

NAVAJO REVITALIZATION BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, December 6, 2022 at 3:05 pm
ELECTRONIC MEETING VIA ZOOM
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Board Members Present

Evan Curtis, Chairman
Patricia Blackhorn, Red Mesa Chapter,
Representing Navajo Utah Commission
Willie Grayeyes, San Juan County
Commissioner
Larry Tuní, Navajo Chapter President
Representative

Absent

Kenneth Maryboy, San Juan County
Commissioner

Staff and Guests Present

Paul Moberly, DWS Program Manager
Stacey Herpel, DWS Administration
Jennifer Domenici, DWS Asst. Director
Kaylee Beck, DWS Finance
Tony Dayish, Utah Navajo Trust Fund Director
Herman Farley, Utah Navajo Commission
Maury Bergman, Utah Navajo Trust Fund
John Nakai, Utah Navajo Trust Fund
Dorothy Phillips, Utah Navajo Trust Fund
Chris Pieper, Assistant Attorney General
Kevin Goldthorpe, DWS Finance
Clarence Rockwell, Navajo Utah Comm
Darrell Williams, Aneth Chapter
Kenny Victor, Teec Nos Pos Chapter
Willis Begay, Oljato Chapter
Rosie D
Darlene Pino

1. Welcome and Introductions [0:00]

Evan Curtis officially called the Navajo Revitalization Fund (NRF) Electronic Board meeting to order at 3:05 pm, on Tuesday, December 6, 2022 via Zoom Meeting.

Chairman Curtis introduced himself as the new Chairman of the Navajo Revitalization Fund Board. Patricia Blackhorn and Larry Tuní introduced themselves as new board members, and existing board member, Commissioner Willie Grayeyes. This was the first board meeting for Chairman Curtis, Larry Tuní and Patricia Blackhorn.

2. Approval of Minutes [5:12]

The minutes from the April 21, 2022 Navajo Revitalization Fund Board meeting were presented.

Chair called the question.

Commissioner Willie Grayeyes made and Larry Tuní seconded the motion to approve the minutes for the board meeting held on April 21, 2022. The motion carried as approved with affirmative votes by Commissioner Willie Grayeyes, Patricia Blackhorn, Larry Tuní, and Chairman Curtis, with Commissioner Maryboy absent.

The minutes from the June 16, 2022 Navajo Revitalization Fund Board meeting were presented.

Chair called the question.

Larry Tuní made and Patricia Blackhorn seconded the motion to approve the minutes for the board meeting held on June 16, 2022. The motion carried as approved with affirmative votes by Commissioner Willie Grayeyes, Patricia Blackhorn, Larry Tuní, and Chairman Curtis, with Commissioner Maryboy absent.

3. Fund Report [8:02]

Paul Moberly reviewed the chapter account balances, as of November 8, 2022.

CHAPTER	AVAILABLE
Aneth	\$519,918
Dennehotso	\$119,906
Mexican Water	\$51,806
Navajo Mountain	\$202,759
Oljato	\$479,135
Red Mesa	\$132,043
Tecnospos	\$136,527
Non-Chapter	\$111,000
Interest	\$84,326
TOTAL	\$1,837,421

FY2022 Allocation \$840,438.72

Chair called the question.

Larry Tuni made and Commissioner Willie Grayeyes seconded the motion to allocate \$840,438.72 between the chapters. The motion carried as approved with affirmative votes by Commissioner Willie Grayeyes, Patricia Blackhorn, Larry Tuni, and Chairman Curtis, with Commissioner Maryboy absent.

Accrued Interest \$84,326.01

Chair called the question.

Commissioner Willie Grayeyes made and NO seconded the motion to allocate the interest of \$84,326.01 split between the chapters using the population. The motion Failed.

Larry Tuni made and NO seconded the motion to allocate the interest of \$84,326.01 split between the chapters evenly. The motion Failed.

Patricia Blackhorn made and NO seconded the motion to add the \$111,000 from the non-chapter to the interest, then allocate \$160,000 to the non-chapter for their project. Then allocate the remainder of the interest of \$35,326.01 split between the chapters using the population. The motion Failed.

Larry Tuni made and Commissioner Willie Grayeyes seconded the motion to allocate \$49,000 to the Non-Chapter balance for the pending Navajo Mountain project and the remainder of the interest of \$35,326.01 split between the other chapters (less Navajo Mountain) equally. The motion passed. The motion carried as approved with affirmative votes by Commissioner Willie Grayeyes, Patricia Blackhorn, Larry Tuni, and Chairman Curtis, with Commissioner Maryboy absent.

4. Board Business [1:04:54]

4a. Oaths of Office and Conflict of Interests

Stacey Herpel went over the Oaths of Office and Conflict of Interest Forms and instructed them to sign and return them to Paul so that staff can file them for the year.

5. Project Applications [54:00]

Chairman Curtis declared his intention to have the projects from each chapter in one motion as a group, but reviewed individually.

5.a Expired Grants - Renewal [54:04]

Chair called the question.

Larry Tuni made and Patricia Blackhorn seconded the motion to Extend, Closeout, or revert funds requested to handle expiring grants with each chapter. The motion carried as approved with affirmative votes by Commissioner Grayeyes, Patricia Blackhorn, Larry Tuni, and Chairman Curtis, with Commissioner Maryboy absent.

5.b Aneth - Waste Management Drop-Off Station - \$120,000 for a Solid Waste Drop-Off Box Station [55:50]

Chairman Curtis asked for information on the project. Mr. Moberly confirmed the amount and client and that the application was complete. Mr. Dayish provided details on the project and other current funding. Chairman Curtis entertained a motion from the board.

Commissioner Willie Grayeyes made and Larry Tuni seconded the motion to approve the project as presented. The motion carried as approved with affirmative votes by Commissioner Grayeyes, Patricia Blackhorn, Larry Tuni, and Chairman Curtis, with Commissioner Maryboy absent.

5.c Dennehotso - Bathroom & Kitchen Construction - \$119,908 for construction on 11 homes. [57:51]

Chairman Curtis asked for information on the project. Mr. Moberly confirmed the amount and client and that the application was complete for the first project. Mr. Tuni proposed approving the remaining projects in one motion. Chairman Curtis asked for Mr. Pieper's opinion on combining projects into one motion, to which Mr. Pieper responded that it would be appropriate to do so as the board directs. Mr. Dayish provided information regarding Navajo Trust Fund involvement in all projects. Mr. Moberly reviewed all projects.

5.d Red Mesa -Home Completion –\$8,000 - Requested by Tonia Bedonie to complete her self-help home [1:00:22].

5.e Red Mesa - ADA Ramp - \$3,000 - Requested by Armada Benally to install an ADA accessible ramp to her home.

5.f Red Mesa - Weatherization - \$3,562.80 - Requested by Donna Benally for new doors and windows for weatherization purposes on her home.

5.g Red Mesa - Home Addition - \$6,000 - Requested by Allen Holly to complete the addition to his home.

5.h Red Mesa - ADA Ramp - \$4,500 - Requested by Tully Lameman to install an ADA accessible ramp to his home.

5.i Red Mesa - Home Completion - \$15,800 - Requested by Helen Tsosie for additional housing materials to complete her home, which is in progress. Chapter Resolution by Red Mesa Chapter approved an additional \$17,005 for labor costs. Reallocation request from #591 (\$10,000 requested / 410,809.19 available). #643 (\$5,000 requested / \$7,909.51 available). NOTE: \$800 was requested from grant #653, which is closed.

5.j Red Mesa - New Home - \$15,000 - Requested by Catherine Plummer to purchase a new home that is built by Design Build Bluff.

5.k Red Mesa - New Home - \$22,000 - Requested by Marilyn Robinson to purchase a new home.

5.l TeecNosPos - New Home - \$10,000 - Requested by Sylvia Zhonnie to complete the construction of her new home. [1:02:18]

5.m NUC - Naatsis'Aan Chapter House Building Renovation - \$160,000 - Requesting non-chapter funds for renovations to the Navajo Mountain Chapter House. Clarence Rockwell expressed a much needed renovation to the building. [33:05]

Chairman Curtis entertained a motion for projects 5.c to 5.m from the board.

Commissioner Willie Grayeyes made and Patricia Blackhorn seconded the motion to approve the project as presented. The motion carried as approved with affirmative votes by Commissioner Willie Grayeyes, Patricia Blackhorn, Larry Tuní, and Chairman Curtis, with Commissioner Maryboy absent.

Commissioner Grayeyes left the meeting [1:03:55]. Mr. Herman Farley thanked the board for approving the funding for the projects.

6. Board Member Issues [1:07:42]

6.a Proposed Meeting Schedules

Thursday, February 23, 2023 @ 1:30pm

Tuesday, April 18, 2023 @ 1:30pm

Tuesday, July 11, 2023 @ 1:30pm

Tuesday, October 17, 2023 @ 1:30pm

7. Adjournment [1:11:13]

Commissioner Willie Grayeyes made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The NRF board meeting was officially adjourned at 4:13 pm.

Submitted by Paul Moberly & Stacey Herpel