

# Minutes of the

## UNTF Dine' Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, August 18, 2021

5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Blanding GSB Conference Room and Teleconference

Base Location 151 E. 500 N. Blanding, UT 84511

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A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Aretta Begay, *Chair called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.*

1. Roll Call: Aretta Begay *conducted the roll call. Six members were present, which constituted a quorum.*

X	Aretta Begay, Chair, Teecnospos	X	Melvin Capitan, Jr. Aneth
X	Ryan Benally, Vice Chair, Red Mesa		
X	Anna Mae Jim Naatsis'Aan		
X	Jamie Harvey, Aneth		
X	Stanley Nez. Blue Mtn Dine' Comm		

2. Recognition of Guests & Staff

1. Tony Dayish, UNTF Administrator
2. Maury Bergman, UNTF Staff
3. Dorothy Phillips, UNTF Staff
4. Rosie Dandy, UNTF Staff
5. Roberta Brady (Aneth Chapter)
6. Alfred Myerson, UNTF Staff
7. Melinda Blackhorse, UNTF Staff
8. John Nakai, UNTF Staff
9. Aaron Waite (General Counsel)

B. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. July 21, 2021 DAC Meeting, Teleconference

**Melvin Capitan Jr. motioned to approve the minutes for July 21, 2021 as presented. Ryan Benally seconded and all committee members voted in favor of the motion, none opposed, Vote: 6-0-0.**

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Aneth / Public Safety (NN Police) / 28x44 House / Chapter Projects \$55,000

The Aneth Chapter wants to construct a new three bed-room house for the Navajo Nation Public Safety Sub-station. This house would provide accommodations for a new police officer from the Navajo Public Safety Division to serve in the greater Aneth area. Crime has increased substantially in that area and it can take several hours for an officer to respond to a call because they are coming from Shiprock, which is approximately sixty miles away. The house would be built across the highway from the Aneth Chapter House in an open lot of a Navajo Housing subdivision. \$55,000 would come from UNTF Chapter Projects and \$55,000 would come from the Navajo Revitalization Fund. All documentation is in place and the UNTF staff recommends approval.

**Melvin Capitan Jr. motioned to approve the the \$55,000 for the new house as presented. Jamie Harvey seconded and all committee members voted in favor of the motion, none opposed, Vote: 6-0-0.**

2. Aneth / Begay, Lynn / House Renovation / Chapter Projects \$5,500

The Aneth Chapter is requesting \$5,500 from the UNTF Chapter Projects and \$5,500 from the NRF to purchase material for a home renovation for Lynn Begay. This is a self-help project. All documentation is in place and the UNTF staff recommends approval.

**Jamie Harvey motioned to approve \$5,500 for Lynn Begay as presented. Melvin Capitan Jr. seconded and all committee members voted in favor of the motion, none opposed, Vote: 6-0-0.**

3. Red Mesa / Jerrald Dee / New Home Completion / Chapter Projects \$45,000

The Red Mesa Chapter is requesting \$45,000 from chapter projects to complete a new home for Jerrald Dee. NRF has already funded \$45,000 and the labor will be provided by the client and also by UNTF crews. All documentation is in place and the UNTF staff recommends approval.

**Melvin Capitan Jr. motioned to approve \$45,000 for Jerrald Dee as presented. Ryan Benally seconded and all committee members voted in favor of the motion, none opposed, Vote: 6-0-0.**

4. Red Mesa / LaQueena Martin / 28x36 House / Chapter Projects \$60,000

The Red Mesa Chapter is requesting \$60,000 from Chapter Projects to construct a two bed-room, 28x36 house for LaQueena Martin. \$25,680 will also be provided by the Navajo Revitalization Fund. UNTF construction crews will provide the labor. All documentation is in place and the UNTF staff recommends approval.

**Melvin Capitan Jr. motioned to approve \$60,000 for LaQueena Martin as presented. Ryan Benally seconded and all committee members voted in favor of the motion, none opposed, Vote: 6-0-0.**

D. REPORTS

1. MOA on Police Vehicles

In the July 21, 2021 DAC meeting, Jamie Harvey expressed an interest in having a resolution in support of a Memorandum of Understanding between the San Juan County Sheriff's department and the Navajo Nation Public Safety department to authorize cross jurisdictional lines to assist in minimizing the crime that is in the Aneth, Montezuma Creek area. Discussion took place regarding an attempt to do the same thing approximately twenty years ago and at other times, but the agreement was aborted because the two entities could not agree on the terms and requirements of the contract.

In this meeting, Tony Dayish presented a memorandum explaining that approximately twenty years ago the UNTF and NRF provided funding to purchase police vehicles for the Navajo Nation Police Dept. to use in the Utah Navajo area. When the MOA did not work out, the vehicles were returned to the San Juan County Sheriff's Office yard and were parked there for some time. The Chapters requested and it was voted by the DAC and Board of Trustees, to make these vehicles available to the Utah Chapters.

Jamie Harvey explained that he has had conversations with the Utah Highway Patrol, the San Juan County Sheriff's Office and the Navajo Nation Police Department to once again attempt to come to some type of arrangement or agreement to work together to help decrease the amount of crime in the Aneth area. He is asking for support from the UNTF in favor of all entities working together regardless of jurisdictional lines. No action was taken at this time.

## 2. Square Foot Cost for New Houses

Tony Dayish explained that because of the recent spike in building materials the price per square foot to construct a home has increased approximately 12%. For several years the cost to construct was approximately \$85.00 per square foot. Now the price has increased to \$95.00. This increase is due to problems with supply chains that developed as a result of COVID-19. A notice has been sent to all of the Utah Navajo Chapters explaining the price increase and asking them to adjust their funding request to reflect the changes in price.

Discussion took place regarding increasing the price per square foot to construct a house from \$85.00 to \$95.00 because of the recent spike in building materials. It was announced that the Chapters will have to request additional funds to complete several homes that were previously approved before the price increases that are now under construction.

The DAC members support the letters that Mr. Dayish prepared to inform the Chapter about the price change should go into effect as soon as possible.

## E. DAC MEMBER TO NEXT UNTF BOARD MEETING

### 1. August 27, 2021

Note: In the last DAC meeting Ryan Benally motioned to approve Melvin Capitan Jr. to attend the UNTF Board meeting held August 2, 2021

## F. NEXT MEETING

October 07, 2021 Teleconference Meeting 3:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m.

The DAC discussed holding a retreat for the next DAC meeting. It was determined that the next DAC meeting would be a retreat format in the St. George area. Several dates were discussed, but nothing determined at this time. UNTF Staff will research a possible venue and determine the date.

## K. ADJOURNMENT

**Ryan Benally motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m.**