

**RAMAH NAVAJO CHAPTER**

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**VIRTUAL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES (COVID-19 Emergency)  
TRIBAL OFFICE TELECONFERENCE CALL  
Thursday, November 18, 2021 @ 10:00 am**

- I. Meeting Call to Order. Roll Call. President Jose opens the meeting @ 10:09am. Four-chapter officials present at the meeting with 12 online and 2 call in a total 18 in attendance, constitutes a quorum.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance. (N/A)
- III. Invocation. Gilbert Maria, Chapter Chaplain
- IV. Sergeant at Arms. (Effective 15Oct21 Resolution CS-50-21) This resolution continues into January 2022. Ramah Navajo Chapter official quorum is 17.
- V. Reviewing and Approving of Meeting Agenda: Read by President Jose.  
Motion made by Monica Yazzie, second by Chancey Martinez to approve the agenda including the three resolutions added. 1. Resolutions Nos. 112108, Approving and Extending the Independent Contractor Agreement (Agreement) Retroactively from September 30, 2021, to January 31, 2022 by and Between the Ramah Navajo Chapter (Chapter) and JJ Clacs and Company. 2. Resolution No. 112109, Approving the First Amendment to Local Government Road Fund (LGRF) Cooperative Agreement by and between the New Mexico Department of Transportation (Department) and the Ramah Navajo Chapter (Tribe), 3. Resolution No. 112110, Two road projects agreement for BIA Route 145 in Unit 5 and BIA Route 195 in Unit 5 loop.  
Motioning party agreed to the addition of the resolutions and to move forward the resolutions.  
Vote: Approve 10, Oppose 0, Abstain 1.
- VI. Review of MINUTES: Virtual RNC Regular Meeting on October 20, 2021  
Virtual RNC Planning Meeting on November 4, 2021  
Minutes are chapter website for review. Gilbert Maria, correction to be made to the 11/4/2021 meeting to correct: Ramah Dormitory to Pine Hill Dormitory.  
Motion made by Rodger Martinez, second by Monica Yazzie to approve with correction to be made.  
Vote: Approve 10, Oppose 0, Abstain 1.
- VII. Finance Report: (Written Report Only for Review)
  1. Dixie M. Begay, Secretary/Treasurer – Navajo Nation and Chapter General Funds Report. No report available today, chapter administrative staff are working to complete the report to include 2022 NN Budget and 2021 Carry Over funds. Report will be given at December Planning Meeting.
  2. RNC OG & C -Combined Funds Balance Sheet, Investment Account Balances Report. Written report provided by Controller.
  3. RNUA – Balance Sheet Quarterly Rep 30Jun21. Received the October 2021 Profit & Loss report. The Balance Sheet quarterly report ending June 30, 2021, is requested to be submitted. Secretary/Treasurer will contact RNUA to provide the report.  
Motion made by Chancey Martinez, second by Monica Yazzie to accept the Finance report as received today and outstanding report to be submitted later. Vote: Approve 8, Oppose 0, Abstain 1.
- VIII. Condolence Resolution: None.

IX. Introduction of Guests and/or Presenters:

1. DeWayne Bahe, Recruiter for Dine' College. Given time at Planning & Regular Chapter meeting to present but not available.
2. Deborah Milford, NDOT Highway Safety. She provided information on Winter Driving Tips, being prepared for winter driving such as check your vehicle tires; snow tires, all-terrain, wiper blades, check air in tires, light, heater for personal and Tribal vehicles. Stay home unless you must go out on the road, slow down on icy snowpack and bad road condition. Safely operating your vehicle is very important. Have flashlight, water. Snack, tire chain and check on road conditions before traveling. President Jose asks if they offer Defensive Driving Course (DDC) with permit. Her response, they do provide DDC class with small fee for Navajo Nation employee, four-hour class. They can set up training with the chapter when it reopens, fee \$25.00, they have class every week at the NN Department of Transportation building. Individuals can call in to get into the class, DDC National Safety four-hour certification will be issued. Chapter can contact NNDOT to schedule a class or go to NNDOT office to schedule. When window wipers squeak it should be replaced, use windshield de-icer or ice scraper. Carry a lighter or matches also carry cat litter for tire traction. All questions or setting up training at Chapter House NNDOT can be contact.

X. Reports:(Limited to Elected Officials Preferred)

1. Chapter Officials: President Jose reported he has been busy with resolutions and contracts coming through the office from Federal and State Agencies. He has been getting ready for winter. Vice President Martinez reported he has been checking on projects such as the BIA Route 195 and Route 145. He was contact on the road projects which NNDOT stated that it was Navajo Nation project. He had a question on this, so he contacts President Jose. A new resolution that was added as number 10 will be approved at this meeting so the deadline date November 30, 2021, can be met for the two road projects. Secretary/Treasurer Dixie Begay reported on several virtual/zoom meetings participated. Zoom Meeting with Guarena Adeky, ASC she reported on the 2022 budget and FY 2021 Carry over funds, all resolutions for these funds will need to be approved before any expenditures will take place. FEMA has a new representative; an orientation will be scheduled later. ARPA orientation provided on application process. AIF need a resolution and budget that need to be submitted. More information and orientation will be set up by ASC/DCD staff on allowable/disallowable, distribution of AIF funds. Chapters will be required to give the overview of livestock count with CSC, LBM to work together on this. There were chapters that reported they are already getting three price quotes and working on their budget. All AIF program lies with Dr. Yellowman, Resource Development Committee/NN and Department of Agriculture to complete. ARPA meeting with Dr. Yellowman, Council Delegate another meeting will be scheduled. Another area on these calls were chapter meeting quorum but currently there is an increase in cases. Everyone to follow CC guidelines. There are chapter officials/staff complaints coming into Window Rock. Concerns on use of language on social media, DOJ Rodgerick Begay is working on policies on social media. Several Chapters are on Facebook and being misuse, which is un-call for. A question on the AIF feed, chapter allocation to certified and non-certified or sanction, no further information on this. The NN Chapter Orientation included limitation on agenda to only include the three priorities and if any question to call ASC office. Many Legislations came through on chapter meetings going virtual. Work to get people back into the chapter buildings with the Officials and chapter membership. Ethics Investigation, intake forms are on website to file compliant. Internal audits and white-collar units etc. are receiving complaints. More training in misuse or abuse of office at later time. Re-districting, six district send in maps the most concern on this would be in Congress, more meetings will be forthcoming in this area. Decision on implementing the Re-districting will be decided by President Nez, Human Rights Commission and Council Delegates.
2. Rodger Martinez, ENA, Land Board Member. A few items mention by Secretary/Treasurer on the AIF remains the same it's been eight months, no new information. No report on the budget has not been resolve due to Land base and number of livestock. The 50/50 formula Navajo Nation will be using will not work based on land and livestock. Example the San Juan Chapter the land base is small 6-10 acres of chapter land voter registered 12-15K but only 600 voted. If 20K given to chapter, 10K goes to land base and 10K to livestock owners. Here in Ramah Chapter, we have a greater land base with Land Board Member. Using the 50/50 will not work. Having Resource Development Committee to correct this problem. For Ramah they will continue to use the old grazing permits. A letter will be made to Government Agencies to honor the old grazing permit for

individuals only with more or less, so they can receive services. An issue with livestock theft has been reported in the Huerfano Chapter area, no law is written for such cases, they are working on this throughout the Nation, Legislation be developed next Spring. He will be attending a meeting tomorrow, Friday at Fire Rock signing of the three-party Agreement with BIA, NN and BLM. Last Agreement signed was back in 1963-1965. They will finalize and review this Agreement. Here in Ramah Chapter area, we have 2-3 BLM land, east of ice cave there is a large BLM land as well as Chaco Canyon area. There is 10-mile radius around the Chaco Canyon that is protected, no fracking, no oil & gas drilling. He continues to assist the CLUP Committee no established meeting. They have been following through Land Use Planning on Bond, White, Nicoll Ranches. Committee are revisiting the Operation of Plans for Committee and Land Use Plan. South of Gallup we have the largest Land Base and expanding we need to begin future plans.

3. **Jamie Henio, Council Delegate:** On his way to attend the Nabikiyati meeting in Window Rock. Earlier this morning he was over at Fire Rock attending a one-hour meeting in support of the ASC staff. Official meeting on the ARPA funds and projects with Council on Expenditure Plan #1, sponsored by Speaker Damon. The first plan on the 1.1 billion dollars for each chapter per request. He recommends to double check the listings with Ramah Chapter with CSC on the list, it has 95 million under the ARPA list to let him know so he can support this. Last report on Legislation received the Legislation which is near finalize it will then be drop in for five-day comment period to Council. He encourages the School Board and Chapter to complete documents for ARPA projects, which goes to DCD, then to DOJ, projects not listed with DCD. The 3.6 million for Electrical upgrade going through the hurdles to OMB, OOC he will then investigate the UUFBA amount, contact OMB to see if there are funds available, he will then develop Legislation move forward with that. On the redistricting the State of NM are working on the boundaries, another meeting is scheduled tomorrow on questions, he is working with Human Rights Commissioners. All budgets are in the WIND system for the Chapters except stipends they are working on this to fix this, so no shortfall occurs every year. He would like to see the Land Management Plans on the Ranches in Ramah to be completed before is gets leased out, get this completed. Chapter renovation continues. The 1.3 trillion by President Biden signed we do not know how much will come down to Navajo Nation, allocation. In the meantime, for Ramah Chapter to get the Roads Route #122, #140, #133 etc. in line for improvement and paving, the gravel road near Sunset Rt. 133 and in Unit 1 to be paved. Get all necessary documents get it ready, let's be ready. Even with ARPA funds we need to start moving on projects and not return the funds back or have it or have it setting there. President Jose reiterated the Delegates report to be ready with projects. Stay ahead and don't relax, get back on Expenditure Plan #1 with everyone. The AIF to go forward with Resolution then follow the guidelines. So, Darnell Maria, ED/638 and Dorothy Claw, RNDOT get prepared with Road projects. Alvin Rafelito to Delegate Henio that the school have the project documents were taken into Window Rock this morning. Delegate Henio request to give the copies to Chancey Martinez so he can deliver the documents to him. The proposals: Water, Wastewater, Internet connectivity and Electric upgrade. He will check with Dr. Yellowman next week on the proposals. Dorothy Claw, RNDOT stated that BIA Rt. 122 is shovel ready, Rt. #133 near Sunset Housing and Rt. 113 she will send email in these projects. She would like recommendation as to which route to take. She will have a conference call on these road projects as well as Rt. #145, study has been completed on this route. President Jose recommends getting new proposals ready for the new Infrastructure Funds the 1.3 trillion. Get all other road projects in place.

4. **Navajo Nation Division of Community Development - ASC Staff.** A few items reported by Secretary/treasurer on zoom or virtual meetings by ASC.

Brenda Yazzie, CSC, Progress updates for the following subject matters & Completion Rate/Project: President Jose, announce that CSC is out with Guarena Adeky and Andy Thomas checking on Senior Citizen Center site, 4 acres this is in the planning stage with State of NM Capital Outlay funds. He requests to have the Secretary/Treasurer to have CSC submit a written report on each item, contact her through email.

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 reported on activities from Police Department, Natural Resource and Real Estate. Police Department, Police Officers are out assisting the Pine Hill Clinic staff field visits. Funds through Tribal Assistance Program through the Police Department, the funds to set up Thumbprinting, investigation, presently working on office space and a position for this program. Connectivity Internet fiber optic still under construction. Victim Witness Advocate Grant, position is vacant working on job description. These Grant funds to protect witness going to court. Training funds received directly from Washington to have staff take a required course. Police Officer are doing well and recovered from Covid 19 most of the Officers are vaccinated. The old Police Department vehicles parked at the Detention Center were purchased through an agreement. Two vehicles are still on site. A DUI Grant applied for, no response on this as of today, the 2021 Grant negotiation. Detention Center when originally constructed it was to hold several incarcerated individuals but today less than the numbers of individuals are incarcerated, not being used at its capacity. Washington is asking if maybe through an agreement can be made with other Tribes to use the building. He expresses that due to vacant Prosecutor position no cases are going through the courts. He is working with the Judge on this. Visits from PH Behavioral Health staff is no longer visiting due to Pandemic so there is lack of service. Conservation Officer/Law Enforcement look upon the livestock issues, no complaints but it has been reported more problem with dogs in the housing area. Wood hauling permits is required, and Unit 4 is open for wood harvesting. Concern #1, Cases of COVID 19 Police Officers have been working with CPH Clinic daily, based on this they request overtime payment for Officers through Navajo Nation, but President Nez and Vice President Lizer veto the request. The have resubmitted the request. Required Training in Police Communication by Washington, employees will be taking the number of hours required, another training in Mental Health relative to prisoners. October activity: 225 responded to call-ins 52 security visits per Pine Hill Clinic, 34 DUI, 9 security checks/elderly, 17 citations and 40 checking on people in the community. Detention staff held their meetings, required training by Washington conducted online. Recent Washington request to have two staff attend training in Montana, Detention Officer policies and procedures, training attended by Chief of Police and Detention Officer Supervisor. Annual inspection by BIA is coming up so preparation is ongoing for this review. Recently the Generator went out from lighting strike, this being repaired. Natural Resource, Forest Thinning Contract crew are working north of Santa Fe, 97 acres of Pine and still have 30 acres remaining, the crews our from local area. Water well, windmills they have three staff assign to periodically check the solar wells. Requested ARPA funds to complete the interior of the training center situated south of chapter house. Follow up to be made with CSC on this project. Equipment inventory completed. Staff assisted with Food Distribution which has been shut down due to less COVID 19 cases at the time, we are now having increase of cases. Reports on drought situations in the area, Livestock owners' area aware of this situation. Ten solar windmills set up, Windmills #22 and #10 water insufficient, follow up will be made on this. People continue to haul water daily. More Ferrell horses are out using up all the water. Plans are in place to repair Windmill #4, #5. Dirt dam, 65% earthen dam are holding water but due to drought the level is going down. Livestock owners should be preparing by hauling hay, this has been continuing reminder. No assistance from USDA and Navajo Nation due to grazing permits not being renewed, this needs to be taken care of. More Ferrell horses to the owners take care of your horses provide feed and water. Fencing is getting repaired in Unit 3 and Unit 4 grazing tracks. Boundary fence they plan to repair. 4H club for students providing education is run by Julie Cojo and Mike Henio. Again, no grazing permit for Livestock Owners not renewed so no assistance from Government Agencies. Horse management, equine clinic October 22, 2021, 13 individuals use the service provided with 18 horse brought in for clinic. Wood hauling for Chapter use – no agreement with individuals as of October 2021. In October horse round up plans were made but no date of implementation, 14 wood permits issued (460 cords), 9 permits for fence post, 18 permits for Christmas Trees. Meetings participated: October 1, 2021 – Animal Protection of NM, October 14, 2021 – Grant writing, October 18, 2021 – Land Board Meeting, October 22, 2021 – Proposal meeting through Animal Protection of NM, October 29, 2021, ARPA funds meeting in Pine Hill, October 15, 2021 – Women of Color information.

Real Estate: Site evaluation for three individuals assisted with location, GPS, maps etc., Meeting with RNDOT on land and cattleguards placement, assisted with information for ARPA funds with Land Board Member. TAMIS-input land information of individuals, 15 individuals came in on land information, worked with AAO on probate cases, hearings are scheduled. Office has been experiencing computer problems, so they have been using the BIA Agency computer, due to confidentiality. RNDOT, daily work on cleaning of cattle guards and culverts. State Highway 53 and BIA Route 125 redesigning of turning lanes for safety, will cost 176K, Dorothy is working on this. BIA Rt. 125 preparing documents to move forward on the road construction to use the recent Infrastructure funds signed by President Biden. Received 18 work orders, 428.7 miles of graded dirt roads in Unit 1 through Unit 5. Other item assisted community people with burial site.

6. Ramah Navajo School Board, Inc. Martha Garcia, Member/RNSB reports at its Board meeting in October they received report from Acting Superintendent on communication through phone, email, virtual, radio station, meetings with parents. Work plans for staff and students, temperature is taken every morning, those with high readings are send home. All COVID 19 CDC Guidelines are presented and followed. Due to recent high number of cases among community members and 11 students' positive cases within the last two-week, school is close all students are put on virtual learning which will go until after Thanksgiving break, base on COVID 19 report after the break decision will be made at that time. Pine Hill High School football players competed through the season, they did very well after having no games for two years. Volleyball team the girls went to State went two rounds. Bailey Nez will be playing again in the next game. Head Start program the classrooms are close they are on virtual learning until further notice when cases decline. Ages less than 5 years old this group are not vaccinated do they will continue to stay virtual until vaccination is given, and buildings are cleaned. 41 students enrolled in Head start ages 3–4-year-old the program is open for enrollment. All classrooms are sanitized/cleaned daily. Pine Hill dormitory remains close as well until cases decline. Students in the first grade through twelve grades can stay in the Dorm. Have students taking courses through NM State University-Grants Branch. Testing through Northwest taken, report will be given in the future. Total enrollment 346. Students can attend classroom instruction but allowed less than 15, so virtual and hybrid class is made available but now all students are on virtual learning. For 1<sup>st</sup> graders they have 32 students, 2<sup>nd</sup> graders they have 38 students, 5<sup>th</sup> graders they have 37 students so with these grades additional certified teachers are needed. Gifted & Talented need a certified teacher. Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grades certified guidance counselor needed. They are working on the five-year plan for the school considering todays learning technique, had a plan 7 years ago so a new plan is due. Upon completion of the plans, it will be implemented. At the October 8, 2021, meeting with Mr. Nez on his transferring over to Education. Funds requested for water, wastewater, internet proposals submitted. The electrical upgrade through Shihasin funds. 19 million dollars directly from Washington to BIE/BIA, will be moving forward with the funds to go toward the maintenance repairs, gym, school buildings, water, electrical repairs. The library building to be removed and replace the building as well as IT. Another meeting scheduled December 2, 2021, the discussion on new or replace buildings. Its reported more cases in our community we have become too lax on our CDC guidelines and base on vaccinations with booster we feel we are protected so are going out there without following our safety precautions. This has affected the school closure, athletic gatherings etc. Mr. Nez will continue to work and assist the new Executive Director which will be announced soon. He will assist this new person in this Executive position. During the Board Meetings all programs submit their reports, these are reviewed and approved by the Board. Thanksgiving break begins half a day on the 24<sup>th</sup> of November through 26<sup>th</sup>. Back to work on the 29<sup>th</sup> of November 2021. Question by Martha Garcia to Darnell Maria, are we having the toys 4 tots annual activity this year by Police department. Toys are distributed to the Pine Hill, Ramah, and Candy Kitchen area children. County Commissioner report, she will be attending a meeting this evening at 5 pm. She shared one item that will be discuss at the meeting one section of yucca hill land was bought by an individual, she is planning to start a business. She will report back on this at the next meeting. This individual bought the land, and she will present her business plan. Darnell Maria, ED respond to question, next week the Officers will travel to pick up toys, this activity is happening this year. Updates will be provided. President Jose asks a question on students' enrollment according to previous report at 336 a decrease. Due to pandemic virtual learning do we have students up on their academics through internet availability and electronic provided. Martha Garcia, Board Member/RNSB response the enrollment reported at 346 students, Head Start at 60 but due to pandemic they have 40 but funded at 60 students. There is a problem on virtual learning mostly in Unit 5 area. They are using Fence Lake Cellular One tower students can receive connection. Oso Vista Solution cannot connect the

lower areas. The Chapter was supposed to purchase a tower which is still pending. Students are not able to do 100% learning, teachers do continue to distribute learning package to students.

Mr. Becker, PHHC reported that within the Ramah Navajo Chapter area there are 38 cases, followed with 78 for entire month of November which translate to 20% of all cases as of March 2020. A dramatic increase due to mass gatherings in October. The high case rate uncontrol spread until enough people get vaccinated and booster shots are given or unvaccinated get COVID 19. Additional staff will be working vaccinating community members 210 a week. Tomorrow 50 doses for 5–11-year-old at 9am -Parent Resource Center, first come first serve basis. 20 people a day were tested with 8% positive which is 1:4 positive. Clinics have all three vaccines in stock: Pfizer, Moderna, J&J. Get booster shot if you received two doses of Moderna without side effects stay with Moderna for booster. You can switch to another brand but do consider side effects. Additional vaccination clinic after Thanksgiving break, cash incentive to those receiving their booster shot more information forthcoming on this. Surge has been coming through the last three months, high in NM, AZ, Colorado, Utah, Oregon, Idaho, and Washington state. Unvaccinated individuals are hospitalized in Gallup and Albuquerque hospitals. Six months ago, immunity drop off at 3%. Immunity at 90% in Albuquerque and Gallup hospital those are unvaccinated death or critical cases. Four months short lived immunity so second booster may be needed based on FDA decision. FDA reviewed Pfizer today, length of infection like flu season. Once approved they will have vaccine at the clinic for Chapter members. Individuals with positive test can get monoclonal treatment and is limited to serious cases only. Zuni, RMCH, GIMC, hospital are full. Summary: increase vaccination in booster, tomorrow 5–11-year-old-50 doses vaccine in the Parent Resource Center, additional vaccine will be available in December. Uncontrol spread seen high numbers for 2 months. Decrease in immunity from pass vaccine, prevent mass gatherings, Chapter to avoid mas' gatherings. Additional medication for positive COVID 19 cases will be treated with medication to those showing symptoms mid-December. Hospitals are full around the area, sick community members maybe transported into other areas, clinic have staff available to transport.

President Jose, stated to take care, avoid mass gathering, mask use, take your vaccination, stay 6 ft. apart. Tomorrow vaccination for 5–11-year-old. Mr. Becker reported they have enough vaccine for children, it's been reported medication errors occurred. Vaccine available: 400 Moderna with additional 200, 100 Pfizer with additional 100, 80 J&J additional vaccine requested. They have enough for booster. Darnell Maria asks do you have the latest effect of unvaccinated regardless of asymptomatic and send to ICU1/2 experience long term effects. Mr. Becker, half of the individuals in 2019 were not vaccinated, half experience memory loss, digestive, blood pressure, brain fog, fatigue. These individuals go through Mental and Physical therapy. Pine Hill clinic is working on doing therapy at the clinic to accommodate to patients need these services. Lucinda Pino asks how the clinic are working closely with the people during self-quarantine. Some are not taking it seriously, is the clinic working closely with the individuals and their families? Mr. Becker, response that calls are made as follow up daily with those that are positive. Presently have 100 people on calling list. Clinic does not take any action on those that are not following their quarantine. Positive individuals are given instruction on procedures to follow. Break through isolation, suspect of individual in the house, goes to store open area and or going to someone house enclosed area the virus is transmitted. They have no authority to make sure people are quarantine also due to HIPAA. Monica Yazzie asks what about individuals with and without the virus in a household. Individuals with positive case be isolated in a home. Mr. Becker, Individuals vaccinated with 2 doses plus booster this may change to 2 boosters. Three doses may not be isolated recommendations are made. Alvin Rafelito, PH clinic gave background information back in March 2020 CDC Guidelines were stress and at that time the cases slowed down. Then the virus changed (variant) surges then started happening. Delta variant more contagious this is out there. Those vaccinated in January, February decrease cases to zero during the summer months. Minor in May, June, and July no cases, in August cases increase, September and October as well. In November increase continues, reason late January and February vaccination the vaccine wearing off. It's very important to get booster shot to decrease cases. If we go into mass gathering, no vaccination cases increase. Holidays are coming up we need to follow CDC Guidelines, get booster shots everyone in your home. All guidelines be in place again. Continue to practice CDC guidelines, prevent mass gatherings, and take care. Beverly Coho, recommend joining together again and provide information to the community of all prevention information.

7. Ramah Navajo Agency: No report.
8. Ramah Judicial District Court of NN. Esther Jose gave an updated report, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday staff are in the office or on emergency call. During these days the court is in session. No vacancy in the office all positions are filled. Staff are on limited schedule to be in the office, during these times the Janitor is at the

facility cleaning. All staff are required to take temperature in the morning and all guidelines are adhere to. Mask is required, hands sanitized, these protocols are followed by staff. Court sessions are done through teleconference, all persons are notified either by phone or sign in at the courthouse. Those paying fees are taken, petition, domestic violence documents a box is provided at the door for submission. These documents are sprayed down and given to court clerk. Criminal complaints for the Prosecutor have decreased. 48 warrants are out, name change, civil traffic citation, children's cases are received. Payments can be taken using credit cards. On Tuesday hearing on citations are done and on Thursday Domestic Violence cases. Staff are rotated on schedule to work on site. Plan 1 are not definite due to increase of cases. Need justifications to determine the staff to return to work here at Ramah, our workspace is in small building. Courtroom to be divided left apart, install Plexiglas. No definite decision has been made on this. Update on court facilities, the archaeological clearance has been completed after another survey was done, the documents have been submitted along with all approved documents. The last meeting held August 3, 2021, she tried to contact Delegate Edmund Yazzie on an update but meant with no response, so she contacts Delegate Otto Tso for his assistance she provided all documents to request funds. She expresses her thanks to the Chapter for the assistance with funds to complete arch survey. Presently, waiting and hope we get additional funds.

Beverly Coho, thanks to all that voted, total of 14K Cibola County voters out of this only 1K voted. For Ramah Navajo Community 144 votes, this should have been better. She will be receiving a list of voters along with those that are purge and deceased voters she will review the information and work with the County on those that are on purge list. Next election coming up April and June 2022, will be opening registration. She is to have her own office here in the community, a letter is going out to the Officials for this request.

9. Chapter Standing Committees, Commissions, Boards. No reports.

Motion made by Chancey Martinez, second by Monica Yazzie to accept and approve the reports. Vote: Approve 6, Oppose 0, Abstain 1.

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

1. **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 was tabled from the October Planning meeting for 30 days. Motion made by Chancey Martinez, to defer to December meeting and second by Lucinda Pino. Vote: Approve 8, Oppose 0, Abstain 0.

XII. New Business: (Emergency Relief Items)

1. **RNC 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 Monica Yazzie to approve Resolutions Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, second by Kee Lee. Brenda Yazzie, CSC made a correction to the amount to be \$38,758.91 for Resolution #1, Resolution #2 need three price quotes from RNUA for purchase. Motion made by Monica Yazzie, second by Lucinda Pino to approve Amendment #1 to resolutions #112102, as is. Vote: Approve 11, Oppose 0, Abstain 0.

Main motion for resolutions 1 through 5 by Monica Yazzie, second Kee Lee. Vote: Approve 13, Oppose 0, Abstain 0.

**RNC 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 Monica Yazzie to approve Resolutions Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, second by Kee Lee. Brenda Yazzie, CSC made a correction to the amount to be \$38,758.91 for Resolution #1, Resolution #2 need three price quotes from RNUA for purchase. Motion made by Monica Yazzie, second by Lucinda Pino to approve Amendment #1 to resolutions #112102, as is. Vote: Approve 11, Oppose 0, Abstain 0.

Main motion for resolutions 1 through 5 by Monica Yazzie, second Kee Lee. Vote: Approve 13, Oppose 0, Abstain 0.



**RNC Resolution No. 112103** Approving to Convey Audit Finding #4 back to Navajo Nation Office of Auditor General (OAG) to Absorb Entire Cost of, and not limited to, investigation, litigation, etc. due to Lack of and insufficient budget at the Chapter Level.

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Main motion for resolutions 1 through 5 by Monica Yazzie, second Kee Lee. Vote: Approve 13, Oppose 0, Abstain 0.

**RNC Resolution No. 112104** Approving and Authorizing the Office of Grants and Contracts (OGC), Housing Program, of Ramah Navajo Chapter (RNC) to Administrate Conveyance of a Homeownership unit pursuant to Homeowners Policy and Procedure, among others, in addressing the next of kin eligible in succession to assume Homeownership Unit as in the event of Decedent of original owner.

Motion made by Monica Yazzie to approve Resolutions Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, second by Kee Lee. Brenda Yazzie, CSC made a correction to the amount to be \$38,758.91 for Resolution #1, Resolution #2 need three price quotes from RNUA for purchase. Motion made by Monica Yazzie, second by Lucinda Pino to approve Amendment #1 to resolutions #112102, as is. Vote: Approve 11, Oppose 0, Abstain 0.

Main motion for resolutions 1 through 5 by Monica Yazzie, second Kee Lee. Vote: Approve 13, Oppose 0, Abstain 0.

**RNC Resolution No. 112105** Approving to Grant from NM Outdoor Recreation Trails+ Grant in amount of \$19,320; And Approving to Obligate the NN Unhealthy Food Tax Fund FY22 Budget in amount of \$12,120 from Object Code 041162 and NN Public Employment Program (PEP) Fund FY22 Budget in amount of \$7,200 from Object Code 041158 to Match 1:1 a Grant from Outdoor Recreation Trails+ Grant, NM Outdoor Recreation Division, in amount of \$19,320 to combined of \$38,640 to Implement Development of Ramah Navajo Chapter Fitness Cultural Nature Trail in Ramah Navajo of Cibola County.

Motion made by Monica Yazzie to approve Resolutions Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, second by Kee Lee. Brenda Yazzie, CSC made a correction to the amount to be \$38,758.91 for Resolution #1, Resolution #2 need three price quotes from RNUA for purchase. Motion made by Monica Yazzie, second by Lucinda Pino to approve Amendment #1 to resolutions #112102, as is. Vote: Approve 11, Oppose 0, Abstain 0.

Main motion for resolutions 1 through 5 by Monica Yazzie, second Kee Lee. Vote: Approve 13, Oppose 0, Abstain 0.

**RNC Resolution No. 112106** Approving Financial Assistance from FY 2022 Navajo Nation Capital Outlay Fund account object code 041153 in amount of \$2,932 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 Monica Yazzie, second by Lucinda Pino to approve this resolution and to add resolution # 112107 for approval. Brenda Yazzie, CSC ask the motioning party that correction to be made to use 2022, may need to take it out of Settlement Funds. Monica Yazzie revises her motion to use FY2021 or 2022 for resolution #112106 and resolution #112107. President Jose was not aware of 2022 Capital Outlay funds not there and Carry-Over funds to move resolutions forward. Brenda Yazzie stated that it has been reported during the FY 2022 budget approval the chapters are not receiving Capital Outlay this year. FY 2021 can be use knowing that there are no 2022 funds. Carry over funds moved to 2022 budget. President Jose stated to go with 2021-2022 Capital Outlay. Vote: Approve 8, Oppose 0, Abstain 1.

**RNC Resolution No. 112107** Approving Expenditure of FY 2022 Capital Outlay Fund Account Object Code 041153 in amount of \$13,400, more or less, to defray the cost estimate submitted by Ramah Navajo Utility Authority (RNUA) to implement Construction (per SOW/Est.) of Water Line Extension and Septic System, including cost of Equipment, Labor, and overhead to residence of Jake Garcia Sr. in Unit 4.



Motion made by Monica Yazzie, second by Lucinda Pino to approve this resolution and to add resolution # 112107 for approval. Brenda Yazzie, CSC ask the motioning party that correction to be made to use 2022, may need to take it out of Settlement Funds. Monica Yazzie revises her motion to use FY2021 or 2022 for resolution #112106 and resolution #112107. President Jose was not aware of 2022 Capital Outlay funds not there and Carry-Over funds to move resolutions forward. Brenda Yazzie stated that it has been reported during the FY 2022 budget approval the chapters are not receiving Capital Outlay this year. FY 2021 can be use knowing that there are no 2022 funds. Carry over funds moved to 2022 budget. President Jose stated to go with 2021-2022 Capital Outlay. Vote: Approve 8, Oppose 0, Abstain 1.

**RNC Resolution No. 112108** Approving and Extending the Independent Contractor Agreement (Agreement) Retroactively from September 30, 2021 To January 31, 2022 by and Between the Ramah Navajo Chapter (Chapter) and JJ Clacs and Company (Contractor) for Completion of the Land Management Plans and Update Land Use Plan that the Plan of Action was in Effect but Seriously Delayed Due to Global COVID 19 Pandemic, Including the Navajo Nation for All of Calendar Year 2020, and Presently Undergoing more Contagious and Relevant Variants Disease.

This resolution 112108, redo the contract, revise contract by CSC, Brenda Yazzie to extend date, September 30,2021 – January 2022. Motion made by Kee Lee, second Gilbert Maria to also approve Resolutions #112108, # 112109, and #11210. For resolution #112110 first amendment to the agreement BIA Rt. 145, unit 3 and BIA Rt. 195, unit 5 loop. Funds 25% from 638 and State funding at 12 %. Vote: Approve 7, Oppose 0, Abstain 0.

Gilbert Maria question while on field visit west of chapter house it was asked if there is land withdrawn. JJ Clacs the contractor has been working on this. President Jose the contract extension will include this area and all ranches it will go to Resource Development Committee/NN for support and manage the Ranch lands.

**Added RNC Resolution No. 112109** Approving the First Amendment to Local Government Road Fund (LGRF) Cooperative Agreement By and Between the New Mexico Department of Transportation (Department) and the Ramah Navajo Chapter (Tribe) Pursuant to NMSA 1978 Sections 67-3-28 and 67-3-28.2 and the State Transportation pm Commission Policy No. 33-12 to Implement Estimated Total Project Funding in Amount of \$16,277.00 and in Proportional Cost Share Between the Parties at 75% and 25% Respectively.

This resolution 112108, redo the contract, revise contract by CSC, Brenda Yazzie to extend date, September 30,2021 – January 2022. Motion made by Kee Lee, second Gilbert Maria to also approve Resolutions #112108, # 112109, and #11210. For resolution #112110 first amendment to the agreement BIA Rt. 145, unit 3 and BIA Rt. 195, unit 5 loop. Funds 25% from 638 and State funding at 12 %. Vote: Approve 7, Oppose 0, Abstain 0.

**Added RNC Resolution No. 112110** Approving to enter into Cooperative Agreement for Project Control Number LP60023 with the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) for the TPF Program for Year 2022 for BIA Route 195: Roadway need reconstruction to provide an all-season roadway with some major drainage crossing work at two locations along the loop within the control of Ramah Navajo (Tribe) in New Mexico.

**Added RNC Resolution No. 112111** Approving to enter into Cooperative Agreement for Project Control Number LP60024 with the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) for the TPF Program for Year 2022 for BIA Route 145: Design and permitting for approximate 12 miles of reconstruction to improve current earth road to an all-weather road and driving surface within the control of Ramah Navajo (Tribe) in New Mexico.

These are two road projects the title and tribe on the agreement to be change by NMDOT, to change the tribe to Ramah Navajo and use the NMDOT resolution, move forward, the two-road project has a deadline date November 30, 2021. Chancey Martinez added this to the agenda to act on this as soon as possible before the deadline date, our next meeting is scheduled in December. He would like to hear from Darnell Maria and RNDOT Manager.

Motion made by Kee Lee, second Gilbert Maria to also approve Resolutions #112108, # 112109, and #11210; #112111 For resolution #112110 first amendment to the agreement BIA Rt. 145, unit 3 and BIA Rt. 195, unit 5 loop. Funds 25% from 638 and State funding at 12 %. Vote: Approve 7, Oppose 0, Abstain 0.

XIII. Community Concerns:

Gilbert Maria reported that Director of NHA and other staff have left Pine Hill NHA. Alice Chischilly from Thoreau comes out to Pine Hill NHA. People are needing application for housing and reported dog bites in the Sunset housing area.

Debbie Islam spoke with Mary Vandever Manager of NHA, she called November 22, 2021, she will contact Alice Chischilly in the office to address the issues in the housing areas. President Jose stated as a non-certified chapter and reports on 2 kids attack by dogs this should be enforced by Navajo Nation they have the regulation to enforce dog control. Have Window Rock enforce dog control. An incident report is needed from Police Department. A report via email will be send to Window Rock.

XIV. Announcements:

1. November 2021 National Native American Heritage Month
2. November 25, 2021, Thursday – Thanksgiving Day - Observed Holiday
3. November 26, 2021, Friday – Navajo Nation Family Day – Holiday
4. December 4, 2021, Saturday - ENAC, Eastern Navajo Agency Council Meeting (Quarterly) at 9 am

XV. Next Virtual RNC Planning Meeting.

Motion made by Chancey Martinez, second by Lucinda Pino

Date: December 2, 2021

Time: 9 am

Vote: Approve 11, Oppose 0, Abstain 0.

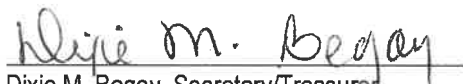
XVI. Adjournment:


Motion by Chancey Martinez, second by Gilbert Maria to adjourn.

Vote: unanimous

Time: 3:14 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,

  
Dixie M. Begay, Secretary/Treasurer

  
Date: