

RESOLUTION OF THE
NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

23rd NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- Fourth Year, 2018

AN ACT

RELATING TO LAW AND ORDER, BUDGET AND FINANCE, NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; AMENDING *PER DIEM* PROVISION OF 2 N.N.C. § 874(F)

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Law and Order Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council with authority to "review and make recommendations to the Navajo Nation Council on proposed amendments to and enactments in the Navajo Nation Code." 2 N.N.C. §601(B)(14).
- B. The Budget and Finance Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council with authority to "review and recommend to the Navajo Nation Council the budgeting, appropriation, investment and management of all funds." 2 N.N.C. § 301(B)(2).
- C. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council. All proposed resolutions requiring final action by the Navajo Nation Council must be "assigned to standing committee(s) having authority over the subject matter at issue and the Naabik'iyáti' Committee." 2 N.N.C. § 164(A)(9).
- D. The Navajo Nation Council is the lawmaking body of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 102.

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- A. The Navajo Board of Election Supervisors conduct the Navajo Nation General, Chapter and special elections. 11 N.N.C. §1 *et seq.* Also, aside the various tasks assigned it, the Board implements and enforces the Navajo Nation Election Code. *Id.*
- B. The members of the Navajo Board of Election Supervisors are paid a *per diem* of \$60.00 for Board meeting attendance.

This amount, a stipend, has not been changed for many years.

- C. The Navajo Board of Election Supervisors urge and support an increase in the amount paid to board members for attending its board meetings and carrying out other essential duties and responsibilities relative to elections. See attached Exhibit A (BOESJY-015-15). See also, Exhibit B, a comparison of stipends paid to members of Navajo Nation Boards and Commissions.
- D. The Agencies of the Navajo Nation support the increase in the amount of compensation provided for members of the Navajo Board of Election Supervisors. See attached Exhibits C (Northern Agency), D (Ft. Defiance Agency), E (Chinle Agency), F (Western Agency) and G (Eastern Agency).

SECTION THREE. AMENDING 2 N.N.C. § 874(F)

The Navajo Nation hereby amends 2 N.N.C. §874(F), *per diem* provision concerning the Navajo Board of Election Supervisors, as follows:

§ 874. Meetings; quorum; compensation

~~F. Board members attending Board meetings or delegated Election business shall receive sixty dollars (\$60.00) per diem for each day official business is conducted and mileage at twenty-four cents (24¢) per mile for use of a private vehicle. Full per diem shall be paid for attendance of at least three (3) hours of meeting or until all agenda items are concluded.~~

F. Board members attending Board meetings shall receive a stipend in the amount of two-hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) for each monthly meeting not to exceed \$250 per month and reimbursement for mileage, lodging and meals. Full stipend shall be paid for attendance of at least three (3) hours of meeting or until all agenda items are concluded.

SECTION FOUR. VOTE REQUIREMENT

This Title 2 amendment requires a 2/3rd vote of the membership of the Navajo Nation Council.

SECTION FIVE. EFFECTIVE DATE

The amendment enacted herein shall be effective upon its approval pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 221 B and to coincide with the fiscal year 2019 budget.

SECTION SIX. CODIFICATION

The amendment of the Navajo Nation Code enacted herein shall be codified by the Office of Legislative Counsel. The Office of Legislative Counsel shall include the amendment in the next recodification or supplement of the Navajo Nation Code, to the extent practicable.

SECTION SEVEN. SAVINGS CLAUSE

Should any portion of the amendment enacted herein be determined invalid by the Navajo Nation Supreme Court, or the District Courts of the Navajo Nation, without appeal to the Navajo Nation Supreme Court, those portions not determined invalid shall remain the law of the Navajo Nation.

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 17 in favor and 02 opposed, on this 18th day of April 2018.



LoRenzo C. Bates, Speaker
23rd Navajo Nation Council

4/27/18

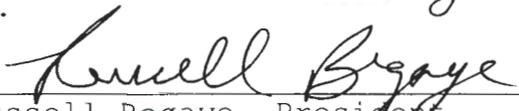
Date

Motion: Honorable Herman Daniels
Second: Honorable Benjamin Bennett

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



BOESJY-015-15

RESOLUTION OF THE
NAVAJO BOARD OF ELECTION SUPERVISORS

**Recommending and Supporting an
Amendment to the Navajo Nation Code by increasing meeting stipends for
members of the Navajo Board of Election Supervisors from \$60.00 to \$250.00**

WHEREAS:

1. The Navajo Board of Election Supervisors enforces and implements the Navajo Nation Election Code; 2 N.N.C. §873 and 11 N.N.C. §321.
2. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 871(A), the Navajo Board of Election Supervisors was "*created by the Navajo Nation Council as an independent entity, ... responsible to the Navajo Nation Council only....*" Among its various tasks, the Navajo Board of Election Supervisors oversees the conduct of all Navajo Nation elections - General Elections, Chapter Elections, and all special elections, including referendum elections. In conducting these elections, the Board ensures the protection of every individual's right to vote and participate in elections.
3. The compensation rate for members of the Navajo Board of Election Supervisors for attendance of election business has not been changed since December 15, 1989. This rate, currently referred to as *per diem*, is set at the amount of \$60.00. For purposes of fair and adequate compensation commensurate with services provided, this rate should be change to \$250.00. Other necessary changes are - the term *per diem* as used in the Code at 2 N.N.C. §874(F) should be redesignated as a *stipend*; mileage for meetings should be allowed and based on the Travel Policy; and the matter of reimbursement for *expenses* for individual Board members for performing delegated election business should be clarified.
4. It is in the best interests of the Navajo Nation, particularly the voting public, that the Navajo Nation Code be amended to compensate members of the Navajo Board of Election Supervisors at a rate that is fair and commensurate with their duties as election officials of the Navajo Nation. Agency Councils of the Navajo Nation, by resolution, are supporting an increase in stipend for Navajo Board of Election Supervisors. Such resolutions are incorporated herein by the reference.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Navajo Board of Election Supervisors hereby supports an amendment to 2 N.N.C. §874(F) as follows:

§874. Meetings; quorum; compensation

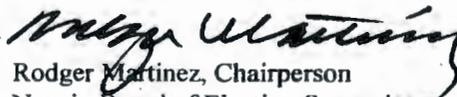
~~F. Board members attending Board meetings or delegated Election business shall receive sixty dollars (\$60.00) per diem for each day official business is conducted and mileage at twenty-four cents (24¢) per mile for use of a private vehicle. Full per diem shall be paid for attendance of at least three (3) hours of meeting or until all agenda items are concluded.~~

F. Board members attending Board meetings shall receive a stipend in the amount of two-hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) for each meeting day and reimbursement for mileage, lodging and meals. Full stipend shall be paid for attendance of at least three (3) hours of meeting or until all agenda items are concluded.

1. Board members shall receive reimbursement for expenses incurred while performing official business delegated by the Board.
2. Reimbursement for mileage for attending Board meetings and reimbursement for expenses for performing delegated election business shall be paid in accordance with Navajo Nation Travel Policy and Procedures Handbook.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Navajo Board of Election Supervisors at a duly called meeting within the Navajo Nation in Window Rock, Arizona during which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 7 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained, this 9th day of July, 2015.


Rodger Martinez, Chairperson
Navajo Board of Election Supervisors

Motion: Leslie Chavez
Second: Bertha Aguirre

**Navajo Nation Boards / Commissions
Compensation (stipends) per member**

<u>Legislative Branch</u>	<u>No. of positions</u>	<u>stipends per meeting</u>	<u>Plan of Operation</u>
1. Eastern Navajo Land Commission	6	\$300.00	T.2 §861 - CF-2-08
2. Commissions on Emergency Management	6	\$60.00	T.2 §882 - CJY-51-90
3. Black Mesa Review Board	7		ACS-178-89 - T.2 §901
4. Navajo Nation Insurance Commission	4	-0-	T.2 §931
5. Employees Advisory Board	3	-0-	T.2 §941
6. Commission on Navajo Government Development	12	\$100.00	T.2 §970
7. Navajo Utah Commission	8	\$120.00	IGRJN-134-92
8. Navajo Nation Labor Commission	3	\$250.00	IGRF-34-08
9. Navajo/Hopi Land Commission	8	\$80.00/\$60.00	2 NNC §§851-857 (1989)
10. Human Rights Commission	5	\$250.00	IGRF-25-07

<u>Elective Positions</u>	<u>No. of positions</u>	<u>stipends per meeting</u>	<u>Plan of Operation</u>
1. Navajo Board of Election Supervisors	10	\$60.00	T.2 §871 (1989)
2. Navajo Nation Board of Education	10	\$150.00	T.11
3. Farm Boards	43	\$251.94 mo.	T.3 §61



TITLE 2. Subchapter 15. Board member Compensation. § 1991. Board member compensation; conflicts of interest; meetings. A. No enterprise (including the various industries, authorities, colleges, Office of Navajo Economic Opportunity, etc.) shall pay any Board member more than \$250.00 per day/plus actual travel and lodging expense. B. Without the prior approval of the President of the Navajo Nation, no enterprise shall hold more than one meeting per month nor more than ten per year, provided that two additional sessions shall be allowed on an emergency or special meeting basis.

5/25/16



NORTHERN NAVAJO AGENCY COUNCIL RESOLUTION

NNAC-05-091915

SUPPORTING THE NAVAJO BOARD OF ELECTION SUPERVISORS AND NORTHERN NAVAJO AGENCY COUNCIL IN AMENDING NAVAJO NATION LAW TO AUTHORIZE STIPENDS IN AN AMOUNT OF \$250 FOR ATTENDING THE OFFICIAL BOARD MEETINGS AND NORTHERN NAVAJO AGENCY COUNCIL MEETINGS.

WHEREAS:

1. The Northern Navajo Agency Council is a recognized political subdivision of the Navajo Nation and has the authority to advocate and make appropriate recommendations on behalf of the 20 Northern Agency Chapters to the Navajo Nation Government, Federal, State, and local entities for appropriate action; and
2. As a quasi-governing body, the Northern Navajo Agency council as the delegated authority to activate sound, concrete and relevant recommendations ultimately bringing benefits to the people of the Agency; and
3. The Northern Navajo Agency Council is aware that in December 1989 the Navajo Nation Council, by resolution CD-68-89, amended Title 2 of the Navajo Tribal Code. These amendments included provisions applicable to the Navajo Board of Election Supervisors and Navajo Election Administration in implementation and enforcement of the Navajo Election Code; and
4. The Northern Navajo Agency Council recognizes that the Navajo Board of Election Supervisors, aside representing districts and agencies, has the tremendous responsibility of administering, implementing and enforcing the Navajo Election Code; and
5. It is well known the Navajo Board of Election Supervisors has not been given a raise within the last 17 years (since 1989); members of the Board are still being paid a "per diem" rate of \$60 per meeting. This extremely rate is supposed to be for meals, mileage and other expenses associated with attending Board meetings. This rate is clearly unreasonable and needs to be changed whereby Board members should be able to receive stipends for meetings and reimbursement for expenses, much like any other board or commission of the Navajo Nation; and
6. The Northern Navajo Agency Council deems it in the best of all the Dine' people of Northern Agency and the Navajo Nation to amend the law so that members of the Navajo Board of Election Supervisors begin receiving stipends of \$250.00 for attending meetings. This amount would be consistent with stipends generally paid members of Boards and Commissions; and
7. The Navajo Board of Election Supervisors in its efforts to amend the law by re-designating "per diem" payments as "stipends." The Northern Agency Council recommends that the Navajo Nation Council amend Title 2 § 874(F) by proving a stipend for the Navajo Board of Election Supervisors in the amount of \$250.00 for the conduct and attendance of official Board meetings; and
8. The Northern Navajo Agency Council meets on a quarterly basis and has a budget of \$150 which should be increased to \$250 per meeting.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

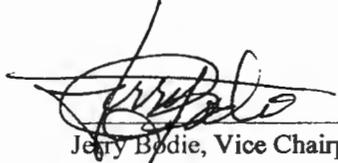
Supporting the Navajo Board of Election Supervisors and Northern Navajo Agency Council in Amending Navajo Nation Law to Authorize Stipends in amount of \$250 for Attending the Official Board Meetings and Northern Navajo Agency Council Meeting.

CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Northern Navajo Agency Council at a duly called meeting in Walter Collins Center, Upperfruitland, New Mexico at which a quorum was present. A motion was made by Bill Todachennie and seconded by Duane Yazzie and the same passed by a vote of 37 in favor 00 oppose 07 abstained, this 19th day of September 2015.



David John, Chairperson

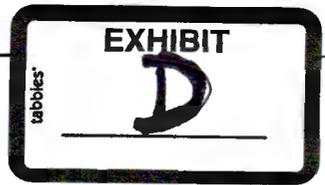


Jerry Bodie, Vice Chairperson



Nancy Begay, Secretary





FORT DEFIANCE AGENCY COUNCIL
NAVAJO NATION

Linda Youvella, President
Louise Nelson, Vice President
Francis Lester, Secretary
(Host), Sergeant-At-Arm



District 17 Council
District 17 Council
District 07 Council
Chapter President

RESOLUTION OF THE FORT DEFIANCE AGENCY COUNCIL

REQUESTING THE NAVAJO NATION FORT DEFIANCE AGENCY COUNCIL TO SUPPORTS THE NAVAJO BOARD OF ELECTION SUPERVISORS IN AMENDING NAVAJO NATION LAW TO AUTHORIZE STIPEND IN AN AMOUNT OF \$250 FOR ATTENDANCE OF OFFICIAL BOARD MEETINGS AND PERMITTING REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES.

Resolution No: FDAC-15-07-19

WHEREAS:

1. The Fort Defiance Agency Council is a consortium of duly elected Chapter Officials of twenty-eight (28) certified/non-certified Navajo Nation Chapter that advocate, promote, and support common goals and interest of the respective Chapters; and
2. The Fort Defiance Agency Council is comprised of elected officials from twenty-eight (28) Navajo Nation Chapters within the Fort Defiance Agency and has the responsibility and authority to address matters and projects that will benefit the 28 chapters of the Fort Defiance Agency of the Navajo Nation; and
3. The Fort Defiance Agency Council is recognized as a local unit representing and addressing the needs of the Chapters that are in the best interest of its people within the Agency boundaries; and
4. As a quasi-governing body, the Fort Defiance Agency Council has the delegated authority to activate sound, concrete and relevant recommendations ultimately bringing benefits to the people of the Agency; and
5. The Fort Defiance Agency Council is aware that in December 1989 the Navajo Nation Council, by resolution CD-68-89, amended Title 2 of the Navajo Tribal Code. These amendments included provisions applicable to the Navajo Board of Election Supervisors and Navajo Election Administration in implementation and enforcement of the Navajo Election Code; and
6. In the past budget sessions numerous local tribal elected committees, including the chapter officials, were given raises by the Navajo Nation Council through annual budget appropriations; and
7. The Fort Defiance Agency Council recognizes that the Navajo Board of Election Supervisors, aside representing districts and agencies, has the tremendous responsibility of administering, implementing and enforcing the Navajo Election Code; and

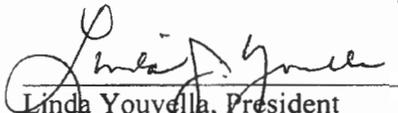
8. It is well known the Navajo Board of Election Supervisors has not been given a raise within the last 17 years (since 1989); members of the Board are still being paid a "per diem" rate of \$60 per meeting. This extremely low rate is supposed to be for meals, mileage and other expenses associated with attending Board meetings. This rate is clearly unreasonable and needs to be changed whereby Board members should be able to receive stipends for meetings and reimbursement for expenses, much like any other board or commission of the Navajo Nation; and
9. The Fort Defiance Agency Council deems it in the best of all the Dine' people of Fort Defiance Agency and the Navajo Nation to amend the law so that members of the Navajo Board of Election Supervisors begin receiving stipends of \$250.00 for attending meetings. This amount would be consistent with stipends generally paid members of Boards and Commissions.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT;

1. The Fort Defiance Agency Council hereby supports the Navajo Board of Election Supervisors in its efforts to amend the law by redesignating "per diem" payments as "stipends." The Fort Defiance Agency Council recommends that the Navajo Nation Council amend Title 2 § 874(F) by providing a stipend for the Navajo Board of Election Supervisors in the amount of \$250.00 for the conduct and attendance of official Board meetings.
2. The Fort Defiance Agency Council further recommends that the law be amended to allow reimbursement for expenses for the Navajo Board of Election Supervisors in conducting official election-related business.

CERTIFICATION

We, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by and moved for adoption by Libby Valteau, Second by Bessie Yellowhair-Simpson, thoroughly discussed and adopted by a vote of 22 in favor, 00 opposed and 02 abstained at a duly called meeting at Crystal Chapter, the NAVAJO NATION, Crystal, New Mexico on this 11th day of July 2015.



Linda Youvella, President
Fort Defiance Agency Council



Francis K. Lester, Secretary
Fort Defiance Agency Council

Louise Nelson, Vice-President
Fort Defiance Agency Council



RESOLUTION OF THE
CHINLE AGENCY COUNCIL

Supporting the Navajo Board of Election Supervisors in Amending Navajo Nation law to authorize stipends in an amount of \$250 for attendance of official Board meetings and permitting reimbursement for expenses

WHEREAS:

1. The Chinle Agency Council is recognized as a local unit representing and addressing the needs of the Chapters that are in the best interest of its people within the Agency boundaries; and
2. As a quasi-governing body, the Chinle Agency Council has the delegated authority to activate sound, concrete and relevant recommendations ultimately bringing benefits to the people of the Agency; and
3. The Chinle Agency Council is aware that in December 1989 the Navajo Nation Council, by resolution CD-68-89, amended Title 2 of the Navajo Tribal Code. These amendments included provisions applicable to the Navajo Board of Election Supervisors and Navajo Election Administration in implementation and enforcement of the Navajo Election Code; and
4. In the past budget sessions numerous local tribal elected committees, including the chapter officials, were given raises by the Navajo Nation Council through annual budget appropriations; and
5. The Chinle Agency Council recognizes that the Navajo Board of Election Supervisors, aside representing districts and agencies, has the tremendous responsibility of administering, implementing and enforcing the Navajo Election Code; and
6. It is well known the Navajo Board of Election Supervisors have not been given a raise within the last 17 years (since 1989); members of the Board are still being paid a "per diem" rate of \$60 per meeting. This extremely low rate is supposed to be for meals, mileage and other expenses associated with attending Board meetings. This rate is clearly unreasonable and needs to be changed whereby Board members should be able to receive stipends for meetings and reimbursement for expenses, much like any other board or commission of the Navajo Nation; and
7. The Chinle Agency Council deems it in the best of all the Dine' people of Chinle Agency and the Navajo Nation to amend the law so that members of the Navajo Board of Election Supervisors begin receiving stipends of \$250.00 for attending meetings. This amount would be consistent with stipends generally paid members of Boards and Commissions.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Chinle Agency Council hereby supports the Navajo Board of Election Supervisors in its efforts to amend the law by redesignating "per diem" payments as "stipends." The Chinle Agency Council recommends that the Navajo Nation Council amend Title 2 § 874(F) by providing a stipend for the Navajo Board of Election Supervisors in the amount of \$250.00 for the conduct and attendance of official Board meetings.

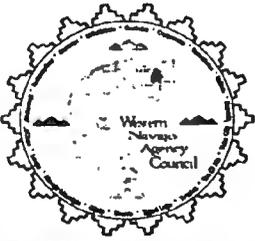
2. The Chinle Agency Council further recommends that the law be amended to allow reimbursement for expenses for the Navajo Board of Election Supervisors in conducting official election-related business.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Chinle Agency Council at a duly called meeting at Whoutfields, Navajo Nation (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 33 in favor, 0 opposed, and 3 abstained, this 11th day of July, 2015.

President 
Chinle Agency Council

Motion: Larry Biltah
Second: Marlene Pourbank



WESTERN NAVAJO AGENCY COUNCIL

HANK STEVENS JERRY WILLIAMS SARAH SLIM
President Vice-President Secretary



RESOLUTION OF THE WESTERN NAVAJO AGENCY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO.: WNAC17-06-GNB

SUPPORTING THE NAVAJO BOARD OF ELECTION SUPERVISORS IN AMENDING NAVAJO NATION LAW TO AUTHORIZE STIPENDS IN AN AMOUNT OF \$250 FOR ATTENDANCE OF OFFICIAL BOARD MEETINGS AND PERMITTING REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES.

WHEREAS:

1. The Western Agency Council is recognized as a local unit representing and addressing the needs of the Chapters that are in the best interest of its people within the Agency boundaries; and
2. As a quasi-governing body, the Western Agency Council has the delegated authority to activate sound, concrete and relevant recommendations ultimately bringing benefits to the people of the Agency; and
3. The Western Agency Council is aware that in December 1989 the Navajo Nation Council, by resolution CD-68-89, amended Title 2 of the Navajo Tribal Code. These amendments included provisions applicable to the Navajo Board of Election Supervisors and Navajo Election Administration in implementation and enforcement of the Navajo Election Code; and
4. In the past budget sessions numerous local tribal elected committees, including the chapter officials, were given raises by the Navajo Nation Council through annual budget appropriations; and
5. The Western Agency Council recognizes that the Navajo Board of Election Supervisors, aside representing districts and agencies, has the tremendous responsibility of administering, implementing and enforcing the Navajo Election Code; and
6. It is well known the Navajo Board of Election Supervisors have not been given a raise within the last 28 years (since 1989); members of the Board are still being paid a "per diem" rate of \$60 per meeting. This extremely low rate is supposed to be for meals, mileage and other expenses associated with attending Board meetings. This rate is clearly unreasonable and needs to be changed whereby Board members should be able to receive stipends for meetings and

WESTERN NAVAJO AGENCY COUNCIL CHAPTERS

BIRDSPRINGS/TSIDII TO'II ~ BODAWAY/GAP ~ CAMERON ~ CHILCHINBETO ~ COALMINE CANYON
COPPERMINE ~ DENNEHOTSO ~ INSCRIPTION HOUSE/TS'AH BII'KIN ~ KAIBETO/KAI'BII TO ~ KAYENTALECHEE ~
LEUPP ~ NAVAJO MOUNTAIN ~ OLJATO ~ SHONTO ~ TOLANI LAKE ~ TÓNANEESDIZI ~ TONALEA



WESTERN NAVAJO AGENCY COUNCIL

HANK STEVENS
President

JERRY WILLIAMS
Vice-President

SARAH SLIM
Secretary



reimbursement for expenses, much like any other board or commission of the Navajo Nation; and

7. The Western Agency Council deems it in the best of all the Dine' people of Western Agency and the Navajo Nation to amend the law so that members of the Navajo Board of Election Supervisors begin receiving stipends of \$250.00 for attending meetings. This amount would be consistent with stipends generally paid members of Boards and Commissions.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Western Agency Council hereby supports the Navajo Board of Election Supervisors in its efforts to amend the law by redesignating "per diem" payments as "stipends." The Western Agency Council recommends that the Navajo Nation Council amend Title 2 § 874(F) by providing a stipend for the Navajo Board of Election Supervisors in the amount of \$250.00 for the conduct and attendance of official Board meetings.
2. The Western Agency Council further recommends that the law be amended to allow reimbursement for expenses for the Navajo Board of Election Supervisors in conducting official election-related business.

CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Western Agency Council at a duly called meeting at Kaibeto Boarding School, Kaibeto, Arizona, at which a quorum was present and that the same resolution was passed by a vote of 32 in favor, 0 Opposed, 2 Abstained on this 17th day of June 2017.

Motion by: Martha Tate

Second by: Angie Lonly

PRESIDING

Hank Stevens, President
WNA Council

WESTERN NAVAJO AGENCY COUNCIL CHAPTERS

BIRDSPRINGS/TSIDII TO'II ~ BODAWAY/GAP ~ CAMERON ~ CHILCHINBETO ~ COALMINE CANYON
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LEUPP ~ NAVAJO MOUNTAIN ~ OLJATO ~ SHONTO ~ TOLANI LAKE ~ TONANESDIZI ~ TONALEA



**RESOLUTION
OF THE
EASTERN NAVAJO AGENCY COUNCIL
THE NAVAJO NATION**

No. ENAC-06/17-002

**SUPPORTING THE NAVAJO BOARD OF ELECTION SUPERVISORS IN AMENDING NAVAJO NATION LAW TO
AUTHORIZE STIPENDS IN AN AMOUNT OF \$250 FOR ATTENDANCE OF OFFICIAL BOARD MEETINGS AND
PERMITTING REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES**



WHEREAS:

1. The Eastern Navajo Agency Council is established under the Legislative Branch of the Navajo Nation and certified by Resolution IGRS-251-01; and
2. Pursuant to 26 N.N.C. Section 103 (D) (4), the Eastern Navajo Agency Council, a consortium of elected Chapter Officials representing thirty-one (31) certified Navajo Nation Chapters, agree to address and undertake common goals and interests for the benefit of the Eastern Navajo Agency Chapters; and
3. Pursuant 2 N.N.C SECTION: 4028; the Eastern Navajo Agency Council is vested with government authority to review all matters affecting the community to make most appropriate recommendations when necessary to the Navajo Nation, County, State, Federal and other local agencies; and
4. The Eastern Agency Council is aware that in December 1989 the Navajo Nation Council, by resolution CD-68-89, amended Title 2 of the Navajo Tribal Code. These amendments included provisions applicable to the Navajo Board of Election Supervisors and Navajo Election Administration in implementation and enforcement of the Navajo Election Code; and
5. In prior budget sessions local tribal elected committees, including chapter officials, were given raises by the Navajo Nation Council through the annual budget appropriations; and
6. The Eastern Agency Council recognizes that the Navajo Board of Election Supervisors represent districts and agencies, and has the tremendous responsibility of administering, implementing and enforcing the Navajo Election Code; and
7. The Navajo Board of Election Supervisors have not been given a raise within the last 28 years (since 1989); members of the Board are still being paid a "per diem" rate of \$60 per meeting. This extremely low rate is supposed to be for meals, mileage and other expenses associated with attending Board meetings. This rate is clearly unreasonable and needs to be changed whereby Board members should be able to receive stipends for meetings and reimbursement for expenses, much like any other board or commission of the Navajo Nation; and
8. The Eastern Agency Council deems it in the best of all the Dine' people of Eastern Agency and the Navajo Nation to amend the law so that members of the Navajo Board of Election Supervisors begin receiving stipends of \$250.00 for attending meetings. This amount would be consistent with stipends generally paid members of Boards and Commissions.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Eastern Navajo Agency Council hereby supports the Navajo Board of Election Supervisors in amending Navajo Nation Law to authorize stipends in an amount of \$250.00 for attendance of official board meetings and permitting reimbursement for expenses.
2. Further, the Eastern Agency Council recommends that the law be amended to allow reimbursement for expenses for the Navajo Board of Election Supervisors in conducting official election-related business.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was approved by the Eastern Navajo Agency Council at a duly called meeting at Baca/Prewitt Chapter, Navajo Nation, New Mexico, at which a quorum was present and the same was passed by a vote of 40 in favor, 00 opposed, 17 abstained, this 3rd day of June 2017.

Moved by: Betsy Sandoval-Dennison, Lake Valley Chapter
Seconded: Richard Montoya, Torreon Chapter



President, Jamie Henio

ATTEST:



W. Wanda Arviso, Secretary

NAVAJO NATION

RCS# 1075

4/18/2018

Spring Session

01:06:21 PM

Amd# to Amd#

Legislation 0335-17;

PASSED

MOT Daniels

Amending Per Diem Provision

SEC Bennett

of 2 NNC section 874 (F)

Yea : 17

Nay : 2

Excused : 0

Not Voting : 5

Yea : 17

Begay, K

Chee

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Begay, NM

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Begay, S

Damon

Pete

Witherspoon

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Nay : 2

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Excused : 0

Not Voting : 5

Bates

Hale

Jack

Phelps

Bennett