RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE OF THE 24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, October 26, 2022 `10:00 a.m.

APPROVED AGENDA

PRESIDING:			Honorable Rickie Nez, <i>Chairperson</i> Honorable Thomas Walker, Jr., <i>Vice-Chairperson</i>					
LOCA	ATION:	via Telecom Call-In Numb Zoom Meetin Passcode:	er: 1-6	69-900-6833 2-628-2566				
1.	Call M	Secting to Order; Ro	ll Call; Invo	cation; and Ann	ouncements:			
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2.	Recog	nizing Guests and Vi	siting Offici	ials:				
3.	Reviewing and Approving the Agenda:							
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		Roll Call Vote: TWalkerJr () KABegayJr () HMDaniels () MAF	eeland () WStewartJr () RickieNez	:()		
4.	Reviev	wing and Approving	Journal(s):	None.				
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		Roll Call Vote: TWalkerJr () KABegayJr () HMDaniels () MAF1	eeland () WStewartJr () RickieNez	:()		
5.	Receiving Reports:							
	A.	Department on Road Division Director, Da	eport from the Division of Transportation and Heritage & Historic Perseveration epartment on Road N8031 and N8065. <i>Presenters: Garret Silversmith, ivision Director, Division of Transportation; and Richard M. Begay, Department anager, Heritage & Historic Preservation Department</i>					
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		Roll Call Vote: TWalkerJr () KABegayJr () HMDaniels () MAF1	eeland () WStewartJr () RickieNez	:()		

B.	Report from the Navajo Nation Land Department and Yavapai County Officials on				
	the Sale of Seven (7) Acres of Land to Yavapai County to expand the Airport in				
	Seligman, Arizona so the Airport can be in Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)				
	Compliance. Presenters: W. Mike Halona, Department Manager, Navajo Nation				
	Land Department; and Yavapai County Officials				

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Roll Call Vote: TWalkerJr() KABegayJr() HMDaniels() MAFreeland() WStewartJr() RickieNez()

- 6. Old Business: None.
- 7. **New Business:**
 - A. **Legislation #0175-22:** An Action Relating to Resources and Development Committee, and Naabik'íyáti' Committee: Supporting United States Congressional Bill H.R. 8108 Titled "Advancing Tribal Parity on Public Land Act". *Sponsor: Honorable Daniel E. Tso*

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Roll Call Vote: TWalkerJr() KABegayJr() HMDaniels() MAFreeland() WStewartJr() RickieNez()

B. Legislation #0182-22: An Act Relating to the Resources and Development, Budget and Finance, and Naabik'íyáti' Committees, and to the Navajo Nation Council; Approving \$970,000 from the Síhasin Fund for the Demolition and Cleanup for Four Former Business Sites Under the Chinle RBDO, and Approving the Related Expenditure Plan. *Sponsor: Honorable Carl R. Slater*

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Roll Call Vote: TWalkerJr() KABegayJr() HMDaniels() MAFreeland() WStewartJr() RickieNez()

C. **Legislation #0183-22**: An Act Relating to the Resources and Development, and Budget and Finance Committees; Approving a Change to CAP-35-18 for Round Rock Chapter by Moving the Chapter's "Signage Proposal Project" from Funding Year 1 to Funding Year 3 and Adding Equipment Purchases to the Project, with No Change in the Original Funding Amount of \$33,198.50. *Sponsor: Honorable Carl R. Slater*

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Roll Call Vote: TWalkerJr() KABegayJr() HMDaniels() MAFreeland() WStewartJr() RickieNez()

D. Legislation #0186-22: An Act Relating to Law and Order, Resources and Development, and Naabik'íyáti' Committees and Navajo Nation Council; Asserting Sovereignty and Taking Over Primary Regulatory Authority from the Federal Government, Office of Surface Mining and Reclamation Enforcement, Over All Coal Mining Lands Located on the Navajo Nation; Enacting a Waiver of

Sovereign Immunity; and Establishing New Sections in Title 18 at 18 N.N.C. §§ 1701 et seq. Sponsor: Honorable Wilson C. Stewart, Jr. Co-Sponsor: Honorable Pernell Halona

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Roll Call Vote: TWalkerJr() KABegayJr() HMDaniels() MAFreeland() WStewartJr() RickieNez()

E. **Legislation #0187-22:** An Act Relating to the Resources and Development, Budget and Finance, and Naabik'íyáti' Committees, and the Navajo Nation Council; Approving \$783,500 from the Síhasin Fund for the San Juan River Dineh Water Users, Inc. to Complete the Shiprock Lateral Water Conversion – Phase I Salinity Control – Project; Approving the Related Expenditure Plan. *Sponsor: Honorable Amber Kanazbah Crotty*

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Roll Call Vote: TWalkerJr() KABegayJr() HMDaniels() MAFreeland() WStewartJr() RickieNez()

F. **Legislation #0188-22:** An Action Relating to Resources and Development and Naabik'íyáti' Committees and Navajo Nation Council; Confirming Michele T. Jones as the Navajo Gaming Regulatory Office Executive Director. *Sponsor: Honorable Nathaniel Brown Co-Sponsor: Honorable Pernell Halona*

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Roll Call Vote: TWalkerJr() KABegayJr() HMDaniels() MAFreeland() WStewartJr() RickieNez()

G. **Legislation #0189-22:** An Action Relating to Resources and Development Committee and Naabik'íyáti' Committee; Opposing *Garfield Co., Utah, et al. v. Biden, et al.*, Civil Action No. 4:22-CV-00059-DN, Seeking to Declare President Biden's October 8, 2021 Proclamation Regarding Bears Ears National Monument Unlawful. *Sponsor: Honorable Herman M. Daniels*

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Roll Call Vote: TWalkerJr() KABegayJr() HMDaniels() MAFreeland() WStewartJr() RickieNez()

H. Legislation #0191-22: An Action Relating to Resources and Development Committee, the Naabik'íyáti' Committee, and The Navajo Nation Council; Approving the Use of the Eminent Domain Statute, 16 N.N.C. §§ 1401 et seq., for American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") Funded Projects to Address the Right-of-Way Land User Consent Requirement; Approving December 31, 2024 as the Expiration Date of for Use of the Eminent Domain Statute for These ARPA Funded Projects; Directing the Controller to Report the Amount of Funding in the Land Acquisition Trust Fund Available for Just Compensation as Required by the Eminent Domain Statute; and, Directing the Division of Natural Resources Division and the Department of Justice to Develop Procedures for the Use of the Funds Identified for the Eminent Domain Purpose. *Sponsor: Honorable Vince R. James*

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Roll Call Vote: TWalkerJr() KABegayJr() HMDaniels() MAFreeland() WStewartJr() RickieNez()

I. Legislation #0192-22: An Action Relating to Resources and Development and Naabik'íyáti' Committees and the Navajo Nation Council; Approving a Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity Allowing the Navajo Nation to be Sued in Federal District Court Regarding Compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act in Carrying Out Grants from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and Authorizing the President of the Navajo Nation or the Executive Director of the Navajo Nation Division of Community Development to Sign HUD Form 7015.15 Through September 30, 2027. Sponsor: Honorable Mark A. Freeland Co-Sponsor: Honorable Otto Tso

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Roll Call Vote: TWalkerJr() KABegayJr() HMDaniels() MAFreeland() WStewartJr() RickieNez()

J. Legislation #0196-22: An Action Relating to Resources and Development, Budget and Finance, and Naabik'íyáti' Committees; Approving and Authorizing a Renewel Contract Between the Navajo Nation and the United States Department of the Interior Under 25 U.S.C. § 5301 et seq. (P.L. 93-638, as amended), for a Five (5) Year Term for the Period Beginning January 1, 2023 and Ending December 31, 2027 for the Water Development Program; Approving and Authorizing the Fiscal Year Annual Funding Agreement and Scope of Work for the Period of the Contract Term. Sponsor: Honorable Thomas Walker, Jr. Co-Sponsor: Honorable Wilson C. Stewart, Jr.

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Roll Call Vote: TWalkerJr() KABegayJr() HMDaniels() MAFreeland() WStewartJr() RickieNez()

K. **Legislation #0197-22**: An Action Relating to Resources and Development Committee; Waiving 16 N.N.C. § 1159(B)(2); Approving a Mission Site Permit for 4 Acres for the Azee' Bee Nahagha of Diné Nation – Pinon in the Vicinity of Pinon Chapter, Navajo Nation. *Sponsor: Honorable Jimmy Yellowhair*

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Roll Call Vote: TWalkerJr() KABegayJr() HMDaniels() MAFreeland() WStewartJr() RickieNez()

L. **Legislation #0198-22**: An Act Relating to the Resources and Development, Budget and Finance, and Naabik'íyáti' Committees, and to the Navajo Nation Council; Approving \$3,468,000 from the Síhasin Fund for a Multipurpose Building at the Aneth Chapter and Approving the Related Expenditure Plan. *Sponsor: Honorable Charlaine Tso*

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Roll Call Vote: TWalkerJr() KABegayJr() HMDaniels() MAFreeland() WStewartJr() RickieNez()

M. Legislation #0199-22: An Action Relating to Resources and Development; Rescinding RDCMA-27-18 Which Accepted the Bureau of Indian Affairs Recommendation of the Grazing Capacity of Equal Distribution of Ten (10) Sheep Unit Year Long (SUYL) for the Navajo Partitioned Lands; Recommending to the Bureau of Indian Affairs the Modification of Carrying Capacities and Stocking Rates in the Navajo Partitioned Lands with Attention to Diné Traditional Law; and Recommending to the Bureau of Indian Affairs Equal Distribution of Fifty (50) Sheep Unit Year Long (SUYL) for the Navajo Partitioned Lands. Sponsor: Honorable Jimmy Yellowhair Co-Sponsor: Honorable Kee Allen Begay, Jr.

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Roll Call Vote: TWalkerJr() KABegayJr() HMDaniels() MAFreeland() WStewartJr() RickieNez()

N. **Legislation #0200-22**: An Action Relating to Resources and Development; Waiving the Applicability of Resolution No. RCJY-142-92 with Respect to the Homesite Lease Application for Nellie C. Tsosie for a Homesite Lease within the Navajo Commercial Forestry Area and within Tsaile/Wheatfields Chapter, Navajo Nation (Apache County, Arizona). *Sponsor: Honorable Kee Allen Begay, Jr.*

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Roll Call Vote: TWalkerJr() KABegayJr() HMDaniels() MAFreeland() WStewartJr() RickieNez()

O. **Legislation #0202-22**: An Act Relating to the Resources and Development, and Budget and Finance Committees; Approving a Change to CAP-35-18 for the Whippoorwill Chapter by Moving Funds for the Whippoorwill Chapter House Renovation, in the Amount of \$450,000.00, From Funding Year 2 to Year 3. *Sponsor: Honorable Jimmy Yellowhair*

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Roll Call Vote: TWalkerJr() KABegayJr() HMDaniels() MAFreeland() WStewartJr() RickieNez()

P. Approving an In-Person Leadership Meeting with Office of Legislative Counsel, Division of Natural Resources, Navajo Nation Land Department, Navajo Environmental Protection Agency, Navajo Department of Justice Natural Resources Units, Navajo Utah Commission, San Juan County Utah Commission, and Navajo Tribal Utility Authority to revisit the Community of Halchita, Utah to address the community's concerns of the land and development for Monday, November 14, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

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Roll Call Vote: TWalkerJr() KABegayJr() HMDaniels() MAFreeland() WStewartJr() RickieNez()

Q. Approving an In-Person Leadership Meeting with Division of Natural Resources, Navajo Department of Justice Natural Resources Unit, Office of the President & Vice-President, and Aneth and Red Mesa Chapters to discuss the 1997 32-Point

	Agreement for Tuesday, November 15, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. in Montezuma Utah.						
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	Roll Call Vote: TWalkerJr	() KABegayJr () HMDaniels () MAFr	eeland () WStewartJr () RickieN	√ez()			
8.	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.