

**Proposed
Regular Meeting Agenda
of the
Navajo Utah Commission
of the Navajo Nation Council
April 09, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.**

Presiding: Curtis Yanito, Chair
Kenny Victor, Vice-Chair

Location: NDOT Conference Room 306/307
Tse’Bonito, New Mexico

I. Call Meeting to Order; Roll Call; Invocation; Announcements

II. Recognize Guests and Visiting Officials

III. Review and Adopt Journals

December 08, 2023 – Regular Meeting
January 19, 2024 – Regular Meeting
February 13, 2024 – Regular Meeting

IV. Review and Adopt Meeting Agenda

V. Receiving Reports:

1. SR 162/262 Rehabilitation Project Update - Devin Squire, Project Manager; Utah Department of Transportation
 - a. Project mobilization and construction timeline
 - b. Construction impact on daily traffic
 - c. Navajo Preference in Employment Act and tribal employment opportunities
2. Navajo Division of Transportation Road Improvement Strategy for Utah Chapter Region, Tom Platero, Division Director; Navajo Department of Transportation
 - a. Amendment of 2020 Navajo Nation/San Juan County IGA – official title
 - b. Navajo Mountain-Oljato Transportation EIS Appropriations
 - c. Recommendation of Red Mesa Road for Utah Transportation System
3. Overview of Navajo Veterans Administration Housing Program & Services for Utah Chapter Veterans Organizations - Bobbie Baldwin, Executive Director; Navajo Veterans Administration
4. Utah Department of Health & Human Services Tribal Outreach
 - a. Utah DHHS Office of Indian Health & Family Services Update (Tribal Indian Issues Committee and Creation of Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health) – Ozzy E. Escarate, Director
 - b. Utah DHHS Office of Legislative Affairs Update (S.B. 181 – Traditional Healing and H.B. 480 – MMIR Task Force) - Paul Ray, Director
 - c. Utah Juvenile Justice & Youth Services (IIYS) Overview (Canyonlands Youth Center Hogan Project) – Steve Bennett, Administrator

5. Navajo Nation 2024 Election Process, Requirements, Existing Challenges and Collaborative Opportunities – Veronica Curley, Interim Director; Navajo Elections Administration and Melvin Harrison, Chair; Fort Defiance Agency Board of Elections Supervisor

VI. Old Business: None

VII. New Business:

1. EPA Community Change Grant Funding Opportunity – TJ Ellerbeck, Executive Director; Rural Utah Project and Drew Cooper, Utah Organizer; United Today, Stronger Tomorrow

- a. Resolution NUCAPR-949-24

“RECOGNIZING THE OPPORTUNITY OF THE INFLATION REDUCTION ACT COMMUNITY CHANGE GRANT PROGRAM TO BENEFIT RESIDENTS OF ANETH, DENNEHOTSO, MEXICAN WATER, NAVAJO MOUNTAIN, OLJATO, RED MESA, AND TEEC NOS POS CHAPTERS, INCLUDING ARIZONA AND UTAH RESIDENTS AND CREATING A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE RURAL UTAH PROJECT FOR THE PURPOSE OF DRAFTING A GRANT APPLICATION”.

VIII. Executive Director Report

IX. Other(s):

- a. Resolution NUCAPR-950-24

“REQUESTING THE UTAH NAVAJO REVITALIZATION FUND (NRF) BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO APPROPRIATE \$120,000 IN 2024 NRF INTEREST INCOME TO ADDRESS HOUSING CONSTRUCTION LABOR SHORTFALLS FOR THE NAVAJO UTAH COMMISSION’S OLENE WALKER HOUSING LOAN FUND CHAPTER HOUSING PROJECTS”.

- b. Resolution NUCAPR-951-24

“SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF THE NAATSI’S AAN CHAPTER IN SEEKING APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE UTAH NAVAJO REVITALIZATION FUND TO REPAIR, RESTORE, OR TO CONSTRUCT NEW EARTHEN DAMS TO ADDRESS THE AGRICULTURAL NEEDS OF THE NAATSI’S AAN CHAPTER COMMUNITY”.

- c. Resolution NUCAPR-952-24

“RECOGNIZING RDC RESOLUTION RDCF-07-24 APPROVING THE NAVAJO NATION BURIAL AND CEMETARY REGULATIONS AND SUPPORTING THE NAATSI’S AAN CHAPTER IN ESTABLISHING THE RAINBOW CITY CEMETARY”.

X. Confirm Next Meeting and Adjournment

1. NUC regular meeting on May 14 2024, at Aneth Chapter, 10:00 a.m.