RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE OF THE 25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING

Friday, August 04, 2023 9:00 a.m.

PROPOSED AGENDA (REVISED)

- **PRESIDING**: Honorable Brenda Jesus, *Chairperson* Honorable Casey Allen Johnson, *Vice-Chairperson*
- LOCATION: Navajo Nation Land Department 2B Taylor Road, Building #8966 St. Michaels, Arizona 86511

via Telecommunication***		
Call-In Number:	1-669-900-6833	
Meeting ID:	732-628-2566	
Passcode:	86515	

*** Due to Limited Space at the Navajo Nation Land Department, Access will be Telephonic for the Public. Space at the Navajo Nation Land Department is Limited to the Resources and Development Committee and Staff, and Presenters.

1. Call Meeting to Order; Roll Call; Invocation; and Announcements:

[] Brenda Jesus (C)	[] Casey Allen Johnson (VC)	[] Shawna Ann Claw
[] Rickie Nez	[] Danny Simpson	[] Otto Tso

2. **Recognizing Guests and Visiting Officials:**

3. **Reviewing and Approving the Agenda:**

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 Roll Call Vote: Claw () Jesus () Johnson () Nez () Simpson () Tso ()
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 Reviewing and Approving Journal(s):
 July 12, 2023 (Regular Meeting)

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Roll Call Vote: Claw () Jesus () Johnson () Nez () Simpson () Tso ()

5. **Receiving Reports:**

4.

A. Update Report by the Navajo Telecommunication Regulatory Commission on the Draft Telecommunication Regulations based on the Discussion from the Work Session on Thursday, May 18, 2023. Presenters: Tico R. Charlee, Executive Director, Navajo Telecommunication Regulatory Commission; Veronica Blackhat, Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice Natural Resources Unit; and LaTonia B. Johnson, Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice Human Services & Government

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Roll Call Vote: Claw () Jesus () Johnson () Nez () Simpson () Tso ()

B. Report from the Division of Natural Resources, Navajo Nation Land Department, and Homesite Lease Program on Addressing Homesite Lease Disputes, which include the Homesite Lease Boundaries. *Presenters: W. Mike Halona, Division Director, Division of Natural Resources; Byron Bitsoie Sr., Acting Department Manager, Navajo Nation Land Department; and Anjanette Owens, Program Manager, Navajo Nation Land Department Homesite Section, Division of Natural Resources*

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Roll Call Vote: Claw () Jesus () Johnson () Nez () Simpson () Tso ()

C. Report from the Navajo Nation Land Department and Homesite Lease Program on Proposed Amendments to Expedite the Lease Process and Barriers that Require the Committee Attention. Presenters: Byron Bitsoie Sr., Acting Department Manager, Navajo Nation Land Department; and Anjanette Owens, Program Manager, Navajo Nation Land Department Homesite Section, Division of Natural Resources

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D. Update Report on the U.S. Department of the Interior decision on the withdraws of public lands surrounding Chaco Culture National Historical Park and the 118th Congress H.R.4374 (Energy Opportunities for All Act). Presenter: Carlyle Begay, Federal/State Government Affairs Advisor, 25th Navajo Nation Council

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Roll Call Vote: Claw () Jesus () Johnson () Nez () Simpson () Tso ()

 E. Report from Navajo Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Justice Natural Resources Unit on Navajo Nation Executive Order 04-2023 (Addressing the Impacts of Abandoned Uranium Mines and Advocating for Immediate Action to Remediates Said Impacts). *Presenters: Stephen B. Etsitty,* *Executive Director, Navajo Environmental Protection Agency; and Daniel Moquin, Principal Attorney, Department of Justice Natural Resources Unit*

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Roll Call Vote: Claw () Jesus () Johnson () Nez () Simpson () Tso ()

F. Report from Eastern Navajo Diné Against Uranium Mining on the Situ Leach Mining Project near Crownpoint/Churchrock, New Mexico. Presenter: Jonathan Perry, Executive Director, Eastern Navajo Diné Against Uranium Mining

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Roll Call Vote: Claw () Jesus () Johnson () Nez () Simpson () Tso ()

G. Report from the Office of Legislative Counsel on the Oversight Committee Special Budget Meetings Procedures for FY2024 Program Budgets. *Presenter: April Quinn, Attorney, Office of Legislative Counsel*

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Roll Call Vote: Claw () Jesus () Johnson () Nez () Simpson () Tso ()

6. **Old Business:** None.

- 7. New Business:
 - A. Legislation #0057-23: An Action Relating to the Budget and Finance, Resources and Development, and Naabik'íyáti' Committees, and the Navajo Nation Council; Approving \$9,845,000 from the Síhasin Fund to the Eastern RBDO for the Crownpoint Hotel and Conference Center Project; Approving the Related Expenditure Plan. Sponsor: Honorable Danny Simpson

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Roll Call Vote: Claw () Jesus () Johnson () Nez () Simpson () Tso ()

B. Legislation #0160-23: An Action Relating to Resource and Development: Rescinding RCJN-86-01, EDCAU-60-03, and EDCJY-35-09; and, Approving Oversight Committee Budget Meeting Procedures. *Sponsor: Honorable Brenda Jesus*

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Roll Call Vote: Claw () Jesus () Johnson () Nez () Simpson () Tso ()

C. Legislation #0161-23: An Action Relating to Resources and Development Committee; Confirming the Navajo Nation President's Appointment of Mr. LoRenzo C. Bates to the Navajo Nation Water Rights Commission as the Northern M: S: V:

Roll Call Vote: Claw () Jesus () Johnson () Nez () Simpson () Tso ()

D. Approving to Cancel the Resources and Development Committee Regular Meeting for Wednesday, August 16, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. and Scheduling a Special Meeting for Tuesday, August 15, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. due to the Navajo Nation Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Calendar (the Oversight Committees Budget Legislations and/or Recommendations for Action).

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Roll Call Vote: Claw () Jesus () Johnson () Nez () Simpson () Tso ()

8. Close of Meeting; Announcements; Adjournment. _____

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Roll Call Vote: Claw () Jesus () Johnson () Nez () Simpson () Tso ()

THE AGENDA IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE: The public is advised that the Navajo Nation Council Agenda and the Agendas of the Standing Committees are not final until adopted by a majority vote of the Navajo Nation Council or the Standing Committee at a Navajo Nation Council or a Standing Committee meeting pursuant to 2.N.N.C. §§163 and 183. Navajo Nation Council Rule of Order No. 7 and Standing Committee Rule of Order No. 8.