



District 6 Joint  
Council

Joint Council Officers

David Lee, President

Tommy Nelson, Vice President

Della Bedonie, Secretary/Treasurer

Represented Chapters

Bááháálí – Chichiltah - Tselichii

Manuelito – Rock Springs – Tseyatoh

District 6 Joint Council  
Monthly Meeting  
Bááháálí Chapter  
October 26, 2012 @ 8:30 a.m.

- I. Meeting Called to Order:  
Welcome Address:  
Roll Call:  
Bááháálí Chapter                      Chichiltah Chapter                      Kin Ho'zho'nii Chapter  
Tse'Chiz'zii Chapter                      Tse'Li'Chii Chapter                      Tseyatoh Chapter  
Invocation:
- II. Presentation
- III. Old Business
  - A. District 6 Joint Council Plan of Operation
  - B. NHA Reimbursement for Strategic Session
- IV. New Business
  - A. Strategic Work Session Review
  - B. District 6 Joint Council Setup
- V. Announcement
- VI. Adjournment



# MEETING SIGN-IN SHEET

TYPE OF MEETING: DISTRICT 6 JOINT COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2012

Name:

Chapter

Contact Information

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District 6 Joint Council  
Monthly Meeting Minutes

Bááháálí Chapter on October 26, 2012

- I. Meeting called to order and welcome address given by David Lee at 9:25 a.m. Isabelle Morgan gave invocation. Roll call was taken; a representative from each chapter of District 6 Joint Council was in attendance except for Manuelito and Rock Springs.
- II. Presentation-None
- III. Old Business
  - A. District 6 Joint Council Plan of Operation
    1. Chancey Martinez gave a report on the status of the Plan of Operation. He reported that the Department of Justice is not happy with it. Mr. McCool is trying to assist us in moving it forward; however, Ms. Tapahe is concerned with some of the language within the plan because it sounds like we are trying to be a governing body. During the October 8 meeting, held at SWIF, it was decided to go with the Plan of Operation that Dził Yíjín Regional Council developed. It was also decided that we will not meet with Mr. McCool and Ms. Tapahe to discuss the Plan of Operation until after the upcoming election.
    2. Gloria Skeet deCruz stated that it has been frustrating to not have the Plan of Operation move forward in the past year. She was able to procure both Dził Yíjín and Navajo Mountain, Oljato, Shonto, Tsah Bii Kin Regional Council's Plan of Operation. During the October 8 meeting at SWIF the group reviewed the two plans of operations and only the administrative staff was present. The question arose on why the Administration was working on the Plan of Operation when it is for the Chapter Officials. She stated the Officials should take the lead on completing the plan of operation.
    3. Chancey also brought up the question on stipend. He recommended using the Agency Stipend funds by splitting it up between the Agency meetings and Joint Council meetings, thereby having the Joint Council meetings on a quarterly basis, rather than a monthly basis.
    4. Emery Chee stated that the Administration was given the lead to do what the Officials want them to do. Guarena responded the Officials need to be involved in this process. Matthew also stated that the Administration are the technical assistant to the Officials and if given the directive to do so.

5. David said it's not a problem do the directive, but we need to give the directive. Tommy Nelson shared with the group that he would like to have the staff get the Plan of Operation complete. He stated further that it may be a good idea to not include a stipend.
6. Charles Lee stated from the beginning the group would be put together to work with the Council and then later on the Council Delegate go busy and Chancey came on board to assist him. He has seen Chancey at various meetings.
7. Gloria said that each time the group has met on the Plan of Operation there were minor changes that were made each time and now we need to go over the plan of operation and change some things around.
8. Charles Damon stated one way of getting a stipend would be to create a subcommittee of the Agency Council just like Dzil A Jiin, they created a non-profit organization.
9. A motion was made

B. NHA Reimbursement for Strategic Session

1. Guarena handed out the reimbursement checks and shared the amount of the checks with the group.
 

a. Rock Springs Chapter	\$1,858.19
b. Tsayatoh Chapter	\$2,405.31
c. Chichiltah Chapter	\$2,732.63
d. Manuelito Chapter	\$3,368.66
2. Tommy Nelson motion to approve the report and amounts reimbursed to the Chapters. Emery Chee 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved 8-0-1

IV. New Business

A. Strategic Work Session Review

1. Charles Damon motion to approve the report by Jeff Kiely. Guarena mentioned that Della Bedonie also submitted a summary of the two day presentations we had prior to Mr. Kiely's report. Chancey recommended giving the hand out to everyone involved and come back together to look it over and decide what the group needs to do to move forward. Charles Lee seconded the motion. Approved 8-0-1

B. District 6 Joint Council Setup

1. David asked the group to share their thoughts on the lack of quorum the group has been having lately as well as how the meetings are conducted.
  - a. Charles Lee likes the way the setup is. He has answered questions about the Joint Council with his CLUPC.
  - b. Emery Chee said to keep it going. He mentioned that it would be best to cook for the group and do what Mr. Damon suggested.
  - c. Chancey said the main thing to look at is to work together and get the group moving forward. NDOT, BIA Roads, and Navajo Nation are beginning to work as a district. He sees the group as accomplishing a lot thanks to the hard work from the CSCs and Chapter Manager in beginning the regionalization process.
  - d. Tommy said we need to get all the other officials involved. Also need to include the Land Board Members.
  - e. Isabelle Morgan recounted her process when she ran for President four years ago. She said it's sad to see the other officials not be involved in this group. It's important to the people and should be important to all the officials.
2. David thanked the Officials for their opinions and recommendations. He also thanked the Staff for the work that has and will be done. He hopes to move forward in the future. He also suggested including Theresa Becenti-Aguilar to come to a meeting so we can work on some projects together.
3. Charles Lee and Emery Chee motion and second, respectively, to move forward. Approved 8-0-1

V. Council Delegate Report

- A. Asked if the Joint Council considers utilizing Roberts Rules of Order. He also thanked everyone for volunteering to be a part of the Joint Council.
- B. Right now transparency is a huge thing and we need to continue this process. He asked the group to begin considering what the problem areas are and how we can band together to do something for our communities. Especially in areas of health.
- C. Attorneys are planning on suing the Federal Government. He said that the district may be ahead of others on what can be done with this action.

- D. The Labor Department is asking for information and he had given the information to Gloria to set up a meeting with them and the Joint Council so we can all benefit.
- E. He also reported on some issues with the JOM program. He said that the JOM Representatives need to get involved and report to the chapters on what is going on.
- F. As to the problem with getting a quorum, he suggests feeding the group and communicating better. Find out when the best time to meet is and who can make it to all the meetings.
- G. He asked about the situation with the Secretary. There was a discussion on replacing Della; however, it was decided to appoint someone during each meeting if Della does not attend. Once the election is over then we can elect new officers.

#### VI. Announcements

- A. 10/18/12: Public Forum with Navajo Elders for Independent Living, Tselichii Chapter to share information on the proposed project of an Adult Day Care Center in Tselichii
- B. 10/29/12: TIF Training
- C. 11/2/12: PRC Meeting with Theresa Becenti Aguilar at NDOT
- D. 11/4/12: Chichiltah Planning Meeting 10:00 a.m.
- E. 11/7/12: Meeting with NHA regarding Veterans at Navajo Nation Museum 8-5
- F. 11/8/12: Meeting with NHA regarding Veterans at NN Museum 8-12
- G. 11/8/12: CDBG Public Hearing at Becenti Chapter
- H. 11/8/12: Tselichii Planning Meeting 4:00 p.m.
- I. 11/18/12: Chichiltah and Tselichii Chapter Meeting 1:00 p.m.
- J. Chancey announced that he will have an office at Tseyatoh Chapter. He is working to get supplies in place and business cards created.
- K. David requested all chapters begin thinking about who the officers will next year.

VII. Next Meeting: **November 16, 2012 at 1:00 p.m.** Per Tommy Nelson's request.

VIII. Adjournment: Charles Lee motion to adjourn at 11:37 a.m. Isabelle Morgan second. Approved 8-0-1

# **NAVAJO MOUNTAIN, OLJATO, SHONTO, TSAH BII KIN REGIONAL COUNCIL**

## **WESTERN NAVAJO AGENCY, NAVAJO NATION**

### **PLAN OF OPERATION**

#### **I. ESTABLISHMENT:**

- A. The Navajo Mountain, Oljato, Shonto, Tsah Bii Kin Regional Council is hereby established as a subunit of the Western Navajo Agency Council which exist under the Legislative Branch of the Navajo Nation Government.
- B. The Western Navajo Agency Council is existent as a Navajo Nation Central government program contingent on when majority of the agency chapters are governance certified pursuant to 26 N.N.C. Section 102. When majority of the chapters in the Western Navajo Agency are governance certified, the governance certified chapters in the agency may continue the Western Navajo Agency Council membership pursuant to 26 N.N.C. Section 103 (D)(4). Costs associated with operating the agency council shall be paid by the respective local chapter governments that are members of such agency council.

#### **II. PURPOSE and OBJECTIVE(S):**

- A. The Navajo Mountain, Oljato, Shonto, Tsah Bii Kin Regional Council shall advocate for, encourage, and promote community project support; interact with other local governments; and assist the local chapter governments in the region with issues within their jurisdiction deal with issues and needs with communication, planning, policy making, coordination, advocacy and technical assistance;
- B. The Navajo Mountain, Oljato, Shonto, Tsah Bii Kin Regional Council shall be recognized as the official body to make recommendations on major issues affecting the Navajo Nation Chapters comprising membership of this Regional Council of the Western Navajo Agency Council to the Navajo Nation government;
- C. The objectives of the Navajo Mountain, Oljato, Shonto, Tsah Bii Kin Regional Council shall be to:
  - 1. Advocate for and to assure that the sovereign status of the member local chapter governments will be maintained and strengthen through collective support.
  - 2. Preserve and respect the chapter membership's traditional and cultural values while integrating modern technology and government reform into the current government system.
  - 3. Study and evaluate ways to achieve accountable, representative and responsible local chapter governments.
  - 4. Assess and develop ways to improve Navajo Nation capabilities for enhanced local service delivery.

5. Provide encouragement and ways to assist member local chapter governments to develop and implement the five management systems as required by the Local Governance Act, 26 N.N.C. 102.
6. Establish and maintain effective communications with local, state, federal and other authorities on matters related to improving the health, safety and welfare of the Navajo Mountain, Oljato, Shonto, Tsah Bii Kin Regional Council and membership.

### **III. MEMBERSHIP:**

A. The Navajo Mountain, Oljato, Shonto, Tsah Bii Kin Regional Council shall consist of all Chapter Presidents, Chapter Vice-Presidents, and Secretary/Treasurers, Navajo Nation Council Delegate and the Grazing Committee members of the following Navajo Nation Chapters:

1. Navajo Mountain Chapter
2. Oljato Chapter
3. Shonto Chapter
4. Tsah Bii Kin Chapter

### **IV. ENUMERATED DUTIES and RESPONSIBILITIES:**

A. The Navajo Mountain, Oljato, Shonto, Tsah Bii Kin Regional Council shall:

1. Work cooperatively with their respective Local Governance Support Center by providing timelines for tasks as they directly relate to the objectives set forth in this plan of operation and prioritizing the chapter's governance certification as required by 26 N.N.C. 102 and 103. This authority shall not include supervision of Program Director and other LGSC personnel.
2. Establish and maintain a mutually respectful partnership with the Navajo Nation programs, outside entities and community members,
3. Recommend and encourage support resolutions to the Western Navajo Agency Council and the Navajo Nation Council Standing Committees on community projects, funding, and other matters pertaining to the welfare of the Navajo public.
4. Advise and recommend to the Western Navajo Agency Council all matters pertaining to issues on sovereignty, water rights, civil rights, etc.
5. Seek consultation with members of the Western Navajo Agency Council and the Navajo Nation Council on matters related to the Navajo Nation Operating Budget.
6. Recommend membership to the Western Navajo Agency BIA Roads Committee, the Commission on Navajo Government Development and other appointments as necessary.
7. Recommend legislation that affects the local chapter governments to the Western Navajo Agency Council and the Navajo Nation Council.

8. Adopt Rules of Order for conducting Navajo Mountain, Oljato, Shonto, Tsah Bii Kin Regional, Council meetings, and selection of its officers.
9. Assist and encourage local chapter governments to develop, adopt and forward their five management systems policies manual to the Office of the Auditor General for recommendation to the Resources and Infrastructure Committee for final adoption.
10. Seek input and guidance from the President of the Navajo Nation, the Speaker of the Navajo Nation of the Navajo Nation Council, standing committees of the Navajo Nation Council, and Office of Government Development regarding major development and issues affecting the Navajo Nation government and the local chapter governments.

B. Chairperson shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

1. Preside over all Navajo Mountain, Oljato, Shonto, Tsah Bii Kin Regional Council meeting; consult with Vice-Chairperson, and Secretary, and the respective member chapter Local Governance Support Center staff in preparation of the agenda for each Regional Council Meeting.
2. Sign all claim forms submitted by the Regional Council members. The Chairperson's meeting claim form shall be signed and verified by the Vice-Chairperson or the Secretary after each meeting.
3. Certify all official documents such as resolutions approved by the Navajo Mountain, Oljato, Shonto, Tsah Bii Kin Regional Council.
4. Work cooperatively with the Local Governance Support Center to ensure that all respective Regional Council actions are appropriately communicated to the appropriate agencies of the Navajo government and local chapter governments.
5. Adjourn or postpone a Regional Council meeting in the event of:
  - a. lack of quorum
  - b. disorder at the meeting
  - c. unforeseen emergency
6. Vote in case of a tie.
7. Call emergency or special meeting.
8. Follow up with tribal, federal, and state governments or their agencies on resolutions, ordinances, recommendations, proposals, and projects of the Regional Council.

C. The Vice-Chairperson shall:

1. Automatically assume the duties and responsibilities of the Presidency in the absent of the Chairperson during the Navajo Mountain, Oljato, Shonto, Tsah Bii Kin Regional Council meetings.
2. In the event of an unforeseen situation, assume delegated duties and responsibilities for the Chairperson for a reasonable time period.

**D. The Secretary shall:**

1. Maintain complete and accurate records of all Navajo Mountain, Oljato, Shonto, Tsah Bii Kin Regional Council meetings and activities.
2. Assist the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson in preparing the agenda.
3. In consultation with the member Chapter Local Governance Support Center Staff, prepare and finalize all resolutions, proposals, letters and other important documents for distribution to appropriate agencies.
4. Take the minutes of Regional Council meetings and record in detail all resolutions, votes and other official actions of the Regional Council.
5. Follow up with the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson on all referrals of resolutions, proposals, correspondence, and other related matters.

**VII. COMPENSATION:**

- A. Upon the availability of funds, the Navajo Mountain, Oljato, Shonto, Tsah Bii Kin Regional Council members shall be compensated for attending the entire Regional Council meeting. The presiding chairperson shall verify attendance of its membership by signing all claims submitted by those in attendance at the end of the meeting.
- B. The claim forms shall be submitted to the respective Chapter administration, along with a sign in sheet to verify attendance and compensation.
- C. The attendance or sign in sheet can be submitted to the Local Governance Support Center for distribution upon request from the local member chapter governments.

**VIII. PROCEDURAL RULES FOR MOTIONS:**

- A. The Navajo Mountain, Oljato, Shonto, Tsah Bii Kin Regional Council may adopt standard rules for conducting Regional Council meetings:
  1. The approval or amendments to the agenda, minutes, reports and resolution(s) shall be done in the following manner:

- a. Upon presenting the agenda, minutes, report(s) resolution(s) land/or issue(s) of the Regional Council Chairperson shall request a motion to accept the matter before the Regional Council membership and recognize a second to the main motion.
  - b. Upon receiving a motion and a second to the main motion, the Chairperson shall provide an opportunity to members of the Regional Council to address the matters before them.
  - c. Any member of the Regional Council may propose an amendment to the main motion which would require a second. The Regional Council membership shall vote on the proposed amendment motion. If the amendment motion passes, it shall take precedence over the part of the main motion subject to a proposed amendment. Only one motion to amend the main motion shall be on the floor.
  - d. Any member of the Regional Council may propose a substitute motion and if it passes, it shall take the place of the main motion, and the substitute motion shall be seconded and voted on.
  - e. Any member of the Regional Council may propose to table the legislation or issue before the council. The motion to table the matter shall be seconded and voted on. If the tabling motion passes, it shall take precedence over other motions.
2. The Navajo Mountain, Oljato, Shonto, Tsah Bii Kin Council Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary, are prohibited from making main motion and second motion.

## **IX. AMENDMENTS:**

The provisions herein may be amended from time to time by the Navajo Mountain, Oljato, Shonto, Tsah Bii Kin Regional Council.

## DZIL YIJIIN REGIONAL COUNCIL PLAN OF OPERATION



- I. ESTABLISHMENT:
- A. The Dzil Yijiin Regional Council is hereby established under reorganization of the Legislative Branch of the Navajo Nation Government to 24 delegates for funding and recognition.
  - B. The Dzil Yijiin Regional Council is hereby established by the Chapters (Comprised of: Black Mesa, Blue Gap, Hardrock, Forest Lake, Pinon, Whippoorwill Chapter) by the Adoption of the Plan of Operation by Resolution of each Dzil Yijiin Chapter.
  - C. The Dzil Yijiin Regional Council is endorsed by the Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council per Legislation # \_\_\_\_.
- II. PURPOSE and OBJECTIVE(S):
- A. The purpose of the Dzil Yijiin Regional Council shall be to advocate for, encourage, and promote community project support; and interact with other local governments; as well as assist the local chapter governments to develop their five management systems for governance certification.
  - B. The objectives of the Dzil Yijiin Regional Council shall be to:
    - 1. Advocate for and to assure that the sovereign status of the local chapter governments will be maintained and strengthen through collective support.
    - 2. Preserve and respect the chapter memberships, of traditional and cultural values, while integrating modern technology and government reform into the current chapter government system.
    - 3. Study and evaluate ways to achieve accountable, representative and responsible local chapter governments.
    - 4. Assess and develop ways to improve the Navajo Nation capabilities for enhanced service delivery.
    - 5. Provide encouragement and ways to assist local chapter governments to develop and implement the five management systems as required by the Local Governance Act, N.N.C. 102
    - 6. Establish and maintain effective communications with local, state, federal and other authorities on matters related to improving the health, safety and welfare of the Dzil Yijiin Regional Chapters and membership.
  - C. To coordinate and communicate effectively with Council Delegate and Staff Assistant.
- III. MEMBERSHIP:
- A. The Dzil Yijiin Regional Council shall consist of all Chapter Presidents; Chapter Vice-Presidents, and Chapter Secretary/Treasurers of the following certified Navajo Nation Chapters.

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| 1. Black Mesa Chapter   | 2. Hardrock Chapter |
| 3. Forest Lake Chapter  | 4. Pinon Chapter    |
| 5. Whippoorwill Chapter | 6. Blue Gap/Tachee  |
- B. Membership At-Large: Navajo Nation Council Delegate, the Grazing Committee members, and Chapter Coordinators of the Dził Yíjiiin Regional Chapters, shall be members at-large and vote on all matters pertaining to the Dził Yíjiiin Regional Council agenda; however, they shall not be counted towards establishment of a quorum.
- C. Blue Gap/Tachee Chapter Officials are still apart of the original District 4 and represented by a council delegate from another district; however, they are choosing to participate in the Dził Yíjiiin 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 Dził Yíjiiin Regional Council as it impacts their chapter.

#### IV. ENUMERATED DUTIES and RESPONSIBILITIES:

##### A. The Dził Yíjiiin Regional Council shall:

1. Work cooperatively with their respective Local Governance Support Center by providing timelines for tasks as they directly relate to the objectives set forth in this plan of operation and prioritizing the chapter governance certification as required by 26 N.N.C. 102 and 103. This authority shall not include supervision of Senior Program and Project Specialist and other LGSC personnel.
2. Establish and maintain mutually respectful partnership with the Navajo Nation programs, outside entities and community members.
3. Recommend and encourage support resolution to the Navajo Nation Council and the standing committees on community projects, funding, and other matters pertaining to the welfare of the Navajo public.
4. Advise and recommend to the Navajo Nation Council all matters pertaining to issues on sovereignty, water rights, civil rights etc.
5. Seek consultation with members of the Navajo Nation Council on matters related to the Navajo Nation Operation Budget.
6. Recommend membership to the Chinle Agency BIA Roads Committee, the Commission of Navajo Government Development and other appointments as necessary.
7. Recommend legislation that affects the local chapter governments to the Navajo Nation Council
8. Adopt Rules of Order for conducting Dził Yíjiiin Regional Council meetings, and selection of its officers.
9. Assist and encourage local chapter governments to develop, adopt and forward their five management systems policies manual to the office of the Auditor General for recommendation to the Resource and Infrastructure Committee for final adoption.

10. Seek input and guidance from the President of the Navajo Nation, the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council, standing committees of the Navajo Nation council, and Office of Government Development regarding major development and issues affecting the Navajo Nation government and the local chapter governments.

V. MEETINGS; ORDER of BUSINESS and QUORUM:

- A. The Dzil Yijiin Regional Council shall conduct one (1) regular meeting every quarter or any number of meetings contingent upon the Navajo Nation Operating Budget as adopted by the Navajo Nation Council.
- B. All Dzil Yijiin Regional Council meetings shall be conducted within the District 4. Any meeting(s) outside the District 4 must be approved by majority vote of the council at a regularly scheduled meeting.
- C. The Dzil Yijiin Regional Council shall conduct their meetings in accordance with the Rules of Order adopted by the Dzil Yijiin Regional Council in which there will be the following order of business on the agenda.
  1. Call Meeting to Order
  2. Roll Call
  3. Invocation
  4. Review and Adoption of Agenda
  5. Reading and Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes
  6. Old Business
  7. New Business
  8. Receive Reports
  9. Time and Place of Next Meeting
  10. Adjournment
- D. The quorum of the Dzil Yijiin Regional Council shall consist of a simple majority of the members of the council. Membership-at-large is not included in the establishment of a quorum to conduct an official meeting.
- E. All Dzil Yijiin Regional Council meetings shall be open to the public.

VI. (Dzil Yijiin Regional Council) DUTIES and RESPONSIBILITIES:

- A. The Dzil Yijiin Regional Council Presiding Officers will be the officers of the host Chapter. Thus, the presiding officers will rotate as each host chapter serves as the presiding officers for meetings held at host chapter.
- B. Chairperson shall have the following duties and responsibilities:
  1. Preside over all Dzil Yijiin Regional Council meeting; consult with the Vice-chairperson, Secretary, Council Delegate, and the Local Governance Support Center staff in preparation of the agenda for each Dzil Yijiin Regional Council Meeting.

2. Sign all claim forms submitted by the Dził Yíjiiin Regional Council members. The chairperson's meeting claim form shall be signed and verified by the Vice-Chairperson or the Secretary after each meeting.
3. Certify all official documents such as resolutions approved by the Dził Yíjiiin Regional Council.
4. Work cooperatively with the Local Governance Support Center to ensure that all respective Dził Yíjiiin Regional Council actions are appropriately communicated to the appropriate agencies of the Navajo government and local chapter governments.
5. Adjourn or postpone a Dził Yíjiiin Regional Council meeting in the event of:
  - a. Lack of a quorum
  - b. Disorder at the meeting
  - c. Unforeseen emergency
6. Vote in case of a tie.
7. In absence of secretary can appoint a recorder.

C. The Vice-Chairperson shall:

1. Automatically assume the duties and responsibilities of leadership in the absent of the Chairperson during the Dził Yíjiiin Regional Council meetings.
2. Conduct roll call.

D. The Secretary shall:

1. Maintain complete and accurate records of all Dził Yíjiiin Regional Council meetings and activities.
2. Prepare and finalize all resolutions, letters and other important documents for distribution to council delegate office and Dził Yíjiiin Regional Chapters.
3. Take the minutes of Dził Yíjiiin Regional Council meetings and record in detail all resolutions, votes and other official actions of the Dził Yíjiiin Regional Council.
4. Follow up with council delegate and staff assistant on all referrals of resolutions, correspondence and other related matters.

E. Council Delegate Shall:

1. The council delegate in consultation with affected chapters can call an emergency or special meeting at the central Pinon office. The emergency or special meeting will not require a quorum.
2. Follow-up with tribal, federal, and state governments, or their agencies on resolutions, ordinances, recommendations, proposals, and projects of the Dził Yíjiiin Council.

3. Maintain records at central office, make appropriate referrals and report to Dził Yíjiiin Regional Council on status of resolution and matters submitted to council delegate by Dził Yíjiiin Regional Council.
4. Follow up on all resolutions, correspondence and related matters.
5. Shall report to the Dził Yíjiiin Regional Council on all matters and activities of the Navajo Nation Council; or in absence, shall designate staff assistant to make the report.

F. Staff Assistant Shall:

1. Their shall be a staff assistant provided the Navajo Nation Council appropriate funds and shall serve at the pleasure of the Council Delegate.
2. Be directly responsible to the Council Delegate and serve as a conduit between the Delegate and Dził Yíjiiin Regional Council Chapters.
3. Assist in all council meetings.
4. Maintain the office in Pinon.
5. Maintain all records and files.
6. Represent the Council Delegate a various meetings affecting the Dził Yíjiiin Regional Communities.

VII. COMPENSATION:

- A. Council members may be compensated \$200.00 for attending the entire Dził Yíjiiin Regional Council meeting at option of individual chapters. The presiding chairperson shall verify roll call and attendance sheets at the conclusion of the meeting with his or her signature.
- B. The claim forms shall be submitted to the respective Chapter administration, along with a sign-in sheet to verify attendance and compensation.

VIII. PROCEDURAL RULES for MOTIONS:

- A. The Dził Yíjiiin Regional Council may adopt standard rules for conducting council meetings:
  1. The approval or amendments to the agenda, minutes, reports and resolution(s) shall be done in the following manner:
    - a. Upon presenting the agenda, minutes, report(s), resolution(s) and/or issue(s) of the agenda, the Dził Yíjiiin Regional Council Chairperson shall request a motion to accept the matter before the council membership and recognize a second to the main motion.
    - b. Upon receiving a motion and a second to the main motion, the Chairperson shall provide an opportunity to members of the council to address the matters before them.
    - c. Any member of the Dził Yíjiiin Regional Council may propose an amendment to the main motion, which would require a second. The Dził Yíjiiin Regional Council membership shall

vote on the proposed amendment motion. If the amendment motion passes, it shall take precedence over the part of the main motion subject to proposed amendment. Only one motion to amend the main motion shall be on the floor.

- d. Any member of the Dził Yíjiiin Regional Council may propose a substitute motion and if it passes, it shall take the place of the main motion. The substitute motion shall be seconded and voted on.
- e. Any member of the Dził Yíjiiin Regional Council may propose to table the legislation or issue before the council. The motion to table the matter shall be seconded and voted on. If the tabling motion passes, it shall take precedence over other motions.

- 2. The Council Chairperson is prohibited from making main motions and making second motions.

#### IX. AMENDMENTS:

The provisions herein may be amended from time to time by the Infrastructure and Resources Committee of the Navajo Nation Council at the recommendation of the Dził Yíjiiin Regional Council.

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

Please be informed of the Public Hearings that are scheduled by the Navajo Nation Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program at the following location:

AGENCY	LOCATION	TIME	DATE
Shiprock	Upper Fruitland Chapter	9:00 a.m.	November 8, 2012
Ft. Defiance	Kinlichee Chapter	9:00 a.m.	November 8, 2012
Eastern	Becenti Chapter	9:00 a.m.	November 8, 2012
Chinle	NTUA Chinle District Conference Room	9:00 a.m.	November 9, 2012
Western	LeChee Chapter	9:00 a.m.	November 9, 2012

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to inform the Chapter communities and the general public of the proposed Fiscal Year 2013 Indian Community Development Block Grant application and program information as provided through U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in accordance to Citizen Participation requirements at *24 CFR 1003.604*.

Information to be presented at the hearings will include:

1. Purpose and requirements of the CDBG Program.
2. Amounts of Indian CDBG funds available for proposed community Development activities and range of activities that may be undertaken.
3. Provide residents the opportunity to participate in the process.
4. Opportunity to review and comment on the program performance of active grants.

If there are any questions, please contact the CDBG office at:

Community Development Block Grant Program  
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## NAVAJO LAND EXCHANGE AND NIIP RESOLUTION

The Eastern Navajo Land Commission ("ENLC") is an entity of the Navajo Nation Council comprised of four delegates to the Navajo Nation Council. It is responsible for recommending solutions to land issues in the Eastern Navajo Agency under the Navajo Nation Code. *See* 2 N.N.C. § 863 (2005). The Navajo Nation established the Navajo Agricultural Products Industry ("NAPI") to operate and manage a commercial farm on lands served by the Navajo Indian Irrigation Project ("NIIP"), and its Board of Directors is charged with overall management of NAPI. *See* 5 N.N.C. § 1602-1603 (2005). The NIIP is a federal irrigation project authorized in 1962 legislation signed by President Kennedy after ten years of negotiation among the State of New Mexico, the United States and the Navajo Nation. This legislation memorialized an agreement among these parties under which the Navajo Nation agreed to allow water from the San Juan Basin to be transported for the benefit of others via the San Juan-Chama Diversion Project ("SJCDP") in exchange for a 110,630-acre irrigated farm. The SJCDP has been completed. The NIIP remains only about 75% complete.

The Eastern Navajo Agency is within the adjudicated aboriginal lands of the Navajo. The Navajo Nation has used its own money to buy up many of the ranches in the Eastern Agency, and Congress itself has tried for decades to effect rational land consolidation that recognizes Navajo rights in the area since the beginning of the last century, enacting laws in 1904, 1908, 1921, 1928, 1950, 1975, 1980, and 1982 that have ameliorated the problem, but not solved it. For example, the Act of March 3, 1921, ch. 119, 41 Stat. 1225, 1239, sought to add over 240,000 acres in the Eastern Agency to the Navajo land base through exchanges with the Santa Fe Railroad, but the Department of the Interior never took those lands into trust, much to the consternation of Senator Wheeler.<sup>1</sup> Secretary Ickes acknowledged in a 1933 letter to New Mexico Governor Seligman that if the Department followed the allotment laws, "individual Navajo Indians could be given practically all of the vacant public domain in San Juan County and other counties to the complete exclusion of [others]."<sup>2</sup> All of the Eastern Navajo Agency is in the Secretariaily-approved Navajo Land Consolidation Area under the federal Indian Land Consolidation Act. Almost all of that land is in the an area designated by the federal Bureau of Land Management for disposal. Navajo rights to the Eastern Agency are undeniable, and the current situation discourages investment and development.

Similarly, the completion of the NIIP has proved problematic. The Navajo Nation has consistently taken the position that completion of the NIIP is a solemn federal responsibility. The New Mexico delegation strongly urged Secretary Salazar to devote his attention to this federal commitment, while recognizing that other budget priorities have pushed funding for the NIIP to the back burner in recent years.<sup>3</sup> Both the administration and members of the delegation have suggested that creative steps must be taken to accomplish that end.

The ENLC and the NAPI Board have both urged, by formal resolutions, the Navajo Nation Council to consider a creative solution to both of these vexing problems. The proposal would consolidate most BLM lands in the Eastern Agency in trust status, convey subsurface interests of the BLM within the Navajo Reservation in Utah to the Nation, convey Navajo interests in lands of critical cultural or environmental concern there to the BLM, establish a NIIP O&M trust fund using the unexpended NIIP authorization, and relieve the United States of

further NIIP obligations. The Navajo Nation Washington Office is determining whether this approach may be attractive to the Congress; if so, the Navajo Nation Council is expected to promptly act upon the recommendation of the ENLC and NAPI and, if adopted, to recommend conforming legislation to the Congress.

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1. "Let me understand you," Sen. Wheeler said to a Department witness, "[the 1921 Act] may not provide it, but if there was an exchange – for instance if the department exchanged public lands for white land, of course the white land would go to the Indians, there would not be any question about that, whether the rules and regulations provided for it or not, because that was the intent of the Congress of the United States." *Survey of Conditions of the Indians in the United States: Hearings Before a Subcomm. of Sen. Comm. on Indian Affairs*, 71st Cong. 3d Sess. 9650 (1931).

2. Letter from Secretary Ickes to Governor Seligman (Aug. 31, 1933) at 3.

3. Letter from delegation to Secretary Salazar (Apr. 24, 2012).