

**RESOLUTION OF THE
RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
23rd Navajo Nation Council --- Fourth Year, 2018**

AN ACTION

**RELATING TO THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE; DIRECTING
THE NAVAJO NATION DIVISION OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND DEPARTMENTS
TO REVIEW AND ANALYZE CARBON SEQUESTRATION MODELS THROUGH THE
NATIVE AMERICAN VENTURE FUND AND REPORT TO THE RESOURCES AND
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Resources and Development Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. §500 (A).
- B. The Resources and Development Committee is the oversight committee for the Division of Natural Resources. 2 N.N.C. §501(C) (1).

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- A. Carbon sequestration [is] the long-term storage of carbon in plants, soils, geologic formations, and the ocean. Carbon sequestration occurs both naturally and as a result of anthropogenic activities and typically refers to the storage of carbon that has the immediate potential to become carbon dioxide gas. In response to growing concerns about climate change resulting from increased carbon dioxide concentrations in the atmosphere, considerable interest has been drawn to the possibility of increasing the rate of carbon sequestration through changes in land use and forestry and also through geoengineering techniques such as carbon capture and storage. See www.britannica.com
- B. The Native American Venture Fund promotes Economic, Social and Governance development activities for Indigenous Tribes throughout North America.

- C. The Native American Venture Fund's focus is on the management and preservation of millions of acres of forestry land for the purpose of carbon capture and carbon sequestration.
- D. The Native American Venture Fund is available to provide a formal presentation to the Resources and Development Committee on the perceived value of carbon offset but will require data from the Departments within the Division of Natural Resources.
- E. The Navajo Nation Department of Agriculture is established under the Division of Natural Resources as the lead agency in planning, coordination, and management of all programs, policies and regulatory provisions designed to protect and preserve Navajo rangelands, livestock and agricultural resources.
- F. The functions of the Forest Services Program are to enforce forest and woodland regulations and provide wildland fire prevention education presentations.
- G. The Resources and Development Committee finds it is in the best interest to direct the Navajo Nation Division of Natural Resources and its Departments to initiate discussions with Native American Venture Fund regarding carbon sequestration.

SECTION THREE. DIRECTIVE

The Resources and Development Committee hereby directs the Navajo Nation Division of Natural Resources and its Departments to initiate discussions with Native American Venture Fund regarding carbon sequestration and to provide preliminary data on Navajo Nation forest and grasslands, consistent with the provisions of the Navajo Nation Privacy Act, 2 N.N.C. § 81 et seq., for the purpose of a formal presentation to the Resources and Development Committee.

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby certify that the following resolution was duly considered by the Resources and Development Committee of the 23rd Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting at the Dine Restaurant, Quality Inn, Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained on this 17th day of January, 2018.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Bennett', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Benjamin Bennett, Vice Chairperson
Resources and Development Committee
of the 23rd Navajo Nation Council

Motion: Honorable Davis Filfred
Second: Honorable Leonard Pete