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TITLE: An Action Relating to Resources and Development Committee; approving a lease between the Navajo Nation and St. Bonaventure School and Mission for constructing, maintaining, and operating a water well on Navajo fee land within the Baca/Prewitt Chapter of the Navajo Nation

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## Tracking No. <u>032/-/9</u>

DATE: October 3, 2019

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION; AN ACTION RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE; APPROVING A LEASE BETWEEN THE NAVAJO NATION AND ST. BONAVENTURE SCHOOL AND MISSION FOR CONSTRUCTING, MAINTAINING, AND OPERATING A WATER WELL ON NAVAJO FEE LAND WITHIN THE BACA/PREWITT CHAPTER OF THE NAVAJO NATION

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of the resolution is to approve the Lease between the Navajo Nation and St. Bonaventure School and Mission for constructing, maintaining, and operating a water well within the Baca/Prewitt Chapter of the Navajo Nation

This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committees. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each Council Delegate to review each proposed resolution in detail.

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| 1  | PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COMMITTEE RESOLUTION                                      |         |
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| 11   | RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE;                                 |         |
| 12   | APPROVING A LEASE BETWEEN THE NAVAJO NATION AND ST.                              |         |
| 13   | BONAVENTURE SCHOOL AND MISSION FOR CONSTRUCTING,                                 |         |
| 14   | MAINTAINING, AND OPERATING A WATER WELL ON NAVAJO FEE                            |         |
| 15   | LAND WITHIN THE BACA/PREWITT CHAPTER OF THE NAVAJO                               |         |
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| 18   | BE IT ENACTED:   |         |
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| 20   | Section One. Authority   |         |
| 21   | A. The Resources and Development Committee has oversight authority over land and |         |
| 22   | the authority to grant final approval for non-mineral leases within the Navajo   |         |
| 23   | Nation. 2 N.N.C. §§ 500(C), 501(B) (2) (a).                                      |         |
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| 25   | Section Two. Findings  |         |
| 26   | A. The proposed lease between the Navajo Nation and St. Bonaventure School and   |         |
| 27   | Mission for constructing, maintaining, and operating a water well on Navajo fee  |         |
| 28   | land within the Baca/Prewitt Chapter of the Navajo Nation is attached hereto as  |         |
| 29   | Exhibit A.   |         |
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- B. The proposed Lease is composed of 1.0 acre, more or less, which is shown in a map attached as **Exhibit B**.
- C. Environmental and archaeological studies and clearances are attached in Exhibit C and incorporated herein by this reference.
- D. The District Land Board, in a letter dated August 24, 2018, states that there are no valid grazing permittees near the lease acreage. The letter is attached as Exhibit
   D.
- E. The Baca/Prewitt Chapter resolution, dated April 8, 2019, supporting the lease is attached as Exhibit E.
- F. The St. Bonaventure School and Mission through memorandum dated April 12, 2019, attached as **Exhibit F**, is requesting approval of the lease.
- G. The proposed Lease has been reviewed through Executive Official Review by the Fish and Wildlife; Historic Preservation; Minerals; Division of Natural Resources and the Department of Justice and "Approved" or found "Sufficient." See documents included in Executive Official Review, Exhibit G.

## Section Three. Approval

- A. The Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council hereby approves the Lease between the Navajo Nation and St. Bonaventure School and Mission for constructing, maintaining, and operating a water well within the Baca/Prewitt Chapter of the Navajo Nation as found at Exhibit A.
- B. The Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council hereby authorizes the President of the Navajo Nation to execute this Master Lease and all other documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this resolution.