

RESOLUTION OF THE  
RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
24<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council --- Second Year, 2020

AN ACTION

RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE; APPROVING  
PROJECT COST SAVINGS OF \$268,888.10 FROM THE BLACK MESA  
POWERLINE PROJECT TO BE USED BY THE NAVAJO TRIBAL UTILITY  
AUTHORITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SÍHASIN FUND POWER LINE AND  
CHAPTER PROJECT EXPENDITURE PLAN AS APPROVED IN NAVAJO NATION  
COUNCIL RESOLUTION CAP-35-18

BE IT ENACTED:

**SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY**

- A. The Resources and Development Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council empowered to exercise oversight authority over on matters involving communication and utilities, chapter activities, economic and community development, public utilities, telecommunication and housing. 2 N.N.C. §§ 500 (A) and (C).
- B. The Resources and Development Committee is authorized to approve expenditures of cost saved or reduced under the Síhasin Fund Power Line and Chapter Expenditure Plan. CAP-35-18, Section 4.B.3.

**SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

- A. The Navajo Nation Council approved the Síhasin Fund Powerline and Chapter Projects Expenditure Plan (the "Expenditure Plan") in Council Resolution CAP-35-18. The Expenditure Plan approves the total capital from the Síhasin Fund in amount of one hundred million six hundred thousand dollars \$100,600,000.00 (less amounts that were line item vetoed by the Navajo Nation President) with \$18,696,787.92 allocated to Navajo Tribal Utility Authority for power line projects.
- B. Resolution CAP-35-18 authorized the Resources and Development Committee to approve the expenditure of funding on "any project cost saved or reduced through leveraging or otherwise shall be available for expenditure on any other project within the respective Chapter deemed construction-ready by CPMD; if there are no construction-ready projects within the

respective Chapter, then, with the approval of the Resources and Development Committee, the saved or reduced costs shall be available for expenditure on any other project within the respective district." CAP-35-18, Section 4.B.3.

- C. During Year One of the Expenditure Plan, the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority initiated fifteen (15) different projects in eight (8) communities and realized savings within such projects through initiatives such as the Light Up Navajo Project. Cost savings of \$268,888.10 were realized from the Black Mesa Powerline Project alone.
- D. Under the Light Up Navajo Project, NTUA partnered with the American Public Power Association with a shared goal of connecting Navajo families on the Navajo Nation to the electric grid for the first time. Between April and May 2019 over 28 utilities and their communities across 13 states and over 138 external non-NTUA volunteers came to the Navajo Nation and fulfilled their goal by connecting 233 Navajo families to the electric grid for the first time. The Navajo families that benefited from the Light Up Navajo Project are located throughout the Navajo Nation within the states of Arizona, New Mexico and Utah.
- E. As a result of cost saving measures achieved by NTUA, additional dollars are available to connect more Navajo families to the electric grid.

### **SECTION THREE. APPROVAL**

- A. The Resources and Development Committee hereby approves the expenditure of funds for projects from the Black Mesa Powerline Project in the amount of \$268,888.10 which NTUA realized project costs savings or reductions.
- B. NTUA shall expend the cost savings of \$268,888.10 in Black Mesa Chapter on other construction-ready projects in Black Mesa Chapter, or if there are no construction-ready projects in Black Mesa, on projects within the respective Navajo Nation Council Delegate District in accordance with the Síhasin Fund Powerline and Chapter Projects Expenditures Plan (CAP-35-18, Section 4.B.3.).

**CERTIFICATION**

I, hereby, certify that the following resolution was duly considered by the Resources and Development Committee of the 24<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting held by a teleconference for which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 5 in favor, and 0 opposed, on this 29<sup>th</sup> day of July 2020.



Rickie Nez, Chairperson  
Resources and Development Committee  
of the 24<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council

Motion: Honorable Thomas Walker, Jr.  
Second: Honorable Mark A. Freeland

Chairperson Rickie Nez not voting.



**RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**  
**24<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council**

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

**LEGISLATION # 0154-20:** An Action Relating to the Resources and Development Committee; Approving Project Cost Savings of \$268,888.10 from the Black Mesa Powerline Project to be Used by the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority in Accordance with the Sihasin Fund Power Line and Chapter Project Expenditure Plan as Approved in Navajo Nation Council Resolution CAP-35-18. *Sponsor: Honorable Jimmy Yellowhair.*

Date: July 29, 2020 - Regular Meeting (Teleconference)  
Meeting Location: (RDC members called in via teleconference from their location within the boundary of the Navajo Nation.)

**Main Motion:**

**Motion:** Thomas Walker, Jr. S: Mark A. Freeland Vote: 5-0-1 (CNV)

**In Favor:** Mark A. Freeland, Wilson C. Stewart, Jr., Kee Allen Begay, Jr., Herman M. Daniels, and Thomas Walker, Jr.

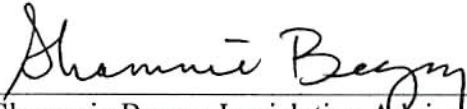
**Oppose:** NONE

**Excuse:** NONE

**Not Voting:** Presiding Chairperson Rickie Nez



Honorable Rickie Nez, Presiding Chairperson  
Resources and Development Committee



Shammie Begay, Legislative Advisor  
Office of Legislative Services