RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE OF THE
24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

October 1, 2019
10:00 A.M.

PRESIDING: Honorable Rickie Nez, Chairperson
Honorable Thomas Walker, Jr., Vice-Chairperson

LOCATION: Western Agency BIA Conference Room
Tuba City, Arizona

1. Call Work Session to Order; Roll Call; Invocation;

( ) Rickie Nez
( ) Mark A. Freeland
( ) Kee Allen Begay, Jr.

( ) Thomas Walker, Jr.
( ) Wilson C. Stewart, Jr.
( ) Herman M. Daniels, Jr.

2. Recognizing Guests and Visiting Officials:

3. Purpose of the Work Session: Chairman Rickie Nez and Honorable Delegate Herman M. Daniels

To gain an understanding of the Western Agency Grazing Officials roles & responsibilities, while in collaboration with NN Division of Natural Resources, Department of Agriculture; NN Tribal Ranches Program; BIA-Natural Resources (Eastern Agency); and Navajo Nation Land Department

A) Western Agency Grazing Officials Issues Presenter: Calvin Begay, Chairperson; Leslie Williams, Representatives of the Western Agency Grazing Officials.

B) Navajo Division of Natural Resources – Priorities and Goals Presenter: Dr. Rudy Shebala, Division Director and Ms. Vangie Curley Thomas, Deputy Division Director

E) Department of Agriculture’s Requirement for Tally Count & Data Collection; Application of Grazing Policies and Procedures; Reissuance of the NPL Grazing Permits Programs and Technical Assistance Provided Presenter: Leo C. Watchman, Department Director & Others
D) BIA’s NPL Reissuance Process of Grazing Permits; Application of Grazing Policies and Procedures; and Technical Assistance Provided  Presenter: Tony Robbins and Casey Francisco, BIA Officials

E) Navajo Nation Tribal Ranches – Availability; Leasing Procedures; and # of Tribal Ranches available in Arizona.  Presenter: Ivan Becenti, Tribal Ranch Manager

F) Navajo Nation Land Department/General Land Leasing Department’s Requirements for Consent Forms from Land Users/Grazing Permittees and Technical Assistance Provided  Presenter: Michael Halona, Department Director of NNLD and Elerina Yazzie, Department Director of General Land Leasing Department (GLLD)

G) USDA-NRCS Programs Services and Benefits available to the Navajo Ranchers and Farmers  Presenter: USDA-NRCS Officials

4. RDC’s Recommendation; Follow up Meeting.

5. Conclusion of the Work Session