

**RESOLUTION OF THE
RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
24th Navajo Nation Council --- Third Year, 2021**

AN ACTION

**RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT; ENDORSING THE PLAN OF
OPERATION OF THE CENTRAL NAVAJO AGENCY COUNCIL**

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Resources and Development Committee was established as a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 500(A).
- B. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §§ 500(C) and 501(C), the Resources and Development Committee shall exercise oversight Chapter activities and over Chapters.
- C. Pursuant to 26 N.N.C. § 103(D)(4), the Central Navajo Agency Council comprised of sixteen (16) certified Navajo Nation Chapters, agree to address, and undertake common goals and interests for the benefit of the Central Navajo Agency Chapter.

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- A. The Central Navajo Agency Council is composed of duly elected Chapter officials comprising sixteen (16) certified Chapters of the Navajo Nation with authority to advocate, promote and support common goals and interests of the respective chapters. The Navajo Nation certified Chapters within the Central Navajo Agency are as follows:
 - 1. Black Mesa Chapter
 - 2. Chinle Chapter
 - 3. Forest Lake Chapter
 - 4. Hard Rock Chapter
 - 5. Low Mountain Chapter
 - 6. Lukachukai Chapter
 - 7. Many Farms Chapter
 - 8. Nazlini Chapter
 - 9. Pinon Chapter
 - 10. Rock Point Chapter
 - 11. Round Rock Chapter
 - 12. Tachee/Blue Gap Chapter
 - 13. Tsaile/Wheatfield Chapter
 - 14. Tse Chi'izhi Chapter
 - 15. Tselani/Cottonwood Chapter
 - 16. Whippoorwill Chapter
- B. The Central Navajo Agency Council at a duly called meeting at Nazlini Chapter, Navajo Nation (Arizona), approved their Plan

of Operation, attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, and request approval by the Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council. Resolution Number CAC 04/21-01 of the Central Navajo Agency Council approving the Plan of Operation is attached as **Exhibit B**.

- C. The Navajo Nation Local Governance Act (LGA), 26 N.N.C. §§1 et seq., was enacted for the purpose of recognizing governance at the local level. The LGA provides for certification of Chapters. 26 N.N.C. §102. After Chapter certification, the Chapter may exercise listed powers. 26 N.N.C. §103(D)(4). The listed authorities include entering into agreements with other Chapters, entering into intergovernmental agreements, and entering into contracts with the Navajo Nation. 26 N.N.C. §103(D). The Resources and Development Committee endorsement of an agency council does not alter LGA purposes, certification requirements or authorities.

SECTION THREE. ENDORSEMENT

The Resources and Development Committee hereby endorses the plan of operation of the Central Navajo Agency Council that is comprised of sixteen (16) Navajo Nation certified Chapters to advocate for, encourage and promote community project support, and interact with other local governments, as further described in the Plan of Operation attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby, certify that the following resolution was duly considered by the Resources and Development Committee of the 24th 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 29th day of September 2021.

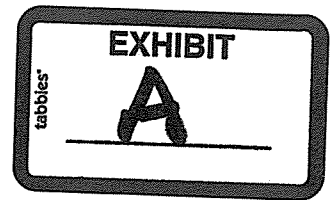


Rickie Nez, Chairperson
Resources and Development Committee
of the 24th Navajo Nation Council

Motion: Honorable Wilson C. Stewart, Jr.
Second: Honorable Thomas Walker, Jr.

Chairperson Rickie Nez not voting.

**CENTRAL NAVAJO AGENCY COUNCIL
PLAN OF OPERATION**



I. ESTABLISHMENT

- A. The Central Navajo Agency Council is hereby established under the Legislative Branch of the Navajo Nation Government.
- B. Pursuant to 26 N.N.C. Section 103 (D)(4), the Central Navajo Agency Council is formally recognized and established as a consortium of elected Chapter Officials representing sixteen (16) certified Navajo Nation Chapters, who agree to address and undertake common goals and interests for the benefit of the Central Navajo Agency Chapters.

II. AUTHORITY

- A. Pursuant to 26 N.N.C. Section 103 (D)(4), the Central Navajo Agency Council shall have the authority to address and undertake common goals and interests for the benefit of the Central Navajo Agency Chapters.
- B. Thus, the Central Navajo Agency Council shall have the authority to act as the governing body for the local chapter governments within the Central Navajo Agency. Said authority shall consist of but not limited to the following:
 - 1. Taking action on matters addressing and undertaking the common goals and interests for the benefit of the Central Navajo Agency Chapters and the Navajo Nation as a whole, such as but not limited to resolutions, appointments, accepting reports, at a duly called meeting.
 - 2. Establish special committees and/or task forces and delegate such authority to such as deems necessary and proper for such to execute the purposes or powers delegated.
 - 3. Central Navajo Agency Council resolutions shall be recognized to the fullest extent as a legislative act in accordance with applicable law, rules and regulations.
 - 4. Set compensation for the Central Navajo Agency Council Officers and Membership to be included in the annual fiscal year budget of the Navajo Nation as a recurring cost/item.
 - 5. Participate in budget meetings/sessions and recommend appropriation levels for the Central Agency Chapters such as but not limited to annual fiscal year chapter budgets and appropriations; supplemental funds; capital improvement projects and funds; special projects; and grants.
 - 6. Recommend and/or support governance activities such as but not limited to: ordinances, regulations, amendments, policymaking, accountability, etc.
 - 7. Support research studies and assessments that benefit and/or protect the Navajo People and their way of life.
 - 8. Support seeking and obtaining funding from outside resources such as but not limited to state appropriations (i.e. capital outlay, TIF, aging, etc.), federal, county and municipal monies, grants, etc.
 - 9. Prepare and ensure the operational budget of the Central Navajo Agency Council is contained in the annual fiscal year appropriations of the Navajo Nation government.

III. PURPOSE

- A. The purpose of the Central Navajo Agency Council is to:
1. Protect the sovereign status of the local Navajo Chapters government.
 2. Champion accountable, responsible and representative local Navajo chapter government.
 3. Advocate for, encourage and promote chapter community interests, wants, needs and desires.
 4. Preserve and respect traditional and cultural values and practices while integrating modern technology and methods for the local governance.
 5. Interact, collaborate and establish relationships with other local governments.
 6. Support, work with and foster local Chapter governance of the Central Navajo Agency Chapters.

IV. MEMBERSHIP

- A. Members. The Central Navajo Agency Council is comprised of the Chapter President, Chapter Vice President and Chapter Secretary/Treasurer of the following certified Navajo Nation Chapters located in the Central Navajo Agency:
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| 1. Black Mesa Chapter | 9. Pinon Chapter |
| 2. Chinle Chapter | 10. Rock Point Chapter |
| 3. Forest Lake Chapter | 11. Round Rock Chapter |
| 4. Hard Rock Chapter | 12. Tachee/Blue Gap Chapter |
| 5. Low Mountain Chapter | 13. Tsaile/Wheatfield Chapter |
| 6. Lukachukai Chapter | 14. Tsé Ch'izhi Chapter |
| 7. Many farms Chapter | 15. Tselani/Cottonwood Chapter |
| 8. Nazlini Chapter | 16. Whippoorwill Chapter |
- B. Members-at-large. Members-at-large shall consist of other elected officials representing Central Navajo Agency Chapters, such as: Navajo Nation Council Delegate, Grazing Representative, Farm Board Member, Board of Election Supervisor and School Board member.
- C. Selection of Officers. The membership shall select a President, Vice President, Secretary of the Central Agency Council. Selection shall take place at a duly called meeting and certified by resolution.
- D. Term of Office. The term of office shall be four (4) years, ending on the last business day of January, unless otherwise requested by the membership.
- E. Resignation. Any officer of the Central Agency Council may resign by tendering their resignation in writing to the membership with a copy to the Officers.

V. DUTIES and RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Duties of the Membership.

1. Preserve/enhance the quality of life and natural environment of the Central Navajo Agency.
2. Protect/conservate our sovereignty, water rights, civil/human rights, land base and similar.
3. Enhance the economic vitality and diversity of the Central Navajo Agency.
4. Develop, recommend, implement and amend governance processes and activities consistent with the wants, needs and desires of the Navajo people and their way of life.
5. Coordinate, meet and consult with tribal and non-tribal leaders, other local, county, state and federal government agencies, entities and/or organizations.
6. Attend training sessions, conferences and related gatherings/meetings to participate, advocate and keep up to date on current issues.
7. From time to time, members may be assigned to represent the Central Navajo Agency Council at certain meetings, functions, hearings, events, etc.
8. Recommend/appoint representatives to pertinent committees, boards, commissions and the like, such as but not limited to: Central Navajo Agency BIA/NDOT Roads Committee and the Commissions on Navajo Government Development.

B. Duties of the President

1. Preside at all meetings and conduct business of the Central Navajo Agency Council in the manner prescribed herein.
2. Work/consult with the other officers and administrative staff as appropriate/necessary.
3. Certify by signature official documents of the Central Navajo Council.
4. Signature authorization as appropriate.
5. Vote in case of a tie.
6. Call emergency or special meetings.
7. Appoint Sergeant-of-Arms

C. Duties of the Vice President

1. Assume the duties and responsibilities of the presidency in the absence of the President.
2. Conduct business of the Central Navajo Agency Council in the manner prescribed herein.
3. Work/consult with the other officers and administrative staff as appropriate/necessary.
4. Certify and/or authorize by signature official documents of the Central Navajo Council as appropriate.

D. Duties of the Secretary

1. Write and record the minutes of the meeting.
2. Assist and confer with the officers and appropriate parties regarding meeting agenda items.
3. Maintain complete and accurate records of all Central Navajo Agency Council official actions, records, correspondences, and equipment.
4. Work/consult with the other officers and administrative staff as appropriate/necessary.

5. Submit and distribute meeting minutes to each Central Navajo Agency Chapters within ten (10) days after duly called meetings.
6. Prepare, finalize and distribute meeting agenda, sign-in sheet, meeting minutes, resolutions, and if appropriate other documents (i.e. proposal, letters, notices, etc.)
7. Certify by signature official documents of the Central Agency Council.

VI. MEETINGS

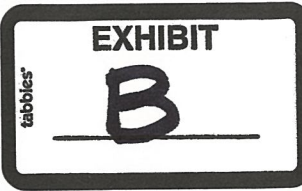
- A. Meetings. The Central Navajo Agency Council shall conduct meetings, special meetings or any number of meetings contingent upon fund availability.
 1. Regular Meetings. Regular meetings shall be held on a quarterly basis. A regular time and date (e.g. second Saturday of the month) may be designated at the discretion of the membership.
 2. Special Meetings. Special meetings may be called by the President or by the majority of the membership provided that written or verbal notice is given to all members at least 48-hours prior to the meeting date.
 3. Work Session, Task Force and Special Committee Meetings. Work sessions, task force and special committee meetings supporting the Central Navajo Agency Council's mission/purpose may be scheduled on and as needed basis.
 4. Emergency Meetings. Emergency meetings shall be at the discretion of the President, after conferring with the officers, provided that written or verbal notice is given to all members prior to the meeting.
- B. Meeting Location. All Central Navajo Agency Council meetings shall be conducted within the boundaries of the Central Navajo Agency. Any meeting(s) outside the Navajo Central Agency must be approved by majority vote of the membership at a regular scheduled meeting.
- C. Notice of Meeting. Notice shall be made by verbal and written notices (i.e. flyers/posters, email, radio/newspaper PSA announcements)
- D. Meeting Stipend.
 1. Membership. A meeting stipend of \$150.00 for each meeting conducted shall be paid to each member attending an entire Central Navajo Agency Council meeting or work session, contingent upon the availability of funds. Attendance shall be verified by sign-in sheet, approved agenda and the. Signed meeting claim form.
 2. Special Meetings.
 3. Task Force and Special Committee Members. A meeting stipend of \$75.00 for each meeting conducted shall be paid to each member attending a task force or special committee meeting. Attendance shall be verified by the sign-in sheet, agenda and meeting claim form.
- E. Rules of Order. The President shall preserve order and decorum at the Central Navajo Agency Council meetings. The meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the Rules of Order adopted by the membership. The President, at his discretion may adjourn or postponed a meeting due to: lack of quorum, disorder during the meeting and/or unforeseen emergency.

VII. QUORUM AND VOTING

- A. Quorum. A simple majority () of the Central Navajo Chapters shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of conducting business. Members-at-large are NOT counted in the establishment of a quorum. If any time during the meeting the quorum is lost, such shall be stated in the minutes and no further action shall be taken.
- B. Voting. Any action taken by the Central Navajo Agency Council shall require a majority vote of the membership in attendance. Actions may be voted upon by voice or hand vote unless any seated member demands a roll call vote or secret ballot vote.
- C. Conflict of Interest. A Central Navajo Agency Council member shall disqualify himself or herself from participating in the discussion and action on any matter regarding the member has a conflict of interest in accordance with the provisions of the Navajo Nation Ethics and Rules law.

VIII. AMENDMENTS

- A. The provisions herein may be amended from time to time by the membership of the Central Navajo Agency Council.
- B. Amendments shall be approved by the Resource and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council in accordance with 2 N.N.C. Sub Section 500.



**RESOLUTION OF THE CENTRAL NAVAJO AGENCY COUNCIL
CAC 04/21-01**

APPROVING THE PLAN OF OPERATION OF THE CENTRAL NAVAJO AGENCY COUNCIL AND REQUESTING APPROVAL BY THE RESOURCE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE OF THE 24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

WHEREAS:

1. The Central Navajo Agency Council is a consortium of duly elected chapter officials of the sixteen (16) certified chapters of the Navajo Nation with vested interest to advocate, promote and support common goals and interests of the respective chapters; and
2. Pursuant to 26 N.N.C. Section 103 (D) (4), the Central Navajo Agency Council comprised of sixteen (16) certified Navajo Nation Chapters, agree to address and undertake common goals and interests for the benefit of the Central Navajo Agency Chapters; and
3. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. Sub Section 500, the Resource and Development Committee of the 24th Navajo Nation Council serves as the oversight authority over Chapter matters and is empowered to approve Plan of Operations thereof; and
4. The Central Navajo Agency Council at a duly-called meeting at Nazlini, Navajo Nation (Arizona), approved the Plan of Operation (*attached here as "Exhibit A"*) and to be recognized by legislative act, authorized to advocate for and speak on major issues impacting the member chapters of the Central Navajo Agency.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

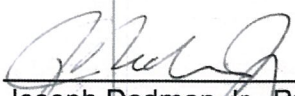
1. The Central Navajo Agency Council hereby approves the Plan of Operation of the Central Navajo Agency Council and requests approval by the Resource and Development Committee of 24th Navajo nation Council.

CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Central Navajo Agency Council at a duly called meeting at Nazlini, Arizona, at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 27 in favor, and 0 opposed, and 2 abstained, this 10th day of April, 2021.

Motioned by: Thomas Gorman

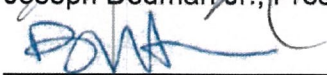
Seconded by: Joann Dedman



Joseph Dedman Jr., President



Al Tsedah, Vice President



Dr. Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch, Secretary

**RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL**

THIRD YEAR 2021

(CONSENT AGENDA ITEM 1 -2)
ROLL CALL
VOTE TALLY SHEET

LEGISLATION #0203-21: AN ACTION RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT; ENDORSING THE PLAN OF OPERATION OF THE CENTRAL NAVAJO AGENCY COUNCIL. *Sponsor: Honorable Kee Allen Begay, Jr.*

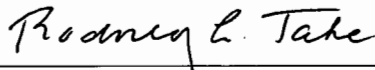
Date: September 29, 2021 – Regular Meeting (Teleconference)
Location: Resources and Development Committee members called in via teleconference from their location within the boundary of the Navajo Nation

(CONSENT AGENDA MOTION):

M: Wilson C. Stewart, Jr. **S:** Thomas Walker, Jr. **V:** 5-0-1 (CNV)
In Favor: Thomas Walker, Jr.; Kee Allen Begay, Jr.; Herman M. Daniels, Mark A. Freeland, Wilson C. Stewart, Jr.
Opposition: None
Excuse: None
Not Voting: Rickie Nez, *Chairperson*



Honorable Rickie Nez, *Chairperson*
Resources and Development Committee



Rodney L. Take, *Legislative Advisor*
Office of Legislative Services