

RESOLUTION OF THE
NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

23rd NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- Fourth Year, 2018

AN ACTION

RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES, BUDGET AND FINANCE, NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES AND NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; APPROVING AN EXPENDITURE FROM THE UNRESERVED, UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO MILLION FOUR HUNDRED FORTY-ONE THOUSAND FIFTY-SIX DOLLARS (\$2,441,056) FOR THOREAU CHAPTER VETERANS SERVICE CENTER CONSTRUCTION; WAIVING 12 N.N.C. §§ 820(I) AND 860(C) RELATING TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROCESS

BE IT ENACTED:

Section One. Authority

- A. The Navajo Nation established the Health, Education and Human Services (HEHS) Committee as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee and as such gave HEHS Committee oversight over veteran's services. 2 N.N.C. §§ 400(A), 401(C)(6).
- B. The Navajo Nation established the Budget and Finance Committee (BFC) as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee and as such empowered BFC to review and recommend to the Navajo Nation Council the management of all funds. 2 N.N.C. §§ 164 (A)(9), 300 (A), 301 (B)(2).
- C. The Navajo Nation Council established the Naabik'iyáti' Committee as a Navajo Nation standing committee and as such proposed legislation that requires final action by the Navajo Nation Council shall be assigned to the Naabik'iyáti' Committee. 2 N.N.C. §§ 164 (A)(9), 700 (A).
- D. The Title 12 Capital Improvement Process includes:
 1. Pursuant to 12 N.N.C. § 810(F), "Capital Improvement" means a major project undertaken by the Navajo Nation that is generally not recurring on an annual basis and which fits within one or more of the following categories:
 - a. All projects requiring debt obligation or borrowing;

- b. Any acquisition or lease of land;
 - c. Purchase of major equipment or vehicles, with a life expectancy of five years or more, valued in excess of an amount to be established by the Controller;
 - d. Major building improvements that are not routine maintenance expenses and that substantially enhance the value or extend the useful life of a structure;
 - e. Construction of new buildings or facilities including engineering, design, and other pre-construction costs with an estimated cost in excess of an amount to be determined by the Controller; and/or
 - f. Major equipment or furnishing required to furnish new buildings or other projects, the cost of which is above a certain amount to be established by the Controller.
- 2. Pursuant to 12 N.N.C. § 820 (I), the "[d]evelopment of the Capital Budget shall be coordinated with development of the Operating Budget. All budget requests for capital improvements shall be in compliance with an adopted Capital Improvement Plan and shall not be approved unless in compliance with the Plan."
 - 3. Pursuant to 12 N.N.C. § 860 (C)(2), "[t]he appropriation portion of the Capital Improvement Plan is subject to approval of the Navajo Nation Council upon recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee. Any modification or amendment affecting the approved Capital Improvement Plan is subject to review and concurrence by the Resources and Development Committee prior to consideration by the Navajo Nation Council."
- E. The Title 12 Finance Act Supplemental Appropriation requirements include:
- 1. Pursuant to 12 N.N.C. § 820(L), all requests for annual operating funds and supplemental funds

shall be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") for budget impact analysis. A preview of the appropriation legislation is available to the OMB for their budget impact analysis response. The OMB budget impact analysis is attached as **Exhibit D**.

2. Pursuant to 12 N.N.C. § 820(L), when the Controller identifies additional sources of revenues above and beyond the initial or current revenue projections, supplemental appropriations may be allocated by the Navajo Nation Council. The attached memorandum, **Exhibit A**, from the Office of the Controller has identified the additional revenues.

Section Two. Findings

- A. As proposed, the Thoreau Chapter Veterans Service Center will establish a place for Veterans, active duty personnel, and their families to receive assistance with the many issues related to their military careers and the various challenges faced when assistance is required. See Thoreau Veteran Service Center Construction packet attached as **Exhibit B**.
- B. The Thoreau Chapter Veterans Committee, along with the Thoreau Chapter, has leveraged \$134,500 in matching funds along with the acquisition of an additional \$780,000 in project funding from the State of New Mexico Capital Outlay program, for a total amount of \$914,500 obligated to the project; this represents 22.58% of the total development cost of the project. The funding request for \$2,441,056 is outlined in the Budget forms attached as **Exhibit C**.
- C. The Office of Management and Budget has been provided a copy of the legislation and a copy of the Thoreau Chapter Veterans Service Center Construction packet for review for their response as required by 12 N.N.C. § 820(M).
- D. The Office of the Controller has provided a memorandum dated March 28, 2017, indicating the balance in the Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance as of March 28, 2017, is \$6,824,260. This memorandum is provided to meet the requirements of 12 N.N.C. 820 (L); however, the Controller of the Navajo Nation has not designated the funds as recurring or non-recurring. See **Exhibit A**.

- E. The Navajo Nation Historic Preservation Department Cultural Resources Compliance Form and Archaeological Inventory Report Documentation Form are within the packet of information as well as the Navajo Nation Department of Fish and Wildlife Biological Resources Compliance Form. See **Exhibit B.**
- F. The Eastern Navajo Veteran's Organization, the Thoreau Chapter Veterans Committee, and the Thoreau Chapter have supported the Thoreau Chapter Veterans Service Center construction by a variety of resolutions and letters. See **Exhibit B.**
- G. The Navajo Nation finds it in the best interest to waive 12 N.N.C. §§ 820(I) and 860 (C) regarding the Capital Improvement Process for the Thoreau Chapter Veterans Service Center construction.
- H. The Navajo Nation finds it in the best interest of the Navajo people to approve this appropriation request.

Section Three. Waiving 12 N.N.C. §§ 820(I) And 860 (C) Regarding Funding for the Thoreau Chapter Veterans Service Center construction.

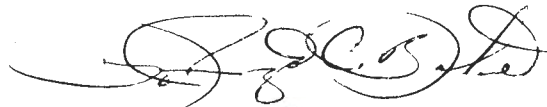
The Navajo Nation Council hereby waives the Capital Improvement Process at 12 N.N.C. §§ 820(I) and 860(C) with regard to the Thoreau Chapter Veterans Service Center construction.

Section Four. Approving the Expenditure from the Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance in the Amount of \$2,441,056 for the Thoreau Chapter Veterans Service Center construction.

- A. The Navajo Nation hereby approves the expenditure from the Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance to the Thoreau Chapter Veterans Service Center, Business Unit Number 703039 for \$2,441,056.
- B. This supplemental appropriation of \$2,441,056 shall be to Business Unit Number 703039, as identified in Exhibit C, and from that amount of funds that exceeds the minimum fund balance of the UUFB.

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby, certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting in Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 19 in favor and 00 opposed, on this 18th day of April 2018.



LoRenzo C. Bates, Speaker
23rd Navajo Nation Council

4-27-18

Date

Motion: Honorable Kee Allen Begay, Jr.
Second: Honorable Steven Begay

Speaker Bates not voting

ACTION BY THE NAVAJO NATION PRESIDENT:

1. I, hereby, sign into law the foregoing legislation, pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §1005 (c)(10), on this 7th day of May 2018.



Russell Begaye, President
Navajo Nation

2. I, hereby, veto the foregoing legislation, pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §1005 (c)(11), on this _____ day of _____ 2018 for reason(s) expressed in the attached letter to the Speaker

Russell Begaye, President
Navajo Nation

3. I, hereby, exercise line item veto pursuant to the 2010, certified Initiative, over the supplemental appropriations approved herein by the Navajo Nation Council; on this _____ day of _____ 2018.

Russell Begaye, President
Navajo Nation



THE NAVAJO NATION

RUSSELL BEGAYE PRESIDENT
JONATHAN NEZ VICE-PRESIDENT


Memorandum

Date: March 28, 2017

To: Honorable Russell Begaye, President
Office of the President/Vice President

Honorable Lorenzo Bates, Speaker
Navajo Nation Council

Honorable Allen Sloan, Acting Chief Justice
Judicial Branch

From: 
Pearline Kirk, Controller
Office of the Controller

Subject: Updated Undesignated Unreserved Fund Balance

The Office of Controller has updated the unaudited Undesignated Unreserved Fund Balance (UUFB) at \$6,824,260, as of March 28, 2017. Please see attached UUFB Schedule.

The appropriation in resolution CJA-02-17-Social Services for amount \$5,038,678 utilized the Minimum Fund Balance. After reviewing the Attorney General's Opinion [01-17], the Minimum Fund balance needs to be replenished to its required 10% of previous annual budget. Such required amount is \$17,265,400. Since the last report of UUFB on February 28, 2017 we performed additional analysis and revised our estimates, which had the following impact on UUFB:

- Increase UUFB for lower estimated adjustments from audit AJE's
- Increase UUFB for lower estimated expense to the Contingency Management Fund
- Decrease UUFB for the Permanent Fund set aside (CS-46-14)
- Decrease UUFB for additional capital projects

We believe our estimates to be prudent, reasonable, and conservative in nature and subject to the completion of the annual audit. The net impact of these changes resulted in UUFB of \$7,972,352. However, \$1,148,092 of UUFB was transferred to replenish the Minimum Fund Balance back up to the required 10%. Therefore, the UUFB balance is \$6,824,260 as of today.

Thank you, if you should have any question please feel free to call me at tribal extension X6308.



Undesignated, Unreserved, Fund Balance (UUFB)
March 28, 2017
(Unaudited)

| | UUFB | Min Fund Balance |
|---|---------------------|------------------|
| UUFB Balance | \$ - | \$ 16,117,308 |
| <u>Adjustments from Analysis:</u> | | |
| Reduce Contingency Management Fund estimate | 20,000,000 | - |
| CS-49-16 Increase Permanent Fund Set Aside | (11,728,198) | - |
| Reduce estimate for audit AJE's | 10,000,000 | - |
| Increase other capital projects | (10,044,794) | - |
| UUFB 10-01-16 | 8,227,008 | - |
| <u>Supplementals:</u> | | |
| CJA-05-17 Bennett Freeze | 254,656 | - |
| Total Supplementals | 254,656 | - |
| Maintain 10% Minimum Fund Balance Transfer | (1,148,092) | 1,148,092 |
| UUFB Balance | - | 17,265,400 |
| 10% Minimum Fund Balance | - | (17,265,400) |
| UUFB 03-28-17 | \$ 6,824,260 | \$ - |

Thoreau Veteran Service Center Construction



Thoreau Chapter – Navajo Nation

Request to Navajo Nation Capital Improvement Office

\$3,135,500 Construction Funds

Submitted by:

Jackson Gibson, Commander

Thoreau Chapter Veterans Committee

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October 31, 2016

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SECTION 1

PROJECT DATA FORM

Project Data Form

Project Title:

Thoreau Veterans Service Center – Construction

Projected Start Date:

The project start date is contingent to the acquisition of construction funds. To date, the Thoreau Chapter Veterans Committee (TCVC) has received \$914,500, which represents 22.58% of the required project financing. All required site clearances have been received, the design and engineering functions have been completed, and the project is construction-ready.

Projected End Date:

The construction phase is anticipated to have a 9-month completion schedule.

Impact Analysis

A. Explain the benefits to the Users or Recipients of Your Intended Project:

The construction of the Thoreau Veterans Service Center will establish a place for Veterans, active duty service personnel, and their families to receive assistance with many issues related to their military careers and the various challenges faced when assistance is required. The facility will provide critical links to services and benefit programs that can have a substantial positive impact on all that it will serve.

B. How will this project impact the community as a whole?

Thoreau Navajo Community has a population of over 3,000 people with more than 1,200 registered to vote in Navajo Nation elections. As with many chapters, community facilities such as the Thoreau Veterans Service Center, provide a place for community members to congregate and strengthen the cultural and civic values shared by all members. By providing a venue for all community members to honor the sacrifices made by Veterans and their families, a stronger and more functional community can emerge.

C. What impact will your Project have on the daily operations of the chapter, program, or agency?

The Thoreau Chapter Veterans Committee operates under the umbrella of the Thoreau Chapter. With the inception of the Veterans Service Center facility, coordination between the chapter officials and the Veterans Committee will continue as operational needs will dictate.

D. How will the Benefits reduce or eliminate a deficiency or obstacle to progress?

The Thoreau Veterans Service Center will function to eliminate the lack of access to critical assistance services for Veterans, active duty personnel, and their families. By providing services in-house, and advocating for earned military-related benefits, the barriers to progress can be removed as more Veterans and their families more effectively utilize available assistance programs.

E. What Plan or Policy, if any, will your Project help to implement?

The Thoreau Chapter Veterans Committee will establish and adopt a Facility Operations Plan for the new Veterans Service Center. The framework for the plan will address the operational requirements of the facility, the staffing requirements and responsibilities, and the regulatory controls as mandated by the terms of Navajo Nation procurement regulations, intergovernmental agreements, chapter resolutions, and mandates of the fiscal agent(s).

F. What Economic return, if any, is expected from your Project?

The purpose of the proposed Veterans Service Center facility is not intended for financial gain. Any ancillary economic returns will be derived from a strengthened and empowered community as Veterans and their families enjoy a more secure and positive life.

G. Will this Project create jobs? How many?

It is anticipated that the new facility will create several job opportunities. The facility will require administrative personnel to perform the daily operations and services. Additionally, several full-time maintenance/custodial and security positions will be required as well. As the aforementioned Facility Operations Plan is developed, the total number of required positions can be identified.

H. Will this Project prevent job loss or reduction in business activities?

This project is anticipated to create jobs and stimulate local business activity within the Thoreau community.

I. Where and how much do you estimate to save on your annual operating cost(s) from your Project, e.g. utility expenses, maintenance expenses, costly repair or renovations, personnel time, work performance and salaries, others as applicable.

The project will not save any annual operating costs as the costs related to the operations of the new facility will increase from what is not currently in place.

J. Is the Navajo Nation obligated to fund your Project?

Currently, the Navajo Nation is not formally obligated to fund the Project. The Project has received funding commitments from the State of New Mexico Capital Outlay Program, and the Thoreau Chapter. There have been project funding requests submitted to the Navajo Nation Tribal Council for legislative appropriations. Additionally, there have been funding requests submitted to the office of the Navajo Nation President for executive-level discretionary spending approval. These requests are currently being reviewed and their statuses are pending.

Leveraging of Funds

A. How much funds (in dollars and percentage) does your project request or require from the Navajo Nation?

The total development cost for the construction of the facility is estimated to be \$4,050,000. To date, the Thoreau Chapter Veterans Committee has acquired \$914,500 in project funding. This represents 22.58% of the total development cost of the facility. The construction budget requires an additional \$3,135,500 or 77.42% of the total development cost.

B. What internal or external sources have been acquired or committed to date? Expected or planned sources without documented evidence are helpful but do not qualify.

To date, the project has received funding approvals that total \$914,500.

C. What efforts and sources have been researched, contacted and/or agreements entered into with, if any?

There have been project funding requests submitted to the Navajo Nation Tribal Council for legislative appropriations, and to the office of the Navajo Nation President for executive-level discretionary spending approval. These requests are currently being reviewed and their statuses are pending.

Feasibility Studies

A. Are feasibility studies completed and available for review?

This is a design-build project. The design and engineering functions have been completed and a construction budget and progress schedule have been established. These are all available for review.

B. Who conducted your feasibility study and when?

The factors that determine feasibility were addressed throughout the design, engineering, and cost estimation/planning phase of the project. Cost controls were evaluated through the processes of plan review and value engineering. These evaluations were conducted throughout 2016 by R.S. Backlawski & Associates (Santa Fe) as the facility plans were developed.

C. Is your project feasible and consistent with your funding request?

The Thoreau Veterans Service Center project has been identified as feasible. All land clearances have been obtained. Construction-ready designs and engineering have been completed. Total development cost and progress schedule estimates have been identified and are consistent with regional construction cost indexing and related contingencies.

Extenuating Circumstances

A. Please explain your situation(s) and the importance of necessary funding.

This project, from its inception, has been driven by the needs of Veterans, active duty military personnel, and their families to establish localized services that bridges the gap between available assistance benefits and the honorable men and women who have earned them. If unfunded, the systemic problems faced will proliferate and a continuing sense of hopelessness will resound. The importance of the project funding represents a signal that change is possible, and hope can and should persevere.

B. What may happen if your Project is not funded?

From a logistical standpoint, a lack of construction funding will stall the Project. Cost estimates will become inaccurate as cost indexes change over time. Revised cost estimates and planning schedules will place an additional financial burden on the total development cost of the project. Essentially, all momentum for the project will halt, and the project will inevitably slide backwards from completion as finished work will need to be done again.

Other Viable Alternatives Considered

A. If your project is not feasible, what option(s) is/are available?

This project has been determined to be feasible.

B. If your project cannot be immediately funded, what are your contingency plans?

If not immediately funded, the coordinated efforts of the Thoreau Chapter officials, Veterans Committee, and sponsoring New Mexico State Legislators will continue to petition and acquire legislative appropriations for the successful completion of this worthwhile project. This process is the most time-consuming and protractive methodology, yet it has produced results. Alternate funding sources will also be pursued by applying for Federal-level grant funding.

C. Has phase funding of your Project been considered?

This project is construction ready. The construction of the facility cannot be phased, as starting and stopping the project will increase the overall cost if the project is "rolled-up" and re-mobilized several times. It is also detrimental to the integrity of the facility if progress is stopped before the building is properly protected from environmental factors.

D. Can your Project be developed without funding?

No.

E. Has volunteering or consortiums been developed with area businesses, post-secondary institutions or non-profit entities?

Not applicable.

F. Have you considered co-sponsoring a Project with surrounding Chapters, programs or agencies?

The purpose of the Thoreau Veterans Service Center is to provide services to all members of the Navajo Nation, Eastern Agency-including all chapters and members there within.

SECTION 2

PROJECT PROPOSAL

Project Proposal

1. Summary

The Thoreau Chapter Veterans Committee (TCVC), which supports 80 veteran chapter members and 80 active duty chapter members on deployment, has coordinated with many veterans' organizations and active service personnel, to address and provide the critical links between available services and those who have earned the benefits. The TCVC has identified a need for a regional Service Center facility that will serve Veterans, active service personnel, and their families from all areas of the Navajo Nation. The proposed facility will allow for the retention of full-time benefits specialists to advocate on Veterans' behalf to identify and apply for services at all levels of government. The facility will also accommodate medical professionals to provide in-house counseling, physical therapy, and transportation to and from the new Veterans Service Center. Coordination with the Thoreau Chapter has identified the site for the new facility within the Chapter compound. All land investigations and clearances have been obtained and the facility designs and engineering have been completed. A construction budget and progress schedule have been established and the project is construction ready.

2. Introduction

Since 2014, the TCVC, along with the Thoreau Chapter has leveraged \$134,500 in matching funds to the acquisition of an additional \$780,000 in project funding from the State of New Mexico Capital Outlay program. The total amount obligated to the project to date is \$914,500. This represents 22.58% of the total development cost of the project. This project has received support from Tribal officials, New Mexico State Senators and legislators, chapter officials, and veterans' consortiums in the form of funding for the design, engineering, and coordination requirements. This grant request, if funded, will provide funds for the construction of the facility, and promote a continuation of the efforts of so many who are resolved to addressing the need for the critical services within the Navajo Nation.

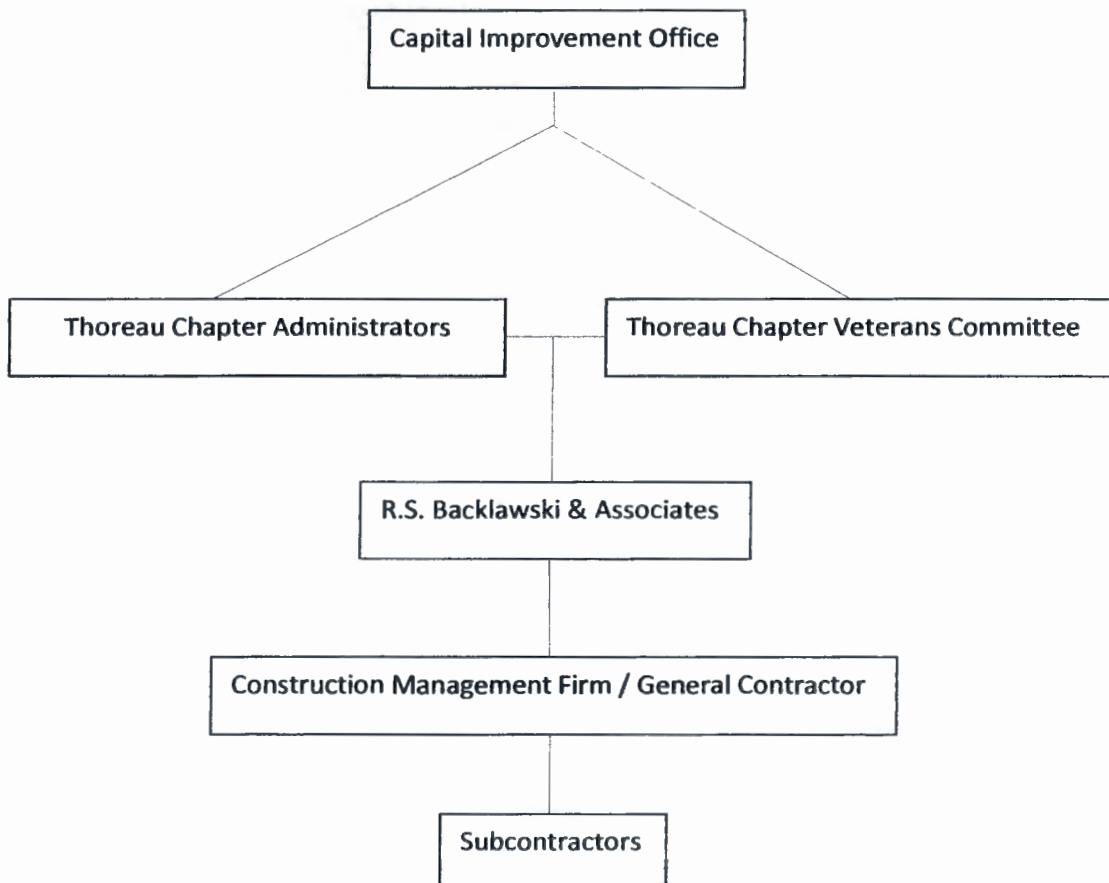
3. Need for and Goals of the Project

Members of the armed services face many challenges throughout the honorable completion of their military careers, and often, these challenges resound following discharge. Veterans heroically sacrifice youth and longevity to be left with debilitating physical and psychological ailments. When coupled with socio-economic needs such as housing, education, post-service job training, employment, child care, and transportation, many Veterans can become overwhelmed, and battle a sense of hopelessness assimilating into civilian life. This feeling of hopelessness can lead to alcoholism, drug addiction, criminal activity, homelessness, domestic violence, child abuse/neglect and an overall diminishment of traditional values. Most veterans require some form of assistance to address the challenges they face. Various Federal, state, and tribal governments, along with private foundations, and local government-based veterans' organizations have established benefit programs to provide the necessary assistance most Veterans require. However, many Veterans remain disconnected from these vital services. The primary factors, generally, are an overall lack of understanding of the assistance programs and their related application processes. Additionally, Navajo Veterans are also faced with geographical and economic barriers that further exasperate their ability to acquire the necessary assistance. With over 9,000 veterans and active military personnel facing these challenges on the Navajo Nation, a critical need exists in every agency and every chapter.

The construction of the Thoreau Veterans Service Center will establish a place for Veterans, active duty service personnel, and their families to receive assistance with many issues related to their military careers and the various challenges faced when assistance is required. The facility will provide critical links to services and benefit programs that can have a substantial positive impact on all that it will serve.

4. *Scope of Work*

The Thoreau Chapter administrators and Thoreau Chapter Veterans Committee retained the services of R.S. Backlawski & Associates (Santa Fe) as the prime consultant for the pre-construction development of the facility. Utilizing design charrette input methodologies, the architectural design criteria was established and engineering disciplines (structural, electrical, mechanical, civil) were addressed and completed. Following this, cost estimates were established and the designs were evaluated through plan review and value engineering methods for thoroughness and cost effectiveness. As the project transitions into the construction phase, R.S. Backlawski & Associates will continue to function as the prime consultant for the construction firm that will be selected following acquisition of construction funds and subsequent public solicitation of the project. The following chart illustrates the organizational hierarchy of the project as it relates to this request.



CULTURAL RESOURCES COMPLIANCE FORM

THE NAVAJO NATION
HISTORIC PRESERVATION DEPARTMENT
PO BOX 4950
WINDOW ROCK, ARIZONA 86515

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NNHPD NO. **HPD-10-413**

OTHER PROJECT NO.

DCDI 10-011

PROJECT TITLE: A Cultural Resource Inventory of the Thoreau Chapter Tract, Thoreau Chapter, McKinley County, New Mexico

LEAD AGENCY: BIA/NR

SPONSOR: Thoreau Chapter, PO Box 899, Thoreau, New Mexico 87323

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed undertaking involves general planning & development of the existing chapter tract. The area of effect is 15.9-acres. Ground disturbance will be intensive and extensive with the use of heavy equipment.

LAND STATUS: Navajo Tribal Trust

CHAPTER: Thoreau

LOCATION: T.14N, R.13W - Sec. 27; Thoreau Quadrangle, McKinley County, New Mexico NMPM

PROJECT ARCHAEOLOGIST: Robert M. Begay

NAVAJO ANTIQUITIES PERMIT NO.: NTC

DATE INSPECTED: 03/28/10

DATE OF REPORT: 04/13/10

TOTAL ACREAGE INSPECTED: 15.9-ac

METHOD OF INVESTIGATION: Class III pedestrian inventory with transects spaced 15 m apart.

LIST OF CULTURAL RESOURCES FOUND:

(1) In-Use Area (IUA - 1-7)

LIST OF ELIGIBLE PROPERTIES:

None

LIST OF NON-ELIGIBLE PROPERTIES:

(1) IUA

LIST OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES:

None

EFFECT/CONDITIONS OF COMPLIANCE: **No historic properties affected.**

In the event of a discovery ["discovery" means any previously unidentified or incorrectly identified cultural resources including but not limited to archaeological deposits, human remains, or locations reportedly associated with Native American religious/traditional beliefs or practices], all operations in the immediate vicinity of the discovery must cease, and the Navajo Nation Historic Preservation Department must be notified at (928) 871-7148.

FORM PREPARED BY: Tamara Billic

FINALIZED: June 2, 2010

Notification to

Proceed Recommended:

Yes XX No

Conditions:

Yes No XX

[Signature]
Alan S. Downer, Navajo Nation
Historic Preservation Officer

6-4-10
Date

Navajo Region Approval:


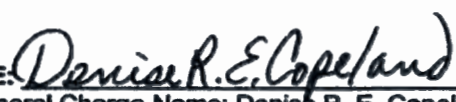
Yes p No

[Signature]
BIA Regional Director

JUN 18 2010
Date

bp 6/15/10

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| 1. HPD REPORT NO: | |
| 2. TITLE OF REPORT: A Cultural Resource Inventory of the Thoreau Chapter Tract, Thoreau Chapter, McKinley County, New Mexico Author (s): Robert M. Begay | 3. FIELDWORK DATE(S): March 28, 2010 4. REPORT DATE(S): April 13, 2010 |
| 5. CONSULTANT NAME AND ADDRESS: Gen'l Charge: Denise R. E. Copeland, Principal Archaeologist Org. Name: Capital Improvement Office Org. Address: P.O. Box 335 Fruitland, New Mexico 87416 Phone: (505) 368-1059 | 6. PERMIT NO. NTC |
| | 7. CONSULTANT REPORT NO. DCD1 10-011 |
| 8. SPONSOR NAME AND ADDRESS Ind. Responsible: Thoreau Chapter Org. Name: Thoreau Chapter Org. Address: P. O. Box 899 Thoreau, New Mexico 87323 Phone: (505) 862-0139 | 9. SPONSOR PROJECT NO. N/A |
| | 10. AREA OF EFFECT 15.9 ac AREA SURVEYED 15.9 ac MAY 13 2010 |
| 11. LOCATION (MAP ATTACHED) a. Agency: <u>Eastern</u> f. UTM COORNIDATES: NAD 83, Zone 12 A: N 3922116 E 754013 b. Chapter: <u>Thoreau</u> B: N 3922048 E 753813 C: N 3922300 E 753710 D: N 3922311 E 754010 c. County: <u>McKinley</u> g. Area: T 14 N, R 13 W SE 1/4, SW 1/4 OF SEC. 27, N.M.P.M. d. State: <u>New Mexico</u> h. 7.5' Map Name(s): <u>Thoreau, New Mexico 1963</u> e. Land Status: <u>Tribal Trust</u> i. Lead Agency: <u>BIA/Navajo Region</u> | |
| 12. REPORT ATTACHMENTS: a. Description of Undertaking: The undertaking consists general planning of a Chapter Tract. Thoreau Chapter proposes to develop the tract by building new and modify existing infrastructures. Ground disturbing activities will extensive which include construction and the installation of utilities. b. Existing Data Review: As part of this project, the archival data of the Navajo Nation Historic Preservation Department (NNHPD) in Window Rock, AZ, were consulted. Seven projects (HPD#'s 88-187c, 88-311, 89-37, 89-273, 94-480, 95-481, 03-776 and 08-473). One site LA 56833 was recorded outside the tract. c. Area Environmental and Cultural Setting: The Chapter Tract is located ca. 0.25 miles north of the Thoreau, New Mexico along Highway 57. The vegetation consists of domestic trees, Russian thistle, snakeweed and various grasses. d. Field Methods: The Chapter Tract is fenced on the south, east and north side and is bounded by an NHA housing tract on the west side. The area does not have a legal description and the UTM coordinates were collected in NAD 83 by a DeLorme GPS unit. The investigation was conducted by (100%) Class III level pedestrian inventory by transects spaced 15 m apart. The Dlo'ayazhi Veterans Organization Tract (HPD 08-473) is located in the Southeast corner of Chapter Tract and was re-walked for convenience. A total of 15.9 ac was inventoried. Ms. Bette Miller was interviewed about Traditional Cultural Properties and none were identified within or near the area. | |
| 13. CULTURAL RESOURCE FINDINGS: a. Location/Identification of Each Value: Seven in-use structures were identified which includes a Chapter House (1960), Pre-School (1985), Senior Citizen Center (1985), Warehouse(1980s) Old Headstart (1978), Water Pump Building (1980s), and equipment yard (2000s). No other cultural resources were identified. b. Evaluation of Significance of Each Value (above): The Chapter House meets the 50-year guidelines and is potentially eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Future work on this building would require further evaluation. The reminding in-use structures do not meet the 50-year guideline for inclusion into the National Register of Historic Places. No historic properties will be affected at the current time. | |
| 14. MANAGEMENT SUMMARY (Recommendations): Notice to proceed for the undertaking is recommended. | |
| 17. CERTIFICATION: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> SIGNATURE:  Direct Charge Name: Robert M. Begay </div> <div> Date: April 13, 2010 </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 20px;"> <div> SIGNATURE:  General Charge Name: Denise R. E. Copeland </div> <div> Date: April 21, 2010 </div> </div> | |

ARCHAEOLOGICAL INVENTORY REPORT DOCUMENTATION PAGE (HPD JAN/91)

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| 1. HPD REPORT NO: | 2. (FOR HPD USE ONLY) | 3. RECIPIENT'S ACCESSION NO. | | | | | | | | |
| 4. TITLE OF REPORT: A Cultural Resource Inventory of the Dlo'ayazhi Veterans Organization Tract, Thoreau Chapter, McKinley County, New Mexico Author (s): Maxine L. Yazzie | | 5. FIELDWORK DATES June 9, 2008 | | | | | | | | |
| | | 6. REPORT DATES June 12, 2008 | | | | | | | | |
| 7. CONSULTANT NAME AND ADDRESS: Gen'l Charge: Denise R. E. Copeland, Principal Archaeologist Org. Name: Capital Improvement Office Org. Address: P.O. Box 2150 Shiprock, New Mexico 87420 Phone: (505) 368-1059 | | 8. PERMIT NO. NTC | | | | | | | | |
| | | 9. CONSULTANT REPORT NO. DCD1 08-018 | | | | | | | | |
| 10. SPONSOR NAME AND ADDRESS Ind. Responsible: Mr. Robin Wood, Vice-Commander Org. Address: P. O. Box 1218 Thoreau, New Mexico 87323 Phone: (505) 862-0202 | | 11. SPONSOR PROJECT NO. | | | | | | | | |
| | | 12. AREA OF EFFECT <u>1.00</u> ac AREA SURVEYED <u>1.00</u> ac | | | | | | | | |
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| 14. REPORT /x/ OR SUMMARY (REPORT ATTACHED) // OR PRELIMINARY REPORT // | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>a. Description of Undertaking: The undertaking consists of a land withdrawal for the Dlo'ayazhi Veterans Organization Tract. Ground disturbing activities will include a new house construction and the installation of utilities. BIA/NR is the lead agency for the project.</p> <p>b. Existing Data Review: As part of this project, the archival data of the Navajo Nation Historic Preservation Department (NNHPD) in Window Rock were consulted. Several projects have been completed within 1 km (.06 mi), and they include (HPD# 88-187, 88-229, 89-37, 89-273, 90-010, 94-807, 97-703, 99-311, 00-95, and 02-957) and two sites (LA 124492 and NM-Q-39-4) have been documented.</p> <p>c. Area Environmental & Cultural Setting: The Veterans Tract is found between the Thoreau Chapter Tract and the Navajo Housing Tract, on a vacant lot. The west and south edge is bound by a fence and NM State Highway 371 runs along the south edge. The vegetation consists of cedar, Chinese Elm, four-winged saltbush, various grasses and snakeweed.</p> <p>d. Field Methods: Mr. Robin Wood supplied the project location map to the author. All four corner stakes were found at the time of the inventory. The investigation was conducted by (100%) Class III level pedestrian inventory by transects spaced 15 m apart. A total of 1.00 ac was inventoried. Mr. Wood was interviewed about Traditional Cultural Properties and none were identified.</p> | | | | | | | | | | |
| 15. CULTURAL RESOURCE FINDINGS: | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>a. Location/Identification of Each Value: None.</p> <p>b. Evaluation of Significance of Each Value (above): No historic properties were found.</p> | | | | | | | | | | |
| 16. MANAGEMENT SUMMARY (Recommendations): Notice to proceed for the undertaking is recommended. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 17. CERTIFICATION: | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>SIGNATURE: <u>Maxine L. Yazzie</u> Date: <u>June 12, 2008</u> Direct Charge Name: Maxine L. Yazzie</p> <p>SIGNATURE: <u>Denise R. E. Copeland</u> Date: <u>June 12, 2008</u></p> | | | | | | | | | | |

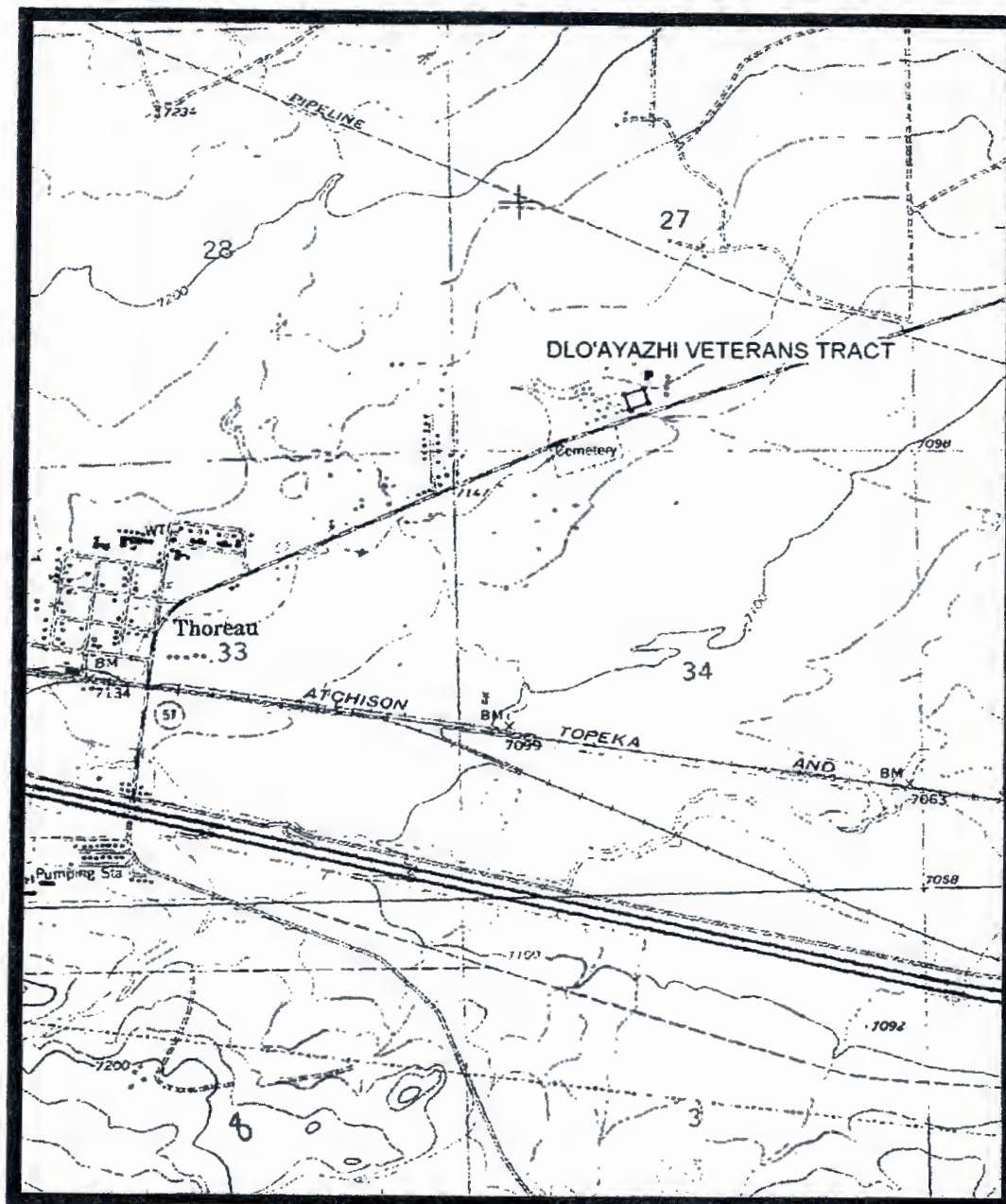


Figure 1: Specific location of the Dlo'ayazhi Veteran's Tract. Map is after U.S.G.S. quad: Thoreau, New Mexico 1963 PR 1980. DCD1 08-018.

BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES COMPLIANCE FORM
NAVAJO NATION DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
P.O. BOX 1480, WINDOW ROCK, ARIZONA 86515-1480

It is the Department's opinion the project described below, with applicable conditions, is in compliance with Tribal and Federal laws protecting biological resources including the Navajo Endangered Species and Environmental Policy Codes, U.S. Endangered Species, Migratory Bird Treaty, Eagle Protection and National Environmental Policy Acts. This form does not preclude or replace consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service if a Federally-listed species is affected.

PROJECT NAME & NO.: Thoreau Veterans Service Center

DESCRIPTION: Thoreau Chapter proposes the construction, operation and maintenance of a veteran's center within the existing 15.9-acre chapter tract. The project would include all associated utilities.

LOCATION: Section 27, T14N, R13W, Thoreau, McKinley County, New Mexico

REPRESENTATIVE: Jackson Gibson, Thoreau Chapter

ACTION AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs and Navajo Nation

B.R. REPORT TITLE / DATE / PREPARER: Request for review and concurrence/11 OCT 2016/Jackson Gibson

SIGNIFICANT BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES FOUND: Area 3.

POTENTIAL IMPACTS

NESL SPECIES POTENTIALLY IMPACTED: NA

FEDERALLY-LISTED SPECIES AFFECTED: NA

OTHER SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS TO BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES: NA

AVOIDANCE / MITIGATION MEASURES: NA

CONDITIONS OF COMPLIANCE*: NA

FORM PREPARED BY / DATE: Pamela A. Kyselka/11 OCT 2016

COPIES TO: (add categories as necessary)

☐ _____ ☐ _____

2 NTC § 164 Recommendation:

Signature

Date

☒ Approval

☐ Conditional Approval (with memo)

☐ Disapproval (with memo)

☒ Categorical Exclusion (with request letter)

☐ None (with memo)

Gloria M. Tom
 Gloria M. Tom, Director, Navajo Nation Department of Fish and Wildlife

10/12/16

*I understand and accept the conditions of compliance, and acknowledge that lack of signature may be grounds for the Department not recommending the above described project for approval to the Tribal Decision-maker.

Representative's signature

Date



THOREAU CHAPTER VETERANS COMMITTEE

PO BOX 899

THOREAU, NEW MEXICO 87323

505-979-0796

March 20, 2016

The Honorable Jonathan Nez
Navajo Nation Vice President
Window Rock, Arizona 86515

Dear Honorable Vice President Nez:

The attached resolution was passed by the Thoreau Chapter Veterans Committee following your visit to Thoreau Chapter on Sunday, March 6, 2016 to reaffirm TCVC's position that McKinley County be the fiscal agent for the Thoreau Veterans Service Center.

We have learned since your visit that Navajo Nation Department of Justice representatives have cancelled meeting with McKinley County simply because New Mexico Governor Susana Martinez vetoed the language in the Capital Outlay Bill that would have changed agency to Local Government Division rather than Indian Affairs Department. We strongly believe that working out an agreement with McKinley County should still be pursued so we can realize a service center for Veterans which you and President Russell Begaye strongly support.

TCVC members discussed this issue again at our meeting yesterday and continue to support working with McKinley County to complete this project. We hope you and President Begaye keep your promises to Veterans of Thoreau and make this agreement between McKinley County and the Navajo Nation happen. We are requesting meeting with you and President Begaye to discuss this matter with you as soon as possible.

Sincerely,


Jackson Gibson, Commander
Thoreau Chapter Veterans Committee


Lester Emerson, President
Thoreau Chapter


Edmund Yazzie, Council Delegate
Thoreau Chapter

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EASTERN NAVAJO VETERANS' ORGANIZATION

RESOLUTION OF EASTERN NAVAJO VETERANS ORGANIZATION

ENVO-A-2016-0007

Supporting Thoreau Chapter Veterans Committee and Thoreau Chapter Officials in their efforts to have McKinley County be the fiscal agent for the planning, designing, constructing, equipping and furnishing the Thoreau Veterans Service Center

WHEREAS:

1. The Eastern Navajo Veterans Organization was established as an advocate for the thirty-one (31) Chapter Veterans Committee within the Eastern Navajo Agency of the Navajo Nation and is charged with the responsibilities of representing these Chapter Veterans Committee; and
2. In 1942 the Navajo Tribal Council passed a resolution to aid and defend the United States Government against all subversive and armed conflict. In 1952, the Navajo Tribal Council passed a resolution to support and assist the United States Selective Service Board to draft eligible Navajos to serve in the United States Armed Forces and to reaffirm allegiance to the United States and express patriotism; and
3. The Thoreau Chapter Veterans Committee was established and recognized by the membership of Thoreau Community. The purpose of TCVC is to assist, represent, advocate and promote the Navajo Veterans of this community to ensure that the benefits they rightfully earned are provided in areas of housing, medical services, education, employment and other benefits afforded all Veterans of the US Armed Forces; and
4. In Calendar Year 2014 TCVC members lobbied area state legislators and secured \$295,000 of Capital Outlay Funding to plan, design and construct a Veterans Service Center in the compounds of Thoreau Chapter. In Calendar Year TCVC members continued their lobbying efforts and again were able to secure an additional \$275,000 for this project and during the recent New Mexico State Legislative session six area state legislators gave an additional \$210,000 toward the Veterans Service Center for a combined total of \$780,000 of New Mexico State monies. Thoreau Chapter contributed \$134,500 as matching money and TCVC currently has \$914,500 for planning, designing, constructing, equipping and furnishing this center and continue to seek additional dollars from available resources for this project; and
5. In July 2015 TCVC and chapter officials gained approval from the McKinley County Commission for the county to be the fiscal agent for this project including waivers of the 5% administrative fee for administering these funds. On December 6, 2016 McKinley County Manager and McKinley County Commission Chairperson assured Navajo Nation Vice

President Jonathan Nez that once the facility is completed the key would be turned over to TCVC and the Navajo Nation would be the owner of the building; and

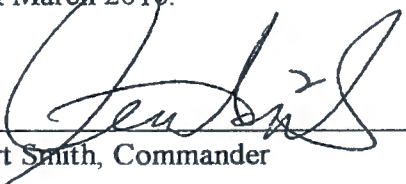
6. Although TCVC, Thoreau Chapter, McKinley County Commission, Area State Legislators, Navajo Nation President Russell Begaye and Vice President Jonathan Nez supports McKinley County to be the fiscal agent, Navajo Nation Department of Justice and employees of the Navajo Nation Design and Engineering Services continue to bottleneck this project with delays and bureaucracy. Three years have passed since the first appropriation and needed documents have not been properly processed through the Navajo Nation SAS system; and
7. Needed services will be provided for Veterans from this facility when it is completed and to eliminate the continued delay because of Navajo Nation bureaucracy this project needs to be administered through McKinley County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Eastern Navajo Veterans Organization hereby fully supports the efforts of Thoreau Chapter Veterans Committee and Thoreau Chapter Officials to have McKinley County be the fiscal agent for this very important project. Furthermore, The Eastern Navajo Veterans Organization respectfully requests appropriate standing committees of the Navajo Nation Council, Navajo Nation President Russell Begaye and Vice President Jonathan Nez to join TCVC in this effort and immediately process agreements between the Navajo Nation and McKinley County.

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered at a duly called meeting of the Eastern Navajo Veterans Organization at Casamero Lake Chapter at which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 42 in favor, 00 opposed and 01 abstained, this the 17th day of March 2016.


Hubert Smith, Commander

George Tolth
Moted by:

Samuel Sage
Second by:



THOREAU CHAPTER VETERANS COMMITTEE

PO BOX 899

THOREAU, NEW MEXICO 87323

505-979-0796

RESOLUTION OF THE THOREAU CHAPTER VETERANS COMMITTEE

Requesting Navajo Nation President Russell Begaye and Vice President Jonathan Nez to honor their commitment to Thoreau Chapter Veterans Committee to complete the Thoreau Veterans Service Center in a timely manner by eliminating Navajo Nation bureaucracy and providing matching funds from the Navajo Nation

WHEREAS:

1. The Thoreau Chapter Veterans Committee was established and recognized by the membership of Thoreau Community. The purpose of TCVC is to assist, represent, advocate and promote the Navajo Veterans of this community to ensure that the benefits they rightfully earned are provided in areas of housing, medical services, education, employment and other benefits afforded all Veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States; and
2. As a result of lack of service providers and service center in this area for all Veterans, TCVC members took it upon themselves to get a Veterans Service Center in the compounds of Thoreau Chapter from where needed services can be provided as well as a place for Veterans to meet and discuss issues relating to their needs; and
3. TCVC members lobbied their state legislators in Fiscal Year 2014 and 2015 securing \$570,000 in those two fiscal years. TCVC continued lobbying in Fiscal Year 2016 and secured an additional \$210,000 for a total of \$780,000 New Mexico State Capital Outlay Funding. Thoreau Chapter contributed as matching funds \$134,500; and
4. Initially, TCVC requested that McKinley County be the fiscal agent but the state funds were filtered through the NM State Indian Affairs Department that involved the Navajo Nation. The reason TCVC made the request for the county to be the fiscal agent was to process documents in a timely manner so the service center can be realized in a more timely manner rather than the delays in processing documents through the Navajo Nation bureaucracy; and
5. TCVC and Thoreau Chapter officials met on a number of occasions with the Honorable President of the Navajo Nation Russell Begaye and Honorable Vice President Jonathan Nez who made commitments to TCVC that their request would be honored to have McKinley County be the fiscal agent and supported this effort by pledging Navajo Nation matching funds; and
6. TCVC has secured approval from the McKinley County Commission to be the fiscal agent for this project including waivers of the 5% administrative cost to handle these state appropriated capital outlay funds. In addition, McKinley County agrees to turn over the key to the TCVC/Navajo Nation once the center is completed and the Navajo Nation will own the service center; and
7. The Navajo Nation continues to delay processing documents resulting in no expenditure of these funds while Veterans continue to struggle to take advantage of their benefits they rightfully earned. When the service center becomes a reality, much needed services can be provided from the center.

NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED THAT:


The Thoreau Chapter Veterans Committee and the Thoreau Chapter Officials respectfully requests the Honorable Navajo Nation President Russell Begaye and the Honorable Navajo Nation Vice President Jonathan Nez to honor their commitment to TCVC they made on December 6, 2015 and March 6, 2016 to have McKinley County be the fiscal agent for this project and to keep their pledge to provide Navajo Nation matching funds to complete this project. Furthermore, TCVC and Thoreau Chapter officials respectfully requests the Navajo Nation President and Vice President to keep their promise to remove Navajo Nation bureaucracy and move this project forward.

RESOLUTION OF THOREAU CHAPTER VETERANS COMMITTEE


"Requesting Navajo Nation President Russell Begaye and Vice President Jonathan Nez to honor their commitment to Thoreau Chapter Veterans Committee to complete the Thoreau Veterans Center in a timely manner by eliminating Navajo Nation bureaucracy and providing matching funds from the Navajo Nation"


CERTIFICATION


We hereby certify that this resolution was duly considered at a duly called meeting of the Thoreau Chapter Veterans Committee and thoroughly discussed at Thoreau Chapter House and that same was passed by a vote of 32 in favor, 0 opposed and 4 abstained this the 6th day of March, 2016. Motion: Lester Emerson, Seconded: Frankie Pablo



Jackson Gibson, Commander
Thoreau Chapter Veterans Committee



Haskie S. Jim, Vice Commander
Thoreau Chapter Veterans Committee


Patsy A. Gibson, Secretary
Thoreau Chapter Veterans Committee


Lester Emerson, President
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Judy K. Platero, Secretary/Treasurer
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| 37 | THOREAU CHAPTER VETERANS SERVICE CENTER-- EXPAND PURPOSE--SEVERANCE TAX BONDS.-- 87 Thoreau Chapter McKinley The unexpended balance of the appropriation to the Indian affairs department in Subsection 20 of Section 19 of Chapter 66 of Laws 2014 to plan, design and construct a veterans service center in the Thoreau chapter of the Navajo Nation in McKinley county -- may including furnishing and equipping that veterans service center. | Thoreau Chapter | IAD / LGD | Expand Purpose & | |
| 86 | THOREAU CHAPTER VETERANS SERVICE CENTER CONSTRUCTION-- EXPAND PURPOSE-- SEVERANCE TAX BONDS.-- 86 Thoreau Chapter McKinley The unexpended balance of the appropriation to the Indian affairs department in Subsection 23 of Section 25 of Chapter 3 of Laws 2015 (S.S.) to construct, equip and furnish a veterans service center in the Thoreau chapter of the Navajo Nation in McKinley county -- may include planning and design work. | Thoreau Chapter | IAD / LGD | Expand Purpose & | |
| 14 | TSA-YA-TOH CHAPTER RAILWAY INDUSTRIAL PARK CONSTRUCTION--CHANGE TO TSA-YA-TOH CHAPTER HOUSE CONSTRUCTION--SEVERANCE TAX BONDS.-- 14 Tsa-Ya-Toh Chapt McKinley The unexpended balance of the appropriation to the Indian affairs department in Subsection 23 of Section 19 of Chapter 66 of Laws 2014 to plan, design and construct a railway industrial park in the Tsa-Ya-Toh chapter of the Navajo Nation in McKinley county shall not be expended for the original purpose but is changed to plan, design and construct improvements to the chapter house for that chapter | Tsayatoh Chapter | IAD | Change Purpose | Approve |

San Juan County

| Project # | Project Title | Locality | Agency | Action | Status |
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| 91 | BLOOMFIELD RECYCLED WATER STORAGE POND--CHANGE TO EFFLUENT REUSE PROJECT AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS-- SEVERANCE TAX BONDS.-- 91 Bloomfield San Juan The unexpended balance of the appropriation to the department of environment in Subsection 48 of Section 20 of Chapter 3 of Laws 2015 (S.S.) for a recycled water storage pond in Bloomfield in San Juan county shall not be expended for the original purpose but is changed to plan, design and construct an effluent reuse project, including improvements to the wastewater treatment plant, in Bloomfield in San Juan county. | Bloomfield | NMED | Change Purpose | Approve |
| 15 | GADII'AH-TO'KOI SENIOR CENTER DEMOLITION--CHANGE TO SENIOR CENTER DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION--EXTEND TIME--SEVERANCE TAX BONDS.-- 15 Gadii'ahi Chapter, San Juan The unexpended balance of the appropriation to the Indian affairs department in Subsection 28 of Section 28 of Chapter 226 of Laws 2013 for demolition of the condemned senior center in the Gadii'ahi-To'koi chapter of the Navajo Nation in San Juan county shall not be expended for the original purpose but is changed to plan, design and construct a senior center for that chapter. The time of expenditure is extended through fiscal year 2018 | Gadii'Ah- To'koi Chapter | ALTSD | Change Purpose, Extend Time | Approve |
| 107 | NEWCOMB CHAPTER PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENT AND CONSTRUCTION-- CHANGE TO STREETLIGHT IMPROVEMENT AND CONSTRUCTION--CHANGE AGENCY--SEVERANCE TAX BONDS.-- 107 Newcomb Chapter San Juan The unexpended | Newcomb Chapter | IAD / DOT | Change Purpose, Change Agency | Approve |

RESOLUTION OF THE THOREAU CHAPTER VETERANS COMMITTEE

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"Requesting Navajo Nation President Russell Begaye to immediately act on an agreement between the Navajo Nation and McKinley County and authorize the county to be the fiscal agent for the Thoreau Chapter Veterans Center Project"

WHEREAS:

1. The Thoreau Chapter Veterans Committee was established and recognized by the membership of Thoreau Chapter Community with the purpose to assist, represent, and promote the Veterans and ensure that the benefits they rightfully earned are provided in areas of housing, medical services, education, employment, and other benefits afforded all Veterans of the Armed Forces, and
2. Veterans in this area have long been neglected from receiving benefits they rightfully earned due in most part because there are no service providers or facilities readily available for counseling, securing information on benefits, and adequate health care; and
3. Realizing this the members of the Thoreau Chapter Veterans Committee along with chapter officials lobbied the New Mexico State Legislators and secured \$295,000 in 2014 and 275,000 in 2015 to plan, design and construct a Veterans Service Center in the compounds of Thoreau Chapter. In addition the chapter membership approved \$134,000 of its capital improvement funds as matching funds. One acre of shovel ready land with existing utilities is available; and
4. To avoid unnecessary delays in starting and completing this project TCVC members with community support desires that McKinley County be the fiscal agent for this project. On July 7, 2015 the McKinley County Board of Commissioners approved the request from TCVC and agreed to be the fiscal agent; and
5. On August 27, 2015 TCVC members along with Thoreau Chapter Officials met with President Russell Begaye, Vice President Jonathan Nez and their staff to discuss this issue and at the conclusion of this meeting President Begaye instructed a member of his staff to get an agreement in place to reflect the request from TCVC; and
6. Currently no agreement is in place for the county or TCVC members to review and two years is upon us since the first funding was secured. The only word from the Office of the President is an email message to the county requesting for a meeting with all parties contacted leaving TCVC members out of this meeting; and
7. This is the bureaucracy that TCVC and Thoreau Chapter Officials were concerned about and with this type of delays it is evidence enough for an agreement to be finalized between the

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Navajo Nation and McKinley County under policies and procedures of McKinley County. TCVC and Chapter Officials strongly believe that they will have this center completed sooner if they are allowed to work with McKinley County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Thoreau Chapter Veterans Committee, Thoreau Chapter Officials with support from community members request Navajo Nation President to honor his commitment to all Veterans and instruct his staff to develop a reasonable agreement between the Navajo Nation and McKinley County authorizing the county to be the fiscal agent for the Thoreau Veterans Service Center. Furthermore TCVC and Thoreau Officials request President Russell Begaye and Vice President Jonathan Nez to realize the sacrifices made by all Veterans and the underutilization of benefits because of bureaucracies by governmental agencies including the Navajo Nation. TCVC and Chapter Officials also request the Navajo Nation President and Vice President to understand that the requesting party are citizens of McKinley County and the State of New Mexico and are entitled to these capital outlay funds for their benefit.

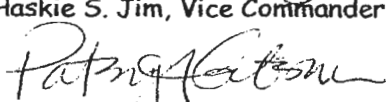
C E R T I F I C A T I O N

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered at a duly called meeting of the Thoreau Chapter Veterans Committee and that the same was passed by a vote of 25 in favor, 0 opposed and 05 abstained this the 6th day of December 06, 2015.

Motion by: Frankie Pablo
Second by: Joe Herrera


Jackson Gibson, Commander

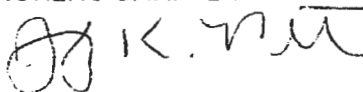

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THOREAU CHAPTER
RESOLUTION TCH-074-15-071

Supporting the Thoreau Chapter Veterans Committee request to Navajo Nation President, Russell Begaye and Vice President, Jonathan Nez to support the request for McKinley County to be the fiscal agent for the plan, design and construction of the Thoreau Veterans Service Center.

WHERE AS:

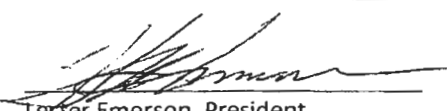
- 1) Thoreau Chapter is a certified Navajo Nation Chapter Government pursuant to the Navajo Nation Resolution CJ- 20-55, it is a delegated governmental authority with respect to local matters consistent with Navajo Nation Law including customs, traditions and fiscal matters, and
- 2) Pursuant to 2 N.N.C 4028, the community members of Thoreau Chapter in a duly called meeting shall have the authority to make appropriate recommendations to the Navajo Nation; and
- 3) Thoreau Chapter is empowered by the Navajo Nation Council to review all matters affecting the community and to make favorable decisions in the best interest of the community membership; and
- 4) Thoreau Chapter membership is desirous of enhancing the living standards and providing healthy environment for residents living in the community of Thoreau Chapter, Navajo Nation, McKinley County, New Mexico; and
- 5) Thoreau Chapter membership values and respects their Veterans that gave their dedicated services to the United States of America; and
- 6) Thoreau Chapter membership acknowledges the services for Veterans are limited and services are provided only at long distance areas from Thoreau, New Mexico and surrounding communities; and
- 7) The Thoreau Chapter Veterans Committee were appropriated \$295,000 from the New Mexico Legislature Capital Outlay appropriation for the proposed Thoreau Veterans Service Center and the Thoreau Chapter community members authorized an additional \$105,000 from the Chapter Capital Improvement Fund for the proposed Thoreau Veterans Service Center which makes a total of \$400,000 and an additional \$275,000 was appropriated again from New Mexico Legislature Capital Outlay appropriation for the proposed Thoreau Veterans Service Center which makes a total of \$675,000, additional funds are being sought from the Navajo Nation Capital Improvement Funds; and
- 8) McKinley County, New Mexico and The Navajo Nation agrees to facilitate the Intergovernmental Agreement for the planning, designing and construction of the Thoreau Veterans Service Center with McKinley County as the fiscal agent, and The Thoreau Chapter membership requests the chapter administration and officials to initiate all actions necessary to attain the Intergovernmental Agreement to implement the plan, design and construction of the proposed Thoreau Veteran Service Center.
- 9) Thoreau Veterans Committee has a total of \$704,500 for the planning, design and construction of the proposed Thoreau Veterans Service Center and seeks additional funds.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1) Thoreau Chapter membership hereby supports the Thoreau Chapter Veterans Committee request to Navajo Nation President, Russell Begaye and Vice President, Jonathan Nez to support the request for McKinley County to be the fiscal agent for the plan, design and construction of the Thoreau Veterans Service Center.
- 2) Thoreau Chapter Administration and Officials are hereby authorized to execute any and all actions to carry out the purpose and intent of this foregoing resolution.

CERTIFICATION

It is hereby certified that the foregoing Resolution was duly considered by and moved for adoption by Charley Long, seconded by Haskie Jim and thoroughly discussed and adopted by a vote of 26 in favor and 0 opposed and 4 abstained at a duly called meeting at Thoreau Chapter on July 19, 2015.


Lester Emerson, President


Judy K. Platero, Secretary/Treasurer


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THOREAU CHAPTER
RESOLUTION TCH-074-15-069

Approving and acceptance of the Navajo Nation Supplement allocation and budget in the amount of \$29,500
for Thoreau Veteran Service Center.

WHERE AS:

- 1) Thoreau Chapter is a certified Navajo Nation Chapter Government pursuant to the Navajo Nation Resolution CJ- 20-55, it is a delegated governmental authority with respect to local matters consistent with Navajo Nation Law including customs, traditions and fiscal matters, and
- 2) Pursuant to 2 N.N.C 4028, the community members of Thoreau Chapter in a duly called meeting shall have the authority to make appropriate recommendations to the Navajo Nation; and
- 3) Thoreau Chapter is empowered by the Navajo Nation Council to review all matters affecting the community and to make favorable decisions in the best interest of the community membership; and
- 4) Thoreau Chapter membership is desirous of enhancing the living standards and providing healthy environment for residents living in the community of Thoreau Chapter, Navajo Nation, McKinley County, New Mexico; and
- 5) Thoreau Chapter membership acknowledges the services for Veterans are limited and services are provided only at long distance areas from Thoreau, New Mexico and surrounding communities; and
- 6) The Thoreau Chapter Veterans Committee were appropriated \$295,000 from the New Mexico Legislature Capital Outlay appropriation for the proposed Thoreau Veterans Service Center, the Thoreau Chapter community members authorized an additional \$105,000 from the Chapter Capital Improvement Fund and an additional \$275,000 was appropriated again from New Mexico Legislature Capital Outlay appropriation for the proposed Thoreau Veterans Service Center which makes a total of \$675,000, additional funds are being sought from the Navajo Nation Capital Improvement Funds; and
- 7) Thoreau Chapter membership allocates and earmarks the Supplemental Fund to the proposed Thoreau Veterans Service Center that is allocated to Thoreau Chapter as follows:

| Supplemental Funds | Amount |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Veterans Service Center | \$29,500 |

- 8) Thoreau Veterans Committee has a total of \$704,500 for the planning, design and construction of the proposed Thoreau Veterans Service Center and seeks additional funds.

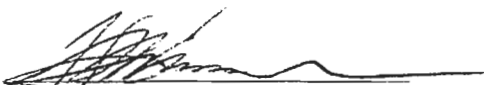
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1) Thoreau Chapter membership hereby approves and accepts the Navajo Nation Supplemental allocation and budget in the amount of \$29,500 for Thoreau Veterans Service Center and seeks additional funds.
- 2) Thoreau Chapter Administration and Officials are hereby authorized to execute any and all actions to carry out the purpose and intent of this foregoing resolution.

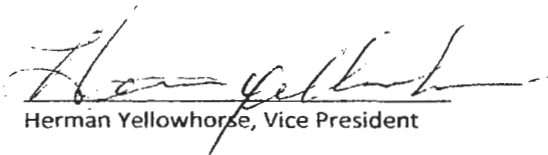
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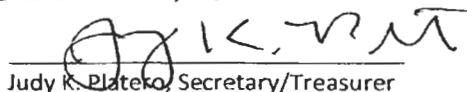
It is hereby certified that the foregoing Resolution was duly considered by and moved for adoption by Charley Long, seconded by Haskie Jim and thoroughly discussed and adopted by a vote of 26 in favor and 0 opposed and 4 abstained at a duly called meeting at Thoreau Chapter on July 19, 2015.



Lester Emerson, President



Herman Yellowhorse, Vice President



Judy K. Plateko, Secretary/Treasurer

THOREAU CHAPTER VETERANS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION OF THE THOREAU CHAPTER VETERANS COMMITTEE

Accepting \$29,500 contributed by Thoreau Chapter as matching funds for the planning, designing and construction of the Thoreau Chapter Veterans Service Center

WHEREAS:

1. The Thoreau Chapter Veterans Committee was established and recognized by the membership of Thoreau Chapter Community. The purpose of TCVC is to assist, represent, advocate and promote the Navajo Veterans of this community to ensure that the benefits they rightfully earned are provided in areas of housing, medical services, education, employment, and other benefits afforded all Veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States; and
2. In early 2014, TCVC members aggressively began seeking any funding from any source to plan, design and construct a Veterans Service Center in the compounds of Thoreau Chapter. In the recent two New Mexico State Legislative sessions, TCVC members lobbied area legislators and were successful in securing \$570,000 and \$105,000 matching funds from Thoreau Chapter. A \$400,000 funding request has been submitted to the Navajo Nation Capital Improvement Office and according to the Program Manager, passage of this funding request is promising; and
3. The Thoreau Chapter has made the Thoreau Chapter Veterans Service Center a top priority on their Tribal Infrastructure Fund listing. This project is shovel ready and will soon be bid out by the fiscal agent; and
4. The \$29,500 additional contribution from Thoreau Chapter toward this project will make the total amount available at \$704,500 for this worthy project.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Thoreau Chapter Veterans Committee graciously accepts the \$29,500 from Thoreau Chapter toward the planning, designing and construction of the Thoreau Chapter Veterans Service Center. Be it further resolved that the members of the Thoreau Chapter Veterans Committee extends its sincere appreciation to the Chapter Officials and Administration for this very kind consideration.

CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered at a duly called meeting of the Thoreau Chapter Veterans Committee at Thoreau Chapter on this the 12th day of July, 2015 and that same was passed by a vote of 20 in favor, 0 opposed and 3 abstaining.

Motion by: Marvin Boyd

Second by: Frankie Pablo

Jackson Gibson
Jackson Gibson, Commander

Haskie S. Jim
Haskie S. Jim, Vice Commander

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Patsy A. Gibson, Secretary/Treasurer

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July 8, 2015

Honorable President Russell Begaye
PO Box 7440
Window Rock, Arizona 86515

Dear Honorable President Begaye,

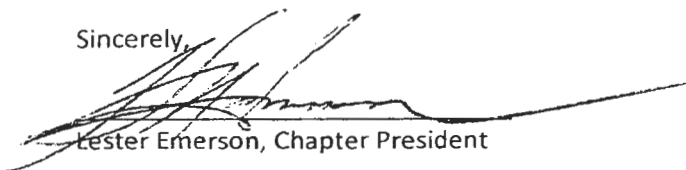
Thoreau Chapter Veterans Committee have made tremendous efforts and secured \$570,000 of Capital Outlay Funds from the New Mexico State Legislators over the past two legislative sessions. This matched by a \$105,000 commitment from Thoreau Chapter as our membership fully supports our brave men and women who served in the military. The \$675,000 is to plan, design and construct a Veterans Service Center in the compounds of Thoreau Chapter – land has already been withdrawn and all clearances are in place.

Because of the many challenges our Veterans face each day and those who are now serving will leave the military there will be an increase in the numbers and we need service centers to help with their needs. It is a known fact that Native American Veterans has consistently underutilized their VA benefits and that continues today. It is not their fault but many factors not realized by the Veterans Administration contribute to this. There are many other reasons for this Veterans Service Center to be realized soon.

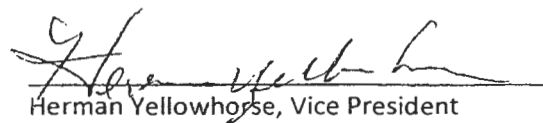
Thoreau Chapter Veterans Committee members, Chapter Officials and the Navajo Nation Capital Improvement Office Director have met with McKinley County officials for over a year now to find ways where we will have McKinley County be the fiscal agent rather than go through the lengthy Navajo Nation process. At the July 7, 2015 McKinley County Commission meeting, the commission unanimously passed our request for them to be our fiscal agent.

To further discuss this with you or Vice President Jonathan Nez, we are respectfully requesting to meet with you at your earliest convenient time for you. Please contact us if you have any questions. We will appreciate an immediate response.

Sincerely,

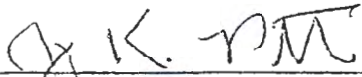


Lester Emerson, Chapter President



Herman Yellowhorse, Vice President

Letter to President Begaye
Thoreau Veterans Service Center

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Judy K. Platero', written over a horizontal line.

Judy K. Platero, Secretary/Treasurer

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Jackson Gibson, Commander
Edmund Yazzie, Council Delegate



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THOREAU CHAPTER
RESOLUTION TCH-074-14-059

APPROVING THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NAVAJO NATION AND MCKINLEY COUNTY,
NEW MEXICO FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGNING AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE THOREAU VETERANS SERVICE

WHERE AS:

- 1) Thoreau Chapter is a certified Navajo Nation Chapter Government pursuant to the Navajo Nation Resolution CJ- 20-55, it is a delegated governmental authority with respect to local matters consistent with Navajo Nation Law including customs, traditions and fiscal matters, and
- 2) Pursuant to 2 N.N.C 4028, the community members of Thoreau Chapter in a duly called meeting shall have the authority to make appropriate recommendations to the Navajo Nation; and
- 3) Thoreau Chapter is empowered by the Navajo Nation Council to review all matters affecting the community and to make favorable decisions in the best interest of the community membership; and
- 4) Thoreau Chapter membership values and respects their Veterans that gave their dedicated services to the United States of America; and
- 5) Thoreau Chapter membership acknowledges the services for Veterans are limited and services are provided only at long distance areas from Thoreau, New Mexico and surrounding communities; and
- 6) The Thoreau Chapter Veterans Committee were appropriated \$295,000 from the New Mexico Legislature Capital Outlay appropriation for the proposed Thoreau Veterans Service Center and the Thoreau Chapter community members authorized an additional \$105,000 from the Chapter Capital Improvement Fund for the proposed Thoreau Veterans Service Center which makes a total of \$400,000; and
- 7) McKinley County, New Mexico and The Navajo Nation agrees to facilitate the Intergovernmental Agreement for the planning, designing and construction of the Thoreau Veterans Service Center with McKinley County as the fiscal agent, and
- 8) The Thoreau Chapter membership requests the chapter administration and officials to initiate all actions necessary to attain the Intergovernmental Agreement to implement the plan, design and construction of the proposed Thoreau Veteran Service Center.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

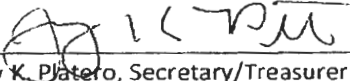
- 1) Thoreau Chapter membership hereby approves the request for the Intergovernmental Agreement between The Navajo Nation and McKinley County, New Mexico to plan, design and construct the Thoreau Veterans Service Center.
- 2) Thoreau Chapter Administration and Officials are hereby authorized to execute any and all actions to carry out the purpose and intent of this foregoing resolution.

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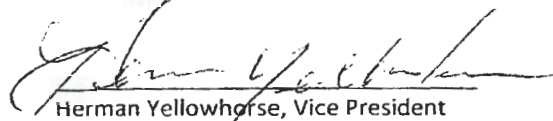
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It is hereby certified that the foregoing Resolution was duly considered by and moved for adoption by Charley Long, seconded by Tom Long and thoroughly discussed and adopted by a vote of 27 in favor and 0 opposed at a duly called meeting at Thoreau Chapter on August 17, 2014.

Leslie Chavez, President



Judy K. Platero, Secretary/Treasurer



Herman Yellowhorse, Vice President



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June 9, 2014

Casey Begay, Director,
Capital Improvement Office,
Navajo Nation,
Window Rock, Arizona 86515

Dear Mr. Begay:

During the recent New Mexico legislative session I approved \$80,000 of capital outlay funds for the planning, designing and construction of a Thoreau Veterans Service Center. Other legislators also contributed to this project for a total of \$295,000 of New Mexico State Capital Outlay Funds.

I fully support this important project because it will benefit many area Veterans. Presently our Native American Veterans are underutilizing their VA benefits and health care services. Underutilization is related to several geographic factors such as distance and topography; unavailability of resources including transportation, cultural values; eligibility for Indian Health Service Programs; and the lack of coordination among federal agencies, especially between the Veterans Administration and the Indian Health Service.

The Thoreau Navajo Chapter has approved matching funds in the amount of \$105,000 and now the Thoreau Chapter Veterans Committee, with full support of the chapter's membership are seeking additional dollars from the Navajo Nation in the amount of \$400,000. I strongly encourage your office to support this effort so that our brave men and women who have sacrificed much can have a place where they will be provided much needed services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Benny Shendo, Jr.".

Benny Shendo, Jr.
State Senator -District 22

Jackson Gibson, Commander
Thoreau Chapter Veteran Committee
P.O. Box 899
Thoreau, New Mexico 87323
(505) 979-0796

C. Begay
Rec'd 6/11/14

May 16, 2014

Casey Begay, Director
Capital Improvement Office
THE NAVAJO NATION
Window Rock, Arizona 86515

Dear Mr. Begay:

Members of the Thoreau Chapter Veteran Committee were successful in securing \$295,000 of Capital Outlay Funds from the New Mexico State during the recent legislative session. We were also successful in obtaining an additional \$105,000 of matching funds from Thoreau Chapter so currently we have \$400,000 available toward the planning, designing and construction of a Veteran Service Center.

We are submitting a request to your office to match the \$400,000 we currently have so our total would be \$800,000 toward this very worthy project for our brave men and women who have served our country honorably and courageously.

Due to lack of technical expertise, we will request qualification information from firms for design, engineering, project management, and development for this veteran service center. We have also communicated with appropriate personnel from several different governmental agencies to have McKinley County as our fiscal agent for this project. We are doing this because we need services for our veterans as soon as possible. We will continue to communicate with you regarding our project but in the meantime on behalf of all veterans I respectfully request for your assistance in securing the additional matching funds we need.

Sincerely,



Jackson Gibson

xc: Edmund Yazzie, Council Delegate, Thoreau Chapter
Chapter officials, Thoreau Chapter



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**THOREAU CHAPTER
RESOLUTION TCH-074-14-035**

SUPPORTING AND APPROVING THE REQUEST FROM THOREAU CHAPTER VETERANS COMMITTEE TO WORK WITH THE NAVAJO NATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT OFFICE AND THE NEW MEXICO STATE INDIAN AFFAIRS OFFICE AND NAME McKinley County AS THE FISCAL AGENT FOR THE \$295,000 SECURED BY THE THOREAU CHAPTER VETERANS COMMITTEE MEMBERS FROM THE NEW MEXICO STATE CAPITAL OUTLAY PROGRAM FOR PLANNING, DESIGNING AND CONSTRUCTION A VETERANS SERVICE CENTER.

WHERE AS:

- 1) Thoreau Chapter is a certified Navajo Nation Chapter Government pursuant to the Navajo Nation Resolution CJ- 20-55, it is a delegated governmental authority with respect to local matters consistent with Navajo Nation Law including customs, traditions and fiscal matters, and
- 2) Pursuant to 2 N.N.C 4028, the community members of Thoreau Chapter in a duly called meeting shall have the authority to make appropriate recommendations to the Navajo Nation; and
- 3) Thoreau Chapter is empowered by the Navajo Nation Council to review all matters affecting the community and to make favorable decisions in the best interest of the community membership; and
- 4) Thoreau Chapter Veterans Committee is a duly recognized committee of the Thoreau Chapter and is empowered to advocate on behalf of community Veterans and to secure benefits and services for the many brave men and women who have served their country courageously and honorably; and
- 5) During the recent New Mexico State Legislative Session members of the Thoreau Chapter Veterans Committee lobbied area legislators and secured \$295,000 of capital outlay money to plan, design and construct a Veterans Service Center in the compounds of Thoreau Chapter; and
- 6) Lands for this Veterans Service Center has been withdrawn several years ago but due to lack of funding no development has occurred yet in this location which is project ready, archaeological clearance has been made, survey of the site completed and all utilities needed are in the location site; and
- 7) Currently there are no services readily available for all Veterans in this region because no counselors or benefits specialist are provided by the Navajo Nation, State of New Mexico or the Federal Veterans Administration resulting in many Veterans underutilizing their VA benefits which they rightfully earned; and
- 8) There are many issues and challenges our brave men and women who served our country honorably are confronted with such as Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, Agent Orange which is a serious health problem, Homeless Veterans, Denial of VA Claims and other obstacles that causes our Veterans to simply give up; and

- 9) There is a need to expedite expenditure of these capital outlay dollars earmarked to plan, design and construct a Veterans Service Center so immediate services to our Veterans can be realized as soon as possible.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1) Thoreau Chapter membership hereby supports and approves the request form the Thoreau Chapter Veterans Committee to name the McKinley County Government as their fiscal agent so the Thoreau Veterans Service Center can be realized in the very near future.
- 2) Thoreau Chapter further approves that the Navajo Ntion Capital Improvement Office works directly with the Thoreau Chapter Veterans Committee to expend the \$295,000 and supports additional matching funds for this project.
- 3) Thoreau Chapter Administration and Officials are hereby authorized to execute any and all actions to carry out the purpose and intent of this foregoing resolution.

CERTIFICATION

It is hereby certified that the foregoing Resolution was duly considered by and moved for adoption by Curtis Charley, seconded by Shannon Platero and thoroughly discussed and adopted by a vote of 21 in favor, 0 opposed and 7 abstained at a duly called meeting at Thoreau Chapter on April 2, 2014.


Leslie Chavez, President


Herman Yellowhorse, Vice President


Judy K. Platero, Secretary/Treasurer

RESOLUTION OF THE THOREAU CHAPTER VETERANS COMMITTEE

Requesting the Navajo Nation Capital Improvement Office to work closely with the Thoreau Chapter Veterans Committee to expend the New Mexico State Capital Outlay Funds for planning, designing and constructing a Veterans Service Center in the compounds of Thoreau Chapter

WHEREAS:

1. The Thoreau Chapter Veterans Committee is established and recognized by the membership of Thoreau Chapter community and comprises of honorably discharged men and women of the Armed Forces of the United States; and
2. The purpose of this Veterans Committee is to assist, represent, advocate and promote Veterans of this community and to insure that the benefits they rightfully earned are provided by all entities of the Navajo, County, State and Federal Governments; and
3. During the recent New Mexico State Legislative session members of Thoreau Chapter Veterans Committee lobbied area state legislators and were awarded with \$295,000 of capital outlay funds to plan, design and construct a Veterans Service Center in the compounds of Thoreau Chapter; and
4. Currently there are no services immediately available in the area for many of our men and women who have served their country resulting in lack of services for various issues relating to health, education, employment, and other problems associated with their service to their country; and
5. There is a tremendous need to have a facility where our Veterans can congregate to address these various challenges and to be provided services by certified Veterans Benefit Specialists and Counselors specialized in addressing Post Traumatic Stress Disorders for those who have seen the horrors of war. In addition many of our Navajo men and women will soon leave the service and come home, needing their fellow Veterans and this facility to be provided the needed services; and
6. The planning, designing and construction of this Veterans Service Center is a priority for all Veterans of this area without lengthy delays; and
7. The Thoreau Veterans Committee membership feel that having the McKinley County Government as the fiscal agent for expending the \$295,000 of capital outlay funds would insure that this facility be realized in a timely manner so services to our brave men and women who sacrificed much can be provided.



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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Thoreau Chapter Veterans Committee respectfully requests Mr. Casey Begay, Director of the Navajo Nation Capital Improvement Office to work with all appropriate entities of the McKinley County Government, the New Mexico State Indian Affairs Department and the Thoreau Chapter Veterans Committee and select the McKinley County Government to be the fiscal agent for the \$295,000 capital outlay funds appropriated by the New Mexico State Legislators for planning, designing and constructing a Veterans Service Center. The Thoreau Chapter Veteran Committee further requests Mr. Casey Begay to continue his support for all Veterans and to make all necessary efforts to complete this project in a timely manner.

CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered at a duly called meeting of the Thoreau Chapter Veterans Committee and that same was passed by a vote of 10 in favor, 0 opposed and 2 abstained this the 18th day of March 2014.

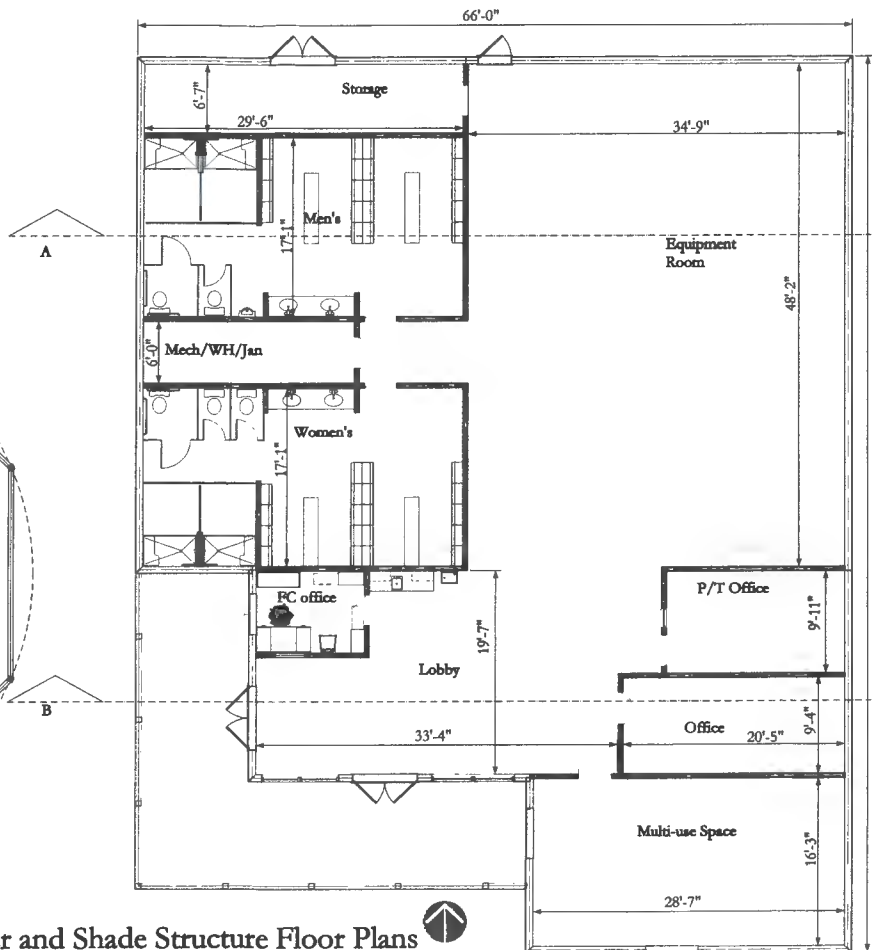
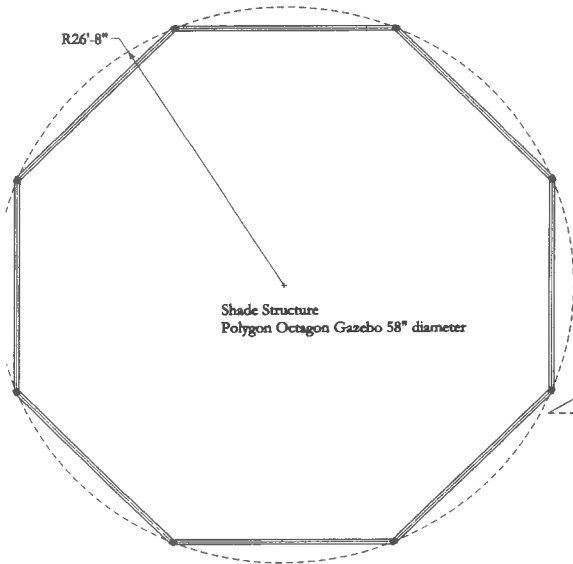
Motion by Mr. Frankie Pablo

Seconded by Mr. Lester Emerson


Jackson Gibson, Commander


Hoskie S. Jim, Vice Commander


Patsy A. Gibson, Secretary

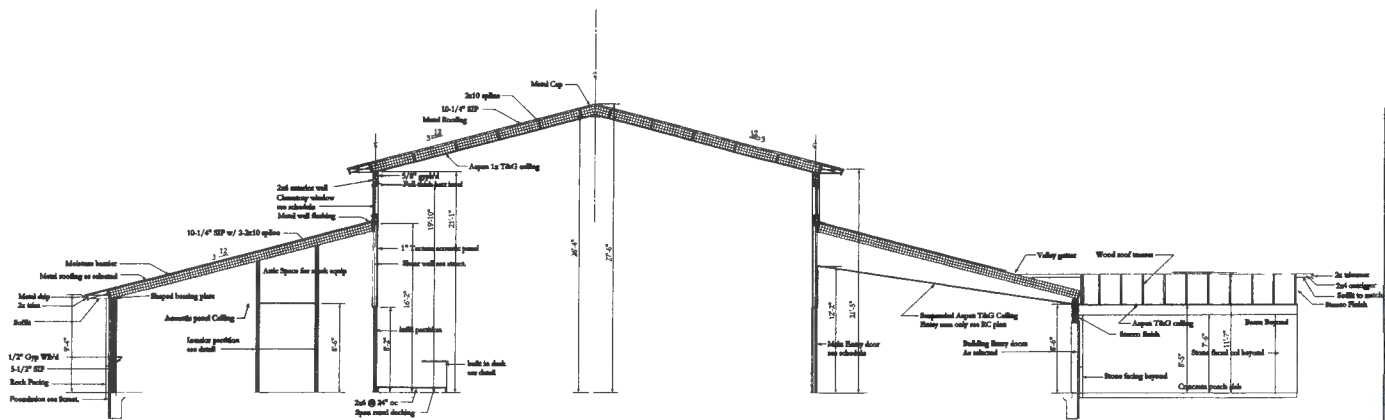


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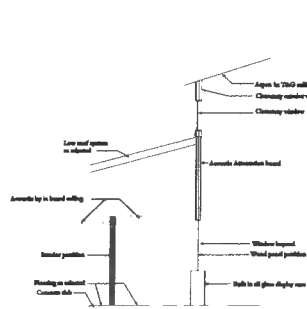
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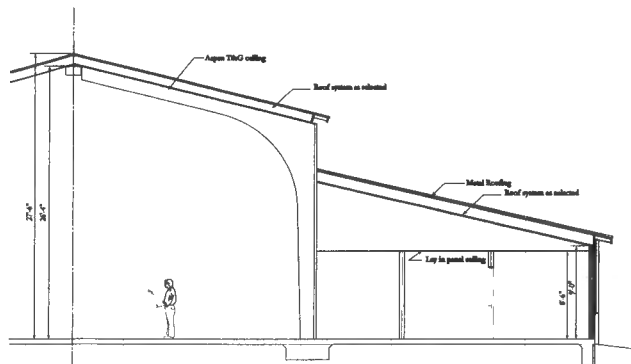
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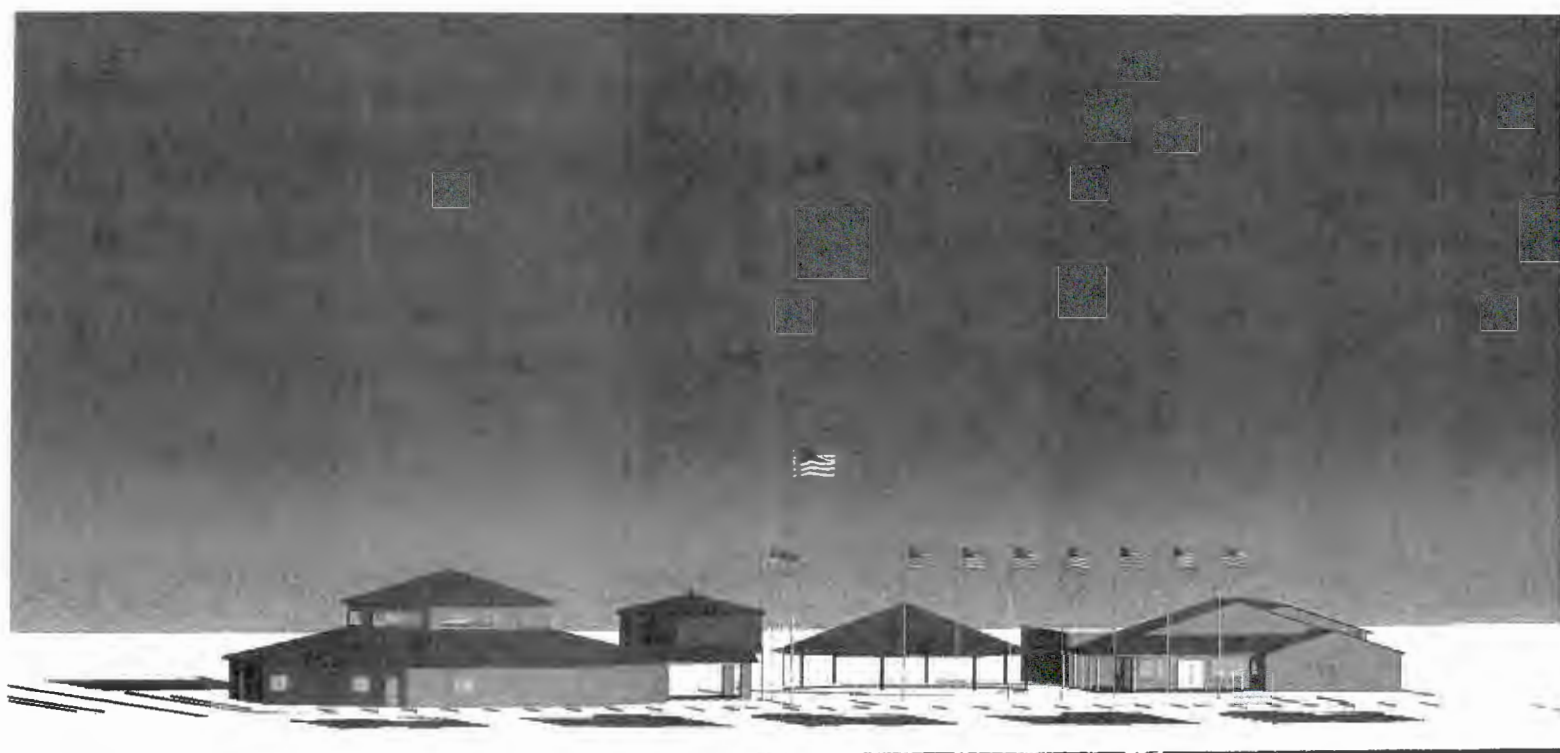


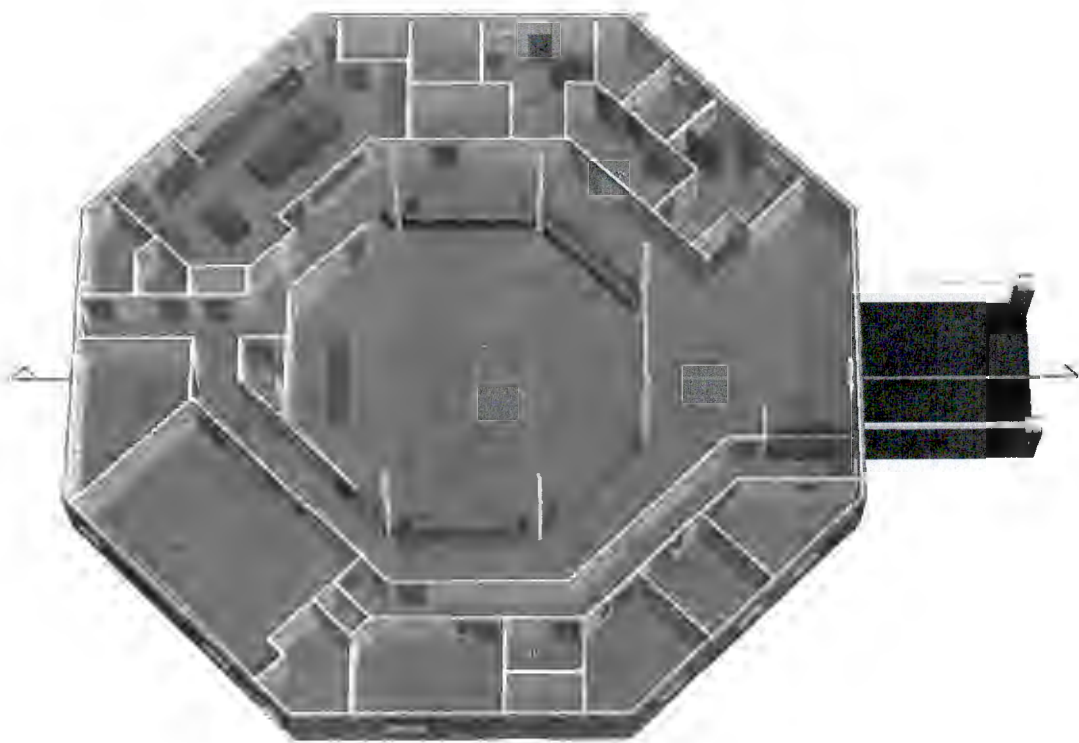
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| <p>Veteran's Center Sections Thoreau Chapter Veteran's Center and Veterans Center For the Thoreau Chapter of the Navajo Nation Thoreau, New Mexico</p> | |
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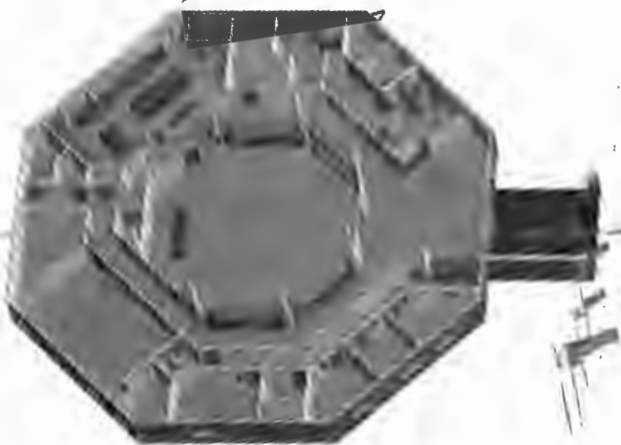
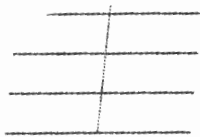


EXHIBIT "C"

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BUDGET FORM 1THE NAVAJO NATION
PROGRAM BUDGET SUMMARY

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|-----------------------------------|--|--|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| PART I. Business Unit No.: 703039 | | Program Title: Thoreau Chapter Veterans Service Center | | Division/Branch: Executive | |
| Prepared By: Jackson Gibson | | Phone No.: 505.979.0796 | | Email Address: jgibs11147@hotmail.com | |

| PART II. FUNDING SOURCE(S) | | Fiscal Year Term | Amount | % of Total | PART III. BUDGET SUMMARY | | | Fund Type Code | (A) NNC Original Budget | (B) Proposed Budget | (C) Difference (Column B - A) |
|--------------------------------------|--|---------------------|-----------------|------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|---|-----------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| Undesignated Unreserved Fund Balance | | 10/1/17 to 09/30/18 | \$ 2,441,056.00 | 77% | | | | | | | 0 |
| NM Capital Outlay | | 10/1/17 to 09/30/18 | \$ 295,000.00 | 7% | | | | | | | 0 |
| NM Capital Outlay | | 10/1/17 to 09/30/18 | \$ 275,000.00 | 7% | 2001 | Personnel Expenses | | | | | 0 |
| NM Capital Outlay | | 10/1/17 to 09/30/18 | \$ 210,000.00 | 5% | 3000 | Travel Expenses | | | | | 0 |
| Thoreau Chapter General Funds | | 10/1/17 to 09/30/18 | \$ 134,500.00 | 3% | 3500 | Meeting Expenses | | | | | 0 |
| | | | | | 4000 | Supplies | | | | | 0 |
| | | | | | 5000 | Lease and Rental | | | | | 0 |
| | | | | | 5500 | Communications and Utilities | | | | | 0 |
| | | | | | 6000 | Repairs and Maintenance | | | | | 0 |
| | | | | | 6500 | Contractual Services | | | | | 0 |
| | | | | | 7000 | Special Transactions | | | | | 0 |
| | | | | | 8000 | Public Assistance | | | | | 0 |
| | | | | | 9000 | Capital Outlay | 1 | \$ 2,441,056.00 | \$ 2,441,056.00 | \$ 2,441,056.00 | 0 |
| | | | | | 9500 | Matching Funds | | | | | 0 |
| | | | | | 9500 | Indirect Cost | | | | | 0 |
| TOTAL: | | | | | TOTAL | | | \$0.00 | \$ 2,441,056.00 | \$ 2,441,056.00 | 0 |

| PART IV. POSITIONS AND VEHICLES | | (D) | (E) |
|---|--|-----|-----|
| Total # of Positions Budgeted: | | 0 | 0 |
| Total # of Permanently Assigned Vehicles: | | 0 | 0 |

PART V. I HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS BUDGET PACKAGE IS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE.

SUBMITTED BY: *Lester Ackerson*
 Program Manager's Printed Name: Lester Ackerson

APPROVED BY: *[Signature]*
 Division Director/Branch Chief's Signature and Date

THE NAVAJO NATION
PROGRAM PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

FY'2018

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| PART I. PROGRAM INFORMATION: | | Business Unit No.: 703039 | | Program Name/Title: Thoreau Chapter Veterans Service Center | |
| PART II. PLAN OF OPERATION REFERENCE/LEGISLATED PROGRAM PURPOSE: Thoreau Chapter Veterans Service Center-Construction | | | | | |
| PART III. PROGRAM PERFORMANCE CRITERIA: | | | | | |
| 1. Program Performance Area: | | Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the NM State and Navajo Nation. | | | |
| Goal Statement: | | IGA Executed. | | | |
| | | 1st QTR | 2nd QTR | 3rd QTR | 4th QTR |
| | | Goal | Actual | Goal | Actual |
| | | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% |
| 2. Program Performance Area: | | 164(A) process. | | | |
| Goal Statement: | | IGA reviewed by NINDOJ with approval. | | | |
| | | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% |
| 3. Program Performance Area: | | 164(B) process. | | | |
| Goal Statement: | | Approval by the Navajo Nation Council appropriated funds. | | | |
| | | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% |
| 4. Program Performance Area: | | 164(B) process. | | | |
| Goal Statement: | | New Mexico capital outlay fund matched - grant approval. | | | |
| | | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% |
| 5. Program Performance Area: | | 164(B) process. | | | |
| Goal Statement: | | Navajo Nation Undesignated Unreserved fund appropriated for construction-grant approval. | | | |
| | | 25% | 25% | 25% | 25% |
| PART IV. I HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION HAS BEEN THOROUGHLY REVIEWED. | | | | | |
| Program Manager's Printed Name EDWARD YATZUK 02/15/18 | | Division Director/Branch Chief's Printed Name [Signature] 2/15 | | | |
| Program Manager's Signature and Date | | Division Director/Branch Chief's Signature and Date | | | |

THE NAVAJO NATION
DETAILED BUDGET AND JUSTIFICATION

| PART I. PROGRAM INFORMATION: | | | |
|---|--|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Program Name/Title: | | Business Unit No.: 703039 | |
| Thoreau Chapter Veterans Service Center | | | |
| PART II. DETAILED BUDGET: | | | |
| (A) | (B) | (C) | (D) |
| Object Code (LOD 6) | Object Code Description and Justification | Total by DETAILED Object Code | Total by MAJOR Object Code |
| 9050 | 9000 CAPITAL OUTLAY Construction of veterans building. Building 9052: Buildings \$2,441,056.00 | \$ 2,441,056.00 | \$ 2,441,056.00 |
| TOTAL | | \$ 2,441,056.00 | \$ 2,441,056.00 |

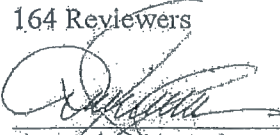


THE NAVAJO NATION

RUSSELL BEGAYE, PRESIDENT
JONATHAN NEZ, VICE PRESIDENT

MEMORANDUM

TO : 164 Reviewers

FROM : 
Dominic Begay, Executive Director
Office of Management & Budget

DATE : June 19, 2017

SUBJECT : Legislation #0130-17 – Approving an Expenditure from the Unreserved, Undesignated Fund (UUF) Balance in the Amount of Three Million One Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,135,500) for Thoreau Chapter Veterans Service Center Construction.

The Office of Management & Budget (OMB) reviewed the above proposed document and provides the following:

1. The balance available in the UUF as of April 17, 2017 was \$6,824,260, but has been reduced by (1) appropriation in the amount of \$239,200 revising the UUF balance to \$6,585,060.
2. All supplemental funding requests for the Executive Branch require approval from the Office of the President and Vice-President (a copy of the executive Order #02-2011 dated 10/24/2011 is attached).
3. The Budget Forms submitted need corrections to the business unit number. It should indicate "New" instead of using a Fiduciary business unit from the Veterans Trust fund. The use of the UUF per the proposed resolution is a general fund amount. Funds should not be co-mingled (general funds and fiduciary funds).
4. The Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Instructions Manual (BIM) Section XIV, Supplemental Funding Request Policies and Procedures, and Section VII, Project Budgeting and Account Set up, explain the requirements for funding. Missing from the proposed legislation are the Supplemental Funding Proposal Summary (Appendix K) and Project Budget forms (Appendix J).
5. How will the funds be processed? Will it be a direct disbursement to Thoreau Chapter? If so, the budget should be supported through the Division of Community Development not the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration (NNVA). Would the building belong to the NNVA or Thoreau Chapter?
6. Because of the limited availability of funds, prioritization of all supplemental funding proposals are required pursuant to the FY 2017 budget resolution CS-49-16 (paragraph 'M'), the FY 2017 Budget Instructions Manual (Section XIV), and the Appropriations Act. This activity should be completed by the three branches to determine priorities, but to date this has not been done.



7. The 5-Year Capital Plan resolution was rescinded recently. It had 132 projects in the amount of \$295,669,676. A plan is required by the Appropriations Act, 12 N.N.C. Section 810 E, F, G, 820 I. and 860, for capital projects.
8. Other fund sources could be considered, such as the Sihasiin Fund and Capital Outlay Match Fund.
9. During the Spring Session, the Navajo Nation Council decided to defer all UUFB supplementals until the FY 2018 revenue projection is made clear due to a possible budget shortfall. Funds may be needed for the overall FY 2018 budget.

The OMB recommends that the above mentioned findings be addressed before final approval of the budget. If there are any questions regarding this memorandum, contact Miriam Davis, Senior Budget Analyst at (928) 871 - 6571.

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RCS# 1071

Spring Session

4/18/2018

12:19:21 AM

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Legislation 0130-17:

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MOT Begay, K

Approving an Expenditure from

SEC Begay, S

the UUFB for Thoreau Chapter
Veterans Service Center...

Yea : 19

Nay : 0

Excused : 0

Not Voting : 5

Yea : 19

Begay, K

Brown

Filfred

Smith

Begay, NM

Chee

Hale

Tso

Begay, S

Crotty

Jack

Witherspoon

BeGaye, N

Damon

Perry

Yazzie

Bennett

Daniels

Phelps

Nay : 0

Excused : 0

Not Voting : 5

Bates

Shepherd

Slim

Tsosie

Pete