Mr. Nez, Mr. Becker, IT staff, Wylie, Tucker S. In working with Pearl Lee and Lacresha Campbell with Navajo Nation Telecommunication and Utilities she submits weekly report and following all requirements per awarded internet. A Ramah Chapter resolution will be presented today by Donovan Pete. Plans are to have a strong library for chapter house for communication people, donated a computer with printer to the chapter. President Jose appreciates all your efforts as a vendor and as a previous teacher.

2. Donovan Pete, Fiber Optic. Provided power point presentation on Chapter House E-Rate Project High Speed Fiber Optic Cable Installation and Internet Service. Areas covered: Navajo Nation Tribal Consortium, Navajo Nation Year 2020 Fiber Optics E-Rate Project, Funded Sites for 2020 E-Rate Project, Navajo Nation Year 2020 E-Rate Project, Construction Timeline for FY 20 E-Rate Project, Condition to Receive Services, Valid Use, Chapter Broadband Supporting Resolution and Timeline for Ramah Chapter Library. Ramah Chapter Resolution once approved it will go to Department of Dine Education for a Intra-governmental Agreement with Chapter, Installation of Computers by Department of Dine Education, Connect internet service, Training to Chapter staff, put up signage and open library. For questions or information contact Donovan Peter, Acting Program Supervisor at donovanpete@nndode.org. Phone number: (928) 871-7740. Darnell Maria, question on in comparison to other areas, how is RNC progressing? Donovan stated everything is going well the fiber lines are going in. Once Resolution is approved other areas of services will be forthcoming. Margaret Merrill stated that fiber optic for Sacred Wind in all chapters of New Mexico side as far as of now there has not been a ground break yet still working on Right of Way. Ramah, she worked with BIA, Realty, Vice President assisted with ROW. NN Telecommunication & Utilities (NNTU) assisting the Arizona sites, these are sites ready to go. Margaret Merrill stated as soon as fiscal year the Chapter Library will be fixed with wireless to be installed the possibility to move forward with chapter project. The fixed wireless with stay in place when fiber optic is installed. With CenturyLink, Sacred Wind, Oso Internet, will built a strong band wave.
3. Judy Basham, FACE Program, PH Schools. She introduces herself and announce additional enrollment of FACE program children/parent. Her program has three children enrolled; this is for parent/children 3–5-year-olds. Due to family quarantine with one child that left 2 students in class, so the other student parent decided to stay home as well. FACE program prepares children to go

into Head start. Parents need to be involved with student education. Let others know about this program for students and parents learning together. They can assist parents with their education.

4. Fredrick Sherman, Navajo Nation EPA. Introduce himself and provided information on the NN Solid Waste Act within this Act it states, "All illegal trash is prohibited". It also outlines the policies on different types of waste and its proper disposal, i.e., construction materials, white goods, household waste. Please contact him at his office with more information and questions.

All information will be posted. They have requested funds through Grant program with State of NM for cleaning up illegal dumping and recycling, 6 Navajo Chapters in New Mexico/McKinley County, 3 chapters illegal dumping abatement; Breadsprings, Chichiltah, Manuelito. Three chapters: Churchrock, Pinedale, and Smithlake doing tire stockpile and abatement. These project funds are now going through Navajo Nation 164 process. Enforcement side the office work with 110 chapters and their office is located at the NN Tribal Fairgrounds. Email or call with your report or questions to Environmental Protection Agency. They also assist families with illegal dumpsites but must go through the chapter, to off-set the cost for bins, hauling bins the families are asked to volunteer to do labors. They have ordered signs "No Dumping" and trash bags are available.

Jamie Henio, CD the Alamo Chapter member reported illegal dumping by the county, tires, and trash dump in the arroyo. Mr. Sherman ask for GPS on location and photos so he can meet with Alamo community person to do a site visit. He has made many visits and made presentation at the chapter house for the public. He visited a location a fire in an open pit going so he talk to the family near the site. He also did presentation through the Alamo radio station in 2017. He would like Date and time and evidence of the illegal dump. Council Delegate invited Mr. Sherman to attend the next Alamo Chapter September 27, 2021.

5. Helene Crosby, NM State Election Office. She is Secretary of State with Native American Election Liaison. She provided information on the 2021 Regular Local Election Timeline: June 30, 2021, Voter Registration now open to October 5, 2021, August 4, 2021, issues proclamation for local election posting of early voting & alternate locations, August 24, 2021, candidate filing day for Local Election with County clerks, August 31, 2021, write-in candidate filing day & last day for candidates to withdraw. September 3, 2021, Notify candidates of qualification for appearance on the ballot. September 21, 2021, Send mail ballot election precinct notice. October 5, 2021, Voter registration closes, absentee voting/early voting begins. October 16, 2021, Early voting begins at alternate sites. October 19, 2021, Absentee application deadlines – timely received. October 30, 2021, Early voting ends and November 2, 2021, Local Election Day. **For more information call: (505) 629-9114.** Next subject is Redistricting, Populations change overtime-some districts gain, and others lose numbers of demographics can also change. Districts are redrawn every 10 years, based upon census data, to reflect changes in population and demographics. Districts are expected to have equitable populations. Districts are expected to not dilute minority populations or communities of interest (social, cultural, geographical, minority language groups) to create equitable political power. Announcement: Citizen Redistricting Committee Meeting in Crownpoint on September 29, 2021, Time 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm at Navajo Technical University, Wellness Center.

Mr. Nez request to have Mr. Becker to give his report currently, he has another meeting at 1 pm.

Mr. Becker, PHHC update report on COVID 19 346 plus vaccination given since March, 6 deaths. 9.7% out of 3600 COVID 19 tests. The pass 14 days increase to 5.3% out of 180 tests in September 13 positives across service area include surrounding area not just the Ramah Chapter area. Slightly at 91% of all adults in the Chapter area are vaccinated. On hundred over the age of 18 years not vaccinated. The State of New Mexico the dominate variant is Delta, the news about Mu Variant came in last cast reported at end of July. A variant although scary has arrived during the Delta surge, Delta more effective infecting people so anticipated Delta Variant to slowly decrease across U.S. before it disappears. State of New Mexico cases declining over past week, we are cautiously optimistic that the Delta Variant surge in ending downward slopping of this will decrease in numbers, less than 100 cases in February 2022. Unfortunately, we are still experiencing cases of vaccination and unvaccinated individuals in State of New Mexico we are for more people vaccinated the unvaccinated. Results: State of New Mexico deaths reported unvaccinated; 1 death vaccinated and 40 deaths unvaccinated, 40 times more people unvaccinated are dying from

COVID 19, Hospitalization average 7 time more people hospitalized are unvaccinated to vaccinated. Infection 5 times more people are unvaccinated to vaccinated. The Lovelace Care Health System, nobody that has been vaccinated is in ICU or on a ventilator that predominately across health system in New Mexico. You are seeing more people that are being hospitalized and getting sick are unvaccinated. The point where this is now becomes preventable situation across U. S. that vaccination works keeping people out of hospital even from passing away and keeping people from developing long-term complications. U.S. compiles information roughly 1 in 500 persons pass away from infected. Not evenly distributed individual deaths; age over 85 1 in 35 people, ages 65-84 1 in 150 people, 40-64-, 780- and 18-39-year-olds at 1,008 a lot of health disparity among minority and U.S. population. Native American are at higher percentage of death so 40-64 years old 1 death every 240 Native American and 18 - 39-year-old 1 per 1800 compared to U.S. population. 46-64-780 Native American three times higher rate of passing away from COVID 19. Continue to follow mask mandate and get everybody you know get vaccinated that way this pandemic be over. Vaccine side, beginning this month Pfizer official authorized by FDA no longer on emergency use. Individuals 12-15-year-old under emergency use Moderna & J&J as emergency use. J&J no plans right now for 2nd dose, single dose of J&J is as effective as a single dose of Pfizer and Moderna. Right now, operating the assumption J&J will phase out. Two vaccine choices in the U.S are Pfizer and Moderna. The 3rd dose expecting that to be approved next week for general population. Individuals had to wait 8 months the 2nd and 3rd dose, the 3rd dose for immunocompromised get can get 3rd dose now. They have been offering for entire month, 3rd dose of Moderna is expected in October, Pfizer dose next week. We have pull additional vaccine stock for individuals that qualify for 3rd dose of Pfizer next week. Vaccine for 5-11 are expected in October. Pfizer hopeful in the first week, 2-3 weeks away. President Biden a country plan to combat COVID 19 vaccine mandates, so as of right now organization ISDEA contractors does not apply to them. BIA schools a draft policy to come out in November concerning that as well as for Medicaid & Medicare, there is no ruling yet. Two meds not approved for COVID 19, Ivermectin use on livestock, those using this poison themselves by taking livestock dose causing death or permanent disability. Please do not take this for COVID 19. The other vaccine is Betadine for nasal spray, mouthwash, if ingested in nose and mouth it can cause bleeding, ulcer, nausea. Getting it into intestinal tract or if swallowed it causes serious condition you will bleed so much that require ambulance. President asks about the two doses of Moderna and Pfizer as third dose. Mixing the dose not approved, if you have taken Moderna, Moderna will be use as third dose. Chancey Martinez ask how many cases of Delta cases in Ramah. Mr. Becker has no information from State of NM Lab, they do not get the information, about 26 cases of Delta Variant. Available information or questions can be made through email or phone call to Mr. Becker.

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

1. Chapter Officials. President Jose no report currently. VP Martinez-no report except the substation projects the Ramah and Tohajilee have submitted their documents waiting on Alamo Chapter information. No report from Secretary/Treasurer at this meeting.
2. Rodger Martinez, ENA, Land Board Member. No Report.
3. Jamie Henio, Council Delegate; Re-districting he has been meeting with Human Rights Commission on Native American voting within the state of NM, base on this the discussion on Native voters, how much influence do we have on voting. Ramah and Alamo and up north was a concern district 30 which is Alamo how do we increase the influence. Proposal with redistricting went to State, Zuni with District 30 and have Ramah into District 30 an opportunity to open to elect own representative. We got push back look at NN section only. Today the document forwarded to Secretary of State office. The ARPA the Legislation will have the application, attachments, and procedures to follow for the funds. Apply and budget once completed it will be sent over to DOJ, they will review the packages if all regulations are met it goes to Controller, then to Speaker office, the expenditures plan to be developed. Follow the procedures this is for Ramah Navajo School Board water projects for ARPA. Darnell Maria, ED 638 received the information, he has set a meeting with CSC Brenda Yazzie and DCD staff to assist. Towards end of April at that time they presented to DCD the projects to Dr. Yellowman. CSC Brenda Yazzie submitted priority proposal to NN/DCD at odds with which another meeting was to be set but has not happen. A meeting with CSC Brenda Yazzie and NN DCD has been scheduled for the 24th of September. Don't see on the information on road construction on Rt.125, need a follow up on this with Paulson Chaco from Presidents office but no response from him, need a response with construction to include other

projects. David Nez, ED from Pine Hill ask about his two projects the resolution on water infrastructure and other is to complete electrical project. Need an update on this, do we need to do new application. Jamie Henio, he will email the NN Legislation with application and instruction, NN Budget Forms to be filled out. An in person meeting next week Monday, September 20, 2021, at 3 pm – parent center in Pine Hill.

4. Navajo Nation Division of Community Development - ASC Staff. Guarena Adeky with Baca/Gallup ASC staff update: to have chapter to work on their 2022 budget and get resolutions approved. Allocation released yesterday they have no change from the 2021 budget. One change special revenue the Capital Outlay not funded. Chapter Official stipends does show less than 37,800 right now plans in the work to secure the funding for the difference be funded at full state. Also, projected for first 2022 worker compensation due yesterday and August 2021 projects completed and submitted. Underwriter Summary for 2022 has been submitted to Risk Management which was due August 15, 2021. They will be working on the close out and carry over funds with budget attach, annual budget be presented so she can submit. The FEMA document chapters using these funds to provide COVID related services report. Ramah chapter submitted a package on March 16, 2020, currently accepting packages. Guarena Adeky can be reached through email or text her for more information. They are focusing on the end of the year close-out. Update on Sanction-they are still working on this with Brenda CSC. Working on the water system legal write off and trying to go forward on finance. The meeting with DCD staff will be rescheduled and need all the three Officials and staff to attend. Brenda Yazzie, CSC, Progress updates for the following subject matters & Completion Rate/Project: With the bathroom addition she submits the information on spreadsheet-Excel put the list together including a list from Indian Health Service. Shawna is assisting the Navajo Nation on the bathroom addition projects. Dooley Construction completed the 500K gallon water storage tank project near McDaniel Eriacho residence.
 - 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. Resolution 052002 Budget Transfer of \$10,000 for Mt. View Well?
 - e. Chapter Renovation project?
5. Ramah Navajo Chapter - Office of Grants & Contracts. Darnell Maria, ED reported on Community Development program at the last meeting, today's report on Law Enforcement/Detention center. Police Officers assist Pine Hill Clinic by doing security check and welfare of elders in the community. Funds from Tribal Assistance program to go towards the background check related. Advocate for funds for training Police Officers per required in their position and job description. All Police Officers received their vaccination except for two Officers. The old Police Vehicles Park west of Detention Center, they are working with Rico Motors if they will buy back the vehicles. The Conservation Law Enforcement officer received complaints on dogs in the housing areas and in the community. Police Department need two portable buildings for Dispatch. They follow the Navajo Nation Health Orders; curfew order is lifted but they continue to mask up and hand sanitizing. The annual project "Toys for Tots" project continues. Wallace Edison oversees the Police Department and Detention Center staff. Trainings are provided for Officers to get certified in mandatory areas. Police Officers were out on the road to enforce curfew without hazard pay. Navajo Nation President and Vice President line item veto the requests. Detention with one report on a traffic accident with damage, four animal problems, four DUI, ten under the influence, seventeen subpoenas, forty-four citations, three warrants served, fifty-six security checks. Detention Center solar lighting for the parking lot is working out great. Annual Funding request went to BIA, no feedback yet. The CLEO, Road Maintenance, CDGP budget request when completed by BIA Superintendent it will go to BIA Office. Law Enforcement and Detention Center submitted separate documents to BIA. Federal funding ends October 2021. The 638 Contracts Fiscal Year run from January – December 2021, by October 1, 2021, the budget should be approved in Washington DC. Dorothy Claw, RNDOT reported on Maintenance Activity Potholes repair along Rt. 125 this issue year-round and amount of traffic received daily along Rt. 125 south to end of pavement. Road crew of four patch potholes from junction 53 along Rt. 125-mile maker 18. Fifteen tons of coal mix used to patch pothole. Graded on Rt.

125, 122, 184 mowed on both side of the road. Remove one cattleguards and fence off replace two damaged cattleguards, 236 on Timberlake Road. Two bladed road total of 46.8 miles. Damage issue on 315 divert water run off repaired 138 drain, fence repair in the month of August. RNC 638 Contract Grants for repair maintenance on Rt. 145, 1.2 miles and .7 miles on Rt. 195 BIA Rt. 145 in the amount of 575K and Rt. 195 \$896,116 to begin construction on both routes. 638 Grants & Contracts 250K for 10 dangerous intersections throughout per road safety audits, begins September 7, 2021, and complete September 7, 2022. BIA rt. 125 southbound looking for funds for construction cost at 19 million. BIA Rt. 122 repair 360 pothole for 4.7 miles looking for funds. Process forward to select a bidder to assist a long-range transportation plan. Involve community outreach, prioritize of roadway projects and maintenance. Submit to NMDOT project application from Highway 53 – Rt. 125 approve safety of intersection need left and right turn at \$376,844.00. BIA Rt.125 milepost 0 to milepost 2, road reconstruction to existing road to current design standard \$2,437,397.00, turn at detention center, to facilitate safer turning movements by traffic. Two projects submitted by Late Lewis will continue to move them forward. Contract Grant writer to assist with Federal Highway Safety Grant application for BIA Rt.125 to ADA compliance in Mountain Views community traffic cost at \$366,629.00. Participated virtual chapter meetings and others. Concern: Maintain earth, gravel roads by using water, severe shortage of water, cannot grade the roads. Improve roads is contingent upon funds and proper written consent by landowners.

6. Ramah Navajo School Board, Inc. Maxine Coho, President/RNSB reported school enrollment at 138 and continues to enroll. K-5th grades have 172, mid-school 73, High School 93. 273 students on Hybrid and virtual class, 160 on-line educations. Parent Teacher Conference this week, Thursday through Friday from 8 am – 12 pm. First mid-term is on Friday all grades will be available. September 13, 2021, Executive Division meeting the following resolution approved; Social Service Case Management software for data collection, Navajo Sanitation Incorporated, three finance Consultants, Indirect cost training and Insurance plan for 2022. In August amend election code and other to be approved at chapter level the other approval was at higher level with ENA chapters. She also explains the Proportionate Plan 6. This plan was to reduce number of School Board to 64. The Council Delegates on Health, Education and Human Services committee approve Plan 6, local school Board should be elected by local people and have the people vote and listen to their votes. She explained resolution no. 092108. Today interview took place for the Superintendent and Principal position to select a new Superintendent. Finally, Acting Superintendent sends out a message to all parents to take care of these electronic equipment, that were issued out to the students, repairs are costly. David Nez, ED/Pine Hill. DFMC/BIA gave the project to Navajo Nation President Nez and DCD Dr. Yellowman. A walk-through with NN President and Vice President Lizer were here to view a lot of safety issues, violations exist on campus during the walk-through on August 6, 2021, along with RNSB members and DFMC/BIA. Following the campus walk-through not everyone participated when issues were being addressed by Wylie. Mr. Nez wrote a letter to NN President and Vice President as of today there is no response from them. He stated the shovel ready projects need funds. Fiber Optic a meeting took place with NN Consortium to continue to run the line from Pine Hill clinic to the school. Applying for a Grant for additional funds to service all the parent and children residence. Ramah Dormitory has a re-entry plan for students so they can have access to attend school. Several areas throughout the reservation discussing the Apportionate plans, he gave number of votes taken on Plan 1 through Plan 6. Locally here Ramah/Pine Hill Plan 6 was adopted. Leadership needs to be listened to, every area has their own issues and vote for what is best for students.
7. Ramah Navajo Agency. No Report.
8. Ramah Judicial Court. Ruby Frank reported for Esther Jose. The archaeology for the complex report provided to Navajo Heritage Preservation office. Once the report is approved it will be provided as stated by Olson John. No weekly meeting due to budget hearing. She expresses her thanks to the Chapter CSC, Brenda for paying for the archaeologist to complete the survey. There is a lot of talk about funds out there, keep other programs in mind. The office is being cleaned, sanitized, the building will reopen Monday. Ruby Frank is still on virtual she can be contacted at (928) 797-1316 the Peacemaking office phone number. The 19 housing is still on the project list.
9. Committees, Commissions, Boards; and Ramah Navajo Chapter. No Report.

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

1. **RNC Resolution No. 082107** Confirming the selection of the Ramah Navajo Chapter Scholarship Committee members as follows: Lucinda Pino, Dixie M. Begay, Priscilla Henio, Dorothy Ramone, and Mary T. Cohoe, effective July 20, 2021.

Brenda Yazzie, CSC, based on the last committee meeting the committee decided to leave as is and not have Officers, based on the committee meeting only twice a year. She mentions that since Dixie Begay take meeting minutes. President Jose, the committee oversees other funds coming in and if they are meeting two times a year do, we need a committee? Rodger Martinez request to change the present resolution to: Confirming the selection of the Ramah Navajo Chapter Scholarship Committee members as follows: Lucinda Pino, Dixie Begay, Priscilla Henio, Dorothy Ramone, Mary T. Coho starting July 20, 2021. The committee then can select their Officer at their next meeting base on Plan of Operation if there is one. Maxine Coho stated that the school higher education committee are set up, they do not have officers. She agrees with Rodger Martinez's recommendation. President Jose feels that it can be made that way.

Motion made by Brenda Yazzie, to leave it as is as a committee since they have meeting two times a year, second by Maxine Coho. Dorothy Ramone again stated that it was not necessary to have Officers which was discuss at the last committee meeting only to add Dorothy Ramone and Pricilla Henio. She agrees with Rodger and Maxine Coho. Vote: Approve 8, Oppose 0, Abstain 1. Amendment to this resolution approved.

2. **RNC 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 of the Ramah Navajo Tribal Government.

Motion made by Chancey Martinez, second by Monica Yazzie to defer to October Planning meeting, the meeting with DCD was postponed to discuss these resolutions. Vote: Approve 5, Oppose 0, Abstain 1.

3. **RNC 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, second by Monica Yazzie to defer to October Planning meeting, the meeting with DCD was postponed to discuss these resolutions. Vote: Approve 5, Oppose 0, Abstain 1.

4. **RNC 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, second by Monica Yazzie to defer to October Planning meeting, the meeting with DCD was postponed discussing these resolutions. Vote: Approve 5, Oppose 0, Abstain 1.

XII. New Business: (Emergency Relief Items)

1. **RNC Resolution No. 092101** Approving the Ramah Navajo Community acceptance and use of FY 2021 Grant Funds awarded by the Bureau of Indian Affairs for the amount of \$42,500 under the Water Resources Program, Contract No. A21AV00006 to be used for by the Ramah Navajo Chapter's Integrated Resources Water Management Plan and related Water Management, Planning, and Pre-Development of Activities.

Motion made by Chancey Martinez, second by Rodger Martinez to approve the resolution. Monica Yazzie asks if this is part of RNUA? President Jose stated that this is under Water Rights Program with BIA. Vote: Approve 9, Oppose 0, Abstain 0.

2. **RNC Resolution No. 092102** Approving to Accept the Use of the CY 2021 Grant Fund Awarded by the Bureau of Indian Affairs for the amount of \$30,000 under the Water Rights Program, Contract No. A21AV00005 to be used for participation by the Ramah Navajo Chapter and the department of Natural Resources in the Litigation/Negotiation Support for the US v A&R Productions General Stream Adjudication for the Zuni River Basin.
Motion made by Rodger Martinez, second by Maxine Coho. Vote: Approve 8, Oppose 0, Abstain 0. Resolution pass.

3. **RNC Resolution No. 092103** Approving Reallocation of Budget Expenditure Transactions to or from among the Chapter General Operating Fund, Ramah Settlement Fund and the Navajo Nation Fund for Fiscal Year 2021 for Corrective Actions based upon Questionable Findings in Budget Revisions Submittal of Said Funds from Chapter Administrative Staff and in Contrast with Finance Reports from Business Office of the Office of Grants and Contracts for the Month Ending July 2021.
President Jose, had question on the reallocation which he did not approve due to different reports between Navajo Nation and 638 Business Office.
Motion made by Jamie Henio, second by Monica Yazzie. Rodger Martinez asks or hope this does not become a runaway train, to the changes within the budget. These funds for emergency discussion on these funds should be done. President Jose was asked about the budget revision that he did not sign two months ago? He had questions on this revision his question be answered between chapter staff and Business Office. Jamie Henio asks for the title of the resolution, so President Jose read the resolution heading. Jamie Henio stated that it would be good to hear from the Business Office and Chapter Staff so we can decide on how to vote on this resolution. Pricilla Henio stated that they are helping the chapter staff on account from 1987 combine those with active account with Navajo Nation. Moving monies from one account to another account so lessen the number of accounts. Guarena Adeky is assisting to fix the budget to get ready for the MIP software. Chancey ask if this resolution effecting resolution number No. 5, President Jose, stated instead of tabling it can be deferred. Guarena Adeky gave an overview of combining the accounts Chancey Martinez to move forward with this due to no meeting set aside at this time. Vote: Approve 7, Oppose 0, Abstain 0.

4. **RNC Resolution No. 092104** Approving to defray the Cost of Powerline Extension, Construction, and Dropdown/hookup to residence of Daphne Yazzie and Irene Jose in Unit 2 area of Ramah Navajo Community by utilizing Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fund.
Motion made by Chancey Martinez, second by Monica Yazzie. Rodger Martinez request to include the amount of funds Brenda Yazzie, reported that resolution no 091606 was approved earlier at 30K they were going to run the line from Gilbert Maria but unable to so due to putting in additional poles coming off three phase lines from Highway 53. Price \$33,581.46. President Jose, she has been waiting for four years she is disable and need these services. We have a lot of funds in balance and carry over budget. Vote: Approve 5, Oppose 0, Abstain 0. Resolution pass.

5. **RNC Resolution No. 092105** 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 Item 031003 for Supply on Demand of Over 114 Livestock Owners of Ramah Navajo in Need of Hay while still enduring drought condition in concurrent with effective Stringent Public Health Emergency and Executive Orders of the Navajo Nation Safer at Home Ruling that leaves Livestock Operators with limited mobility to graze and make a living in already depressed livestock economy coupled with inflations.
Motion made by Monica Yazzie, second by Mike Henio. Brenda Yazzie at the planning meeting requested to put the labors in this account as well. Vote: Approve 5, Oppose 0, Abstain 0.

6. **RNC Resolutions No. 092106** Approving Free Fuel Wood in Revision of this Policy and Procedures and Processes for Fuel Wood Resale Project to be Limited to Only Ramah Navajo Chapter Senior Citizens as Health and Safety Precautions due to Uncontrolled Spread of COVID-19 Across the Navajo Nation.
Motion made by Chancey Martinez, second by Monica Yazzie. What age is senior 60 years old and over. Mike Henio asked when this going to happen? They have no workers coming in to haul wood. He has 30 cords at the yard now. Will need additional loads. Vote: Approve 7, Oppose 0, Abstain 0,

7. ***RNC Resolution No. 092107** Strongly Opposing School Board Apportionment Plan (Plan 6) and in support of maintaining the Authority, Responsibility, and Composition of Local Navajo School Boards as currently established and in operation for the Educational Services of All Dine' Students across the Navajo Nation.
Motion made by Monica Yazzie to approve Resolution No. 092107 and Resolution No. 092108, second by Maxine Coho. Vote: Approve 5, Oppose 0, Abstain 0.
8. ***RNC Resolution No. 092108** Objecting the Navajo Nation Department of Dine' Education (DODE) to enter into a P.L. 93-638 Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act of 1975 (ISDEAA) Contracting with the Bureau of Indian Education to "Contract" Out All Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) Funded Schools, and Strongly Supports all Navajo Nation BIE Funded Schools to remain as BIE Operated and/or P.L. 100-97 Grant or P.L. 93-638 Mature Contract Schools and their Governance to remain vested with the locally elected School's Grant or Contract Authorization Between the Navajo Nation Council and the Bureau of Indian Affairs.
Motion made by Monica Yazzie to approve Resolution No. 092107 and Resolution No. 092108, second by Maxine Coho. Vote: Approve 5, Oppose 0, Abstain 0.
9. **RNC Resolution No. 092109** Recommending and Supporting a Fiber Optic Broadband Build out and Establishment of Branch Libraries at the Chapter to be Funded by FCC E-Rate Funding and Other Funding Sources.
Motion made by Monica Yazzie to approve Resolution No. 092107 and Resolution No. 092108, second by Maxine Coho. Resolution amended by Chancey Martinez, VP as follows; Under section Now Therefore, Be It Resolved That:
1. *The chapter here by supports the proposal of the Navajo Nation government for a fiber optic broadband build out by Oso Internet to the Navajo Nation's chapter houses and establishing a branch library in each chapter house within the Chapter's jurisdiction. ~~including the Navajo Nation's initiative to plan, coordinate, develop, and implement an open architectural network of underground fiber and aerial fiber broadband utility infrastructure, in order to meet the needs of all the unserved and underserved areas within the Navajo Nation.~~*
Delete #3 and #4 paragraphs. Vote: Approve 5, Oppose 0, Abstain 0.

XIII. Community Concerns: (If any)

XIV. Announcements:

1. The Navajo Nation Proclamation recognizing the Month of September 2021 as "Navajo Nation Preparedness Month"
2. Public Notice, Friday, September 10, 2021, that the Eastern Agency Office of the Navajo Office of Vital Records and Identification (NOVRI) located in Crownpoint, NM will be closed until further notice.
3. September 13, 2021 - Health Advisory Notice (HAN) COVID-19 Community Advisory No. 43 – Safety Precautions.
4. Congratulates! to Niagara Rockbridge crowned Miss Navajo Nation 2021-2022
5. September 22, 2021 – First Day of Autumn
6. September 30, 2021 – Last Day to Apply for Navajo Cares Act Hardship Assistance Phase 2
7. October 2, 2021 – National Custodial Worker Day
8. October 5, 2021, Tuesday – World Teacher's Day
9. October 11, 2021, Monday – Indigenous Day – Holiday (638' Programs Closed)

XV. Next Virtual RNC Planning Meeting.

Motion made by Chancey Martinez, second by Monica Yazzie.

Date: October 7, 2021

Time: 9 am

Vote: Approve 5, Oppose 0, Abstain 0.

XVI. Adjournment:
Motion made by Rodger Martinez, second by Chancey Martinez
Time: 4:00 pm.
Vote: Ayes have it, majority

Respectfully Submitted.

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

9/23/2021
Date