

RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE OF THE
25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, August 30, 2023
10:00 a.m.

APPROVED AGENDA

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

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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 ()

4. **Reviewing and Approving Journal(s): August 23, 2023 (Regular Meeting)**

M: S: V:

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

5. **New Business:**

- A. **Legislation #0200-23:** An Action Relating to the Resource and Development, and Budget and Finance Committees; Accepting the Audit of Chichiltah Chapter and approve the Chapter’s proposed Corrective Action Plan. *Sponsor: Honorable Seth Damon*

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

- B. **Legislation #0211-23:** An Action Relating to Resources and Development Committee; Appointing the Resources and Development Committee Representatives to the Naabik’iyáti’ Committee Title II Reform Subcommittee. *Sponsor: Honorable Curtis Yanito*

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

- C. Approving on Attending and Participating in the Division of Natural Resources Final Strategic Planning from Monday, September 11th to Wednesday, September 13, 2023, at San Juan College in Farmington, New Mexico.

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

- D. Approving on Attending and Participating in the Office of Navajo Government Development’s Diné Local Governance Summit on Thursday, September 14, 2023 at the Farmington Civic Center in Farmington, New Mexico at 8:30 a.m.

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

- E. Approving to Reschedule an Approved Special Meeting for Monday, September 11, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. to Friday, September 15, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in the Window Rock, Arizona Area due to the Invitation to Attend the Division of Natural Resources Final Strategic Planning in Farmington, New Mexico.

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

- F. Approving the Final Work Session with Navajo Telecommunication Regulations Communication, Division of Natural Resources, Navajo Nation Land Department, General Land Development Department, and Department of Justice on the Finalized Draft Telecommunication Regulations for Final Considerations for Friday, September 22, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the Window Rock, Arizona Area.

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

- G. Approving a Two-Day Resources and Development Committee Strategy Session (Executive Session) to Discuss the Priorities for the 25th RDC for Monday, September 25th and Tuesday, September 26, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the Window Rock, Arizona Area.

M: S: V:

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

- H. Approving to Schedule the Resources and Development Committee’s Regular Meeting for Wednesday, September 27, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. to be held at Chichiltah Chapter, New Mexico.

M: S: V:

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

6. Receiving Reports:

- A. Update Report from the Executive Order No. 02-2023 Vetting Team on the Energy Projects Submitted and Correspondences to the Companies (Executive Session). *Presenters: W. Mike Halona, Division Director, Division of Natural Resources; Rowena L. Cheromiah, Department Manager, Department of Minerals; April A. Quinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel; and Arvin S. Trujillo, Executive Administrator, Office of the President & Vice-President*

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

- B. Update Report by the Heritage and Historic Preservation Department on the Activities regarding Chaco Culture National Historical Park, the U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management on the 106 Process, and Cultural Sites within Lake Valley, New Mexico. *Presenter: Richard M. Begay, Department Manager, Heritage & Historic Preservation Department*

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

- C. Report from the Navajo Department of Justice Natural Resources Unit and Division of Natural Resources on Biden’s new Executive Order designating a new Grand Canyon National Monument that extends onto the Navajo Nation, and what it means. *Presenters: Veronica Blackhat, Assistant Attorney General, Navajo Department of Justice Natural Resources Unit and W. Mike Halona, Division Director, Division of Natural Resources*

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

- D. Report from the Navajo Department of Justice Natural Resources & Chapter Units, and General Land Development Department on the Navajo Nation Burial and Cemetery Regulations for Final Considerations. *Presenters: Veronica Blackhat, Assistant Attorney General, Navajo Department of Justice Natural Resources Unit; Rodgerick Begay, Assistant Attorney General, Navajo Department of Justice Chapter Unit; and Ettie Anderson-Abasta, MLS, Department Manager, General Land Development Department*

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

- E. Report from the Division of Natural Resources, Department of Agriculture, and Navajo Nation Fair Office on the Logistic and Related Matters for the Upcoming Navajo Nation’s 75th Navajo Pearl Anniversary Fair. *Presenters: W. Mike Halona, Division Director, Division of Natural Resources, and Leo Watchman, Jr., Department Manager, Department of Agriculture*

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

7. **Old Business: None.**

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.*