The District 6 Joint Council was called to order by Mr. David Lee, President at 10:00 AM. Welcome everyone that is in attendance this morning. The Joint Council had waited a good hour for a quorum. Mr. Lee reminded that the hosting chapter has the responsibility to notify all the chapters. There is an sigh in sheet agenda and the minutes of the last meeting. It is Friday the 13th. Its kinda of scary.y.y. But we are here on the 13th. The invocation was given by Gloria deCruz. Mr. Tommy Nelson took roll call, according to the sign-in sheet chapters present were as follows; Baahaali, Chinchiltah, Manuelito, Rock Springs and Tsayatoh. Eight members present. Which meets the requirements for a quorum according to the Plan of Operation, 1) Status the final Plan of Operation, 2) Status on the Strategic Planning Session, 3) Update on assignments, 4) amendments, 5) Next Meeting date and location. Adjournment will become #9 and #8 will become Addumum. Mrs. Bertha Dahoy made a motion to accept the agenda with the addumum. Mrs. Roselyn John second the motion. VOTE: 8 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, 0 ABSTAINED.

Mr. Lee: So, first on the agenda. We have added the addumum, I would like to put it on the agenda. Mr. Watchman would you elaborate on the items that you wanted to add to the agenda.

TONY WATCHMAN: Requesting three (3) items to be added to the agenda for discussion. During the budget session, the Chapter Grazing member’s and Land Board’s stipends were excluded. Therefore, I would like for thatto be added to the agenda. We would like to request that our Honorable Council Delegate Mr. Damon for additional supplemental funds for stipends. They are very important at the chapter level. The second item – Student Supplement funds for summer Youth employment and enrichment programs for our students at the chapter level. The third item would be CLUP issues concerning their certification. Rock Springs is still waiting, and needs to have public hearing and is at 75% - 80% completed. There are some chapters that are working on their cerification.

GLORIA: I would like to have additional funds for students’ scholarships at our chapter level. Our Baahaai chapter has depleted their funds. Another item would be Health promotion services to be relocated back to Gallup services unit. They have moved the services to Crownpoint unit and like to have the services back to Gallup and request a supporting letter from District 6 Joint Council that the Gallup Health and Life Styles to be return the services back to Gallup, (but, will get the correct name).

Mr. Shirley: Would like to know if there has been any appropriations set aside for any emergencies? I would like to request for emergencies; like wood hauling, hay. The weather has been good to us so far, but, we should be ready for any sudden changes in the weather. A lot of the chapters are dealing with the different projects, maybe hire a planner to work on important on-going projects or a consultant.
GLORIA: I am so glad that you brought it up as an additional item. The updates on the strategic planning. The LGSC has mandated that all the chapters have strategic planning. We need strategic funds, if they are mandating it. My request from the chapter level is two fold; 1) budget with a resolution to provide for District 6 Joint Council and also 2) Navajo Nation Council needs to recognize the District 6 Joint Council and provide for strategic planning funds like $5,000 or $10,000, because some of these chapters do not have any funds and to have a good facilitator(s), location and help us in putting together professional plans, it would take a resolution requesting for funds, Which cost a lot. At the chapter level we are limited on time and resources.

Mr. Lee: Would like to thank Gloria deCruz in finalizing the Plans of Operation. Since she got a new computer at her chapter, she has provided the documents for us to review. All of you should have do have a copies of the Plan of Operation with you, look through it, if there is any discrepancies, please note it. There are eight (8) items on the agenda. The additional items to be added on to the agenda are as follows:

1) Grazing and Land Board Members stipends to be included on the supplemental funds.
2) Student supplemental youth funds for summer youth employment and enrichment programs for our students at our respective chapters.
3) CLUP issues and concerning our certification. Rock Springs is still waiting and were told that we need to hold public hearing and our manual just needed modification.
4) The additional funds for student scholarship at our chapter level. Because we have depleted our funds.
5) Support Letter requesting Health services to be relocated back to Gallup Health service unit the letter to be addressed to Mr. John Hubbard.
6) Emergencies Funds for communities, i.e., wood hauling, coal and coal getting ready for the weather changes.
7) Funds for Strategic Planning Session, since it has been mandated by LGSC.
8) Navajo Nation Council to recognize and approve our District 6 Joint Council, its plan of Operation and Budget.

Would like to recognized Mr. Paul Spencer, Tsayatoh CLUP member. Thank you for being with us. He helps us a lot in dealing with animals in the chapter.

The Plan of Operation is as is, at Baahaali, Gloria had prepared the agenda for us and the Plan of Operation. Even though we went through this, base on your vision, if there is any discrepancies, misprint misspelled, punctuation, commas and others. We need to get the Plan of Operation in its final copy get ready for Council session.
Mr. Nelson: In going through this Plan of Operation, there are minor corrections that need to be inserted. After a lengthy discussion, Gloria stated that she would make the correction before beginning the SAS Process. We need to make sure that all the chapters have correct spelling. Tsayatoh and Red Rock will have their correct spelling.

GOING BACK TO THE PLAN OF OPERATION: Gloria: There are questions on the objectives of District 6 Joint Council, #5, or in going the Plan of Operation, its going to change. Same way for objective #3 and #10. That’s why I kept asking Mr. Damon for his copy. But, he said that his attorney was going to review the Plan of Operation, since October, we have not hear from him. There are a lot of questions concerning the terminology of government or council. I would not recommend using government in the Plan of Operation.

Mr. Lee: Maybe, we should defer the Plan of Operation’s correction to the next meeting for the final copy. Mr. Watchman made a motion to defer the Plan of Operation’s corrections. Roselyn John second the motion. VOTE: 9 in Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained.

Mr. Nelson: Going through the SAS Process, I think Mr. Damon needs an administrative assistant to assist him with all the projects that Mr. Damon has to handle for the 6 chapters.

Mr. Lee: Okey, going back to the agenda. We are at #5 on the agenda. Status on the Strategic Planning Session.

Roselyn: Asked a question. Are we talking about just District #6 Joint Council, or we talking about all the chapter’s elected leaders within District #6 or individual chapters? How are planning to do this session?

Mr. Lee: We were waiting on our Council Delegate, Mr. Damon to see if there any funds available for our strategic Planning Session. Would like to get away and plan for our chapters and need to contact our chapters officials and CSCs. Gloria mentioned that the strategic Planning for District 6 chapters and administration for this strategic work session.

Roselyn: We have close to 30 people that would actually be involved. Gloria: Our core group would be the chapter officials and administration and land board members, they are the elected officials. That is why Mr. Damon is working so hard on getting stipends for them. We also would want to have the standing committees to attend the work session. We need to clarify these for the work session. They are welcome to come.

Mr. Shirley: We need to look at our own chapter’s budget, each chapter would need provide their share of the cost of the work session and look at what we are going achieve at the work session for our chapters.
Gloria: Once we have done our work session, we will have made some crucial decision, we need to make the recommendations to our chapters. Right now, we are forming, brain storming and trying to get organized. We need some consensus about our District 6 Joint Council.

Roselyn: Some or all the chapters do not have the clear definition of the District 6 Joint Council, and I think that is the reason they do not participate and the people at the chapters will not support it. Because they do not know what their roles, responsibilities and what objectives are in the District 6 Joint Council, and the main purpose of this council.

Gloria: That will not happen until the strategic planning work session.

Bertha Dahozy: I know that the other chapters officials have issues and concerns about the District 6 group, how is it going to benefit the communities, people. I told them about the meeting and to ask questions and get a better understanding of the group, but, they are not here. But, I am here.

Mr. Lee: In getting together with 6 chapters on their concern and issues, like roads, all the 6 chapters select two main roads from their chapters along with their resolutions and submit to our Council Delegate for the council session and Dept. of transportation, it will get somewhere. But, if you request individually chapter it will nowhere. We can appoint someone to run with the project. It will be the same way in the legislative projects, economic development projects. My main focus for District 6 joint Council is helping another.

Mr. Nelson: There are only four chapters officials here and where are the others? We need to get together with all other chapters and ask them “What do they want for their communities?” Who is interested in this District 6 Joint Council. We started a plan, we put on paper. Find out who is really in forming this District 6 Joint Council. There are only five chapters, according to listening and viewing the meeting.

Mr. Lee: I would like to see another notice to the six chapters on the strategic planning session. We are still waiting on our Council Delegate on the funds that might be available. Then we will be in a better structure for the strategic planning session. With all due respect, I think that we should defer this strategic planning session, until we find out from our Council Delegate on the funds. He is in phoenix, attending a meeting.

Mr. Watchman: I think that we should continue and keep moving ahead. Yes, there are some of us that do not get involve, but, in every aspect of planning, there are always some setbacks. But, all in all, the strategic planning should continue. I think that we have already picked a location. Walter Hudson has all the strategic plans that can assist us in putting together the session for chapters that are requesting for any assistance. The chapters that do not want to involve, their chapters are still apart of the six chapters that is represented by our Council Delegate.
We have discussed the locations, they were Farmington or Albuquerque and Flagstaff. We do not to have off reservation, there are some places in the local area.

**Gloria:** We have done a lot of work. When I started working on the District 6 Joint Council, a lot of work and time has gone into the project. Just like, where to sent the information. Our letterheads, where to mail them. You know, Gurarena, is very good in developing letterheads. She asked what information needed to be there. I just told her to use Tsayatoh’s address because the President is from there.

Another thing is we have nine items requesting for support resolutions, how it going through, who is going to sponsor them? Like the one I brought up I am willing to do the resolutions. After getting your signatures, there are these kind of decision to make, the resolutions from six chapters has stronger impact then one chapter. We do not have the staff to operate, that’s the reason for helping another.

**Roselyn:** Until we are recognized by the Council, our resolutions will not be valid. Right now, if we are going to address these issues they are going to be in letter form. So, we really to push this, need to ask Chancey, for SAS tracker, if it has not left the attorney office. This is the most important to help Mr. Damon track the SAS. Get somebody that is in Window’s, who knows how to track documents with speed. Who is his attorney? Who is he working with? Once this recognized, there should any problems. On the strategic planning, we can just select a location and date. Maybe the first day can be a regular meeting day and other can be strategic planning session. That way the officials can get caught up with everything and I wish that everything can be finalized so we can go forward strategic plans.

**Mr. Watchman:** If he has submitted the Plan of Operation through the SAS process, we are making the changes, we will still be making changes when the attorney reviews it.

**Mr. Lee:** It’s okey, we are ahead in making changes on the Plan of Operation. According to I have been hearing, Farmington is real cheap on their rated. Walter Hudson has all the information on planning for work sessions. Albuquerque has the Pueblo Culture Center, there are places that can be located.

**Gloria:** There is new BIA office, next to the Pueblo Culture Center, there is Holiday Inn. I went there for training. It's nice, it had huge meeting rooms, comfortable chairs. I will take the responsibility to get the information for the council.

**Mr. Watchman:** One more thing, I know that our cost at the chapter is limited for five people, for rooms, mileage and food. The chapter has limited funds, we need to know about the costs and then we can work with officials and funds that is available. Maybe have a bake sale.

**Mr. Lee:** I know that it is the 11th hour, it is the election, so, our travel will limited in the last quarter. So, January to August would be time to plan for our work session.
Mr. Spencer: What you are planning for session and travel. In my opinion, you should cross out what you have, and think about the community. I might be out of line here, but, you trying to get documents together for the Council Delegate to represent to the Council. You are forgetting the community, that is why your plans are not going forward, what are your plans for them? You need to get consensus at the communities for the funds. Get them involve.

Mr. Shirley: I know that our meeting at Red Rock was a large meeting. We get together for different meetings, there are meetings set aside for subcommittee, meetings for technical issues and concerns that focus on local issues. Some meetings needs to be taking away from your communities. Sometimes it is good to do that. But, again you need to look at the most feasible cost for meetings, trainings and conferences. You have to get the three price quotes and go with the lowest rates, what is feasible for you. Another thing is; before the council becomes legal, then on the letterheads for your communication, you are not a recognized council yet, so, you need to be careful how it is written. In the meantime, you are planning, you have goals, and objectives. You just need to justify your Plan of Operation, then you can use that title.

Mr. Lee: When you discussing the main issues on the planning session, we have the main goals, that we do not over load our Council Delegate. Mr. Watchman is right, we should continue with the planning session. We are still waiting for Red Rock chapter, but, they are struggling with the roads and others. We still continue with our plans for the strategic planning sessions.

Gloria: At Baahaali, we have our meetings outside of community, because, there is a lot of distraction. Farmington has the hotel, lodging and the restaurant right there. We have one official that disappears. The budget issues, once the community approves the annual budget, we really don’t go back to the chapter for their approval for travel.

Roselyn: At some of the chapters they have LGA, you can justify that for travels, the carry overs, there are funds, if you justify your funds.

Bertha Dahoy: I would recommend a location, where everything is together, lodging, restaurant and meetings. Where there is no driving around looking for place to eat.

Mr. Lee: That is why they go for the casinos, the meals are cheap and the rooms you give a discount, but you can’t go the slot machines. We went to all location mentioned, that is how we completed our five management system and community land plans. So, it is true to stay at one place and get things done. I think that Mr. Charles Damon is going ask for funds, that will help us. The individual LGA, Carry overs we can manage to have the strategic Planning session. Like Ms. John mentioned, we have 30 people, Officials and administration (5 from each chapter), we have three land board members. We need to recognize our Council Delegates, LGSC staff. So, overall, we have close to 40 to 45 people for the strategic planning session.
Mr. Shirley: I have a comment on that. From my chapter, they ask a lot of questions on the budget. Because of the election, they are going to question why we are going out of town. Some of the members are going to question the District 6 Joint Council. I kinda already know that they are not going to approve the funds.

Gloria: Every chapter is different about their funds. At baahaali, when they approve our budget, we do not go back to chapter for approval to attend strategic planning session. But, I guess your chapter is different. We are certified, but, we did that before we were certified. Each chapter is different.

Mr. Shirley: If you read your policies on the consensus the budget. I always adhere to the policies, you do budget together, the budget covers the whole year, you need to inform the community on your intentions. If you read it and know the contents, you don't encounter troubles like that. We are not a certified chapter, but we follow the policies according to our budget.

Gloria: We have always done it like that. Sometimes you need to change, they can accept the change. How you done things this way, doesn't work anymore, then it create barriers towards your plans, then it needs to change. Your involvement as a chapter official in the District 6 Joint Council is very crucial. If the people are not going to approve the budget, you know it is a barrier, an obstacle to your objectives, that's for the greater good that's why you do, when the changes has to comes. Like I said, we don't go back to the chapter for approval on budget for every travel, since they already approved it in the first place.

Mr. Lee: We know already that Farmington and Albuquerque are good place to hold meetings, they everything. Like we said, we are here to help another to achieve our goals, we can get done. We have our LGA and sales Taxes which should be coming and a little bit of our carry-over funds. Along with our Council Delegate, if he get some funds, it can be done. So, lets vote on the location.

Farmington – 7 votes

Albuquerque – 5 votes (BIA conference rooms, not the Pueblo Culture Center)

Three days – one day for business meeting and two days for the strategic planning

Thursday – Friday and Saturday, will be in March, 2012 suggested dated 03/12 16/12 or 03/29 31/12.

Roselyn: Gloria will take the information back and the prices on everything and bring back to the council for review and approval. Yes, Guarena is real good in doing that.

Mr. Lee: Secretary did you get all of that? Yes. Back to the agenda, up dates on assignments, we will put it together with the strategic planning.
Remember, March 3rd, is the Agency Council meeting at Thoreau mid school building at 8:30 AM. Roselyn, the third week will be in training for IMP. What about Thursday, Friday and Saturday, because some of the officials work during the week. Going back to agenda, we are at the addendum. Are we going to group them into sections? After discussing the addendum items, it was decided that:

Tony: will take care of CLUP certification and Grazing/land board stipends, requesting on behalf of Henry Hudson, Emery Chee and Kathleen Arivso.

Gloria: Will take care of Student Supplemental Youth Employment/Enrichment, Student Scholarship, Emergency funds, Strategic Planning Session and the Plan of Operation for District 6 Joint Council and Health Promotion relocated back to Gallup and include housing. (Funds Requests).

Tony Watchman made a motion to accept the addendum items and who is responsible to take off the letters. Roselyn John seconded the motion. **VOTE: 9 In Favor, 0 Opposed and 0 Abstained.**

Roselyn: Since we are a large group, we need to acknowledge them by letters and once you sign off on those letters, we need to make copies for all the 24 councilmen and put them in their boxes. Each chapters will get copies of the letters. As a President of the Council, you should the time to get together with Red Rock Chapter and encourage them to get involve the council. Gloria: Need to correct the minutes, also. Just typing errors.

Mr. Lee: Thank you.

Mr. Shirley: Before you finalize the letter, can you sent a draft copy to me? Yes, it will be done. If your chapter coordinators can return the letters back to Gloria right away.

Mr. Lee: We have completed the agenda. Our next meeting will be at Rock Springs Chapter, on February 17, 2012 at 8:30 AM. We shall see you there and be careful going home. Along with correction on the minutes. Roselyn John made the motion to accept the last meeting minutes. Gloria deCruz second the motion. **VOTE: 9 In Favor, 0 Opposed and 0 Abstained.**

Respectfully submitted,

Delphina Bedonie, Secretary

District 6 Joint Council
NAHASDA Overview

What is NAHASDA?

NAHASDA is the Native American Housing Assistance & Self Determination Act of 1996
- It is also called Public Law 104-330
- NAHASDA streamlines federal housing assistance to Native Americans by replacing a range of separate programs with a single block grant program.

NAHASDA History
- NAHASDA signed into law on 10/26/96
- Provides tribes with single block grant:
  - New flexibilities
  - New responsibilities
- Program and funds known as Indian Housing Block Grant - IHBG
What is NAHASDA?

- NAHASDA recognizes the tribe's right to self-determination and self-governance, offering tribe's greater flexibility in planning, implementing, and administering their own unique housing programs.
- Replaced the 1937 Housing Act program including a series of separate grants.

The Primary Objectives of NAHASDA

- To assist and promote affordable Housing Activities in a safe and healthy environment on Indian Reservations and in other Indian areas for occupancy for low-income families.
- To ensure better access to private mortgage markets for Indian Tribes and their members and to promote self-sufficiency of Indian Tribes and their members.
- To coordinate activities to provide housing for Indian Tribes and their members and to promote self-sufficiency of Indian Tribes and their members.
- To plan for and integrate infrastructure resources for Indian Tribes with housing developments for Indian Tribes.
- To promote the development of private capital markets in Indian Country and to allow such markets to operate and grow, thereby benefiting Indian communities.

Recipient of IHBG

- NAHASDA allows Recipient to be a tribe or TDHE
- The Tribe is the Grant Beneficiary
- Tribe may designate a Tribally Designated Housing Entity (TDHE) as recipient
- Recipient may administer program directly or use sub-recipients
The purpose of the IHBG Formula is to provide the means for an equitable and fair distribution among eligible Recipients of the funds the US Congress appropriates for NAHASDA.

The IHBG Formula has two components:

1 - Formula Current Assisted Stock (FCAS). Reflects housing developed under the 1937 Housing Act, owned and operated by the TDHE

2 - Need. Considers population, income and housing conditions
NAHASDA Regulations

24 CFR 1000
- Final 3/12/98

Regulatory Sections

- Subpart A: General Objectives
- Subpart B: Implementation of Affordable Housing
- Subpart C: IHP
- Subpart D: Formula
- Subpart E: Federal Guarantees
- Subpart F: Monitoring Compliance

Regulatory Requirements

- 24 CFR Part 1000
- Subpart F
- Recipient Monitoring, Oversight & Accountability => TDHE’s responsibility => Grants Management Department and Compliance Department.
ONAP Guidances

- 2007-8 clarifies recipient’s responsibility for self-monitoring
- Refers to NAHASDA Sec. 403(b)
- Refers to 24 CFR 1000.502

NAHASDA Eligible Activities

1. Indian Housing Assistance
   a. Subsidy
   b. Modernization
2. Development
   a. Acquisition
   b. Construction
   c. Rehabilitation
3. Housing Services (resident services)
4. Housing Management Services
5. Crime Prevention Services
6. Model Activities (Approved by HUD)
7. Planning & Administration

Indian Housing Plan
The IHP

- The IHP is simply the planning document for the Recipient required by HUD prior to awarding any NAHASDA funds to an eligible Recipient.
- The IHP spells out how the Recipient intends to use the funds they receive under the IHBG.

What is an Indian Housing Plan?

- The IHP identifies and addresses the tribe's most critical housing needs.
- It enables a Recipient to plan for and improve housing conditions in their service area.
- A One Year Plan is submitted every year and the plan of action for the use of that year's block grant allocation.

FY 2011 Indian Housing Plan

- The TDHE submitted its Fiscal Year 2011 IHP and described that a part of the plan will allocate funds for Regional Master Planning and Assessments.
- A Total of $7,500,000 was allocated for this activity throughout the Navajo Nation.
- Each region represented by the 24 Council Delegates was funded at $312,500.
Regional Master Planning - Goals and Objectives

- To identify and secure land or sites for development in each Chapter boundaries
- To determine total number of and type of housing units to be develop
- To develop a housing construction and financing plan for each Chapter based on housing needs

Eligible Activities

- Secure services of qualified Planners or Planning Consultants/Firms. NHA to publish and coordinate review and selection of qualified planners in consultation with chapter representatives
- Acquire a “Best Approach” plan or method in the design or development of the plans for all regional communities or chapters

Eligible Activities

- Develop sustainable master-planned communities with community planning entities and Chapter planning committees;
- Review existing Navajo Nation community planning laws, policies and regulations;
- Obtain and review previously approved community based land use plans;
- Provide case studies of sustainable master planned communities for discussion/review with communities as exemplars in rural, sustainable design;
- Identify available land or designated sites for development within each Chapter boundary in concert with Chapter Officials/Planners;
Eligible Activities

- Validate designated land tracts available for housing development through Navajo Nation Land Administration Office;
- Review site conditions and existing utilities (electric/water/wastewater/natural gas) to ascertain utility system capacities and land constraints under flood delineations and archeological sites or existing natural drainage/washes/channels;
- Analyze built areas, microclimates, topography, ecology, wildlife habitats, sensitive ecosystems, agricultural lands, etc. to assist communities in determining optimal sites for low-impact, sustainable development.
- Analyze local cultural traditions and document regional responses to climate, culture and material resources.
- Utilize available studies, reports, assessments and/or resources;
- Determine estimated total number of, size of and type of housing units to develop in each Chapter boundaries.
- Assist in NHA's parallel development of Sustainable Community Design Standards for regionally specific, sustainable housing types and low-impact design community infrastructure, open spaces, paths, roadways, lighting, stormwater runoff management strategies.
- Develop recommendations to integrate housing communities into existing housing/retail/commercial/recreation/employment centers and transportation networks.
- Prepare proposed strategies for master planned development with emphasis on Housing development needs and related utility infrastructure.

Timeline for Service

- **Activities:**
  - Mandatory Pre-Proposal Meeting: March 7, 2012
  - Request for Proposals Due: March 27, 2012 @ 3:00 PM, MST
  - Evaluation of Qualifications: March 30 – April 6, 2012
  - Tentative NHA-BOC Approval: May 03, 2012
  - Execution of Contract/NTP: May 07, 2012
  - Implement planning services: May 07 – August 31, 2012

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- **Deadlines:**
  - **Sept. 2012:** TARGET DATED.
Why must we submit an Annual Performance Report?

- NAHASDA Requirement
- Statute - Sec. 404, Performance Reports - This section of the statute requires IHBG recipients to annually:
  - Review grants progress
  - Submit a report to HUD
- Regulation - 24 CFR 1000.512 - This regulatory citation requires:
  - Recipients to submit an annual report to HUD within 90 days of the end of the recipient's program year

What does the APR accomplish?

- Measures the progress of grant activities
- Reports on how grant funds were used
- Reports on the accomplishments obtained
- Consolidates information reported to US Congress
- Describes any informal revisions to the IHP
POST-MASTER PLANNING

- Maintaining prioritized needs
- Future funding sources
- Tribal consultation and networking
- Collaborative and continuous planning
- Performance and progress

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December 22, 2011

Mr. Charles Damon  
Navajo Nation Council Delegate  
P.O. Box 3390  
Window Rock, AZ 86515

Subject: Notification of NAHASDA Indian Housing Block Grant Funding Award - $312,500

Dear Mr. Damon:

The Navajo Housing Authority (NHA) is pleased to inform you that a grant of $312,500 has been awarded to the communities you serve for the purpose of developing sustainable master-planned communities. The award is specific to residential housing developments which to the greatest extent possible should be in close proximity to existing utility infrastructure to minimize costs and to assure meeting feasibility requirements set forth by the utility providers. The grant award is allocated from the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA), as amended, and included in the Fiscal Year 2011 Indian Housing Plan (IHP).

The NHA intends to work with the respective Navajo Nation communities for developing plans for new housing development projects on a regional basis. To initiate this, the NHA will secure the services of five (5) Development Coordinators to coordinate planning activities with established Community Land-Use Planning Committees in consultation with your office to identify appropriate land sites for mixed-income, multi-funded housing developments, to verify availability of utilities, and to determine total number and types of housing units required for communities.

The NHA will serve as the lead agency in project and funds management to assure regulatory compliance with reporting requirements, environmental clearances, procurement (24 CFR 85), 2 CFR 225 (Cost Principles), A-133 independent audit and other respective NAHASDA and federal regulatory requirements.

The Navajo Nation community groups will be responsible for site (land) acquisition, collection of pertinent community resident data (such as family income levels, number of elderly individuals and veterans living in the community, number of special needs, supportive, and/or transitional individuals living in the community, number of employers in the community requiring workforce housing, etc.), identification of families and/or individuals needing housing, types and number of housing needed (2 BR, 3 BR, 4 BR or 5 BR), and any other community/family profile data and demographic factors that may be needed to develop comprehensive housing development plans for communities.
The Housing Needs Assessment Study will be used to the greatest extent possible but will require supplemental resident data specific to each community.

The housing development plans (the Plans) are expected to be finalized within nine months or sooner from the start of this project dependent on level of community involvement and assistance. The Plans will be used to develop short-term and long-term housing construction plans for each category of housing requirements. Upon completion of the construction plans, the NHA will secure leveraged financing from various federal/state funding agencies and private financial institutions and investment (brokerage) groups.

The NHA will schedule a start-up meeting with you and respective community leaders to define roles and responsibilities and to identify goals and objectives of the planning team. The logistics of the meeting will be communicated with you as soon as the Development Coordinators are secured which should be the first or second week of February 2012. The NHA will provide progress reports to the Navajo Nation Legislative and Executive Branches within 20 days of the end of each quarter for information purposes.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to call our Grants Manager, Mr. Louis Shepherd at (928) 871-2697 or Ms. Marlene Lynch at (928) 871-2638. You can also contact my office at 871-2602 if both individuals are not available.

Sincerely,

**NAVAJO HOUSING AUTHORITY**

Aneta J. Yazzie  
Chief Executive Officer

Xc: Mr. Edward T. Begay, Chairman, NHA Board of Commissioners  
The Honorable Speaker of the NNC, Mr. Johnny Naize  
The Honorable Navajo Nation President, Mr. Ben Shelly  
Marlene Lynch, NHA Chief Financial Officer  
Louis Shepherd, NHA Grants Manager
RESOLUTION OF THE BLUE GAP/TACHEE CHAPTER

THE BLUE GAP/TACHEE CHAPTER HEREBY FULLY SUPPORTS THE DZIL YIJIIN REGION COUNCIL, PLAN OF OPERATION AND FURTHER REQUEST THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL TO APPROVE FOR RECOGNITION AND IMPLEMENTATION.

WHEREAS:

1. The Blue Gap/Tachee Chapter, a recognized local government of the Navajo Nation, vested with the power and authority to advocate on behalf of its constituents for the improvement of health, safety, general welfare; AND

2. Pursuant to Title 26 NNC, Section 3-1 & 2, the purpose of the Local Governance Act is to recognize at the local level and to delegate to chapter government with respect to local matters consistent with Navajo Laws including the custom and tradition and to make decisions over local matter; AND

3. The Six (6) Chapters (Hardrock, Pinon, Forest Lake, Black Mesa, Whippoorwill and Blue Gap/Tachee) are represented by Council Delegates to the Navajo Nation Council and the Chapters refer themselves as Dzil Yijiin Region Council and want to reorganize themselves where their representation will be effective under the change taken place as a result of the reduction of the number of delegates to 24; AND

4. Dzil Yijiin Chapters have already begun to meet and discuss their reorganization and drafted a Plan of Operation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Blue Gap/Tachee Chapter hereby fully supports the Dzil Yijiin Region Council’s Plan of Operation and further request the Navajo Nation Council to approve the Plan of Operation for Recognition and Implementation.

CERTIFICATION

We, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by Blue Gap/Tachee Chapter at a duly called meeting at Blue Gap, Navajo Nation, Arizona at which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 22 favor, 0 oppose, 0 abstain this 6th day of May, 2011.

Motion by: Richard Cook
Seconded By: Maria K. Tso

Aaron P. Yazzie, Chapter President
Betty V. Askie, Secretary/Treasurer

Johnny Naize, Council Delegate
RESOLUTION
OF THE CHINLE AGENCY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION NO. _______

THE CHINLE AGENCY COUNCIL HEREBY SUPPORTS THE DZIL YIJIIN REGIONAL COUNCIL PLAN OF OPERATION AND FURTHER REQUESTS THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL TO APPROVE FOR RECOGNITION AND IMPLEMENTATION.

WHEREAS:

1. The Chinle Agency Council (NNAC) is the advisory body for 14 chapters of the Central Navajo Agency of the Navajo Nation; and

2. The Chinle Agency Council is empowered by the Navajo Nation Council to make recommendation and take actions to benefit the people and communities of the Chinle Agency; and

3. The five chapters (Hardrock, Pinon, Forest Lake, Black Mesa, and Whippoorwill) are represented by one Council Delegate to the Navajo Nation Council and the Chapters refers to themselves as Dzil Yijiin Regional Council and want to reorganize themselves where their representation will be effective under the change that took place as a result of the reduction of delegates to 24; and

4. The Blue Gap/Tachee chapter is still a part of the original District 4 and represented by a council delegate from another district; however; they are choosing to participate in the Dzil Yijiin Regional Council because many of the issues the DYRC address, also impact Blue Gap/Tachee (such as: roads, schools, public safety, health, etc.) They want a voice with-in the Dzil Yijiin Regional Council as it impacts their chapter.

5. Dzil Yijiin Chapters have already begun to meet and discuss their reorganization and drafted a Plan of Operation; and

6. It would be in the best interest of the District 4 Chapters to have a formal Plan of Operation to work together.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Chinle Agency Council hereby supports the Dzil Yijiin Regional Council Plan of Operation and further request the Navajo Nation Council to approve the Plan for recognition and implementation.

CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Chinle Agency Council at a duly called meeting in Rough Rock, Navajo Nation, Arizona which quorum was present that same was passed by vote of 2 in favor 0 opposed and 3 abstained on this 14 day of July, 2011.

Harrison Kee, President of Chinle Agency Council

Motion: Evelyn Meadows

Second: Wallace Kee
RESOLUTION OF THE FOREST LAKE CHAPTER
OF THE NAVAJO NATION
FLC-11-07-002

The Forest Lake Chapter Hereby Fully Supports the Drafting of the Dzil Yijiin Council Plan of Operation and Further Requests the Navajo Nation Council to Approve for Recognition and Implementation.

WHEREAS:

1. The Navajo Nation Council Resolution CS-34-98 enacted the Navajo Nation Local Governance Act and codified it under Title 26 of the Navajo Nation Code; and

2. Pursuant to Title 26 NNC, Section B-1&2, the purpose of the Local Governance Act is to recognize at the local level and to delegate to Chapter Government with respect to local matters consistent with Navajo Laws including custom and tradition and to make decisions over local matter; and

3. The five Chapters (Hardrock, Pinon, Forest Lake, Black Mesa, and Whippoorwill) are represented by one Council Delegate to the Navajo Nation Council and the Chapters refers to themselves as Dzil Yijiin Council and want to reorganize themselves where their representation will be effective under the change take place as a result of the reduction of Delegates to 24; and

4. Dzil Yijiin Chapters have already begun to meet and discuss their reorganization and drafted a Plan of Operation; and

5. It would be in the best interest of all concerns to support the Plan of Operation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The FOREST LAKE Chapter hereby fully supports the drafting of the Dzil Yijiin Council Plan of Operation and further request the Navajo Nation Council to approve the Plan for recognition and implementation.

CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was fully considered by the Forest Lake Chapter at a duly called meeting at Forest Lake, Arizona at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 27 in favor, 0 opposed, and 2 abstained on this 21st day of July 2011.

Motioned by: Tomasa Long

Seconded by: Marie Horie

Donald T. Chee, President

Alfred Charley, Vice President

Helena Begay, Secretary/Treasurer

Dwight Witherspoon, Council Delegate
RESOLUTION
OF THE BLACK MESA CHAPTER
RESOLUTION NO. BLAC-11-04-114

THE BLACK MESA CHAPTER HEREBY FULLY SUPPORTS THE DRAFTING OF THE
DZIL YIJIIN COUNCIL PLAN OF OPERATION AND FURTHER REQUESTS THE
NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL TO APPROVE FOR RECOGNITION AND IMPLEMENTATION.

WHEREAS:

1. The Navajo Nation Council Resolution CS-34-98 enacted the Navajo Nation Local
   Governance Act and codified it under Title 26 of the Navajo Nation Code; and

2. Pursuant to Title 26 NNC, Section B-1&2, the purpose of the Local Governance Act is to
   recognize at the local level and to delegate to chapter government with respect to local
   matters consistent with Navajo Laws including custom and tradition and to make decisions
   over local matter; and

3. The five chapters (Hardrock, Pinon, Forest Lake, Black Mesa, and Whippoorwill) are
   represented by one Council Delegate to the Navajo Nation Council and the Chapters refers
   to themselves as Dzil Yijiin Council and want to reorganize themselves where their
   representation will be effective under the change take place as a result of the reduction of
   delegates to 24; and

4. Dzil Yijiin Chapters have already begun to meet and discuss their reorganization and
   drafted a Plan of Operation; and

5. It would be in the best interest of all concerns to support the Plan of Operation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Black Mesa Chapter hereby fully supports the drafting of the Dzil Yijiin Council Plan of
Operation and further request the Navajo Nation Council to approve the Plan for recognition and
implementation.

CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Black Mesa Chapter at a
duly called meeting in Black Mesa, Navajo Nation, Arizona which quorum was present that same was
passed by vote of 22 in favor 00 opposed and 0 abstained on this _8_ day of April, 2011.

Marvin Yellowhair, Chapter President

Marlene Biltah, Secretary/Treasurer

Caroline Bemore, Vice-President

Dwight Wimerspoon, Council Delegate
CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was fully considered by the Black Mesa Chapter at a duly called meeting at Back Mesa, Arizona at which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 32 in favor, 00 opposed, and 06 abstained, on this 8th day of April 2011.

Motioned by: Jane Baloo
Second by: Priscilla Yellowhair

Marvin Yellowhair, President

Caroline Bemore, Vice President

Marlene Biltah, Secretary/Treasurer

Dwight Witherspoon, Council Delegate
RESOLUTION
OF THE HARDROCK CHAPTER
RESO. NO. HR-03/11-03

THE HARDROCK CHAPTER HEREBY FULLY SUPPORTS THE DRAFTING OF THE DZIL YIJIIN COUNCIL PLAN OF OPERATION AND FURTHER REQUEST THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL TO APPROVE FOR RECOGNITION AND IMPLEMENTATION.

WHEREAS:

1. The Navajo Nation Council Resolution CS-34-98 enacted the Navajo Nation Local Governance Act and codified it under Title 26 of the Navajo Nation Code; and

2. Pursuant to Title 26 NNC, Section B-1&2, the purpose of the Local Governance Act is to recognize at the local level and to delegate to chapter government with respect to local matters consistent with Navajo Laws including custom and tradition and to make decisions over local matter; and

3. The five chapters (Hardrock, Pinon, Forest Lake, Black Mesa, and Whippoorwill) are represented by one Council Delegate to the Navajo Nation Council and the Chapters refer to themselves as Dzil Yijiin Council and want to reorganize themselves where their representation will be effective under the change take place as a result of the reduction of delegates to 24; and

4. Dzil Yijiin Chapters have already begun to meet and discuss their reorganization and drafted a Plan of Operation; and

5. It would be in the best interest of all concerns to support the Plan of Operation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Hardrock Chapter hereby fully supports the drafting of the Dzil Yijiin Council Plan of Operation and further request the Navajo Nation Council to approve the Plan for recognition and implementation.

CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Hardrock Chapter at a duly called meeting in Hardrock, Navajo Nation, Arizona which quorum was present that same was passed by vote of 29 in favor 0 opposed and 1 abstained on this 28th day of March, 2011.

Percy Deal, Chapter President
Valencia Herder, Secretary/Treasure
Angela Witherspoon, Vice-President
Dwight Witherspoon, Council Delegate
WHIPPOORWILL SPRING CHAPTER
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RESOLUTION
WSC-11-088

THE WHIPPOORWILL SPRING CHAPTER HEREBY FULLY SUPPORTS THE DZIL YIJIN COUNCIL PLAN OF OPERATION AND FURTHER REQUEST THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL TO APPROVE FOR RECOGNITION AND IMPLEMENTATION.

WHEREAS:

1. The Navajo Nation Council by Resolution CF-09-11 has appropriated funds to allow the Chinle Agency Council to conduct their meeting, thus recognizing and approving their business meeting; and,
2. Pursuant to Title 26 NNC, Section B-1&qe@, the purpose of the Local Governance Act is to recognize at the local level and to delegate to chapter government with respect to local matters consistent with Navajo Laws including custom and tradition and to make decisions over local matter; and,
3. The five chapters (Hardrock, Pinon, Forest Lake, Black Mesa and Whippoorwill) are represented by one Council Delegate to the Navajo Nation Council and the Chapters refers to themselves as Dzil Yijiin Council and want to reorganize themselves where their representation will be effective under the change taken place as a result of the reduction of the number of delegates to 24; and,
4. Dzil Yijiin Chapters have already begun to meet and discuss their reorganization and drafted a Plan of Operation; and,
5. It would be in the best interest of all concern to support their Plan of Operation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Whippoorwill Spring Chapter hereby fully supports the Dzil Yijiin Council Plan of Operation and further request the Navajo Nation Council to approve the Plan of Operation for recognition and implementation.

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby, certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Whippoorwill Spring Chapter at a duly called meeting in Whippoorwill Spring, Navajo Nation, Arizona at which a quorum of Chapter members was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 26 in favor, 00 opposed and 03 abstained on April 13, 2011.

Motioned By: Robert Ben

Seconded By: Chris Dempsey

George Denezpi, Sr, President
RESOLUTION OF THE PINON CHAPTER

RESOLUTION NO._____________________

THE PINON CHAPTER HEREBY FULLY SUPPORTS THE DZIL YIJIIN REGIONAL COUNCIL PLAN OF OPERATION AND FURTHER REQUESTS THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL TO APPROVE FOR RECOGNITION AND IMPLEMENTATION.

WHEREAS:

1. The Navajo Nation Council Resolution CS-34-98 enacted the Navajo Nation Local Governance Act and codified it under Title 26 of the Navajo Nation Code; and

2. Pursuant to Title 26 NNC, Section B-1&2, the purpose of the Local Governance Act is to recognize at the local level and to delegate to chapter government with respect to local matters consistent with Navajo Laws including custom and tradition and to make decisions over local matter; and

3. The Regional Chapters (Hardrock, Pinon, Forest Lake, Black Mesa, Whippoorwill, and Blue Gap/Tachee) are represented by Council Delegates of the Navajo Nation Council and the Chapters refers to themselves as Dzil Yijiin Regional Council and want to organize themselves where their representation will be effective under the change that took place as a result of the reduction of delegates to 24; and

4. Dzil Yijiin Regional Chapter have already begun to meet and discuss their organization and drafted a Plan of Operation; and

5. It would be in the best interest of all concerns to support the Plan of Operation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Pinon Chapter hereby fully supports the Dzil Yijiin Regional Council Plan of Operation and further request the Navajo Nation Council to approve the Plan for recognition and implementation.

CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Pinon Chapter at a duly called meeting in Hardrock, Navajo Nation, Arizona which quorum was present that same was passed by vote of 36 in favor 00 opposed and 00 abstained on this 13th day of June, 2011.

Bessie Allen, Chapter President
Ramona Nalwood, Secretary/Treasurer
Dwight Witherspoon, Council Delegate

Evelyn M. Meadows, Vice President