

NAVAJO REVITALIZATION BOARD MEETING

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2023 - 11:30 am

UTAH NAVAJO TRUST FUND OFFICES

151 E 500 N,

BLANDING, UT 84511

VIRTUAL OPTION VIA ZOOM

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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

Wilbur Capitan, Aneth Chapter

Stephanie Holly, Navajo Utah

Commission

Clarence Rockwell, Executive Director,

Navajo Utah Commission

Marlo Oaks, State Treasurer

Chris Pieper, Assistant Attorney General

Kenny Victor, Teec Nos Pos Chapter

President

John Nakai, Utah Navajo Trust Fund

Project Manager

Dorothy Phillips, Utah Navajo Trust Fund

Carver Black, DWS Financial

Tony Dayish, Utah Navajo Trust Fund

Director

Maury Bergman, Utah Navajo Trust Fund

Financial Manager

Skylor Stanley, Utah Navajo Trust Fund

Jaimee Little, Utah Navajo Trust Fund

Rose Dandy, Utah Navajo Trust Fund

Janice Bitsoie, Utah Navajo Trust Fund

Blair Bitsinnie

Marilyn Holly, Red Mesa Chapter Vice

President

Darrell Williams, Aneth Chapter Manager

1. Welcome & Introductions

Chairman Evan Curtis officially called the Navajo Revitalization Fund (NRF) In-Person Board meeting to order at 11:36 am, on Friday, September 15, 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 board members going first, followed by others in the room and on Zoom. There was a quorum present with all board members in attendance.

2. Approval of Minutes [5:02]

The draft minutes from the August 2, 2023 Navajo Revitalization Fund Board meeting were presented. The chair called the question:

Martha Saggboy made and Commissioner Silvia Stubbs seconded the motion to approve the minutes for the board meeting held on August 2, 2023. The motion carried as approved with unanimous affirmative votes by Commissioner Jamie Harvey, Patricia Blackhorn, Martha Saggboy, Commissioner Silvia Stubbs, and Chairman Evan Curtis.

3. Fund Report [5:55]

Paul Moberly reviewed the chapter's unallocated chapter account balances, as of 9/13/2023.

| CHAPTER | AVAILABLE |
|---------------|-----------|
| Aneth | \$12,524 |
| Dennehotso | \$42,014 |
| Mexican Water | \$144,941 |
| Navajo | |
| Mountain | \$256,975 |
| Oljato | \$676,171 |
| Red Mesa | \$193,125 |
| Tecnospos | \$186,153 |
| Non-Chapter | \$0 |
| Interest | \$292,922 |

Chairman Curtis asked Paul Moberly to introduce the new funding allocation. Mr. Moberly stated that the board had new funds in the total of \$1,192,533.12. Chairman Curtis asked for Mr. Moberly to review the allocation process for the board. Mr. Moberly described the formula that allocates out the funds to the chapter unallocated balance and explained that the non-chapter projects which would be presented to the board that day would need funding allocated into the non-chapter account. He also discussed that interest could be allocated during that meeting as well. Chairman Curtis asked that Mr. Moberly provide a baseline of amount of what each chapter would receive without interest allocation and without allocation to the non-chapter account.

Mr. Moberly reviewed the baseline amounts of the new allocation allocated by the formula to each chapter as requested by the chairman.

| CHAPTER | AVAILABLE |
|---------------|-----------|
| Aneth | \$362,199 |
| Dennehotso | \$40,319 |
| Mexican Water | \$119,519 |
| Navajo | \$104,607 |
| Mountain | |
| Oljato | \$289,848 |
| Red Mesa | \$208,439 |

Tecnospos \$67,603

Chairman Curtis asked Mr. Moberly for a total of non-chapter requests on the agenda. Mr. Moberly responded that there were \$400,000 requested for non-chapter projects.

Martha Saggboy asked a question about the Red Mesa project request showing on the calculator. Mr. Moberly clarified that it was the current requests from Red Mesa and clarified that there would likely be sufficient funding to cover those projects with the new funding.

Commissioner Harvey asked for clarification that there were no current non-chapter funds available. He also asked how much of the interest could be allocated. Mr. Moberly clarified the current non-chapter balance (\$0) and that there was \$292,921 in interest available. Commissioner Harvey asked for clarification on the needed balance remaining if the interest were allocated to the non-chapter. Carver Black responded that it would be around \$107,000. Commissioner Harvey asked for options on how to provide the difference. Chairman Curtis asked Mr. Moberly to present options which have been used in the past. Mr. Moberly outlined that the board could allocate non-chapter funds via the allocation formula, the board could allocate non-chapter funds equally from each chapter, the board could allocate non-chapter funds from specific chapters, or a mix of these approaches.

Tony Dayish stated that the board traditionally has examined the non-chapter projects and tentatively decided how much they wanted to pursue. He also clarified that the interest could be considered as part of the total amount available. Chairman Curtis asked for Mr. Moberly to provide an overview of the non-chapter projects. Mr. Moberly generally presented agenda items 5e - 5g from the Navajo Utah Commission, a housing project and a road project.

Martha Saggboy suggested that the housing project specifically benefited all chapters and supported using the full interest allocation on the non-chapter projects. Commissioner Stubbs clarified the number of houses being proposed, and asked about the process for projects coming forward to the board. She discussed the Navajo Mountain Senior Citizen Center parking lot project, and Patricia Blackhorn also discussed. Tony Dayish discussed the history on that project and estimated that \$257,000 is still available for that project and that San Juan County was supposed to undertake that project.

Chairman Curtis asked Mr. Moberly to provide calculations on an equal allocation and a formula-based allocation after all interest allocated to the non-chapter fund. Mr. Dayish made note that NRF previously funded \$400,000 for the Navajo Mountain to Oljato road project in grant 507, and discussed the two road options that were identified. Carver Black suggested that since the Olene Walker Housing Funds were not obtained yet, that the board make a motion contingent upon receiving those funds. Clarence Rockwell stated information about their NUC's application to Olene Walker Housing funds.

Audio cut out at 37:30 due to technology failure of the meeting room's conference system. Staff quickly became aware of the issue and worked to remedy the situation. The gap in the audio recording reflects this work. Audio came back at 1:01:37 with a quorum still intact. Chairman Curtis reconvened the meeting after the disruption.

Mr. Moberly presented the two scenarios (equal allocation and formula-based allocation) as requested. By formula, the allocations would be as follows:

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|-----------------|-----------|
| Aneth | \$326,216 |
| Dennehotso | \$39,045 |
| Mexican Water | \$109,704 |
| Navajo Mountain | \$96,400 |
| Oljato | \$261,667 |
| Red Mesa | \$189,036 |
| TeecNosPos | \$63,386 |

Equally allocated would be:

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|-----------------|-----------|
| Aneth | \$346,902 |
| Dennehotso | \$25,022 |
| Mexican Water | \$104,222 |
| Navajo Mountain | \$89,310 |
| Oljato | \$274,551 |
| Red Mesa | \$193,142 |
| TeecNosPos | \$52,306 |

Martha Saggboy asked a question about how the non-chapter funds were allocated in the two scenarios presented. Chairman Curtis stated that the board could accept one of the two options or pursue a third option for consideration. Martha Saggboy stated that she supported the equal allocation scenario. Chairman Curtis asked for Mr. Moberly to walk through the difference in the two scenarios (A = Formula, B = Equal).

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|-----------------|----------------------------|
| Aneth | -\$20,686 less in A than B |
| Dennehotso | \$14,022 more in A than B |
| Mexican Water | \$5,482 more in A than B |
| Navajo Mountain | \$7,090 more in A than B |
| Oljato | -\$12,884 less in A than B |
| Red Mesa | -\$4,106 less in A than B |
| TeecNosPos | \$11,080 more in A than B |

Maury Bergman asked how the interest was allocated and what the final amount in the non-chapter account would be. Carver Black answered that the interest would be fully allocated to non-chapter and the final amount would be \$400,000 in non-chapter.

Commissioner Harvey made, and Martha Saggboy seconded, a motion to accept the equal allocation scenario, allocating the full amount of interest in \$292,921.85 to the non-chapter projects account, with the remaining \$107,078 to non-chapter coming from each chapter equally, at \$15,296.86 from each of the seven chapter accounts for a total of \$400,000 in non-chapter funding. The motion passed with affirmative votes by Commissioner Jamie

Harvey, Martha Saggboy, Commissioner Silvia Stubbs, and Chairman Evan Curtis, with Patricia Blackhorn absent.

| CHAPTER | NEW ALLOCATION | FINAL AMOUNT (WITH CURRENT FUNDS) |
|-----------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|
| Aneth | \$346,902 | \$359,426 |
| Dennehotso | \$25,022 | \$67,036 |
| Mexican Water | \$104,222 | \$249,163 |
| Navajo Mountain | \$89,310 | \$346,285 |
| Oljato | \$274,551 | \$950,722 |
| Red Mesa | \$193,142 | \$386,267 |
| TecNosPos | \$52,306 | \$238,459 |
| Non-Chapter | \$400,000 | \$400,000 |

4. Board Business [1:10:40]

4.a Grants expiring soon

Chairman Curtis invited Mr. Moberly to review this item, and Mr. Moberly presented that the list of grants provided in the board packet was a courtesy notification that these would expire at the end of the calendar year.

4.b Discussion on resolution / policy for governing of electronic meetings

Chairman Curtis invited Mr. Moberly to present this to the board. Mr. Moberly presented that the board needs a rule or resolution governing the board's use of electronic meetings. Patricia Blackhorn rejoined the meeting at 12:49. Chris Pieper clarified some of the history and need for the resolution.

Commissioner Harvey made, and Martha Saggboy seconded the adoption of a resolution outlining the NRF board's use of electronic meetings as presented. The motion passed with affirmative votes by Commissioner Jamie Harvey, Martha Saggboy, Commissioner Silvia Stubbs, and Chairman Evan Curtis, with Patricia Blackhorn absent (technical connection issues).

5. Project Applications [1:15:20]

5a – 5d Red Mesa Housing Projects

Mr. Moberly reviewed the four Red Mesa housing projects, presenting that all projects were identical in their application. Tony Dayish clarified that they were approved for UNTF match funding at the UNTF meeting earlier that day.

Commissioner Harvey made, and Martha Saggboy seconded, the motion to approve the four Red Mesa housing projects for Anita Dee, Glenn & Irene Seweingyawma, Anthony & Linda Eddie and Gourdin & Blair Maryboy Bitsinnie, each being a \$60,000 request for the construction of a 28' x 44' home with \$69,360 in matching UNTF funding. The motion

carried as approved with unanimous affirmative votes by Commissioner Jamie Harvey, Patricia Blackhorn, Martha Saggboy, Commissioner Silvia Stubbs, and Chairman Evan Curtis.

5e – 5f Navajo Utah Commission - Utah Chapter Housing Project

Mr. Moberly reviewed the non-chapter request from the Navajo Utah Commission for \$300,000 as matching funding for Olene Walker Housing Loan funding for one single-family home in each chapter (seven total). Staff suggested that any motion include approval being contingent upon receiving the matching funds and receiving the remaining application materials for each of the final recipients.

Commissioner Harvey made, and Martha Saggboy seconded, a motion to approve the funding contingent upon receiving the matching OWHLF funds and NRF staff receiving the required application materials for each final home recipient. The motion carried as approved with unanimous affirmative votes by Commissioner Jamie Harvey, Patricia Blackhorn, Martha Saggboy, Commissioner Silvia Stubbs, and Chairman Evan Curtis.

5.g Utah Navajo Commission - Oljato / Navajo Mountain Transportation Project

Mr. Moberly presented the funding request of \$100,000 of non-chapter funding to use as match for Utah State legislative funding for the Environmental Impact Statement to construct a road between Oljato and Navajo Mountain. Staff suggested that any motion to approve be contingent upon approval of the matching funds and have a time limit on the use of the funds. Chairman Curtis suggested a one year time limit.

Commissioner Harvey made, and Martha Saggboy seconded, a motion to approve funding contingent upon match funding with a one-year time limit. The motion carried as approved with unanimous affirmative votes by Commissioner Jamie Harvey, Patricia Blackhorn, Martha Saggboy, Commissioner Silvia Stubbs, and Chairman Evan Curtis.

6. Board Member Issues [1:22:34]

6.a Board Per Diem / Reimbursement

Mr. Moberly presented that board members were eligible for per diem and reimbursement so long as they are not being reimbursed by other entities and they set up a state employee identification number.

6.b Proposed Meeting Schedule

Chairman Curtis discussed the future schedule of meetings, with Monday, November 13th being proposed to be combined again with the UNTF meeting, at the Monument Valley Clinic. It was determined that the remainder of the schedule would be finalized after UNTF provides their schedule to try to combine meetings as often as possible.

7. Adjournment

Chairman Curtis entertained a motion to adjourn. *Martha Saggboy made, and Commissioner Silvia Stubbs seconded, a motion to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously as approved and the meeting adjourned at 1:06pm.*

Submitted by Paul Moberly