

**PROPOSED AGENDA
OF THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
OF THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL
June 21, 2025
Leadership Meeting
9 am MST (10am DST)**

*Via Teleconference: 669 900-6833
Zoom meeting ID: 732 628 2566
Passcode: 86515*

Presiding: Brenda Jesus, Chairperson
Casey Allen Johnson, Vice Chairperson
Place: Twin Arrows Conference Center, Leupp, Arizona

Members Present:

____ Brenda Jesus ____ Shawna Ann Claw ____ Danny Simpson
____ Casey Allen Johnson ____ Rickie Nez ____ Otto Tso

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1. Call the Leadership Meeting to Order; the Roll Call; the Invocation;
 2. Recognize Guests and Visiting Officials
 3. Review the Agenda
 4. The purpose of the leadership meeting is to engage with the District Grazing Committee members and Major Irrigation Farm Board members regarding the recommended Title 3 amendments related to agriculture and livestock production, the reissuance of grazing permits and land use permits, revitalization of idle farms, farm irrigation improvements, and other concerns.
 - a. Overview of the issues/concerns from District Grazing Committee Members (3-minute time limit each)
 - b. Discussion/Recommendations
 - A. Title 3 Amendments - Navajo Rangeland Improvement Act
 - B. Special Grazing Permits Issuance
 1. Current permittees
 2. Transfer permittees
 3. Probate permittees
 - C. Livestock Drought Mitigation Plans
 1. Control of excess feral livestock/equines
 2. Rangeland rehabilitation Practices– reseeding/deferment (USDA programs, AIF funding)
 3. Seasonal Grazing – Tribal Ranches/NAPI/Off-reservation grazing
 4. Windmill/Earthen Dam Repairs/Water Distribution Programs
 5. Culling Practices
 - D. Mandate Livestock Management Practices
 1. Vaccinations/Deworming
 2. Breeding Season
 3. Record Keeping
 4. Formation of Grazing District Livestock Associations/Cooperatives
 - c. Recess:

- d. Overview of the issues/concerns from Major Irrigation Farm Board Members (3-minute time limit each)
 - e. Discussion/Recommendations
 - A. Title 3 Amendments – Idle Farms, District Grazing Committee Oversight, Stipend Increase
 - B. Agriculture Land Use Permits (ALUP) vs. Land Use Permits (LUP)
 - 1. 25 CFR Part 162 - Leases and Permits
 - 1. Navajo Land Department
 - 2. Requirements
 - 2. 3 N.N.C §151– Land Use Permits
 - 1. Transfers
 - 2. Relinquishment
 - 3. Probates
 - C. Irrigation Development for Dryland Farms/Miscellaneous Farms/Lake Farms/River Farms
 - 1. Western Agency Farm Board
 - 1. LCR Farms and Cameron Farms Oversight
 - 2. Fort Defiance Agency Farm Board
 - 3. Chinle Agency Farm Board
 - 4. Northern Agency Farm Board
 - D. San Juan River Farm Board Irrigation Repairs/Maintenance Responsibility (tri-party memorandum of agreement)
 - 1. Water Users Association
 - 2. Department of Water Resources
 - 3. Farm Board Members
 - 4. Permittees
 - E. BIA Weed Management Program
 - 1. Other Resources needed
 - F. Farming Educational Outreach & Partnership Programs
 - 1. Soil Improvement
 - 2. Crop Rotation (drought-tolerant crops)
 - 3. Non-profit farming group mentoring programs – subleases
 - 1. Toohbaah Farmers Group
 - 2. Bidii Baby Foods
5. Close of the Leadership Meeting; Adjournment

THIS AGENDA IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. The public is advised that the Navajo Nation Council Agenda and the Agendas of the Standing Committees are not final until adopted by a majority vote of the Navajo Nation Council or the Standing Committee at a Navajo Nation Council or a Standing Committee meeting pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §§163 and 183, Navajo Nation Council Rule of Order

**RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
OF THE
25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL**

LEADERSHIP MEETING

SIGN IN/ROLL CALL SHEET

Date: June 21, 2025 – 9 a.m. MST

**Twin Arrows Conference Center
Leupp (Navajo Nation), AZ**

Via Teleconference

Meeting Called to Order: 9:06 AM (MST) Meeting Adjourned at 4:13 pm (MST)

RDC MEMBERS

	TIME IN	TIME OUT	SIGNATURE
Brenda Jesus, Chairperson Fort Defiance Agency	<u>9:00 AM (MST)</u>	<u>4:13 pm</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>
Casey Allen Johnson, Vice Chairperson Western Agency	<u>9:09 AM (MST)</u>	<u>12:40 pm</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>
Shawna Ann Claw, Member Central Agency	<u>9:02 AM (MST)</u>	<u>4:13 pm</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>
Rickie Nez, Member Northern Agency	_____	_____	<u>Excused</u>
Danny Simpson, Member Eastern Agency	_____	_____	_____
Otto Tso, Member Western Agency	<u>9:09 AM (MST)</u>	<u>4:13 pm</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>
Peggy Nakai, Legislative Advisor	_____	_____	<u>[Signature]</u>
Karen Chee Ramona J. Nelson , Legislative Assistant	_____	_____	<u>[Signature]</u>
Mariana Kahn, Legislative Counsel	_____	_____	_____

OTHER DELEGATES:

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| 1. <u>[Signature]</u> | <u>9:39 AM (MST)</u> | 2. <u>[Signature]</u> | <u>11:00 AM (MST)</u> |
| 3. <u>[Signature]</u> | <u>10:57 AM (MST)</u> | 4. _____ | _____ |

ATTENDANCE VERIFIED BY: _____

DATE: _____

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<u>VISTORS/GUESTS</u>	<u>TITLE/DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>EMAIL ADDRESS</u>
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