

EASTERN NAVAJO LAND COMMISSION

Leadership Meeting

Friday, December 20, 2024, at 9:00 AM

Location: Conference Room, BIA Federal Bldg., Gallup, NM

Reconvene at 1pm or 2pm at Churchrock Chapter for Discussion on the Recommendations

In-person Meeting

PROPOSED AGENDA*

I. Call meeting to order

II. Invocation

- III. Roll Call:** [] Danny Simpson, Chairperson [] Steven R. Arviso, Vice-Chairperson
[] Norman M. Begay, Commissioner [] George Tolth, Commissioner
[] Lester C. Yazzie, Commissioner [] Loren Cooke, Commissioner

IV. Announcement(s)

V. Recognize Guest and Officials

VI. Report/ Discussion:

- A. Place 387,000 acres of Navajo Nation fee lands, more or less, into trust or restricted fee status and establishing a process for putting Navajo Nation fee lands into trust or restricted fee status by BIA Regional Director Deborah Shirley
- B. Putting 571.22 acres of Navajo Nation fee lands, more or less, acquired for Gallup Indian Medical Center (GIMC) replacement hospital near Gamerco, NM, into trust or restricted fee status by Mike Halona, Div. of Resources
- C. Update on Lands purchased by Navajo Nation near Northern Edge Casino and its FTT application by Navajo Land Department
- D. Updates on Whitehorse Lake FTT application, Thoreau FTT application & Other FTT application(s) by Jerry DeGroat and Navajo Land Department
- E. Acquisition of school lands set aside by Executive Orders (e.g., the old Crownpoint Boarding School lands) by Jerry DeGroat, ENA BIA
- F. Acquisition of lands set aside and intended for use by the Navajo Tribe (e.g., Old Farm lands west of Crownpoint, NM) by Jerry DeGroat, ENA BIA
- G. Resolving the cemetery issue for the Crownpoint/ENA cemetery by Jerry DeGroat, ENA BIA
- H. Putting 2,725.66 acres, more or less, of NAPI-NIIP Navajo Nation fee lands into trust or restricted fee status as part of a congressional mandatory acquisition by Jerry DeGroat, ENA BIA
- I. The possibility of acquiring lands near China Springs and Hassler Road to address Navajo families living on private lands and putting these lands into trust status including other similar cases within Eastern Navajo Agency) by Leonard Tsosie, Director, ENLC Office
- J. Update on PL 2198 land acquisitions by _____.

VII. Recommendations

VIII. Close of meeting

* **Note:** Certain agenda items may require the Commission to discuss the matter in executive session. This is an in-person meeting. Please do not attend the in-person meeting if you have symptoms of Covid-19.