

**RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE OF THE
25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL**

REGULAR MEETING

**Monday, July 01, 2024
10:00 a.m.**

PROPOSED AGENDA

PRESIDING: Honorable Brenda Jesus, *Chairperson*
Honorable Casey Allen Johnson, *Vice-Chairperson*

LOCATION: **Navajo Division of Transportation**
#16 Old Coalmine Road, Naat’áanii Board Room
Mentmore, New Mexico 87319

via Telecommunication

Call-In Number: 1-669-900-6833

Meeting ID: 732-628-2566

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1. Call Meeting to Order; Roll Call; Invocation; and Announcements:

<input type="checkbox"/> Brenda Jesus (C)	<input type="checkbox"/> Casey Allen Johnson (VC)	<input type="checkbox"/> Shawna Ann Claw
<input type="checkbox"/> Rickie Nez	<input type="checkbox"/> Danny Simpson	<input type="checkbox"/> Otto Tso

2. Recognizing 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): June 17, 2024 (Regular Meeting)

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

5. Receiving Reports:

- A. Report from Office of the President & Vice-President and Navajo Department of Justice Natural Resources Unit on the Land Surrender Parcel of Navajo Mine near Nenahnezad Chapter in Fruitland, New Mexico. *Presenters: Bidtah N. Becker, Chief Legal Counsel, Office of the President & Vice-President; and Veronica*

Blackhat, Assistant Attorney General, Navajo Department of Justice Natural Resources Unit

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

- B. Report from Rye Development, LLC on the Study of Pumped Storage Hydropower on the Navajo Nation. *Presenters: Erik Steimle, Chief Development Officer, and Tom Chee, Advisor, Rye Development, LLC; Ryen Godwin, Legal Advisor, Rye Development, Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt; and Chuck Howe, President, C2 Environmental*

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

- C. Report from the Department of Water Resources on the Windmill Activity as it relates to the Numbers of Windmills, Pending Repairs, and New Constructions; and the Possibility to Convert Over to Solar. *Presenter: Jason John, Department Manager, Department of Water Resources*

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

6. **Old Business:** None.

7. **New Business:**

- A. **Legislation #0125-24:** An Action Relating to the Health, Education and Human Services and Resources and Development Committees; Supporting and Authorizing the Issuance of Free Fishing Licenses for Honorable Discharged Navajo Veterans on the Navajo Nation; Amending the Navajo Nation Fishing and Boating Regulations. *Sponsor: Honorable Andy Nez*

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

- B. **Legislation #0127-24:** An Action Relating to the Resources and Development Committee; Approving a Surface Use Lease for the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority for a Wastewater Treatment Facility Located on Navajo Nation Trust Lands within Kerley Valley, Coalmine Canyon, Arizona. *Sponsor: Honorable Otto Tso*

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

C. **Legislation #0128-24:** An Action Relating to Resources and Development Committee; Approving the Delegation of Authority to the Department Manager of the Navajo Land Department, Division of Natural Resources, to Approve Religious Land Use Permits; Approving Departmental Administrative Rules and Regulations for Religious Land Use Permits for Application Requests on Navajo Nation Trust and Fee Lands, Including the Eastern Navajo Agency Applicants; and, Approving the Terms and Conditions for Religious Land Use Permits. *Sponsor: Honorable Rickie Nez Co-Sponsor: Honorable Casey Allen Johnson*

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

D. **Legislation #0130-24:** An Action Relating to the Resources and Development Committee; Approving Amendments to the Navajo Nation Domestic Wastewater Regulations. *Sponsor: Honorable Casey Allen Johnson*

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

E. **Legislation #0132-24:** An Action Relating to Resources and Development; Approving the Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation Lease for 39.69 Acres, More or Less, of Navajo Nation Trust Lands, Located Within the Tuba City Chapter Vicinity, Navajo Nation (Coconino Country, Arizona). *Sponsor: Honorable Otto Tso*

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

F. **Legislation #0133-24:** An Action Relating to Resources and Development; Approving the Tuba City Unified School District Lease for 144.05 Acres, More or Less, of Navajo Nation Trust Lands, Located Within the Tuba City Chapter Vicinity, Navajo Nation (Coconino County, Arizona). *Sponsor: Honorable Otto Tso*

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

G. **Legislation #0134-24:** An Action Relating to The Resources and Development Committee: Approving and Establishing the Resources and Development Committee's Priorities for the Term of the 25th Navajo Nation Council. *Sponsor: Honorable Casey Allen Johnson*

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

- H. Approving a Resources and Development Committee Regular/Special Meeting from Monday, July 22, 2024, to Friday, July 26, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. for the Navajo Nation Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Preparation (the Oversight Committees Budget Legislations).

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

- I. Approving Off-Navajo Nation Travel to Attend and Participate in the 2024 Navajo Nation Plant and Animal Summit by the Department of Fish & Wildlife from August 06-07, 2024, at the Twin Arrows Navajo Casino Resort near Flagstaff, Arizona.

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

8. **Close of Meeting; Announcements; Adjournment.** _____

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

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.*