

## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0351-18

**DATE:** November 2, 2018

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION:** PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION; AN ACTION RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE; AMENDING THE NAVAJO NATION RANCHES GRAZING FEE FROM \$4.00 PER ANIMAL UNIT PER MONTH TO \$8.00 PER ANIMAL UNIT PER MONTH

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this legislation is to approve an amendment to the Navajo Nation Tribal Ranches grazing fee. If approved, the grazing fee will be amended to \$8.00 per animal unit per month.

This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committees. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each Council Delegate to review each proposed resolution in detail.

5-DAY BILL HOLD PERIOD: 11/7/18  
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Posting End Date: 11/12/2018  
Eligible for Action: 11/13/2018

PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION  
23<sup>rd</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – Fourth Year, 2018

INTRODUCED BY

Justin C. Hale  
(Primary Sponsor)

TRACKING NO. 0351-18

AN ACTION

RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE; AMENDING  
THE NAVAJO NATION RANCHES GRAZING FEE FROM \$4.00 PER ANIMAL  
UNIT PER MONTH TO \$8.00 PER ANIMAL UNIT PER MONTH

BE IT ENACTED:

**Section One. Authority**

- A. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 501 (B)(2)(a), the Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council is authorized to give final approval of all non-mineral leases on the Navajo Nation lands, including unrestricted (fee) land in accordance with applicable federal and Navajo Nation laws;
- B. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 695 (B) (2), the Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council is the oversight committee for the Division of Natural Resources, which includes the Department of Agriculture and the Navajo Tribal Ranches Program.
- C. Pursuant to 3 N.N.C. § 509 (B), the Resources and Development Committee has the authority to establish grazing fees for the utilization of the Navajo Nation ranches "Minimum lease fee shall be established by the Resources [and Development] Committee based on the recommendation of the Navajo Nation Ranch Program, Department of Agriculture through the Executive Director, Division of Natural Resources, in accordance with the provisions of this Plan of

1 Operation, on a per animal per month basis, and may be subject to adjustment to  
2 be made as needed or necessary, to cover costs as provided herein. The Lessee(s)  
3 will be informed in writing of any modifications made in the rental fee sixty (60)  
4 days prior to the beginning of the succeeding year. Such modification will be  
5 attached as an amendment to the original lease and become a part of the lease.”  
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## 7 **Section Two. Findings**

8 A. Pursuant to Resources Committee (predecessor to the Resources and  
9 Development Committee) Resolution RCO-216-98 the grazing fee was set at  
10 \$4.00 per animal unit per month for the use of tribal fee lands known as Navajo  
11 Nation ranches.

12 B. Pursuant to 3 N.N.C. § 505, “The Navajo Nation Ranch Program shall exist to  
13 fulfill the following purposes: A. Provide for productive and optimum use of  
14 lands under the direct control of the Navajo Nation designated as Ranch lands. B.  
15 To ensure that sufficient revenues are realized to pay taxes, land use fees, and cost  
16 of administration. C. To carry out select purposes for land acquisition, pursuant to  
17 16 N.N.C. § 1 *et seq.*”

18 C. Pursuant to 3 N.N.C. § 506 (C), “The Resources [and Development] Committee is  
19 authorized to establish use fees for Navajo Nation Ranch Lands and to adjust  
20 these fees as may be necessary to achieve a reasonable economic value for the use  
21 of these lands and to accomplish the purposes for which the land was acquired, as  
22 stated in the preceding Section. These fees may be adjusted annually for such  
23 reasons as unforeseen natural disasters and shall be adjusted at least every five  
24 years, based on the recommendation of the Navajo Nation Ranch Program,  
25 Department of Agriculture through the Executive Director, Division of Natural  
26 Resources.”

27 D. Pursuant to 3 N.N.C. § 509 (B), recommendation of the Navajo Nation Ranch  
28 Program, Department of Agriculture through the Executive Director of the  
29 Division of Natural Resources recommends an adjustment to the grazing fees for  
30 Tribal Ranches. The memorandum is attached as **Exhibit A**.

1       **Section Three. Approval**

2           The Navajo Nation hereby approves an amendment to the Navajo Nation Tribal  
3           Ranches grazing fee. The grazing fee is amended to \$8.00 per animal unit per  
4           month. This fee is to be effective January 1, 2020.

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6       **Section Four. Directive**

7           With regard to current Lessees, pursuant to 3 N.N.C. § 509 (B), the Navajo  
8           Nation Ranch Program is hereby directed to inform the Lessee(s) in writing of the  
9           modifications made in the rental fee sixty (60) days prior to the beginning of the  
10          succeeding year. Therefore, written notification of the fee modification is to be  
11          made is sixty (60) days prior to January 1, 2020. Such modification will be  
12          attached as an amendment to the original lease and become a part of the lease.



# THE NAVAJO NATION

RUSSELL BEGAYE PRESIDENT  
JONATHAN NEZ VICE PRESIDENT



November 2, 2018

RE: Ranch & Eastern Land Management Grazing Fee Increase

Dear Honorable Delegates,

I hope this letter finds you all well. The purpose of this letter is in support of increasing grazing fees from \$4.00 to \$8.00 per head per month. This fee was last established nearly twenty years ago and needs to be readjusted due to rising costs of managing ranch lands.

Under Title three, chapter three of the Navajo Nation Code, the purpose of the Navajo Nation Ranch Program is to provide productive and optimum use of Navajo Nation lands and to ensure that sufficient revenues are realized to pay taxes, maintain and improve ranch infrastructure, and cover associated administrative costs. Currently, the Ranch & Eastern Land Management Program is not meeting its financial needs. Therefore, the Tribal Ranch Program, operating on limited resources, must increase the current grazing fees to achieve revenue needs.

If you have any questions you may reach Ivan Becenti, Principal Extension Agent, at 928-871-6635. I hope you support the legislation to increase the grazing fees. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Bidtah N. Becker, Director  
Division of Natural Resources

Ivan J. Becenti, Principal Extension Agent  
Ranch & Eastern Land Management Program  
Department of Agriculture



RCO-216-98

RESOLUTION  
OF THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE  
OF THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

FEB 21 2001

Amending the Navajo Nation Ranches Grazing Fees from \$2.75  
to \$4.00 Per Animal Unit Per Month JUNE

WHEREAS:

1. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 691, the Resources Committee was established and continued as a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council; and

2. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 695 (B) (2), the Resources Committee of the Navajo Nation Council is authorized to give final approval of any non-mineral leases in Navajo land, including unrestricted (fee) land, in accordance with applicable federal and Navajo Nation laws; and

3. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 695 (B) (14), the Resources Committee of the Navajo Nation Council is the oversight committee for the Division of Natural Resources, which includes the Department of Agriculture and the Navajo Tribal Ranches Program; and

4. Pursuant to 3 N.N.C. § 509 (F), the Resources Committee has the power to establish grazing fees for the utilization of the Navajo Nation ranches; and

5. Pursuant to Resources Committee Resolution No. RCD-149-98, the grazing fee was set at \$2.75 per animal unit per month for ten years and allows the Committee to adjust the grazing fees as deemed necessary, hereto attached as Exhibit "A"; and

6. It is in the best interest of the Navajo Nation that amending the grazing fees to \$4.00 per animal unit per month for the use of tribal fee lands known as Navajo Nation ranches, to be effective January 01, 1999 and to remain in effect until such time an adjustment is deemed necessary pursuant to 3 N.N.C. §§ 506 (C) and 509 (B).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

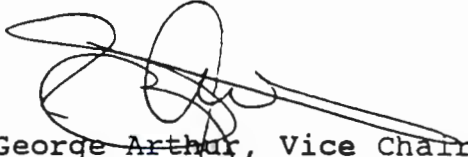
1. The Resources Committee of the Navajo Nation Council hereby establishes the grazing fees charged for the utilization of the Nation Ranches ranges resources, at \$4.00 per animal unit per month, to be effective January 01, 1999 and to be effective until such time an adjustment may be deemed necessary, pursuant to 3 N.N.C. §§ 506 (C) and 509 (B).



2. The Resources Committee of the Navajo Nation Council hereby directs the Division of Natural Resources and Division of Finance to assess the grazing fees at the rate of \$4.00 per animal unit per month.

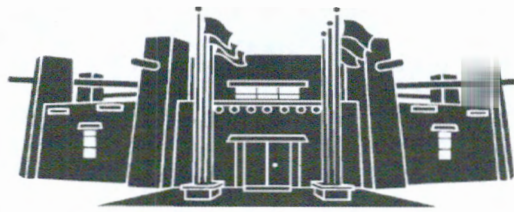
CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Resources Committee of the Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting at Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstained, this 29th day of October, 1998.



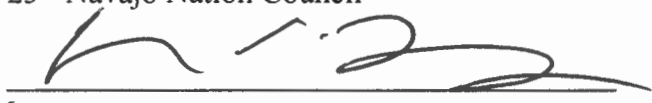
George Arthur, Vice Chairperson  
Resources Committee

Motion: Sylvester Chee  
Second: Robert B. Whitehorse



## MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Jonathan Hale  
23<sup>rd</sup> Navajo Nation Council

FROM:   
*for* Mariana Kahn, Attorney  
Office of Legislative Counsel

DATE: November 2, 2018

SUBJECT: PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION; AN ACTION  
RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE;  
AMENDING THE NAVAJO NATION RANCHES GRAZING FEE FROM  
\$4.00 PER ANIMAL UNIT PER MONTH TO \$8.00 PER ANIMAL UNIT PER  
MONTH

I have prepared the above-referenced proposed resolution and associated legislative summary sheet pursuant to your request for legislative drafting.

Based on existing law and review of documents submitted, the resolution as drafted with the above-mentioned documents will be legally sufficient. As with any action of government however, it can be subject to review by the courts in the event of proper challenge. Please ensure that his particular resolution request is precisely what you want. You are encouraged to review the proposed resolution to ensure that it is drafted to your satisfaction.

The Office of Legislative Counsel confirms the appropriate standing committee(s) based on the standing committees powers outlined in 2 N.N.C. §§301, 401, 501, 601 and 701. Nevertheless, "the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council shall introduce [the proposed resolution] into the legislative process by assigning it to the respective oversight committee(s) of the Navajo Nation Council having authority over the matters for proper consideration." 2 N.N.C. §164(A)(5).



THE NAVAJO NATION  
LEGISLATIVE BRANCH  
INTERNET PUBLIC REVIEW PUBLICATION



LEGISLATION NO: \_0351-18\_\_\_\_\_

SPONSOR: Jonathan Hale

**TITLE: An Action Relating to Resources and Development Committee; Amending the Navajo Nation Ranches Grazing Fee from \$4.00 per animal unit per month to \$8.00 per animal unit per month**

***Date posted: November 7, 2018 at 4:32pm***

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**Written comments may be mailed to:**

**Executive Director  
Office of Legislative Services  
P.O. Box 3390  
Window Rock, AZ 86515  
(928) 871-7590**

**Comments may be made in the form of chapter resolutions, letters, position papers, etc. Please include your name, position title, address for written comments; a valid e-mail address is required. Anonymous comments will not be included in the Legislation packet.**

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**THE NAVAJO NATION  
LEGISLATIVE BRANCH  
INTERNET PUBLIC REVIEW SUMMARY**

**LEGISLATION NO.: 0351-18**

**SPONSOR: Honorable Jonathan L. Hale**


**TITLE: An Action Relating to Resources and Development Committee; Amending the Navajo Nation Ranches Grazing Fee from \$4.00 per animal unit per month to \$8.00 per animal unit per month**

**Posted: November 7, 2018 at 4:32pm**

**5 DAY Comment Period Ended: November 12, 2018**

**Digital Comments received:**

<b>Comments Supporting (1)</b>	<b>1. Chambliss Lantana</b>
<b>Comments Opposing (1)</b>	<b>2. Loritta J. Largo and Timothy Largo, Navajo Rancher; Carrica Ranch #3</b>
<b>Inconclusive Comment</b>	<i>None</i>

  
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**Legislative Secretary II  
Office of Legislative Services**

11/13/18 8:12am

**Date/Time**

# TITLE: An Action Relating To Resources And Development Committee; Amending The Navajo Nation Ranches Grazing Fee From \$4.00 Per Animal Unit Per Month To \$8.00 Per Animal Unit Per Month

Chambliss Lantana <chambliss.lantana@gmail.com>

Wed 11/7/2018 10:08 PM

To: comments <comments@navajo-nsn.gov>;

Cc: Mama Lantana <mllantanaranchpitts4@gmail.com>; Joy Lantana <joylantana@gmail.com>; Cham Lantana <chambliss.lantana@gmail.com>;

Good evening Mr. Witherspoon and members of the Navajo Nation Council,

I am drafting this email of my support for legislation to increase the grazing fees for the Navajo Nation's tribal ranches lease program from \$4.00 to \$8.00/hd for all active/current ranch lease contracts that apply to tribal fee lands, and other lands such as those under Bureau of Land Management-grazingland, United States Forest Service-grazingland, New Mexico and Arizona State Lands that make up some of these Tribal Ranch grazing lands agreements. My perspective on this legislation is that all these active/current ranch lessees should be managing these ranches like a legitimate business operation based upon the competitiveness of acquiring these sought after grazing lands thru implementation of Ranch/Business Management Plans that the Navajo Tribal Ranches Program required of them.

Your legislation based on NNC in Section One. Authority - Paragraph A, B and C, Lines 17 thru 30 (page one of resolution), and Lines 1 thru 5 (page two of resolution) of your findings for the authority to increase according to law; and Section Two Findings - Paragraph B Line 12 thru 17; and Paragraph C Line 18-26, proposal for its purpose of increasing rates based upon taxes, land use fees, and administrative funding for the program to sustain itself for the long term are all reasons for this increase. This increase will likely benefit the future of the tribal ranches program; and having business minded cattlemen and cattle-women achieve these goals for the Navajo Nation.

This legislation can only be passed and accepted by cattle producers who are business minded and have the ability to manage risk. So with this I do ask that all ranches be considered for the adjustment as well, so it's only fair for those that were involved in the failed bidding process several years ago who have bid considerable higher than your \$8.00 rate. Consider my comments for the future of the tribal ranches program and an increase administrative costs, taxes, etc., as my support to this legislation. Again ranchers such as myself and those few that I know have the ability and skills to operate a ranch at this rate (\$8.00/hd). Do keep in mind an increase across the board for those ranches with other land status as well so it's fair for all operations to pay their fair share (Big Bo & Wolf Springs Ranch, USFS, BLM, & State Lands).

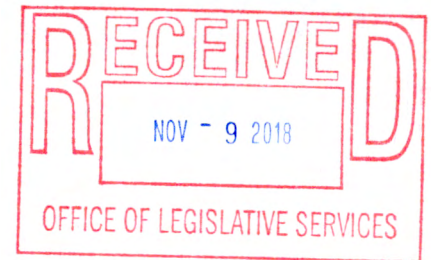
Respectfully submitted,

Chambliss Lantana

Bloomfield. NM 87413

Lantana Angus Ranch  
Tribal Rancher Pitt Unit 5  
American Angus Association Member  
Professional Soil Conservationist  
Cow/Calf Operator

CARRICA RANCH #3  
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET  
Tracking No. 0351-18



Date: November 6, 2018

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION: RESPONSE TO PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION, AN ACTION RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, AMENDING THE NAVAJO NATION RANCHES GRAZING FEE FROM \$4.00 PER ANIMAL UNIT PER MONTH TO \$8.00 PER ANIMAL UNIT PER MONTH.**

The Navajo Tribal Ranch Program (Ranch Program) underwent an Audit with the Navajo Auditor General Office back on or about 2004-2005 and the former Ranch Manager was Fritz Roanhorse. In this audit report, there were numerous findings in this Ranch Program and corrective actions were to be implemented for the Ranch Program; thereafter, the Navajo Ranchers (Ranchers) have pleaded to Ivan Becenti to establish a task force to assist with the corrective measurement pursuant to the audit report. Mr. Becenti decline to hear the voices of the Ranchers since his appointment was Acting Rancher Manager.

In this audit report, the issue of competitive bidding was planned by the Fritz Roanhorse, Ranch Program back in 2005-2006 and it was a chaos because the bidding process was not enacted accordingly with Navajo Nation Code, Title 3. The former standing committee members for the Resource Committee had no knowledge how the Ranch Program operates but they held their committee meetings and bully the Navajo Ranchers, for no reasons. Plus, not to mention, the Navajo Nation Business Regulatory Office was not informed to obtain for their professional

services to organize such bidding process for the Navajo Ranch Program. One after another, Mr. Roanhorse put his personal interest with arm length and made the bidding process confused and frustrations. The Navajo Ranchers had to learn the hardship of communicating with Mr. Roanhorse and how he manipulated the Navajo Ranchers; the Navajo Ranchers had to be educated on how the bidding process operates and the submission of such bid forms accordingly. With this bidding process, the Navajo Ranchers were instructed to submit a Range Management Plan, but the Ranch Program had no land history on hand for the Ranchers' knowledge how to implement accordingly. The outline and check list for the range management plan was put together but it was generated more for outside businesses off the Navajo Nation Reservation; it was not generated for Navajo Nation Reservation. Navajo Ranchers had to seek outside resources for professional services to provide technical assistance to submit a Range Management Plan pursuant to Mr. Roanhorse's theory. All in all, the audit report had made some findings of investigation of slush payment and the Navajo Nation did not investigate the matter; nor was the matter referred to the Navajo Nation White Collar Crime, with the Office of the Prosecutor's Office. Today, the Ranch Program fails to inform if the audit report was ever corrected of all the audit findings and the Navajo Ranchers had to pay the price of wrongdoing of Mr. Fritz Roanhorse, the former Resource Committee Members, and the former Navajo Resource Division Director. Navajo Ranchers demanded such reports from

the Ranch Program and/or since Mr. Becenti's employment and no such information was provided to this date.

Since the bidding process, the Navajo Ranchers who submitted their bid amounts and given an opportunity to lease such ranch, but the approval of the Navajo Nation failed to implement such governing act for the Navajo Ranchers. The Navajo Ranchers were informed of their lease and to be invoiced at the bid amount awarded were improperly processed. Instead, the Ranch Program issued semi-annual invoice without a valid lease and made it harder for the Navajo Ranchers whether such improvements were necessary. Not at any time did the Ranch Program inform the Navajo Ranchers that there are some issues for decision or recommendations needed in order to continue the corrective actions within the Audit Report, maybe. How can the Navajo Ranchers trust the Ranch Program if the designated ranch is awarded to them? To date, the Ranch Program have no visible inventory of the ranch to be validated for an increase.

The Ranch Program has informed the Navajo Ranchers at the last quarterly meeting on October 19, 2018 that McKinley County Assessor is in the process of assessing property tax on the amount of livestock on the said ranch. How long does it take for the Ranch Program to become aware of such "tax notice" from the McKinley County Assessor? Is Navajo Nation paying the property tax for the Fiscal Year 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014 and 2013? Did McKinley County Assessor request retroactive tax



payment to the Navajo Nation? A property tax of one hundred eight dollars per year for ten head of livestock, multiplied by the amount of livestock permitted. Ex: Fifty-50 head of livestock permitted on ranch lease, (\$10.80 tax X 50 head =\$540.00). Carrica Ranch #3 is fee land with two (2) tax accounts and has yet to be determined with the exact amount of property tax to be imposed. The Navajo Ranchers will suffer detrimental financial hardship when McKinley County imposes property tax along with the proposed grazing fee amendment from four dollars per animal per month to eight dollars per animal unit per month. (\$8.00 per head x 50 head x 12 months = \$4,800.00 plus \$540.00 property tax per year). Total payment of five thousand three hundred forty dollars (\$5,340.00) or more will be imposed on the Navajo Ranchers with 50 units per year.

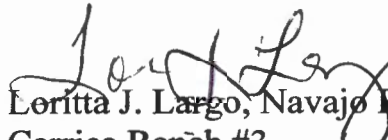
The Navajo Nation Ranch program is aware of the extreme drought conditions on all the Navajo Ranches. The moisture is minimal to none causing native forage to dry before it even starts to grow. The earth tanks are completely empty and dry. One windmill is currently the only source of drinkable water for the livestock on the south side of the ranch. Hauling 400 gallons of water two times a week, one hundred miles round trip to the north side of the ranch is expensive not to mention wear and tear on vehicles and equipment. The livestock is supplemented with costly hay of \$14.00 per bale and sweet cake at \$120.00 per tub due to the extreme drought conditions.


The Navajo Ranchers are practicing good stewardship and have range management plans in place. Carrica Ranch #3 have implemented two cross fencing with livestock rotation to prevent over grazing along with water line extension and ranch boundary fence repair.

The Carrica #3 Ranch strongly opposes the proposed Legislative amendment of grazing fee from \$4.00 per animal unit per month to \$8.00 per animal unit per month because of the following issues.

1. The Navajo Tribal Ranch has not fully complied with the Audit findings by the Auditor General office.
2. The Navajo Tribal Ranch Program has not issued an official lease contract with the ranch lessee(s).
3. The Navajo Ranchers are experiencing extreme drought conditions with no forage growth and inadequate water for livestock.
4. The Navajo Ranchers are currently reducing their carrying capacity due to severe drought and the travel distance from the near community water source to fulfill the livestock's need.
5. The Ranch Program does not have a Bull pasture for the Navajo Ranchers during rotation season due to no water or forage.

Sincerely,

  
Loritta J. Largo, Navajo Rancher  
Carrica Ranch #3  
Date: 11-8-2018

  
Timothy Largo, Navajo Rancher  
Carrica Ranch #3  
Date: Nov. 8, 2018

xc: Carrica Ranch/file

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LEGISLATIVE BRANCH  
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<b>Comments Opposing</b>	<i>None</i>
<b>Inconclusive Comment (1)</b>	<b>1. Sonny Moore</b>



**Legislative Secretary II  
Office of Legislative Services**

12/7/18 5:02pm  
**Date/Time**

P.O. Box 68

Tohatchi, New Mexico, 87325


December 5, 2018

COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED RATE HIKE FOR THE NAVAJO NATION  
RANCHERS LEGISLATION 0351-18

1. A proposed rate increase is justified with back ground and statistics to support the reasons for the rate increase—has that information being shared with the ranchers?
2. A proposed rate increase includes a public hearing, in this case, ranchers and others who may be affected by the rate hike. Is this being considered?
3. The proposed rate or fee increase is 100%, how was this determined? Were there other options considered?
4. Other than the announcement at the quarterly ranchers meeting, this is a serious change or will heavily impact the rancher's financial situation, shouldn't each rancher have been notified in writing of the proposed fee increase?
5. As for timing for the rate increase, this is probably the worst time to consider a rate hike on ranchers, we are experiencing the worst effects of a drought last year and doesn't look like it is going to let up soon. Most ranchers have been operating below their stocking rate and have been paying the stocking rate set by their lease.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Mr. Sonny Moore

Berryhill Ranch Unit 3



**RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
23rd NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL**

**FOURTH YEAR 2018**

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

Mr. Speaker,

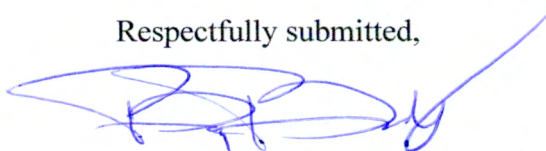
The **RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE** to whom has been assigned:

**Legislation # 0351-18:** An Action Relating to Resources and Development Committee; Amending the Navajo Nation Ranches Grazing Fee from \$4.00 per animal unit per month to \$8.00 per animal unit per month. *Sponsor: Honorable Jonathan Hale*

Has had it under consideration and reports that the matter **TABLED** with directive to schedule another leadership meeting to brief all of the RDC membership. Leadership meeting to be scheduled before December 30, 2018.

And thereafter the resolution as **TABLED**.

Respectfully submitted,



Benjamin Bennett, Presiding Vice Chairperson  
Resource and Development Committee of  
the 23<sup>rd</sup> Navajo Nation Council

Date: December 6, 2018 - Special Meeting  
Meeting Location: NNC Chambers, Window Rock, Arizona

**MAIN MOTION:** Leonard Pete                      S: Walter Phelps      V:

YEAS:

NAYS:

EXCUSED: Alton Joe Shepherd and Jonathan Perry

**MOTION TO TABLE:** Table and scheduled another leadership meeting with NN Department of Agriculture and NN Tribal Ranches Program.

M: Walter Phelps                      S: Davis Filfred                      V: 3-0-1 (VCN)

Yeas: Walter Phelps, Davis Filfred and Leonard Pete

NAYS: None

Excused: Alton Joe Shepherd and Jonathan Perry

**RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**  
**Regular Meeting**

**ROLL CALL**  
**VOTE TALLY SHEET:**

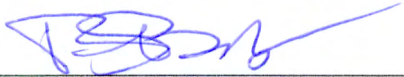
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**Yeas:** Walter Phelps, Davis Filfred and Leonard Pete  
**NAYS:** None  
**Excused:** Alton Joe Shepherd and Jonathan Perry

**DATE:** December 6, 2018 – Special meeting  
**Meeting Location:** NNC Chambers, Window Rock, Arizona

  
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Honorable Benjamin Bennett, Presiding Vice-Chairman  
Resources and Development Committee

  
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Shammie Begay, Legislative Advisor  
Office of Legislative Services



**RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
23rd NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL**

**FOURTH YEAR 2018**

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

Mr. Speaker,

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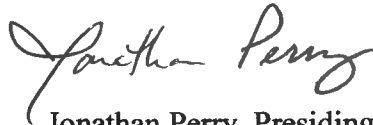
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Has had it under consideration and reports a **DO PASS** with the following amendment;

On Page 1, Line 12 and Page 3, Line 3, Delete “\$8.00”; and replace with “\$6.00”;

Thereafter, approved the legislation.

Respectfully submitted,



Jonathan Perry, Presiding Pro Tem Chairperson  
Resource and Development Committee of  
the 23<sup>rd</sup> Navajo Nation Council

Date: December 26, 2018 - Regular Meeting

Meeting Location: Navajo Nation Council Chambers, Window Rock, Arizona

**MAIN MOTION:**

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**RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**  
**Regular Meeting**

**ROLL CALL**  
**VOTE TALLY SHEET:**

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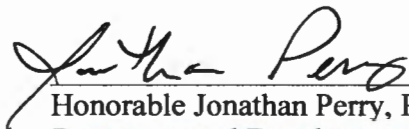
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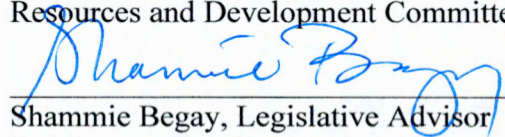
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