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VIRTUAL PLANNING MEETING AGENDA (COVID-19 Emergency)

TRIBAL OFFICE TELECONFERENCE CALL

Thursday, November 4, 2021 @ 9:00 am

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- I. Meeting Call to Order. Roll Call. President Jose opens the meeting @ 09:09 am. Roll Call: Officials Present: President Jose, Vice President Martinez, Sec./Treasurer Begay, Land Board Member Martinez, Council Delegate Henio. 14, On-line and/or call-in.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance. (N/A)
- III. Invocation. Vice President Chancey Martinez.
- IV. Sergeant at Arms. (Effective 15Oct21 Resolution CS-50-21)
- V. Reviewing and Approving of Meeting Agenda: President Jose read the agenda for the record.
Motion made by Rodger Martinez, second by Chancey Martinez to approve the agenda with additions. Brenda Yazzie, CSC added a Resolution Proposing to Approve Financial Assistance from FY 2020 Navajo Nation Capital Outlay Fund to defray the cost of residential electrical wiring to the home of Mr. Juan and Mrs. Gracie Apachito in Unit 4 as a step towards energy independence through off-grid solar PV (photovoltaic array installation by Native Renewables Inc. of Flagstaff, Arizona. President Jose added: Approving Expenditure of FY 2022 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fund to Defray the cost of Construction of Water Distribution Line from Water Main and Hookup Assistance to residence of Jake Garcia Sr. in Unit 4. The estimated cost by RNUA, \$13,400.00. Vote: Approve 12, Oppose 0, Abstain 0. Agenda approved.
- VI. Review of MINUTES: Virtual RNC Regular Meeting on October 20, 2021 – Move forward to regular chapter meeting, as well as today's meeting minutes.
- VII. Finance Report: (Written Report Only for Review)
 1. Dixie M. Begay, Secretary/Treasurer – Navajo Nation and Chapter General Funds Report.
 2. RNC OG & C -Combined Funds Balance Sheet, Investment Account Balances Report
 3. RNUA – Balance Sheet Quarterly Rep 30Jun21
- VIII. Condolence Resolution: None.
- IX. Introduction of Guests and/or Presenters:
 1. DeWayne Bahe, Recruiter for Dine' College. Move to regular chapter meeting.
- X. Reports:(Limited to Elected Officials Preferred)
 1. Chapter Officials; President Jose will report at the regular chapter meeting. Vice President Chancey Martinez reported on a meeting he attended in Pine Hill High School along with Council Delegate Henio to go through the ARPA application process with School staff. Once the documents are put together it will be submitted to

- Council Delegate Henio he will take them to Window Rock, Arizona. Secretary/Treasurer will report at regular chapter meeting.
2. **Rodger Martinez, ENA, Land Board Member.** Participate and assist the Tuesday CLUP meeting on Range Code, Plan of Operation, Ranch program policies. He continues to work on the AIF \$38,000.00 given to the Ramah Chapter, guidelines on use of funds still in process. No meetings have been set with Fernando Notah and Dr. Yellowman at this time, maybe Thursday or Friday. Plans to have a work session for all Officials etc. with Land Department on guidelines, expenditure plans. He visited with Shirley McCabe on status of land sales in the Ramah Navajo Community. She is working on a land purchase and not for Ramah and has two in Eastern Navajo Agency land purchase. She indicated the land documents need to move forward, recommend Legislative Delegate Assistant and Council Delegate to work on this so it can move forward.
 3. **Jamie Henio, Council Delegate:** ARPA monies moving along with application and projects, he is working with DCD, he would like to get all projects funded; wastewater, broadband, water how to process application. The need is campus electric, submit your package so he can move legislation forward to use UUFB-3.5 million instead of ARPA. Have packages to him so he can identify funds with Legislation. Tomorrow's meeting is to identify projects and applications at the chapter. Navajo Nation Budget & Finance have their meeting Tuesday, November 9, 2021. He has been attending other meetings. Mike Henio, NR ask Delegate Henio on the projects that was submitted a couple of times on Windmill and dirt tanks. Delegate Henio would like for him to get a new application moving forward and follow the process. Don't focus too much on the portal. Brenda Yazzie, CSC received a call from Copeland, DPMD to put windmill and earthen dams on priority list, she needs description on this and its priority #8 on the list. Chancey Martinez asked if the meeting is still on for tomorrow, if so he would like Mike and Debbie in attendance at this meeting. Darnell Maria, ED/638 to have staff coordinate the meeting with you and plan to continue with the meeting virtual. Chancey Martinez to get together with Jamie Henio on the virtual meeting tomorrow. President Jose would like to get all applications finalize and CPMD Copeland list. Process with virtual meeting and have CSC Brenda Yazzie post the meeting. Chancey Martinez ask if all expenditure plans and application are in. CSC doesn't have all information on Mike Henio project, she will work with him on that.
 4. **Navajo Nation Division of Community Development - ASC Staff; Move to regular chapter meeting.**
Brenda Yazzie, CSC, Progress updates for the following subject matters & Completion Rate/Project:
 1. Resolution No. 122001 Virango LLC Unit 5 Tower?
 2. Resolution 092103 Reallocation of Expenditures among NN and Chapter Gen Accounts?
 3. Resolution 092105 Hay Purchase from Shi Rez Hay & Farms?
 4. Resolution 092106 Wood Resale Project?
 5. Revenue and expenditure report of all Chapter General Operating Fund Accounts?
 6. Settlement Budget Expenditure Ending 31Oct21?
 7. CAP in response to follow up review #2 by OAG?
 8. Ramah Navajo Community Cemetery?
 9. New Ramah Navajo Senior Citizen?
 10. Ramah Navajo Chapter Fitness Trail?
 11. American Rescue Plan Projects?
 12. Resolution 052002 Budget Transfer of \$10,000 for Mt. View Well?
 13. Housing Discretionary projects?
 14. Chapter Renovation project?
 15. Bathroom Addition Projects?
 5. **Ramah Navajo Chapter - Office of Grants & Contracts;** Darnell Maria, ED reported, all 638 staff are on administrative leave, Police Department staff continue to work. Per the Pine Hill Health Program Director Mr. Becker, the offices are close to October 15, 2021. Report for the program will be move to regular chapter meeting. Property & Procurement did not give her report at the last meeting. Veterans Day is coming up, "Thank you for all your Services". President Jose signatures requested on the Water Rights/Water Resource documents.
 6. **Ramah Navajo School Board, Inc.** David Nez, ED/RNSB reported on Pine Hill School lock down of entire school campus for students and staff, due to safety issue/concerns. Police Department are present on campus for security and clinic is close. Mr. Becker is picking up vaccine in Zuni. Martha Garcia, Member/RNSB will do her report at regular chapter meeting. A meeting took place with Council Delegate Henio on ARPA funding and

priority list. He submitted electric project, wastewater, water and did another Broadband request. He is working on applications and finalizing that today should be ready by 5 pm, scope of work and timeline with supporting documents as attachments. This will be hand carried to Window Rock, Arizona to Mr. Adakai and Dr. Yellowman as Navajo Nation own Entity. Latest on COVID 19 there are cases in the area. Back to working on policies for staff. People are getting lax on CDC guidelines, so he encourages the staff to be stringent to do all temperature taking and to be thorough. He stresses to staff to follow all procedures/protocols among everyone. Roof leaks on Ramah Dormitory building has been repaired and windows are on order to be replaced in preparation to get students back into the Dorm. Air filter is on order for the Dorm and still pending. The re-entry policy for school staff and students are being followed. There are positive cases in the community, Mr. Becker and his staff are on top of these cases. Other reports will be done at the regular chapter meeting.

7. Ramah Navajo Agency: Smoke outside today is from prescribed burning.
8. Chapter Standing Committees, Commissions, Boards. No Reports.

Motion made by Chancey Martinez, second by Rodger Martinez to accept all the reports.
Vote: Approve 8, Oppose 0, Abstain 0.

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

RNC Resolution No. 102103 Approving the Policy and Procedures for this Acquisition of Heavy Equipment from the Navajo Nation via NN Council Resolution CJA-01-21 utilizing Sihasin Funds to Purchase Equipment and vehicles for NN Chapters.

This resolution tabled for 30 days, questions on rental cost and fees as well as Operators were addressed. Anticipate this resolution will be ready for approval at the regular chapter meeting. Move to regular chapter meeting.

XII. New Business: (Emergency Relief Items)

1. **Proposed Resolution No. 112101** Accepting and Adopting the RDC Allocation of AIF in amount of \$38,000 and approving the budget said amount accordingly to expenditures plan of Ramah Navajo for livestock feed to address serious and continued drought condition and in lieu of COVID-19 Pandemic.

Motion made by Chancey Martinez, VP, second by Jamie, CD to move to regular chapter meeting, maybe at that time the budget will approved with all other documents from Department of Agriculture and Dr. Yellowman, DCD. Brenda Yazzie, CSC made a correction to the dollar amount \$38,758.91, change to be made on the resolution. Expenditure Plan to be develop and available. Move to regular chapter meeting.

Vote: Approve 7, Oppose 0, Abstain 0.

2. **Proposed Resolution No. 112102** Approving to purchase Caterpillar Model: 308 Mini Hydraulic Excavator for an amount of, more or less, \$142,595.97 from vendor, Wagner Equipment Co. for the purpose of Ramah Navajo Utility Authority (RNUA) Pursuant to Resolution 032105 and Expenditure Plan Line Item 6326 of Ramah Settlement Account 031015.

Motion made by Chancey Martinez, VP, second by Gilbert Maria. Chancey stated that if RNUA can go through another funding source ARPA as refund. CARES Fund they were not considered by DCD. To go through ARPA as refund or reimbursement. Vote: Approve 6, Oppose 0, Abstain 0. Move to regular chapter meeting.

3. **Proposed Resolution No. 112103** Approving to Convey Audit Finding #4 back to NNOAG, Navajo Nation Office of Auditor General to absorb investigation cost due to lack of and insufficient budget at the Chapter Level.

Motion made by Chancey Martinez, VP, second by Rodger Martinez, LBM. Vote: Approve 4, Oppose 0, Abstain 0. Move to regular chapter meeting.

4. **Proposed Resolution No. 112104** Approving and authorizing the office of P.L. 638 Grants and Contracts, Housing Program, to transfer a homeownership unit to one (1) homebuyer.

Motion made by Gilbert Maria, second by Brenda Yazzie, CSC. Vote: Approve 7, Oppose 0, Abstain 0. Move to regular chapter meeting.

5. **Proposed Resolution No. 112105** Approving to Obligate the Navajo Nation Unhealthy Food Tax Fund Budget in amount of \$12,120 from Object Code 041162 and to Match 1:1 a Grant from Outdoor Recreation Trails + Grant, NM Outdoor Recreation Division, in amount of \$19,320 to Implement Development of Ramah Navajo Chapter Fitness Cultural Nature Trail in Ramah Navajo of Cibola County.

Motion made by Chancey Martinez, VP, second by Gilbert Maria. Vote: Approve 9, Oppose 0, Abstain 0. Move this resolution to regular chapter meeting.

6. **Proposed Resolution No. 112106** Proposing to Approve Financial Assistance from FY 2020 Navajo Nation Capital Outlay Fund to defray the cost of residential electrical wiring to the home of Mr. Juan and Mrs. Gracie Apachito in Unit 4 as a step towards energy independence through off-grid solar PV (photovoltaic array installation by Native Renewables Inc. of Flagstaff, Arizona.

Motion made by Jamie Henio, CD, second by Chancey Martinez, VP. Vote: Approve 8, Oppose 0, Abstain 0. Approve to move to regular chapter meeting.

7. **Proposed Resolution No. 112107** Approving Expenditure of FY 2022 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fund to Defray the cost of Construction of Water Distribution Line from Water Main and Hookup Assistance to residence of Jake Garcia Sr. in Unit 4.

Motion made by Mike Henio, second by Chancey Martinez, VP. Comment made to the language to the resolution to include reimbursement by ARPA under the waterline, wastewater these are within the Legislation by NN Council, one of the 66 category projects, Water Infrastructure. Vote: Approve 8, Oppose 0, Abstain 0. Brenda Yazzie, CSC stated as a reminder that if using Capital Improvement funds, it is required to get three price quotes for the project. Move to regular chapter meeting with language change.

XIII. Community Concerns: (If any)

Jamie Henio asked if anyone received information on the dead trees, this was concern from Dettie Miller, any follow-up on this. Sunset area you can see all the dead pinion trees. President Jose wrote to 638 ED on a follow up on this. Darnell Maria, ED/638 reported that due to drought condition and climate change the trees are dying. Natural Resource reported that certain types of beetles go in and gnaw on the tree, Beetles do move around even when chopped down. Climate change a factor no snow and rain. Mike Henio, N.R. added that BIA/State Forestry employees came out and looked at the trees. Bark beetles was found, laying larvae inside the bark. Its dormant in the spring, during the winter the trees can be cut down in November and December. He has been working with Brenda Yazzie, CSC to have PEP workers to cut the trees down and use it as firewood around the Sunset area. President Jose, start to chop the trees down, burning be cautious, there are other cause of climate change. Put a pilot project together to burn or use these dead trees for firewood. Dixie reported that she had several trees cut down and inside the bark the larvae was found, she would like to cut the remaining trees around her area. These dead trees can be fire hazard. Mike Henio, go ahead and harvest the trees for firewood and he recommend keeping the dead trees away from your wood pile and away from healthy trees. President Jose request to continue to work on this. Gilbert Maria brought up health concerns with prescribed burns the smoke causing issues with those on oxygen and allergies. President Jose will contact the Forestry on prescribed burns.

XIV. Announcements:

1. November 7, 2021, Sunday – Daylight Savings Time Ends
2. November 9, 2021, Tuesday – Virtual CLUPC Meeting at 9 am
3. November 10, 2021, U.S. Marine Corps Birthday—246th
4. November 11, 2021, Thursday – Veterans Day - Observed Holiday
5. November 25, 2021, Thursday – Thanksgiving Day - Observed Holiday
6. November 26, 2021, Friday – Navajo Nation Family Day – Holiday

XV. Next Virtual RNC Regular Meeting.

Motion by Dixie Begay, second by Jamie Henio

Date: November 18, 2021

Time: 10 am

Vote: Approve 7, Oppose 0, Abstain 0.

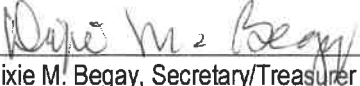
XVI. Adjournment:

Motion made by Chancey Martinez, second by Dixie Begay

Time: 11:16 am

Unanimous to adjourn, Ayes have it.

Respectfully Submitted,


Dixie M. Begay, Secretary/Treasurer


Date

This meeting minutes serve as a record of motions that passed and approved as a reminder of who owns certain task.