Housing & Community Development

Navajo Revitalization Fund Board

Date: September 18, 2026
Time: 1:00 p.m. (Called to order at
Location: Utah Navajo Trust Fund Office, 151 E 500 N, Blanding, UT 84511, Virtual via Zoom
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Pending UBRF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Evan Curtis Chairs this Board

Board Members Present:

Evan Curtis, Chairman, Governor's Appointed Chair
Bill Todacheenie, Navajo Utah Commission Board Chair
Herman Farley, Red Mesa Chapter President (Absent at roll call, joined during discussion for 7.c-7.h)
Silvia Stubbs, San Juan County Commission - Western Area
Jamie Harvey, San Juan County Commission - Eastern Area

Board Members Absent:

Supporting Staff, Presenters, Speakers:

Todd Jensen, Utah Attorney General's Office
Tony Dayish, Utah Navajo Trust Fund Administrator
Paul Moberly, NRF Program Manager
Jennifer Domenici, DHCD Program Director
Thomas Kingston, GOED Financial Manager
Brent Hadfield, UDOT
Brent Crawther, Kimley-Horn
Willis Begay, Oljato Chapter President

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action / Motion
1. & 2.	**Welcome & Introductions / Roll Call:** Chairman Evan Curtis called the meeting of the Navajo Revitalization Fund Board to order at 1:09 p.m. He expressed gratitude to the Navajo Trust Fund office for hosting the meeting space. A formal roll call of the voting board members was conducted: • Commissioner Jamie Harvey: Present • Commissioner Silvia Stubbs: Present • Bill Todacheenie: Present • Chairman Evan Curtis: Present Herman Farley was noted as absent during the initial roll call. Following roll call, introductions were made for staff and presenters in the room and online.	**N/A**
3. [00:05:03]	**Approval of Minutes:** Chairman Curtis presented the draft minutes from the previous meeting held on July 16, 2026. He opened the floor for any questions, corrections, or discussion regarding the distributed minutes. Hearing none, he requested a motion to approve the document.	**Motion:** Approve the July 16, 2026 meeting minutes. **Moved:** Commissioner Silvia Stubbs **Seconded:** Bill Todacheenie **Outcome:** The motion carried unanimously by voice vote with Herman Farley absent.
4. [00:05:57]	**Division of Housing and Community Development Updates:** Jennifer Domenici provided a brief divisional update, noting that the ongoing transition and structural shifts are nearing completion. They indicated that staff roles are solidifying and the division anticipates being fully settled and operating smoothly in the near future.	**Informational only.**

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5. [00:08:01]	**Fund Report:** The board reviewed the current financial standing of the Navajo Revitalization Fund. Thomas Kingston (GOED Financial Manager) reported the following balances: • Aneth: $442,542 • Dennehotso: $89,211 • Mexican Water: $201,835 • Navajo Mountain: $28,791 • Oljato: $1,087,928 • Red Mesa: $162,225 • Teecnospos: $294,858 • Non-Chapter: $122,354 • Accrued Interest Available: $454,494 •Severance Taxes: 659,358 He noted that at the time of the report Red Mesa did not have enough to cover their requests. He pointed out that the Board would be determining how to divide the severance taxes in this meeting and it would likely cover their requests once that had been determined. The Board asked for an additional column to be added to the financial report for the amount each chapter had spent next to the column for what each chapter had allocated.	**Informational only.**
6.a [00:11:08]	**Board Business; UTN Four Corners Trail sturdy and design project:** Brent Hadfield presented a feasibility and design study proposal for the Four Corners Trail (running from Bluff through Montezuma Creek and Aneth toward the Four Corners monument). The project is in phase one (feasibility study). Current federal grant (RAISE) constraints prevent funding the study segment across Navajo Nation lands. The total feasibility study cost for the Navajo Nation segment is approximately $100,000. Mr. Hadfield requested $50,000 from the NRF Board (with $25,000 intended to come from the non-chapter account) to help bridge the funding gap, noting they are also	**Informational / Pending Future Action** The board expressed general support for the trail initiative. The request will be formalized into an application and placed on a future agenda for an official funding vote.

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	approaching the Trust Fund for support. Board members discussed the regional benefits. Chairman Curtis clarified that since this request wasn't formally on the agenda as an action item, the board could express conceptual support but would need a formal application and agenda notice to vote on funding. Brent Crawther, Kimley-Horn added additional commentary. Willis Begay, Oljato Chapter President, asked questions.	
6.b [00:27:48]	**Board Business; Electronic Meetings Resolution:** The board reviewed a proposed resolution to formally codify its policy regarding electronic meetings. This resolution establishes the official parameters for conducting hybrid and fully digital meetings, ensuring compliance with the Open and Public Meetings Act and setting standard operating procedures for virtual participation.	**Motion:** Approve the Electronic Meetings Resolution. **Moved:** Commissioner Jamie Harvey **Seconded:** Bill Todacheenie **Outcome:** The motion carried unanimously by voice vote with Herman Farley absent.
6.c [00:30.11]	**Funding Allocation Policy Discussion:** The board, in previous meetings, had asked for a way to motivate chapters to spend their allocations rather than saving for years and not putting the allocations back into their communities. Staff brought proposed language based on those previous discussions for the Board to review, give input and adopt if it fit what the Board had requested. Key details of the recommended policy and the Board discussion: • Threshold Cap: Beginning with the FY2028 allocation, a chapter's unallocated balance cap is set at $1,000,000. • New Funding Limitation: If a chapter exceeds this threshold and has not submitted approved projects to bring the balance back under the cap, any new funding will only be distributed up to the threshold amount.	**Motion:** Approve a $1,000,000 cap with the understanding that if a chapter needs to exceed that threshold for a specific project, they must come before the board to get an exception. **Moved:** Commissioner Jamie Harvey **Seconded:** Commissioner Silvia Stubbs **Outcome:** The motion carried unanimously by voice vote with Herman Farley absent.

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	• Redistribution: Funds exceeding the threshold will be redistributed to other chapters through the allocation formula or as determined by the Board. • Exceptions: Chapters may present details of projects to the Board if they are explicitly saving up for a larger project that would exceed the threshold. During the discussion Willis Begay asked if he could speak specifically about the allocation that Oljato has not spent. He explained that the chapter was working through the logistics put together a large project and that the chapter is actively trying to get paperwork, bids, public notices etc. all in order to bring the project forward and utilize the allocations that they have been saving for this purpose. The Board discussed making sure the policy would not go into effect until after FY27 perhaps by next July (FY28) giving all the chapters the time to understand and work within the new proposed policy. It was stated that this would not impact the severance taxes being allocated in this meeting but would be for next year's (FY28) allocation.	
6.d [00:46.15]	**New Funding Allocation:** The board discussed the upcoming statutory distribution of new NRF funds. Staff presented multiple modeled scenarios. The board ultimately favored utilizing the standard distribution method that had been utilized in recent years.	**Motion:** Approve the standard distribution and move $8,896 from interest to non-chapter to cover the gap for the Red Mesa request. **Moved:** Commissioner Jamie Harvey **Seconded:** Bill Todacheenie **Outcome:** The motion carried unanimously by voice vote with Herman Farley absent.
6.e	**Grants expiring soon:**	**Informational only.**

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[00:55:31]	Paul Moberly presented the list of grants that would be expiring at the end of calendar year 2026. He said that action would need to be taken at the next meeting to extend those that needed to be extended. Chairman Curtis asked the chapter representatives to reach out to staff to let them know which could be closed out and which would need an extension.	
7.a [00:57:26]	**Project Applications; Aneth Chapter:** Primeaux Surveys Application requesting $700.00 for land survey fees and clearances required for a homesite lease (archeological, biological, and land surveys) for Tori A. & Mosean Primeaux. The Utah Navajo Trust Fund (UNTF) is requested to match $500.00.	**Motion:** Approve the $700 funding request. **Moved:** Bill Todacheenie **Seconded:** Commissioner Jamie Harvey **Outcome:** The motion carried unanimously by voice vote with Herman Farley absent.
7.b [00:58:37]	**Project Applications; Navajo Mountain:** Clark Surveys Application requesting $450.00 for clearances required for a homesite lease for Sharmayne Clark to adjust survey boundaries. UNTF is requested to match $450.00.	**Motion:** Approve the $450 funding request. **Moved:** Commissioner Silvia Stubbs **Seconded:** Bill Todacheenie **Outcome:** The motion carried unanimously by voice vote with Herman Farley absent.
7.c - 7.h [00:59:23]	**Project Applications; Red Mesa Chapter:** The board reviewed a bundled package of six new home construction applications from the Red Mesa Chapter. **7.c:** Sarah & Byron Torvivio (3-bed, 1232 sqft) - $78,875 requested ($33,500 from non-chapter). **7.d:** Bowen & Cherish Ahtsosie (3-bed, 1232 sqft) - $78,876.60 requested ($33,500.77 from non-chapter). **7.e:** Andrea Blackwater & Rydell Silas (3-bed, 1232 sqft)	**Motion:** Approve the block of Red Mesa housing projects (7.c through 7.h) as presented with funds from both Red Mesa's Allocation and the Non-chapter funds.

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	- $78,875 requested ($33,500 from non-chapter). **7.f:** Russell Whitehorse (2-bed, 1008 sqft) - $34,398 requested ($10,250 from non-chapter). **7.g:** Cheri Shannon Dawn Benally (2-bed, 1008 sqft) - $34,398 requested ($10,250 from non-chapter). **7.h:** Pfawnn Eskee (2-bed, 1008 sqft) - $34,398 requested ($10,250 from non-chapter). Chairman Curtis acknowledged that member Herman Farley had joined the meeting. Tony Dayish added that NTF had not finished reviewing these applications and had not yet voted on the requested match.	**Moved:** Herman Farley **Seconded:** Bill Todacheenie **Outcome:** Passed unanimously.
8. [01:05:59]	**Adjournment:** With all agenda items concluded, the Chair asked the board for a preferred next meeting date. The board tentatively chose December 4, 2026 for their next meeting date. Commissioner Harvey asked to make a quick announcement to the chapters that Utah State University was working on a program where they map roads using a drone; specifically targeting lesser known, unmapped and temporary roads used by vulnerable populations without access to the maintained state and Navajo Nation roads that may need road maintenance on their private roadways and driveways. Chairman Curtis thanked the board members and staff for their participation and called for a motion to adjourn.	**Motion:** Adjourn the meeting. **Moved:** Bill Todacheenie **Seconded:** Commissioner Silvia Stubbs **Outcome:** Passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 2:29 p.m.

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