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VIRTUAL PLANNING MEETING MINUTES (COVID-19 Emergency)
TRIBAL OFFICE TELECONFERENCE CALL
Thursday, December 2, 2021 @ 9:00 am

- I. Meeting Call to Order. Roll Call. Meeting call to order at 9:18 am by President Jose. Officials Present: Council Delegate Jamie Henio (call in), Vice President Chancey Martinez, Secretary/Treasurer Dixie Begay, Land Board Member Rodger Martinez. Five Officials present this constitutes a quorum. Other call in four.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance. (N/A)
- III. Invocation. Dixie Begay, Secretary/Treasurer
- IV. Sergeant at Arms. (Effective 15Oct21 Resolution CS-50-21) (remain on three quorum)
- V. Reviewing and Approving of Meeting Agenda: President Jose read the agenda.
Motion made by Monica Yazzie to accept the agenda as read and Martha Garcia will do her report at the regular chapter meeting the Board are in a meeting. Mr. Nez will not be available to report today, she will contact Mr. Becker if he will be available to report today, move all RNSB report to regular chapter meeting. Second by Chancey Martinez to approve the agenda as read. President Jose recommends adding Resolution #122105 Approving Land Withdrawal in Section 21 on Navajo Tribal Fee Land for Development of Community Navajo Veterans Building Complex. Motioning party agreed to add this resolution #122105 to the agenda. President Jose stated there is another resolution to add reaffirming resolution #092003 approving residential lease for Louise Pino in Unit 5 resolution #122106 motioning party agreed to add. Vote: Approve 9, Oppose 0, Abstain 0.
- VI. Review of MINUTES: Virtual RNC Regular Meeting on November 18, 2021 – Move to Regular Chapter Meeting. The December 02, 2021, Planning Meeting minutes will be added.
- VII. Finance Report: (Written Report Only for Review)
 1. Dixie M. Begay, Secretary/Treasurer – Navajo Nation and Chapter General Funds Report. Report presented - ending October 31, 2021. Up to date ending November 2021 will be given at the regular chapter meeting. Motion Monica Yazzie, second Chancey Martinez, the ayes have it to accept the finance report. The Navajo Nation and General Funds Budget report attach.
 2. RNC OG & C -Combined Funds Balance Sheet, Investment Account Balances Report
 3. RNUA – Balance Sheet Quarterly Rep 30Jun21- Pending report from RNUA.
- VIII. Condolence Resolution:(If any - otherwise N/A)
- IX. Introduction of Guests and/or Presenters:
- X. Reports:(Limited to Elected Officials Preferred)
 1. Chapter Officials; President Jose's will report at the regular meeting. Vice President Martinez participated in yesterday's zoom presentation on Agriculture Infrastructure Funds (AIF) 50/50

distribution throughout the Chapters to fill out application to receive feed for livestock. (Mineral block & hay) CSC will have a huge part of this she may report on this later. He also listened in on the NN Council discussion on Legislation 0257-21, they will continue the discussion an update will be made later. He has been out to Alamo and Tohajilee chapters to make follow up on road project, assisting Council Delegate Henio. Encourage everyone to be safe follow CDC guidelines it reported there is a new Omicron variant Navajo Nation has put out announcement to follow all safety measures. Secretary/treasurer was also part of the zoom meeting on the Policies and Guidelines using AIF dollars.

2. Rodger Martinez, ENA, Land Board Member- Eastern Navajo Agency (ENA) plans & projects are being worked on he is working with CLUP committee, they will provide their reports. ENA meeting the Agency Land Board Officers meeting last Friday on Tri-Party Agreement, the agreement will have Livestock management, Chaco Canyon report on drilling of oil and gas policies for Allotment Lands will be included within the Tri-Party Agreement. For the last two months the have been working on the Tri-Agreement Amendment, there is another delay in approving the agreement due to ENA Land Board Chairperson and Secretary have vacated their positions. The Vice Chairperson the only Board member conducted the meeting Monday and to approve the agreement was not possible. The Tri-Party Agreement forwarded to special meeting, the two vacancies will be filled, Vice Chairperson will remain in his position, Mr. Watchman. The agreement did not get approved so its move forward. The NN Resource Development Committee are asking for the recommendation. This document will be reviewed at the special meeting. Agriculture Infrastructure Funds, Insurance funds from Department of Agriculture and Natural Resource funds these funds are allocated annually based on drought on Navajo Nation. Navajo Nation pays insurance into these funds. Initially RDC had different plans for these funds, but it appears this have been corrected. Friday another meeting at Red Rock Chapter for District 16 Land Board Members will be attending orientation on how these funds are to be used. Here at Ramah Chapter, we have a resolution we need to do the budget according to Guidelines. This is for Livestock owners' cattle, sheep feed assistance. The supplemental tub is nutritious for cattle and sheep. Hay feed sometimes we feed livestock by throwing them out on the ground instead of using a feeder. We are looking at getting the supplements, Natural Resource, Land Board Member and Community Service Coordinator will be working on this. ARPA funds priority list is in place, Navajo Nation and Depart of Agriculture received additional requests we will know more on this at the meeting. CLUP Committee will provide their reports on the Plan of Operation for Ranches, CLUP Committee Plan of Operation on how it is going to be used, developed with the assistance from the Consultants. Future use of this Plan of Operation document will be useful for buying land. Today we have two Plan of Operation, Navajo Nation may come back and ask how we are using the Land they bought. Once this is approved it will be followed for Land Leasing etc. Other: Range Code we have in the past been going between two agencies, so we need to have our own Range Code that will have grazing permit, land use and other assistance. The BIA 25 CFR section 166/167 regulations is use throughout Navajo Nation and here we are going to use these regulations put into Range Code. This will be our own Range Code here in Ramah. Within this regulation we will have housing, land withdrawal included in the Code, Navajo Nation included as well to address Navajo Nation Land identified. In the future Fee to Trust if it comes up, we will be prepared to take care of the Land. With the Tri-Agreement, BLM land, BLM would like the Tribe to manage these Lands through Fee to Trust. We have BLM lands east Ice Cave area through Quemado area all are BLM Land. BLM is not in disagreement on Fee to Trust and we need to work with them. Possibility the Agreement will be signed. He went over the drought situation here in the Ramah area, AIF request can be submitted to work on dirt dam, be aware selective land is identified. We can fix fencing around the Bond Ranch and dirt dam for Nicoll, White Ranches.
3. Jamie Henio, Council Delegate; Attended a meeting at Twin Arrows on Navajo Nation Investment annual reports from Seattle, New York City companies. The Nabikiyati Council having a work session on 1.1 billion expenditure plans, Legislation 0257-21. Application reviewed by Council Budget & Finance Committee and found that NTUA had 35% of their application submitted, i.e. Broadband, water, electrical, waste water

connection. He is still waiting on DOJ on status from RNSB application, he remembers that was taken in. He does not see it part of expenditure plans. The opportunity is there to go through Nabikiyati committee then to Navajo Nation Council open for amendment. He will continue to make a follow up and would like the school to follow up with the person the application was given to. He will make a follow up as well. Need the follow up so he can do the amendment it goes to Nabikiyati committee to add the School Boards application expenditure plans also he needs Alamo and Tohajiilee applications to be submitted. He stated at the onset he had encourage everyone to prepare their applications and be ready to submit. NTUA was ahead of everybody with all their project applications. Expenditure Plan by NN Water Management, Jason Johnson has listing they had for some time on the list: Tohajiilee/Albuquerque Water line -1.8 million, Alamo Spring new well/treatment – 150K, one application for Alamo water construction -12 million and one application for Ramah water system new storage tank/RNUA – 1 million, make follow up on your applications make sure it's on the list. NTUA list Alamo, Tohajiilee and Ramah on their list for electrical connection to home no listing and number homes, in the amount of 70 million dollars to connect electric to number of homes to be determined, home without electric get these ready as well as right of way. We need to get new application that need to be entertained get those submitted. Most importantly Legislation 0257-21 need to keep application moving forward and get it on the listing. President Joe Biden approval the Infrastructure Bill. Roads and bridges but Navajo Nation allocation is not known, again be ready with application and be ready with projects that can get funded. AIF Rodger Martinez provided information on this. He will stay on the line and listen in on the meeting. President Jose, recommend to Chapter Administration and Grants & Contracts to make a follow up on all the project application as well as RNUA. Let's all fill in the gap and help each other to work together to get all the projects corrected and follow up on all requests. Be ready also with Road Projects. Jamie Henio, CD recommend to Chapter Administration and Darnell Maria to review the applications on the legislation 0257-21 and follow the forms attach submit as soon as possible.

4. Navajo Nation Division of Community Development - ASC Staff: No report.
Brenda Yazzie, CSC, Progress updates for the following subject matters & Completion Rate/Project: Email sends out to Officials notifying them the reports are not ready she will provide the reports at regular chapter meeting.
 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/638. The COVID 19 has hit the community people, local offices, school and Pine Hill Market close. There is a new variant detected in California yesterday. It has impacted our services that is provided, Chapter house remains close. Employees are reminded daily on precautions to take. Christmas holidays are coming up we need to stay safe when gatherings. Its fortunate to have a local clinic in the community that is available to provide health care. He will give comprehensive report at the next meeting. BIA and Natural Resource are having a meeting on the dead trees in our area. Holidays are coming up and with his availability he can respond to any urgent requests he can come into the office; he has delegated staff assigned for the days he is on leave.

6. Ramah Navajo School Board, Inc. – Martha Garcia, School Board Member and Mr. Nez reports move to Regular Chapter Meeting.
Mr. Becker, PHHC: Presently RNC experiencing increase in cases from October, we will see if there has been an increase after Thanksgiving holiday, surge will continue into February, higher than November, three

cases a day. People need to go in and complete their two vaccination and booster. Over 18-year-old can get booster shots. Promoting booster shots for 5–11-year-old the next is scheduled December 10, 2021 at the PH Parent Center they have vaccine enough doses for all children. Vaccine doses are not available for those under 5 years old maybe Spring of 2022. Brenda Yazzie asks if there is a schedule for booster shots, vaccination which starts Friday morning. Monica Yazzie, asks booster shots on 12/10/21 who will get shots. They will start at 1 pm and get shots those that come in first come first serve for Children 5–11-year-old, that have received their first shot this will be their second, they do not qualify for booster shot. What is the schedule for the rest of the month? Mr. Becker, that will be out tomorrow? Booster shots are given at the clinic that schedule will be send out. Booster shot are done at the clinic. Booster shots for only 12–17-year-old for children immune compromised only. The new variant Omicron first detected in Africa November 2021, several mutation effects the vaccine and increase exposure in people in California and Minnesota. Doing booster, the effect may be minimizing the infection. Very limited information out there so recommends people to continue to follow CDC precaution. President Jose highlights the reports in Navajo. Monica Yazzie, CDC report if you were fully vaccinated did not have to wear a mask etc., we need to continue to wear mask, wash hands and guidelines. She has not heard these precautions through KTDB. These messages need to get out there to the people. Navajo Nation continue to express following CDC guidelines. Mr. Becker stated that we are deficient on this he will work with Alvin or Mr. Nez on this. Darnell Maria, it is up to us as individual to be safe some of us do not listen to people that are giving out the information, we become lax and be mindful of the precautions. We are told to follow CDC guidelines but its up to us to be safe. We hear the messages through KTNN, KGAK. His staff will be going to training through Navajo Nation. President Jose stress again the importance of following CDC Guidelines.

7. Ramah Navajo Agency; No report.

8. Chapter Standing Committees, Commissions, Boards:

Nixon Martinez, CLUP Committee President. In addition to Land Board Member Rodger Martinez's report, he will add on what the committee have been working on. The Range Code will be on separate report still need to do one more meeting before its open to the public. The committee has reviewed and draft the Land Management Plan Section 21, Nicoll, White, Bond Ranches. Bond Ranch: all documents prepared by JJClacs it needs to put together. Next is to approve the plans and provide information to the public. Within the plans you will find Introduction, Description, Goals & Objectives etc. also soil test done, ID plants, Fence, Gates, Grazing Management to be included. Section 21: Land Management Plan is completed with all sections. Resource Inventory, soil test, water, fence etc. are all part of the report. Nicoll Ranch: Land Management completed, Stewardship, Conservation, soil test etc. Management recommendations. White Ranch: Property designing, history ownership, maps, stewardship, existing condition. Land Use Plan will be revisit and reviewed. The Plan was to be approved every five years last approved in 2016, will use this until the new Plan is renewed and approved. Within the Plan is the Introduction, history, all other required documents included covering Unit 1 thru Unit 5, Traditional Culture, Natural Environment, Plants, Trees etc. Present Roads, Electrical lines, sewer lines, housing, and future plans to include Roads, waterline etc. listed as recommendation. Capital Improvement updated completed, Trust Land continue to be discussed. Announcement: December 8, 2021, next week Zoom Meeting. Request to be put under New Business on the Agenda resolution along with JJClacs. President Jose recommends having resolutions be prepared on all of Ramah Lands and CLUP, Fee to Trust land and status on Ramah Navajo Band Land, Section 21, White, Bond Nicoll Ranch Lands. Authorize to submit USDA EQUIP for Technical Assistance Grant Application for fencing. Application to US Committee for Master Plan complex or infrastructure. There will be Resolutions from 1 through 6 have an outline to be put on the agenda, according to the work to be done, work with JJ Clacs on this. When resolutions are prepared it can be put on the agenda at the regular meeting. Understand the COVID 19 cases has been detrimental to daily work activities. Separate the resolutions per documents. Include Range Code, Plan of Operation resolution to be approved.

Donald Rafelito, RNUA, Jacobs well the 50K gallon tank completed, hooked up, the only issue its manually operated to get water into the tank by two employees. Mountain View renovation or upgrading the well near the Tribal Office. Get contractor to pull up the pipe down in the well. Upgrade the system to provide water to Unit 2 and 3, connect water lines to include Jacobs well. This will work if pump goes out. Mountain View well to serve the community, RNUA will maintain the water well. Well, is Navajo Nation back in 2019 increase in water rates was approved but this has not happened yet. They may increase the rate which is needed. They have been receiving notices from Pine Hill Navajo Shopping Center to pay for rent. They are asking for more

information on this. RNUA is following Scope of Work, no major issues so far, maintaining status quote. The Bank they are using is closing so they will transfer to First Financial. A special meeting December 14, 2021, eight items on the agenda. Review the planned projects for RNUA as part of the meeting along with interconnection of all wells Unit 5 well. RNUA is entity of Navajo Nation. Brenda Yazzie, CSC stated that Legislation 0257-21 document information given to Officials, Ward Hunter, Adonis for RNUA. Review these documents. President Jose will make follow-up on this. Mr. Rafelito reported that the issues with RNUA Board Members by Leonard Tsosie to decrease to three Board Members and he is considering this. Corrective Action Plans need to be reviewed. Chancey Martinez, VP ask if RNUA is ready for a revisit from Auditors. Donald, request to give them this month to review and will have feedback at the regular chapter meeting.

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.

President Jose reviewed the resolution and recall of this resolution it was tabled on 30 days do we need a separate policy for heavy equipment operators. To have CSC, Mike Henio, Roads to come up with a decision. Chancey Martinez would like to meet on this with the staff prior the Regular Chapter Meeting to come up with a decision. Move to Regular Chapter Meeting for further action on this resolution.

XII. New Business: (Emergency Relief Items)

1. **Proposed Resolution No. 122101** Approving the request of Albertha C. Pino for Residential Lease on a Tract of Ramah Band of Navajo Tribal Land (RBL) situated within and described as NE/4SE/4 of Section 34, Township 10, North, Range 15 West, New Mexico Principal Meridian, County of Cibola, State of New Mexico, containing one (1) acre, more or less, within grazing unit #2.

Motion made by Rodger Martinez move resolutions #1, #4 and #6 to regular chapter Meeting, second by Chancey Martinez. Vote: Approve 8, Oppose 0, Abstain 0.

2. **Proposed Resolution No. 122102** Approving the Signatory Authorization with the Bank of America to Update Deposit Account Documentation and Banking Resolution and Certificate of Incumbency Forms for Authorized Signers of Ramah Navajo Chapter Officials and Administrative Director(s) in Official Capacity.

President Jose explained the resolution, presently the three officials are signing and administrator is CSC, this to be renewed due to two accounts. CSC with NN funds and other is Office of Grants & Contracts Director for Chapter General Funds along with Chapter Officials signatures. Back in 1985 these General Funds were established bank account. Rodger Martinez asks the Officials signatory and who are the Directors. Bank usually reaffirm the signatory update and reauthorize these signatures. President Jose, the one bank account forward from 1985 in General Account. He also went over the Navajo Nation account. Officials have signatory for two accounts as well as CSC to also include Executive Director. The problem now is not sufficient. **Motion made by Lucinda Pino to move the resolution #2 and #3, second by Brenda Yazzie, CSC she will get more clarification on this and more information from Auditor General before the next meeting. President Jose stated either a go or not this can be discussed later. Vote: Approve 3, Oppose 1, Abstain 1.**

3. **Proposed Resolution No. 122103** Approving Stern Recommendation That the Navajo Nation Office of Auditor General (OAG) to Suspend Indefinitely the Unresolvable Audit Findings #2 and #3 by Absolving the Issues, in Timely Manner, by Resorting to Established Financial Management System (FMS) of the Office of Grants and Contracts (OGC) as Approved by Resolution ACJN-125-89 of the Advisory Committee of the Navajo Tribal Council and by Contracting Any and All Navajo Nation Programs and Services to Under OGC.

To suspend the indefinitely the unresolved audit findings etc. per this resolution.

Motion made by Lucinda Pino to move the resolution #2 and #3, second by Brenda Yazzie, CSC she will get more clarification to get more information from Auditor General before the next meeting. President either a go or not this can be discussed later. Vote: Approve 3, Oppose 1, Abstain 1.

4. **Proposed Resolution No. 122104** Reaffirming Resolution 102002 that approved the Residential Lease for Joanna Pino on Ramah Band of Navajo Tribal Land (RBL) described and situated within the SE/4 of Section 33, Township 07 North, Range 16 West, New Mexico Principal Meridian, County of Cibola, State of New Mexico, containing one (1.00) acre, more or less, in Grazing Unit 5.
Motion made by Rodger Martinez move resolutions #1, #4 and #6 to regular chapter Meeting, second by Chancey Martinez. Vote: Approve 8, Oppose 0, Abstain 0.

5. **Proposed Resolution No. 122105** Approving Land Withdrawal in Section 21 on Navajo Tribal Fee Land for Development of Community Navajo Veterans Building Complex.
President Jose reviewed this resolution, the community Veterans, Widowers, Families will benefit from this service.
Motion made by Chancey Martinez, second by Jamie Henio, CD to move this resolution to regular chapter meeting. Vote: Approve 7, Oppose 0, Abstain 1.

6. **Proposed Resolution No. 122106** Reaffirming Resolution No. 092003 approving the Residential Lease Application for Louise M. Pino on a Tract of Ramah Band Land (RBL) situated within the SE/4 of Section 33, Township 07 North, Range 16 West, New Mexico Principal Meridian, County of Cibola, State of New Mexico, containing one (1.00), more or less.
Motion made by Rodger Martinez move resolutions #1, #4 and #6 to regular chapter Meeting, second by Chancey Martinez. Vote: Approve 8, Oppose 0, Abstain 0.

XIII. Community Concerns: (If any).

Rodger Martinez concerning NHA housing issues; sunset housing all electric operated house the amount is very high, according to the income, but the electric is running into the 1,000.00. These public renter units are for low-income recipients it was once address before to have solar panels installed. A meeting with NHA to address these issues should be scheduled.

President Jose reported on a meeting with state representative in Grants County Commissioners on ICIP projects/proposals. Request a meeting with staff and officials on this before the Commissioners meeting. These proposals or resolution to be presented at the State Legislation beginning in January 2022.

XIV. Announcements:

1. December 4, 2021, Saturday – ENAC Quarterly Meeting at 9 am by teleconference call
2. December 8, 2021, Wednesday – CLUPC Meeting at 9 am
3. December 14, 2021, Thursday – RNUA Board Meeting @ 10 am
4. December 21, 2021, Tuesday – First Day of Winter
5. December 24, 2021, Friday – Holiday 638 Programs Offices Closed
6. December 25, 2021, Saturday – Christmas Day

Lucinda Pino on the Community Christmas treats and dinner, one request was submitted it never was process. Darnell Maria, ED, based on time which is a factor the Chapter has funds to do the activities. This can be done by doing drive through activity. Other chapters are already in the planning stages to do this for their community. Chancey Martinez agrees with giving out treats to families, families have been going through a lot during the pandemic and giving them treats will mean a lot to them.

President Jose, a resolution from last year can be used, to do drive through or home delivers.

A vote, majority – Ayes have it to proceed with the treats.

Chancey Martinez, to RNUA Manager if applying for funds as Council Delegate Henio stated use the forms attach to Legislation 0257-20 document to submit your request to Council Delegate Henio.

XV. Next Virtual RNC Regular Meeting

Motion made by Chancey Martinez, second by Dixie Begay.

Thursday - December 16, 2021 @ 10 am

Vote the Ayes have it.

XVI. Adjournment:
Motion to adjourn by Lucinda Pino
At 12:39 pm
Vote: the ayes have it – meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

12/8/2021
Date