

NAVAJO REVITALIZATION BOARD MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2023 - 11:00 am  
UTAH NAVAJO TRUST FUND OFFICES  
151 E 500 N,  
BLANDING, UT 84511  
VIRTUAL OPTION VIA ZOOM  
<https://utah-gov.zoom.us/j/85985413878>  
**APPROVED** MEETING MINUTES

Board Members Present

Evan Curtis, Chairman

Patricia Blackhorn, Navajo Mountain Chapter,  
Representing Navajo Utah Commission

Silvia Stubbs, San Juan County  
Commissioner

Jamie Harvey, San Juan County  
Commissioner

Martha Saggboy, Mexican Water Chapter  
President  
Representing Navajo Chapter Presidents

Staff and Guests Present

Paul Moberly, DWS Program Manager

Stephanie Holly, Navajo Utah Commission

Clarence Rockwell, Executive Director,  
Navajo Utah Commission

Carver Black, DWS Finance

Chris Pieper, Assistant Attorney General

Janice Bitsoie, Utah Navajo Trust Fund

Jennifer Edwards, HCD Assistant Director

Wilbur Capitan, Aneth Chapter

Malysa Egge, Mexican Water Chapter

Sam Dee, Red Mesa Chapter Housing  
Manager

John Nakai, Utah Navajo Trust Fund Project  
Manager

Tony Dayish, Utah Navajo Trust Fund  
Director

Dorothy Phillips, Utah Navajo Trust Fund

Maury Bergman, Utah Navajo Trust Fund  
Financial Manager

Rose Dandy, Utah Navajo Trust Fund

Jaimee Little, Utah Navajo Trust Fund

Kaylee Warren, Utah Navajo Trust Fund

Carey Nakai, Utah Navajo Trust Fund

Roberta Brady, Utah Navajo Trust Fund

## 1. Welcome & Introductions

Chairman Evan Curtis officially called the Navajo Revitalization Fund (NRF) In-Person Board meeting to order at 11:03 am, on Wednesday, August 2, 2023, in-person meeting in Blanding, Utah with an electronic Zoom option.

Chairman Curtis asked for those in attendance and on zoom to introduce themselves, with new board member, Martha Saggboy being welcomed.

## 2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from May 25, 2023, Navajo Revitalization Fund Board meeting were presented.

Chair called the question.

*Commissioner Jamie Harvey made and Commissioner Silvia Stubbs seconded the motion to approve the minutes for the board meeting held on May 25, 2023. The motion carried as approved with affirmative votes by Commissioner Jamie Harvey, Patricia Blackhorn, Martha Saggboy, Commissioner Silvia Stubbs, and Chairman Curtis.*

## 3. Fund Report

Paul Moberly reviewed the chapter's unallocated chapter account balances, as of 7/27/2023

CHAPTER	AVAILABLE
Aneth	\$12,524
Dennehotso	\$42,014
Mexican Water	\$144,941
Navajo Mountain	\$256,975
Oljato	\$684,141
Red Mesa	\$217,415
Tecnospos	\$186,153
Non-Chapter	\$0
Interest	\$253,027
TOTAL	\$1,797,190

## 4. Board Business

Paul Moberly reviewed that the following projects were completed and the grants were closed with balances remaining, and that the remaining funds were reverted to the Teec Nos Pos chapter's unallocated balance: 21-02-23--TP-745 which was a *powerline connection for the home of Sylvia Zhonnie* with a remaining balance of \$0.49; and 21-02-23--TP-744 which was a *powerline connection for the home of Carmen Dee* with a remaining balance of \$0.71. Commissioner Jamie Harvey made and Martha Saggboy seconded a motion to accept the grants as closed out and the balances returned to the Chapter's unallocated balance. The motion passed unanimously with 5 in favor and none opposed

## 5. Project Applications

### 5.a San Juan Foundation - Halchita Community Center HVAC

Paul Moberly reviewed this request made from the San Juan Foundation for \$7970 for a new HVAC system for the Halchita Community Center. Maury Bergman reviewed the

project details with the board, about the history of the location and building, and the relationship of the San Juan Foundation to the Oljato Chapter. Paul Moberly discussed the question of funding source from either Oljato Chapter funds or non-chapter funds. While reviewing the Oljato chapter resolution in support of this project, Commissioner Harvey asked clarifying questions around the funding source.

Chair called the question.

Commissioner Jamie Harvey made, and Commissioner Silvia Stubbs seconded the motion to approve funding \$7970 for a new HVAC system for the Halchita Community Center, with funding coming from the Oljato chapter fund. The motion passed unanimously with 5 in favor and none opposed.

#### 5.b Red Mesa - Home Renovation - Lena Benally

Paul Moberly reviewed this request made from Red Mesa. Sam Dee, Red Mesa Housing Manager, described all three projects and answered questions by Chairman Evan Curtis and Commissioner Jamie Harvey. The audio recording was inadvertently started late at this point in the meeting. There was a question about UNTF staff involvement without UNTF monies involved. There was a question about other applicants listed in the chapter resolution but the Chapter had not forwarded an application on their behalf. Jamie Harvey expressed his interest to the Chair in reviewing and approving all three Red Mesa applications together. Tony Dayish will advise the Red Mesa chapter to submit an application to the UNTF for matching funding so they can assist with the renovation projects. Commissioner Silvia Stubbs asked for clarification on the NRF policy about applicants submitting quotes. Commissioner Jamie Harvey discussed the applications of the other applicants listed on the chapter resolution with Sam Dee.

Commissioner Jamie Harvey made, and Martha Saggboy seconded the motion to approve funding for the three Red Mesa projects (5b – 5d) as presented:

5.b Red Mesa - Home Renovation - Lena Benally - \$6,135.08 requested for home renovations for the home of Lena Benally, including walk-in shower and vinyl flooring.

5.c Red Mesa - Home Renovation - Betty Johnson - \$4,300 requested for renovations to the home of Betty Johnson, including a walk-in shower and bathroom improvements.

5.d Red Mesa - Home Renovation - Samuel Dee - \$13,854.59 requested for self-help renovation of the home of Samuel Dee, including replacing the roofing / exterior walls, siding, windows, exterior and interior doors, flooring, and installing a walk-in shower.

The motion passed unanimously with 5 in favor and none opposed.

## 6. Board Member Issues

Chairman Evan Curtis brought up the schedule of next meeting, originally scheduled for October 17<sup>th</sup>. He discussed coordination with the meetings for the Utah Navajo Trust Fund, and presented October 20<sup>th</sup> as a potential date, which had conflicts with staff. The scheduled meeting was left as *to be determined*.

Commissioner Jamie Harvey asked a question about if non-chapter projects need to go through a chapter, which was clarified by Paul Moberly. A follow up question was asked about which entities could apply, which was answered by Paul Moberly. Commissioner Jamie Harvey discussed coordination meetings hosted by the county. Commissioner Jamie Harvey explained that San Juan County has met with Energy Fuels White Mesa Mill regarding the processing of Rare Earths and developing a hub of various types of enterprises that would develop materials and products for electrical batteries and vehicles. They are also looking at a plan to develop recharging stations on the reservation for electric cars and other related development. Commissioner Harvey said they may potentially seek funding to pay for consortium gatherings for food, hotel, per diem expenses and to ensure Navajo participation in these ventures and that they were thinking of requesting for NRF funds.

Martha Saggboy added that there are four Utah Navajo Chapters that are seeking to develop a regional plan for recharging stations as well. Commissioner Silvia Stubbs reiterated her support for the idea from her experience with similar coordination meetings. Chairman Evan Curtis asked staff to stay in contact about this potential project.

## **7. Adjournment**

The chair entertained a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Silvia Stubbs made, and Commissioner Jamie Harvey seconded a motion. The motion carried unanimously as approved. The meeting adjourned at 11:47 am.

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Submitted by Paul Moberly