Housing & Community Development

Navajo Revitalization Fund Board

Approved NRF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: July 16, 2026

Time: 1:08 PM

Location: Hybrid (Zoom & In-Person at Blanding UNTF Offices)

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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
- Commissioner Jamie Harvey, San Juan County Commissioner
- Bill Todacheenie, Aneth Chapter Vice-President / Utah Navajo Commission Board Chair
- Herman Farley, Red Mesa Chapter President *(Joined meeting at timestamp ~10:29)*

Board Members Absent/Excused: None

Supporting Staff, Presenters, Speakers:

Tricia Davis- Winter, DHCD Director
Paul Moberly, NRF Program Manager
Michael Moes, NRF Program Specialist
Paul Tonks, Attorney General's Office
Stephanie Johnson, DWS Financial Mgr.
Thomas Kingston, GOED Financial Mgr.
Sarah Kampsen, GOED Contracts Team
Ruqia Qasim, GOED Contracts Team
Tony Dayish, Utah Navajo Trust Fund
Maury Bergman, Utah Navajo Trust Fund
John Okey, Utah Navajo Trust Fund
Robert Nieman, San Juan County CJC Dir.
Stephanie Holly, Navajo Utah Commission
Clarence Rockwell, NUC
Miriam Petersen, Life Mission School
Janell Quiroz, DHCD Staff
Harriet Warren, Project recipient (5.k)
Jaylene Deschene, Project recipient (5.n)
Soshina Harvey, Project recipient (5.p)
Marina Jones, Project recipient (5.m)
Sheldon Jones, Project recipient (5.m)
Melisha Nakai, Project recipient (5.l)

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action / Motion
1.	**Welcome & Introductions** Chairman Evan Curtis called the meeting to order at 1:08 PM. Introductions were made by board members, staff, and online attendees. Tricia Davis-Winter noted that the Division of Housing and Community Development moved from DWS to GOED effective July 1st, explaining that both new and transitional support staff were joining the meeting.	N/A
2. [07:41]	**Approval of Minutes** Chairman Curtis presented the draft minutes from the April 22, 2026 meeting. Clarification was provided regarding a previously approved retroactive gap-funding item for UNTF joint housing projects: while individual line-item amounts differed slightly in discussion, project selection and overall total intent were correct. Minutes were updated accordingly.	**Motion:** Approved minutes from the April 22, 2026 meeting with the stated clarifications. **Moved:** Bill Todacheenie **Seconded:** Commissioner Jamie Harvey **Outcome:** Passed unanimously with board member Herman Farley absent.

3. [10:40]	**Fund Report** Stephanie Johnson reported chapter balances as of July 15, 2026: * **Aneth:** $380,517.55 * **Dennehotso:** $89,211.79 * **Mexican Water:** $443,898.53 * **Navajo Mountain:** $28,791.85 * **Oljato:** $1,190,916.63 * **Red Mesa:** $351,978.82 * **Teecnospos:** $294,858.53 * **Non-Chapter:** $217,561.17 * **Accrued Interest Available:** $387,642.62 Ms. Johnson stated that there was funding available to cover most of the projects being requested. She said that Red Mesa would be about $5500 short. If the board chose, they could take funds from interest to cover the difference. Board member Todacheenie asked why Olijato's balance was so high and why they weren't using the funds. Mr. Moberly reviewed how the allocations are calculated. Tony Dayish and Maury Bergman added additional clarification on Olijato's balance.	Informational only.
4.a [15:45]	**Children's Justice Center Presentation** Commissioner Jamie Harvey introduced Robert Nieman. Mr. Nieman presented an overview of San Juan County's Children's Justice Center (CJC). Highlighted multidisciplinary team (MDT) protocols, ICWA alignment, forensic interview processes, regional domestic safety collaboration, and plans to establish a dedicated native-focused MDT. Mr. Nieman emphasized that the CJC in San Juan was there to support the whole county and not just Monticello and Blanding. The CJC works to ensure children keep their cultural and community connections. Commissioner Harvey added information on the location of the center for reference. He explained that the purpose he invited Mr. Nieman's presentation was for the board and the listening community to know about the resource as there are times when children are removed from homes off the reservations due to substance	Informational only.

	abuse and he wanted everyone to know how the resource worked, how localized it is and the work happening to make it a safe place for healing for victims of child abuse. Board member Todacheenie asked how tribal law and tribal court might interact with the center and state processes. Another question was asked if any outreach would be made to the chapters to teach them about this resource. Commissioner Stubbs added that the CJC has been brainstorming ideas for outreach to the individual chapters and is talking about deploying a mobile outreach vehicle for victim interviewing. Mr. Todacheenie added recommendations of tribal leadership that should be consulted on the program.	
4.b **[39:12]**	**Expired Grants (6/30/2026)** Paul Moberly presented the list of expired grants with staff-suggested actions extending non-closed projects to December 31, 2028. There were no comments or questions from the board following the presentation of the list and recommended actions.	**Motion:** Adopt staff-suggested actions for expired grants listed in packet. **Moved:** Commissioner Jamie Harvey **Seconded:** Commissioner Silvia Stubbs **Outcome:** Passed unanimously.
4.c **[41:11]**	**Grant Reversion (Red Mesa)** Request to close grant 23-09-15--RM-799 (Anita Dee) and revert $60,000 back to chapter allocation per Red Mesa Chapter's request.	**Motion:** Close grant and revert funds back to Red Mesa Chapter balance. **Moved:** Commissioner Jamie Harvey **Seconded:** Bill Todacheenie **Outcome:** Passed unanimously.

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5.a–5.e [42:28]	**Project Applications: Aneth Chapter** * **5.a:** Land survey clearances (Susie Silas, Clara and Larry Farley) – Corrected NRF request: $780.00 (UNTF match: $520.00). * **5.b:** New home (Ryan Begay & Sherylissa Williams) – $35,679.60. * **5.c:** New home (Ursula Lansing) – $36,029.40. * **5.d:** New home (Utona Little) – $35,679.60. * **5.e:** Clearances/surveys (Erlinda & Raymus Vijil) – $413.58. The Chairman asked Mr. Moberly to present each application for the Aneth Chapter and asked that the board decide if they need to vote individually for any specific applications or if a single chapter motion would be preferred. Mr. Dayish offered a correction to the agenda on 5.a - the amounts were swapped; the agenda said the request from NRF was for $520 with UNTF requested to match $780 but the correct application was for $780 in NRF funds and $520 from UNTF. As Mr. Moberly read through the Aneth chapter requests, he indicated that the packet and agenda both listed the requested UNTF match with each project, but he was unsure if those had already been approved. Mr. Dayish confirmed that the UNTF had already approved the match requests. No questions or comments from the board.	**Motion:** Approve projects 5.a through 5.e with corrected figure of $780 for 5.a. **Moved:** Commissioner Jamie Harvey **Seconded:** Bill Todacheenie **Outcome:** Passed unanimously.
5.f [48:56]	**Project Applications: Mexican Water Chapter** Administration Building Roof & HVAC Repairs/Renovations – Request: $242,063.00 (UNTF match: $242,063.00). Following Mr. Moberly's review there were no questions or comments from the board.	**Motion:** Approve project 5.f for $242,063.00. **Moved:** Commissioner Jamie Harvey **Seconded:** Bill Todacheenie **Outcome:** Passed unanimously.

5.g [50:26]	**Project Applications: Navajo Utah Commission** Non-Chapter request for $15,000.00 for two desktop computers and peripherals. Signatory arrangements to be coordinated possibly with Aneth or UNTF. Clarence Rockwell confirmed that a signatory had not been identified yet.	**Motion:** Approve $15,000.00 non-chapter request for NUC desktop systems. **Moved:** Bill Todacheenie **Seconded:** Commissioner Silvia Stubbs **Outcome:** Passed unanimously.
5.h–5.i [53:33]	**Project Applications: Oljato Chapter** * **5.h:** New home (Avery Atene) – $58,167.23. * **5.i:** New home completion (Patty Bedonie) – $44,821.17. Mr. Moberly presented the projects; there were no questions or comments from the board or participants.	**Motion:** Approve projects 5.h and 5.i. **Moved:** Commissioner Silvia Stubbs **Seconded:** Commissioner Jamie Harvey **Outcome:** Passed unanimously.

5.j–5.q [55:30]	**Project Applications: Red Mesa Chapter** Housing package combining chapter and non-chapter funding: * **5.j:** Kee Shorty – $17,385.00 ($5,050 non-chapter) * **5.k:** Harriet Warren & Shane Folgheraiter – $53,149.00 ($18,500 non-chapter) * **5.l:** Melisha Nakai – $53,149.00 ($18,500 non-chapter) * **5.m:** Marina & Sheldon Jones – $65,411.57 (Mr. Dayish informed the board that this project had already been approved under NUC non-chapter Grant 796; no board action required) This application was not included in the motion. With the removal of this application there was no need for additional funds to be transferred from interest to non-chapter. ([01:27:21] At the end of the meeting Maury Bergman confirmed the approval and supplied the grant information, Clarence Rockwell and Tony Dayish also added to the brief conversation.) * **5.n:** Jaylene & Raymond Deschene – $43,675.00 ($18,500 non-chapter) * **5.o:** Anita Dee – $34,398.00 ($10,250 non-chapter) * **5.p:** Soshina Harvey – $34,398.00 ($10,250 non-chapter) * **5.q:** Lupe & Bruce Benally – $53,149.00 ($18,500 non-chapter) Following the overviews of the projects Mr. Dayish spoke about the scope of Red Mesa's plans. Board member Todacheenie asked what happens to the homes if/when the intended occupant becomes deceased. Mr. Dayish gave an example of what the chapters could consider putting into practice for the scenarios in Mr. Todacheenie inquiry. Jaylene Deschene (5.n), Soshina Harvey (5.p), Harriet Warren (5.k), Melisha Nakai (5.l) and Marina and Sheldon Jones (5.m) were given permission by the Chair to address the board. They expressed gratitude for the funding for their homes and all of the work from the chapter, staff and board in making it possible to have homes. The board	**Motion:** Approve applications 5.j, 5.k, 5.l, 5.n, 5.o, 5.p, and 5.q as presented. **Moved:** Commissioner Jamie Harvey **Seconded:** Bill Todacheenie **Outcome:** Passed unanimously.

	expressed gratitude for the opportunity to hear from the recipients.	
5.r [01:15:20]	**Life Mission School (Non-Chapter)** Monument Valley Summer Camp request for non-chapter funds ($43,521.00). Chairman Curtis informed the board that this project had been introduced at the last board meeting but had been tabled to have time to work out the board's questions. Mr. Moberly went through the project overview and talked about the resolution of the board's concern about the building's bill of sale. Applicant submitted a bill of sale, but verification of underlying land lease status from Navajo Nation General Land Development Department (GLDD) remains pending. The Chairman asked Mr. Dayish knew how the board could verify if the land lease was in order. The Chair invited the application representation or chapter representation for the land that school the school sits on to speak to the board. Miriam Petersen said that she was told that the land lease transferred with the bill of sale of the building and that the bill of sale was all the documentation necessary. Mr. Dayish voiced concerns regarding the potential rescission of the land lease, noting that the area's land director had issued instructions for all local leases to be renewed. Ms. Petersen clarified the board's ask and Commissioner Stubbs clarified where Ms. Petersen could go to acquire the information needed. Another question about this project involved scope, whether the application was for funds to repair the building or to run a summer camp and there were comments about amendments to the amount requested. Mr. Todacheenie expressed concerns about setting precedents for funding without the land lease in place and made a motion to table until the questions were resolved.	**Motion:** Table application until land lease title status is verified with the Navajo Nation Land Department. **Moved:** Bill Todacheenie **Seconded:** Commissioner Silvia Stubbs **Outcome:** Passed unanimously.

6.	**Board Member Issues & Adjournment** Scheduled next meeting for September 18, 2026 at 1:00 PM in Blanding (coinciding with UNTF meeting).	**Motion:** Adjourn meeting. **Moved:** Commissioner Silvia Stubbs **Seconded:** Bill Todacheenie **Outcome:** Passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 2:38:41 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Janell Quiroz
Minutes approved on Sept 18, 2026

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