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Draft Meeting Minutes:

The meeting of the Navajo Revitalization Fund Board meeting was held Monday, November 17, 2025 | 12:00 p.m. The meeting was conducted via Zoom.

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

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)

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

Bill Todachennie, Aneth Chapter Vice-President (Utah Navajo Commission Board Chair)

Willis Begay, Oljato Chapter President (Utah Navajo Chapter President)

Board Members Absent/Excused:

Attending members of the public that were invited to speak in the discussions and are noted in these minutes:

Tony Dayish, UNTF

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 12:00. He welcomed and did a roll call of the board members. He invited the new board members Bill Todachennie (Aneth Chapter) and Willis Begay (Oljato Chapter) to introduce themselves. The Chairman then asked the attendees and staff to introduce themselves.	



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Agenda item 2 [7:43]	<p><u>Approval of Minutes:</u> The Chairman called for a motion on approving the meeting minutes from the September 25, 2025, board meeting.</p> <p><i>Motion</i> <i>A motion to approve the meeting minutes of the September 25, 2025, board meeting was made by Commissioner Silvia Stubbs and seconded by Commissioner Jamie Harvey. The motion passed unanimously by affirmation.</i></p>	Motion - Passed																				
Agenda item 2 [9:42]	<p><u>Fund Report:</u> Chairman Curtis invited Stephanie Johnson to review the current fund balances (as of 11.13.2025).</p> <table><tr><td>Aneth</td><td>\$297,590.55</td></tr><tr><td>Dennehotso</td><td>\$53,469.59</td></tr><tr><td>Mexican Water</td><td>\$295,385.91</td></tr><tr><td>Navajo Mountain</td><td>\$100,000.00</td></tr><tr><td>Oljato</td><td>\$1,082,864.14</td></tr><tr><td>Red Mesa</td><td>\$208,863.60</td></tr><tr><td>Teec Nos Pos</td><td>\$223,848.35</td></tr><tr><td>Non-Chapter</td><td>\$40,000.00</td></tr><tr><td>Interest</td><td>\$283,090.08</td></tr><tr><td>New Severance Tax</td><td>\$807,980.16</td></tr></table> <p>The board asked for an orientation on the funds, primarily the allocations, interest and severance tax funds as well as the fiscal year parameters. Chairman Curtis asked Mr. Moberly to review the topics with the board. Mr. Moberly gave a high-level review about where the funds originate, the formula used to divide the funds between the chapters and the board’s role in allocations. Mr. Moberly added that Tony and the NTF team can work with the board members to have in-depth training on the board’s role and procedural protocols. The board asked to have an orientation scheduled with NRF staff and the NTF group and additional details to review with the chapters. They added that some of their chapter leaders have been critical as of late about the lack of transparency with regards to fund information and they have been pushing for more control of the funds. The Chairman asked staff to present a program orientation at the next meeting.</p>	Aneth	\$297,590.55	Dennehotso	\$53,469.59	Mexican Water	\$295,385.91	Navajo Mountain	\$100,000.00	Oljato	\$1,082,864.14	Red Mesa	\$208,863.60	Teec Nos Pos	\$223,848.35	Non-Chapter	\$40,000.00	Interest	\$283,090.08	New Severance Tax	\$807,980.16	
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Agenda Item 4a [19:46]	<p><u>Board Business; 4.a Ratify actions for the September 25, 2025, meeting:</u> Chairman Curtis explained that there were some concerns raised about representation at the last meeting and confusion about who voted in the motions. He asked the board for a motion to ratify the actions taken at the Sept 25, 2025, board meeting.</p>	Motion 1 - Failed Motion 2 - Passed																				



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	<p>Motion 1</p> <p><i>Commissioner Jamie Harvey made a motion to ratify or reaffirm the actions taken at the September 25, 2025, board meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Silvia Stubbs. The Chairman asked for discussion on the motion and then hearing none he proceeded with a roll call vote. Commissioners Silvia Stubbs and Jaime Harvey gave affirmative votes; Chairman Curtis also voted in the affirmative. Board members Bill Todachennie and Willis Begay indicated that they would like to abstain from voting as they were not familiar with the actions taken at the last board meeting. The Chair acknowledged that the motion did have a 3/2 vote count, but he did not think that the vote could pass on a majority vote; it would need to be unanimous. Chairman Curtis asked Paul Tonks, legal counsel to the board, for clarification on whether action from this board required unanimity. Mr. Tonks deferred to Mr. Moberly who did confirm that in the Board's specific statutes any action by the board involving funding had to be unanimous. (Mr. Tonks did look up the statute and read, "Statute, 35A-8-1705(7), an affirmative vote of each member of the board present at the meeting, when a quorum is present, is required for a board decision relating to money in or distributed/ dispersed from the Revitalization fund." Mr. Tonks expounded that the board can't take abstentions, it must be an affirmative vote from anyone that is a board member present in order for a funding decision to pass.) Since the motion was to ratify funding decisions made at the previous meeting the board determined that the vote would need to be unanimous and so the motion failed.</i></p> <p>Chairman Curtis expressed understanding about the new board members' hesitancy about voting on previously approved projects without sufficient time to review the projects, he also expressed concern about the impact to the projects as waiting for another meeting to ratify the projects would postpone them. The Chairman asked if the board would be able to review the minutes during the current meeting and a vote could be done toward the end of the meeting or if they would prefer to delay until the next meeting next quarter. The board asked if the projects could be briefly summarized before moving on to the next action item. Chairman Curtis asked Mr. Moberly to summarize the projects and motions from the previous meeting. Following the summarization the Chairman asked the board for questions and discussion.</p> <p>Motion 2</p> <p><i>Commissioner Harvey made a motion to ratify the previously approved actions</i></p>	
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	<i>of the board in the meeting of September 25, 2025. Commissioner Harvey acknowledged that the board has received the summary of the projects as well as the minutes of that meeting and previous project details for additional reference. Commissioner Stubbs seconded the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote with affirmative votes from board member Bill Todachennie, board member Willis Begay, board member Jamie Harvey, board member Silvia Stubbs and Chairman Evan Curtis.</i>																					
Agenda Item 4b [31:01]	<p><u>Board Business; 4.b Allocate FY2025 new severance tax funds (\$807,980.16):</u></p> <p>Chairman Curtis asked Ms. Johnson to talk about the Severance taxes awaiting allocation and the formula currently in use to determine the amounts that staff would recommend for each chapter. Ms. Johnson asked if she could make a correction to the balance previously shared and the Chairman granted permission for that correction. Ms. Johnson corrected that the \$100,000 that was listed as non-chapter and that she had said belongs to Navajo Mountain is part of Mexican Water’s funds, Ms. Johnson apologized for misstating that earlier in the meeting. The corrected funds are below:</p> <table><tr><td>Aneth</td><td>\$297,590.55</td></tr><tr><td>Dennehotso</td><td>\$53,469.59</td></tr><tr><td>Mexican Water</td><td>\$395,385.91</td></tr><tr><td>Navajo Mountain</td><td>\$0.00</td></tr><tr><td>Oljato</td><td>\$1,082,864.14</td></tr><tr><td>Red Mesa</td><td>\$208,863.60</td></tr><tr><td>Teec Nos Pos</td><td>\$223,848.35</td></tr><tr><td>Non-Chapter</td><td>\$40,000.00</td></tr><tr><td>Interest</td><td>\$283,090.08</td></tr><tr><td>New Severance Tax</td><td>\$807,980.16</td></tr></table> <p>The board asked to clarify that though the non-chapter balance has \$40,000, its available balance is \$0 – Ms. Johnson confirmed. Mr. Moberly explained the formula staff used to calculate the recommended distribution of the severance taxes to the chapter. He said that each chapter would get a base of \$28,500; the rest is distributed by calculation of the remaining balance divided in correlation to the chapters’ population percentage. Ms. Johnson said she could run some calculations to give exact recommendations, but she had not come to the meeting with those numbers, the board could also decide to follow the formula that they have used in the past as Mr. Moberly explained it. While Ms. Johnson was working on running the formula for the breakdown by chapter she asked if the board wanted to also discuss how</p>	Aneth	\$297,590.55	Dennehotso	\$53,469.59	Mexican Water	\$395,385.91	Navajo Mountain	\$0.00	Oljato	\$1,082,864.14	Red Mesa	\$208,863.60	Teec Nos Pos	\$223,848.35	Non-Chapter	\$40,000.00	Interest	\$283,090.08	New Severance Tax	\$807,980.16	Motion - Passed
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they wanted to divide the accrued interest (agenda item 4.c). It was at this point in the meeting that 4.b was set aside for a time for the calculations to be performed and the board began the discussion of 4.c[35:54]. At [39:14] the board circled back to 4.b.

Mr. Moberly shared the calculations below as how the severance taxes could be broken down by Chapter following the board's formula but without taking into consideration any monies needing to be allocated to non-chapter:

Aneth	\$232,973.70
Dennehotso	\$35,742.20
Mexican Water	\$84,271.71
Navajo Mountain	\$75,134.35
Oljato	\$188,640.61
Red Mesa	\$138,757.42
Teec Nos Pos	\$52,460.18
New Severance Tax	\$807,980.16

After reading through the formula generated allocations, Mr. Moberly pointed out that the Navajo Utah Commission was requesting \$200,000 in Non-Chapter funds for the Naatsis'Aan Senior Center Renovation in this meeting 9agenda item 5.c). The board asked additional questions about the need for non-chapter funds and bottom-lined the choices. Mr. Moberly summarized the choices for allocating funds to the non-chapter account to cover the request for \$200,000 for the Senior center. The choices were:

1. Allocate the interest directly to the non-chapter.
2. Allocate an even amount from each of the chapters.
3. Allocate an amount from specific chapters.
4. Determine how to break up the Severance tax and allocate to all the chapters along with an allocation to the non-chapter.

The board emphasized the importance and priority of keeping the Senior Center renovations moving along. The board asked if the Severance Tax allocation could be tabled to a future meeting to allow the new board members to take time to learn about the fund, adding that a more comprehensive allocation and formula discussion could be had as part of the orientation that had been discussed. The board asked to get copies of several scenarios of how the severance tax could be allocated. The Chairman agreed that waiting to allocate would be a choice that the board could make. He added that he would like to hear from Navajo Mountain because they have projects on the agenda and no current funds so if the board did not allocate the severance tax Navajo Mountain would not have the ability to fund their projects. Navajo Mountain did not have any comments and possibly there was not representation on the call. The board didn't want to leave Navajo



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	<p>Mountain without any allocation and postpone their projects. The Chairman asked the new board members if they had any questions or concerns about following the board's formula and allocating the severance tax to ensure that Navajo Mountain had sufficient funds for their projects. The board pointed out that the earthen dam project was approved last month up to the amount they had in their fund and they were waiting on the severance tax allocation to receive the remainder needed for the project. The new board members confirmed that they did not want to delay the Navajo Mountain projects, and they would be comfortable allocating the severance tax per the normal formula. The new board member did want to take a deep dive into the fund allocation formular in the future to ensure that they understand and agree with the methodology. Specifically, they asked for more in-person options for the meetings.</p> <p>Motion 1 <i>Commissioner Harvey made a motion to allocate the severance tax funds utilizing the board's formula. Commissioner Stubbs seconded the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote with affirmative votes from board member Bill Todachennie, board member Willis Begay, board member Jamie Harvey, board member Silvia Stubbs and Chairman Evan Curtis.</i></p>	
Agenda Item 4c [35:54]	<p><u>Board Business; 4.c Allocation of accrued interest (\$283,090.08):</u> The Chairman asked if the board would be comfortable discussing the allocation of the accrued interest. The board asked if it would be better for the investment of the interest if it stayed unallocated while the market is performing favorably and until the time that the funds are needed. Ms. Johnson explained that it would continue to be invested and accrue interest until it was assigned to a project regardless of whether and when it was allocated to the chapters.</p> <p>Motion 1 <i>Commissioner Harvey made a motion and Commissioner Stubbs seconded the motion to move \$200,000 from interest to non-chapter to ensure the availability of funds to continue the renovation project of the Senior Center (agenda item 5.c)</i> <i>The Chairman asked for discussion on the motion and allowed Tony Dayish UNTF to add a comment about the need for an additional \$40,000.</i></p> <p>Amended Motion <i>The motion was amended by Commissioner Harvey to move \$240,000 from interest to be used for today's projects. Commissioner Stubbs seconded the amended amount on the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote with</i></p>	Motion 1, Motion 1 Amended - Passed



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	<i>affirmative votes from board member Bill Todachennie, board member Willis Begay, board member Jamie Harvey, board member Silvia Stubbs and Chairman Evan Curtis.</i>	
Agenda item 5.a and 5.b [58:33]	<p><u>Project Applications:</u></p> <p>5.a Naatsis'Aan (Navajo Mountain) - Earthen Dam Project - Remaining Request</p> <p>\$34,892.50 unfunded from \$250,000 original request 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 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. \$215,107.50 funded at 9/25/2025 board meeting.</p> <p>5.b Naatsis'Aan (Navajo Mountain) - Senior Citizen Center - Septic and grease trap cleanout</p> <p>\$1,000 requested to help cover the costs of septic system clean out, grease trap clean out, floor tile repair, and other similar repairs for the Naatsis'Aan Senior Citizen Center.</p> <p>Chairman Curtis invited Mr. Moberly to give an overview of the Naatsis'Aan (Navajo Mountain) project applications. There were no questions from the board.</p> <p><u>Motion 1</u></p> <p><i>Commissioner Harvey made a motion to approve the projects for Navajo Mountain for the earthen dams and Naatsis'Aan Senior Citizen Center grease trap and septic cleanout; Commissioner Stubbs seconded the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote with affirmative votes from board member Bill Todachennie, board member Willis Begay, board member Jamie Harvey, board member Silvia Stubbs and Chairman Evan Curtis.</i></p>	Motion - Passed
Agenda item 5.c [01:01:09]	<p><u>Project Applications; 5.c Navajo Utah Commission - Naatsis'Aan Senior Center Renovation:</u></p> <p>\$200,000 requested for the repair and renovation of the Naatsis'Aan Senior Center, including, but not limited to, plumbing repairs, HVAC repair/replacement, floor tile repair/replacement, and upgrade of kitchen facility. The NRF Board has previously allocated \$729,150.17* to this project. No funds are requested of</p>	Motion - Passed



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	<p>UNTF in this request, but previous requests in this project have included UNTF funds. (<i>*Note: the agenda and information read aloud in the meeting by the program manager were incorrect; the amount previously allocated to the senior center was not \$729,150.17 it was \$153,818</i>)</p> <p>Chairman Curtis invited Mr. Moberly to give an overview of the Navajo Utah Commission - Naatsis'Aan Senior Center Renovation. There were no questions from the board. The board expressed the need for this project to continue and recognized that the center is a way to honor the elders.</p> <p>Motion 1</p> <p><i>Commissioner Harvey made a motion to approve an additional \$200,000 for renovations of the Naatsis'Aan Senior Center; Commissioner Stubbs seconded the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote with affirmative votes from board member Bill Todachennie, board member Willis Begay, board member Jamie Harvey, board member Silvia Stubbs and Chairman Evan Curtis.</i></p>	
Agenda item 5.c [01:02:29]	<p><u>Project Applications; 5.d Oljato Chapter - Christine Cly Yazzie - New Home (DBB):</u></p> <p>\$27,200 requested for a new 717 sqft (2 bed, 1 bath) home. This is being constructed by Design Build Utah@Bluff. UNTF is requested to match \$27,200.</p> <p>Chairman Curtis invited Mr. Moberly to give an overview of the Oljato Chapter - Christine Cly Yazzie - New Home project. There were no questions from the board.</p> <p>Motion</p> <p><i>Commissioner Harvey made a motion to approve the Oljato Chapter project of a new home for Christine Cly Yazzie; Commissioner Stubbs seconded the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote with affirmative votes from board member Bill Todachennie, board member Willis Begay, board member Jamie Harvey, board member Silvia Stubbs and Chairman Evan Curtis.</i></p>	Motion – Passed
Agenda Item 6 [01:03:43]	<p><u>Board Member Issues:</u></p> <p>Chairman Evens thanked the board for their time. He recommended that instead of scheduling the next board meeting immediately he would like staff to reach out to the new members and determine a good time that will work for them that also gives staff the time to prepare an orientation for the board. The Chairman expressed a hope to make it work in the early to mid-January timeframe but expressed that it was more important to make the time work for the board members.</p>	Motion - Passed



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	<p><i>Motion</i> <i>Commissioner Harvey made a motion to adjourn; Board member Todachennie seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn passed unanimously by affirmation.</i></p>	
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Meeting Minutes submitted by Janell Quiroz

Meeting Minutes approved _____

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