RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE OF THE 25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, October 11, 2023 10:00 a.m.

APPROVED AGENDA

PRESIDING:		Honorable Brenda Jesus, <i>Chairperson</i> Honorable Casey Allen Johnson, <i>Vice-Chairperson</i>				
LOCATION:		Navajo Division of Transportation #16 Old Coalmine Road – Rooms 306/307 Mentmore, New Mexico 87319				
		via Telecommunication Call-In Number: 1-669-900-6833				
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1.	Call Meeting to Order; Roll Call; Invocation; and Announcements:					
	[] Brenda . [] Rickie N	•	Allen Johnson (VC) Simpson	[] Shawna Ann Claw [] Otto Tso		
2.	Recognizin	g 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):		_	September 20, 2023 (Regular Meeting) September 27, 2023 (Regular Meeting)		
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		Roll Call Vote: Claw () Jesus ()	Johnson () Nez () Sin	apson () Tso ()		
5.	Receiving I	Reports:				

Update Report from the Navajo Telecommunications Regulatory Commission, Division of Natural Resources, Navajo Nation Land Department, General Land Development Department, and Department of Justice on the Finalized Draft

A.

Telecommunication Regulations for Final Considerations with Recommendations from the Resources and Development Committee. Presenters: Tico R. Charlee, Executive Director, Navajo Telecommunication Regulatory Commission; W. Mike Halona, Division Director, Division of Natural Resources; Byron Bitsoie, Sr., Acting Department Manager, Navajo Nation Land Department; Ettie Anderson-Abasta, Department Manager, General Land Development Department; Veronica Blackhat, Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice Natural Resources Unit; and LaTonia B. Johnson, Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice Human Services & Government Unit

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

B. Report from the Division of Natural Resources and Navajo Nation Land Department on the ½ Mile Buffer Zone of Canyon de Chelly (Resolution RCS-51-85). Presenters: W. Mike Halona, Division Director; Byron Bitsoie, Sr., Acting Department Manager, Navajo Nation Land Department; and Anjanette Owens, Program Manager, Homesite Lease, Navajo Nation Land Department

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

C. Report from National Park Service and Office of the President & Vice-President on the Strategic Agreement between the Navajo Nation, National Park Service, and the U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs for the Cooperative Stewardship of Canyon de Chelly (June 2018) as it relates to Joint Management Plan. Presenter: Lyn Carranza, Superintendent, Southern Four Corners Group, National Park Service; and Bidtah N. Becker, Chief Legal Counsel, Office of the President and Vice-President

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

D. Report from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on the Charles Huskon No. 12 Abandoned Uranium Mine (AUM) Preferred Cleanup Alternatives and the Public Comments Received. *Presenters: Jacob Phipps, M.S., Section Manager, EPA Region 9, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; and Stephen B. Etsitty, Executive Director, Navajo Environmental Protection Agency*

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

E. Report on the Energy Opportunities for All Act, introduced by Rep. Eli Crane (R-Ariz.) and Rep. Paul Gosar (R-Ariz.), that would Nullify the Biden-Harris Administration on the Withdraws of Public Lands surrounding Chaco Culture

National Historical Park by the U.S. Department of the Interior for 20 years. 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 ()

6. **Old Business:**

A. Legislation #0131-23: An Action Relating to Resources and Development Committee; Approving the Grant of Right-Of-Way to the Utah Department of Transportation for the Construction, Operation and Maintenance of Highway SR 162 From Montezuma Creek to Aneth Located on Navajo Nation Trust Lands In Aneth Chapter (San Juan County, Utah); and, waiving the Requirement of Bonds, Insurance or Alternative From of Security Based Pursuant to Title 25 Code of Federal Regulations Section 169.103 (f)(2). Sponsor: Honorable Curtis Yanito

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

7. **New Business:**

A. Legislation #0221-23: An Action Relating to the Resources and Development Committee; Amending Resolution RDCAU-32-20 "Rescinding Resolution No. RDCD-105-18; and Approving the Grant of Right-of-Way and Leases to Arcadian Infracom, Located on Navajo Nation Trust Lands on the Navajo Nation (Utah, Arizona and New Mexico)" to Rescind the Navajo Nation's Consent to the "Development Rights" Provision. Sponsor: Honorable Carl R. Slater Co-Sponsors: Honorable Crystalyne Curley and Shaandiin Parrish

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

B. Legislation #0224-23: An Action Relating to the Resource and Development Committee, Certifying Manuelito Chapter's Community-Based Land Use Plan. Sponsor: Honorable Seth Damon

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

C. **Legislation #0230-23:** An Action Relating to the Budget & Finance Committee, the Resources and Development Committee and the Naabik'íyáti' Committee; Amending Exhibit A to Resolution NO. CJA-01-21 to Change the Sawmill Chapter's 1-Ton Truck Purchase to Other Equipment. *Sponsor: Honorable Andy Nez*

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	D.	Approving to Attend and Participate in a Site Tour of the Proposed Reservation the 2000 Treaty with San Juan Southern Paiutes (SJSPT) and Legal Issues re to the SJSPT–Navajo Nation Treaty and Proposed Federal Legislation & Litigation Monday, October 23, 2023, near Tuba City, Arizona at 9:00 a.m.				
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	E.	11 0	oint Work Session with the Navajo Housing Authority aerque, New Mexico.			
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	F.	Approving to Cancel the Resources and Development Committee Regular M for Wednesday, November 22, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. and Scheduling a S Meeting for Monday, November 20, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. due to Thanksgiv Thursday, November 23, 2023.				
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		Roll Call Vote: Cla	w () Jesus () Johnson () Nez () Simpso	n () Tso ()		
3.	Close of Meeting; Announcements; Adjournment					
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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.