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NAVAJO REVITALIZATION FUND

NRF REVITALIZATION BOARD MEETING

Meeting Minutes:

The meeting of the Navajo Revitalization Fund Board meeting was held Thursday, September 25, 2025 | 9:00 a.m. It was conducted from the UNTF Offices at 151 E 500 N, Blanding, UT 84511 and attendance was available onsite as well as via Zoom.

An audio recording of this meeting can be found at <https://www.utah.gov/pmnp/files/1329179.mp3>

The recording starting time for discussions are noted in the “Agenda item” column and identified by the [].

Materials covered at the meeting and referenced in these minutes can be found at

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Evan Curtis Chairs this Board

Board Members Present:

Evan Curtis, Chairman (Governor’s Designee)

Commissioner Silvia Stubbs, San Juan County Commissioner (Western Utah Navajo area)

Kenny Victor, Teec Nos Pos President (Navajo Utah Commission Board Chair)

Willie Grayeyes, Navajo Mountain Chapter President (Utah Navajo Chapter President)

Board Members Absent/Excused:

Commissioner Jamie Harvey, San Juan County Commission (Eastern Utah Navajo area)

Supporting Staff:

Paul Moberly, Paul Tonks, Stephanie Johnson, Michael Mowes, Jennifer Domenici, Janell Quiroz

Agenda Item	Discussion	Motion/Action Item
Agenda item 1	<u>Welcome & Introductions:</u> Chairman Evan Curtis called the meeting to order at 9:46. He welcomed and did a roll call of the board members. He then asked the attendees to introduce themselves.	
Agenda item 2 [4:53]	<u>Approval of Minutes:</u> The Chairman called for a motion on approving the meeting minutes from the June 25, 2025 board meeting.	A motion to approve the meeting minutes of the June 25, 2025, board meeting was made by Commissioner Silvia Stubbs and seconded by board member Kenny

		Victor. The motion passed by affirmation of all present members. Commissioner Jamie Harvey was absent.																				
Agenda item 3 [5:57]	<p><u>Fund Report:</u> Chairman Curtis invited Stephanie Johnson to review the current fund balances (as of 09.18.2025).</p> <table> <tr><td>Aneth</td><td>\$434,769.45</td></tr> <tr><td>Dennehotso</td><td>\$53,469.59</td></tr> <tr><td>Mexican Water</td><td>\$249,299.91</td></tr> <tr><td>Navajo Mountain</td><td>\$358,982.75</td></tr> <tr><td>Oljato</td><td>\$1,082,864.14</td></tr> <tr><td>Red Mesa</td><td>\$208,228.10</td></tr> <tr><td>Teec Nos Pos</td><td>\$223,848.35</td></tr> <tr><td>Non-Chapter</td><td>\$0.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Interest</td><td>\$323,090.08</td></tr> <tr><td>New Severance Tax</td><td>\$807,980.16</td></tr> </table> <p>After the balances were read Chairman Curtis asked the board if they had any questions. The board asked if both the interest account and the new severance account were available. The answer was that the interest account was available, but the severance tax still needed to be distributed. The board asked for the timing on the distribution and the answer was that it was not on the agenda for this meeting so it would need to be distributed by the board at the next meeting. The board wanted to know the formula that would be used for distribution. The group contributed that there is an equal base amount of \$28,000 that is distributed to each chapter and then an amount that is determined by population that is added to each chapter's distribution.</p>	Aneth	\$434,769.45	Dennehotso	\$53,469.59	Mexican Water	\$249,299.91	Navajo Mountain	\$358,982.75	Oljato	\$1,082,864.14	Red Mesa	\$208,228.10	Teec Nos Pos	\$223,848.35	Non-Chapter	\$0.00	Interest	\$323,090.08	New Severance Tax	\$807,980.16	
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Agenda item 4.a [10:29]	<p><u>Board Business - Expiring projects:</u> Chairman Curtis invited Paul Moberly to cover the topic of expiring projects. Mr. Moberly called the board's attention to the list provided in the meeting packet of all projects expiring at the end of the calendar year. He told the board that staff would be reaching out to the chapters to get an update on the projects so that recommendations could be made to the board. The Chairman asked that the chapters review the list. He pointed out that many on the list just have small balances which may be indicative of a completed project. The balances remaining on completed projects will revert to the chapters' balances for use once they expire. The board will need to take action in a near future meeting to extend the projects that need more time.</p>	Action items assigned: Board members/ Chapters please review the list to determine which projects have been completed and which projects need an extension.																				
Agenda	<u>Board Business - Cancelled Project - Red Mesa - Powerline Connection - Linda & Alice Nelson:</u>																					

item 4.b [12:40]	Chairman Curtis asked Mr. Moberly to explain item 4.b. Mr. Moberly said that the board had previously approved \$5124.25 for Linda and Alice Nelson for a powerline connection. The project was completed without NRF funds, and the Red Mesa chapter has requested that the allocated but not needed funds be returned to the available, unallocated balance. This was not a board action item; it is just an update for the board.	
Agenda item 5.a [14:21]	<u>Project Applications - Expired Projects:</u> The Chairman invited Mr. Moberly to talk about the expired projects. Mr. Moberly explained that these projects expired in June. He showed the recommendation for each project – either to extend the project so it could be completed or revert the funds back to the chapters’ available funds because the projects no longer needed the funds. There were questions about the Red Mesa projects and the Red Mesa representative said that the balance on Project 770 could be returned to the Red Mesa balance but the other two (706 and 772) needed to be extended.	A motion was made by board member Kenny Victor to accept the staff recommended actions for the expired projects noting that the motion would include one exception to staff’s recommendation with the Red Mesa request for project 770 to be closed and revert the projects remaining funds to the Red Mesa balance which was not part of staff’s original recommendations. This motion was seconded by board member Willie Grayeyes. The motion passed by affirmation of all present members. Commissioner Jamie Harvey was absent.
Agenda items 5.b- 5.m	<u>Project Applications:</u> The Chairman asked the board if they would be ok with taking the projects and grouping them by chapter where it made sense and if the discussions resulted in the need for certain projects to be handled separately, they would break those out as they went through the projects. The board agreed.	
Agenda items 5.b- 5.c [19:33]	<u>Project Applications - Aneth Projects:</u> Chairman Curtis asked Mr. Moberly to give a summary of the two Aneth requests. Mr. Moberly shared the summaries below: 5.b Aneth - Home Renovation - Chester & Stella Johnson \$2,331 requested for roofing materials on the self-help home of Chester and Stella Johnson. UNTF is not requested to fund this phase of the project, but due to previous funding in the project, they will serve as a fiscal intermediary. They are requesting \$5000 from the Navajo Discretionary Fund as well. 5.c Aneth - New Homes (3) - Garold Burke; Herbert Claw; Jerry	Board member Kenny Victor made a motion to approve both Aneth requests and board member Willie Grayeyes seconded the motion. The motion passed by affirmation of all present members. Commissioner Jamie Harvey was absent.

	<p>Lansing</p> <p>\$134,847.90 requested for new home construction for Garold Burke (576 sqft, 1 bd, 1 bth home); Herbert Claw (864 sqft, 2 bd, 1 bth home); and Jerry Lansing (576 sqft, 1 bd, 1 bth home).</p> <p>After the summaries additional project details were added by the board and Aneth representatives about 5.b may need to rework the scope and request additional funds due to tornado damage. The board determined to approve the projects as requested rather than to wait to see if changes would need to be made on 5.b.</p>	
<p>Agenda item 5.d [24:00]</p>	<p><u>Project Applications - Naatsis'Aan (Navajo Mountain):</u></p> <p>The Chairman asked Mr. Moberly to review item 5.d Naatsis'Aan (Navajo Mountain) - Security Gate Project at War God and Beaver Springs</p> <p>\$2425.25 requested in additional funding for project 825 previously approved \$5,000 from the 3/21/2025 meeting, for one additional gate including material, equipment, and labor. This is part of the original project to install of heavy duty metal pipe security gates including labor and materials sufficient for two gates, with required site preparation, welding, assembly, and installation of the gates, and installation of a concrete support slab (approximately 4ft deep and 3ft diameter), at the entrance to War God Road and Beaver Springs Road at the base of Navajo Mountain to prevent unauthorized access. UNTF is requested to match \$2425.25 in additional funding.</p> <p>Additional project updates and details were added by the board and representatives of the project.</p>	<p>Board member Willie Grayeyes made a motion to approve the Security Gate project at War God and Beaver Springs and board member Kenny Victor seconded the motion. The motion passed by affirmation of all present members. Commissioner Jamie Harvey was absent.</p>
<p>Agenda items 5.e, 5.g-5.l [28:06]</p>	<p><u>Project Applications - Naatsis'Aan (Navajo Mountain):</u></p> <p>The Board decided to discuss items 5.e, 5.g-5.L together and keep 5.f separate.</p> <p>Mr. Moberly read the summaries of each of the projects.</p> <p>5.e Naatsis'Aan (Navajo Mountain) - Archaeological Clearance - Leonard & Mary King</p> <p>\$450 requested for archaeological clearance and needed surveys for qualifying for a homesite lease for Leonard & Mary King. UNTF is requested to fund \$450, but must complete actions (verify residency, documented progress on homesite lease) to be considered.</p> <p>5.g Naatsis'Aan (Navajo Mountain) - New Home - Elouise Chee</p> <p>\$32,500 requested for a new 24ft x 16ft, 384 sqft home, 1 bd, 1 bth home for Elouise Chee. UNTF is requested to match \$32,500 for this project.</p> <p>5.h Naatsis'Aan (Navajo Mountain) - Heavy Equipment Repairs (3 units)</p> <p>\$3500 requested for parts and needed repairs on a 2020</p>	<p>A motion to approve the following projects at the full requested amounts</p> <p>5.e Naatsis'Aan (Navajo Mountain) - Archaeological Clearance - Leonard & Mary King</p> <p>5.g Naatsis'Aan (Navajo Mountain) - New Home - Elouise Chee</p> <p>5.h Naatsis'Aan (Navajo Mountain) - Heavy Equipment Repairs (3 units)</p> <p>5.i Naatsis'Aan (Navajo Mountain) - New Home - Nellie Greymountain</p> <p>5.j Naatsis'Aan (Navajo Mountain) - New Home -</p>

	<p>CAT-Caterpillar 150 Grader; 1984 7 Galion 850 Road Grader; and 2007 Volvo Backhoe, which are needed to help maintain safe road conditions throughout the chapter as well as other needed applications. UNTF is requested to match \$3500.</p> <p>5.i Naatsis'Aan (Navajo Mountain) - New Home - Nellie Greymountain \$32,500 requested for a new 24 ft x 16 ft, 384 sqft, 1 bd, 1 bth home for Nellie Greymountain. UNTF is requested to match \$32,500.</p> <p>5.j Naatsis'Aan (Navajo Mountain) - New Home - Kenneth Miles \$32,500 requested for building of a new 26 ft x 19 ft, 494 sqft, 1 bd, 1 bth ADA compliant home for veteran Kenneth Miles. He will use the homesite lease of his sister Ida King. UNTF is requested to match \$35,500.</p> <p>5.k Naatsis'Aan (Navajo Mountain) - New Home - Mica DeJolie \$32,500 requested for a new 24ft x 16ft, 384 sqft 1bd 1bth home for Mica DeJolie. UNTF is requested to match \$32,500.</p> <p>5.l Naatsis'Aan (Navajo Mountain) - Xerox Machine Replacement \$7500 requested to replace a broken xerox high-capacity printer photocopier. UNTF is requested to match \$7500 on this project.</p> <p>Discussion was brought up that some of these projects are still in the vetting stage and there may be one that is not ultimately approved by the Chapter. The board decided to vote on all rather than hold on the projects until the vetting is complete.</p> <p>After hearing and discussing the projects the board talked about how to best distribute the funds which would not cover all of the requests. They talked about shorting all the projects the same amount or only approving some of the projects and saving some for the next meeting when more fund would be available. Ultimately the board decided to fully fund all of the reviewed projects and shorting the Earthen Dam Project. They determined with input from the Naatsis'Aan (Navajo Mountain) representative that the Dam project could get started and return to request more funds if needed but that this was the best way to fund as many requests as possible.</p>	<p>Kenneth Miles</p> <p>5.k Naatsis'Aan (Navajo Mountain) - New Home - Mica DeJolie</p> <p>5.l Naatsis'Aan (Navajo Mountain) - Xerox Machine Replacement</p> <p>As well as to fund the Earthen Dam project with the remaining balance of 215,107.50 and a note that remainder requested could be considered at a future meeting when additional allocation is available was made by board member Willie Greyeyes and seconded by board member Kenny Victor. The motion passed by affirmation of all present members. Commissioner Jamie Harvey was absent.</p>
<p>Agenda items 5.f [29:50 Overview]</p>	<p><u>Project Applications - Naatsis'Aan (Navajo Mountain) Earthen Dam Project:</u></p> <p>Chairman Curtis had Mr. Moberly read to project summary. He said that \$250,000 was requested for an Earthen Dam Project: to restore the earthen dams in Navajo Mountain in the San Juan County, Utah region. The intention of the earthen dam is to store water for</p>	<p>This project was included in the motion above. The motion was to fund 215,107.50 of the earthen dam project, with the remainder requested to</p>

	<p>irrigation, create drinking water when water seeps back underground to create aquafer, and hydroelectric power. Earthen dams are an important part of the infrastructure and can help reduce the impacts of floods and droughts. No funding from UNTF has been included in this request. This was a request from June 2024 which they updated with a revised chapter resolution. A contract with DWS will be required.</p> <p>The Chapter talked about the work that is already completed in the earthen dam project and whether they could make the project work with less money.</p> <p>The Board had to discuss and determine how to distribute the Naatsis'Aan (Navajo Mountain) funds, there was not enough to cover all the projects requesting funds. The board decided to approve the full request amounts for all the requests projects except the Earthen Dam project which they awarded 215,107.50 which would be the remaining balance after the other projects were approved.</p>	<p>be considered when there is future allocation. The motion was made by board member Willie Greyeyes and seconded by board member Kenny Victor. The motion passed by affirmation of all present members. Commissioner Jamie Harvey was absent.</p>
<p>Agenda items 5.m [45:40]</p>	<p><u>Project Applications - Navajo Utah Commission Chapter Capacity Building Training Project:</u></p> <p>Chairman Curtis asked Mr. Moberly to review the request as well as the funding question that will need to be discussed. Mr. Moberly said that because the dispersion of the new severance tax was not included on the agenda it could not be action at this meeting so there are no funds in the non-chapter account that could cover this project. The board could fund the project from the interest account or table the project until the next meeting when the new severance tax funds are distributed and then fund the project. The Chairman asked Mr. Tonks if it would be within the boards abilities to allocate funds from the interest account to a project. Mr. Tonks confirmed that the board could use their interest funds for a non-chapter project.</p> <p>Mr. Moberly read the following summary-</p> <p>\$40,000 requested from the Utah Navajo Commission for the creation and execution of a training program to increase capacity and project management skills in the seven Utah Chapter administrators. Training will include at least 6 training sessions over a two-year period, and include topics such as: fiscal management, policy development, strategic planning, construction management, procurement procedures, project monitoring and inspections, performance reporting, grant writing, and economic development. Funds will be used for travel and training costs, milage, training materials, and consultant fees as necessary. UNTF is not requested</p>	<p>A motion to approve funding this project from the interest account was approved by board member Kenny Victor and seconded by board member Commissioner Silvia Stubbs. The motion passed by affirmation of all present members. Commissioner Jamie Harvey was absent.</p>

	to match funding. A contract with DWS will be required. The board advocated for the benefits of this program.	
Agenda item 6 [51:47]	<u>Scheduling next board meeting:</u> The board and staff discussed the upcoming projects and needs of the board and determined that the board needed to meet again fairly soon. They decided on a remote meeting on October 30, 2025 at 9:30.	
Adjourn		A motion to adjourn was made by board member Kenny Victor and seconded by board member Willie Greyeyes. The motion passed by affirmation of all present members. Commissioner Jamie Harvey was absent.

Draft Meeting minutes submitted by Janell Quiroz

Minutes Approved: 11/17/2025

