

NRF REVITALIZATION BOARD MEETING

Monday, November 13, 2023 - 11:00 AM

Monument Valley Community Health Center

30 W Medical Dr, Oljato-Monument Valley, UT 84536

Virtual Meeting via Zoom: <https://utah-gov.zoom.us/j/85985413878>

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

Board Members Present

Evan Curtis, Chairman

Martha Saggboy, Mexican Water Chapter
President, Representing Navajo Chapter
Presidents

Silvia Stubbs, San Juan County
Commissioner

Herman Farley, appointed representative for
Navajo Utah Commission

Board Members Absent

Jamie Harvey, San Juan County
Commissioner

Curtis Yanito, Navajo Utah Commission
Chair

Staff and Guests Present

Tony Dayish, Utah Navajo Trust Fund
Administrator

Maury Bergman, Utah Navajo Trust Fund
Financial Manager

Stephanie Holly, Navajo Utah
Commission

Clarence Rockwell, Executive Director,
Navajo Utah Commission

Chris Pieper, Assistant Attorney General
Carver Black, DWS Financial Specialist

Kaylee Beck, DWS Financial Manager

Howard Toney, UNTF Construction Staff

Franklin Warren, UNTF Construction
Supervisor

Byron Clarke, Utah Navajo Health COO

Mike Jensen, Utah Navajo Health CEO

Paul Moberly, DWS Program Manager

1. Welcome & Introductions

Chairman Evan Curtis officially called the Navajo Revitalization Fund (NRF) In-Person Board meeting to order at 11:44 am, on Monday, November 13, 2023, in-person meeting at the Monument Valley Community Health Center, Oljato-Monument Valley, 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. Herman Farley was invited by the Navajo Utah Commission to attend in place of NUC Chairman Curtis Yanito. There was a quorum present with four board members in attendance.

2. Approval of Minutes [3:17]

The draft minutes from the September 15, 2023 Navajo Revitalization Fund Board meeting were presented. The chair called the question:

Martha Saggboy made and Herman Farley seconded the motion to approve the minutes for the board meeting held on September 15, 2023. The motion carried as approved with unanimous affirmative votes by Commissioner Silvia Stubbs, Martha Saggboy, Herman Farley and Chairman Evan Curtis.

3. Fund Report [4:02]

Paul Moberly reviewed the chapter's unallocated chapter account balances as of 11/9/2023:

CHAPTER	AVAILABLE
Aneth	\$359,426
Dennehotso	\$67,036
Mexican Water	\$249,163
Navajo Mountain	\$346,285
Oljato	\$950,722
Red Mesa	\$170,557
Teechnospos	\$238,460
Non-Chapter	\$0
Interest	\$81,621
TOTAL	\$2,463,271

4. Board Business [5:02]

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 Amending policy on limiting NRF funding to any home to \$85,000.

Chairman Curtis introduced the policy discussions stating that, given the lack of board attendance, they would be introducing these for discussion only and would be discussed more in depth in a future meeting. He invited Mr. Moberly to introduce each topic. Mr. Moberly introduced that the current policy restricted NRF home assistance to \$85,000, and that the board had previously discussed some concerns with this amount. Herman Farley asked a clarifying question on the policy, which Mr. Moberly restated the policy.

4.c Policy determining the order in which projects will be funded per 35A-8-1706 (d).

Mr. Moberly introduced the encouragement by DWS internal audit to have a board criteria which follows the NRF enabling statute in 35A-8-1706 (d), that the board shall determine the order in which projects are funded. Chairman Curtis asked if there was a best practice or staff recommendation. Mr. Moberly responded that staff could present a suggestion when the topic is next discussed. Tony Dayish asked what the "order of projects" means. Chris Pieper

clarified that this seems more an internal administrative requirement, and he was comfortable with proceeding in any way to satisfy the requirement.

Herman Farley asked again about the \$85,000 limit policy, asking how it came about and who approved it. Mr. Moberly clarified that it was in the board's housing policy since 2011 and given previous discussion the board appeared to want to change it. Herman Farley asked if a chapter resolution was required to change the policy. Mr. Moberly replied that it wasn't. Chairman Curtis asked Tony Dayish about UNTF's current policy. Tony Dayish responded that UNTF publishes a cap each year approved by the board, which is \$105/sf and provided historical context for NRF's housing policy. Herman Farley stated that he strongly believes that the chapters should be involved in deliberations on any policy changes.

4.d Policy or discussion clarifying 35A-8-1707 3(c) which states the board may not fund projects which "operate or be located outside of the Navajo Reservation in San Juan County, Utah." Mr. Moberly reviewed the language of the statute and given recent project requests wanted board clarification on how they would interpret this statute. Martha Saggboy asked a question with a specific home project she was aware of which benefitted the Navajo on the reservation but the project was located off the reservation land. Chairman Curtis agreed that type of project was an example which could benefit from a board policy; making a policy would help so they wouldn't need to be deliberated on a case-by-case basis.

5. Project Applications [18:32]

5.a TeecNosPos - Home Reconstruction - Karen Begay

As invited by the chair, Mr. Moberly reviewed the project consisting of a \$69,360 request for the reconstruction of a 28' x 44' (1232 sf) home for Karen Begay, whose house burned down in Jan 2023. UNTF is matching \$60,000 to this project. Martha Saggboy asked questions about the difference between the two resolutions, and why the person to be awarded a grant is allowed to make a motion on the resolution. She said they don't allow this in her Chapter. Tony Dayish clarified that each Chapter has their own procedures regarding this matter. Herman Farley asked about the identity of the applicant and the location of her proposed house site, which Tony Dayish answered.

Martha Saggboy made, and Commissioner Silvia Stubbs seconded, the motion to approve the TeecNosPos home reconstruction project for Karen Begay consisting of a \$69,360 request for the reconstruction of a 28' x 44' (1,232 sf) home. The motion carried as approved with unanimous affirmative votes by Commissioner Silvia Stubbs, Martha Saggboy, Herman Farley and Chairman Evan Curtis.

6. Board Member Issues [24:52]

6.a Proposed Meeting Schedule

Chairman Curtis reviewed the upcoming schedule of meetings, as listed below:

Wednesday, March 27, 2024 @ 11:00 (in person - Blanding)

Thursday, June 13, 2024 @ 11:00 (in person - Blanding)

Friday, September 27, 2024 @ 11:00 (in person - joint with UNTF board in Blanding)

Friday, November 22, 2024 @ 11:00 (in person - joint with UNTF board in Mexican Water)

Herman Farley asked for a copy of these meetings, which Mr. Moberly provided.

7. Adjournment [26:20]

Chairman Curtis entertained a motion to adjourn.

Martha Saggboy made and Herman Farley seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously as approved and the meeting adjourned at 12:10pm.

Submitted by Paul Moberly