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Council delegates discuss chapter priorities during agency council meeting



Council delegates joined chapter officials and community members to address priorities impacting communities throughout the Northern Navajo Agency.

MONTEZUMA CREEK, Utah — On Saturday, members of the 25th Navajo Nation Council joined the Northern Navajo Agency Council (NNAC) at Whitehorse High School alongside chapter officials, Navajo Nation leaders, and community members to discuss issues affecting communities across the Northern Navajo Agency. Discussions focused on energy development, water infrastructure, drought preparedness, public health, budget priorities, and strengthening the role of local chapters in decision-making.

Speaker Crystalyne Curley provided a legislative update on recent Council actions related to transportation infrastructure funding, drought response efforts, water resource planning, broadband expansion, and matters anticipated for a future special session. She also addressed questions regarding efforts to secure resources for communities facing ongoing drought and infrastructure challenges.

Council Delegate Rickie Nez reported on proposed legislation concerning rights-of-way approvals for energy development projects. He explained that the measure would reaffirm the authority of the Resources and Development Committee over rights-of-way matters involving energy infrastructure while maintaining consistency with existing Navajo Nation laws. Nez also emphasized the importance of energy revenues to the Navajo Nation economy.

Council Delegate Eugenia Charles-Newton highlighted the importance of transparency, public engagement, and ongoing communication between Navajo Nation leadership and local communities. She encouraged chapter officials to remain actively involved in policy discussions and legislative matters affecting their communities.

Council Delegate Amber Kanazbah Crotty raised questions regarding healthcare access and public health outreach in rural communities. During presentations from healthcare researchers, she sought additional information on vaccination availability and autism-related services, emphasizing the need for culturally responsive care and early intervention programs for Navajo families.

Council Delegate Curtis Yanito discussed budget priorities, chapter operations, and infrastructure needs. He stressed the importance of providing chapters with practical funding solutions and ensuring communities have the resources needed to address water shortages, road maintenance, agricultural operations, and community development projects.

Delegates also received reports from healthcare and research professionals on adult pneumonia surveillance, infectious disease monitoring, and autism assessment initiatives serving Diné families. Presenters shared information on ongoing efforts to improve health outcomes and expand access to specialized services across the Navajo Nation.

Chapter officials voiced concerns regarding drought conditions, windmill maintenance, livestock water access, community water systems, and the need for additional support for local infrastructure projects. Discussions underscored a shared commitment to strengthening collaboration, improving service delivery, and ensuring local voices continue to guide Navajo Nation decision-making.

The Northern Navajo Agency Council reaffirmed its commitment to advancing chapter priorities, supporting responsible development, and advocating for resources that improve the quality of life for communities throughout the Northern Navajo Agency.

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