

**BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
AND
HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
OF THE
25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL**

Veterans Weekly Summary Call-In Meeting

SIGN IN/ROLL CALL SHEET

Date: February 09, 2024

**Budget & Finance Conference Room
Window Rock, (Navajo Nation) AZ**

Meeting Called to Order: 8:35 AM Meeting Adjourned at 9:33

February 09, 2024
Veterans Call-In Mtg
Window Rock, AZ

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Shaandiin Parrish, Chairperson Western Agency	<u>8:35 AM</u>	<u>9:33 AM</u>	<u>TELECONFERENCE</u>
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Staff:

Angelita Beaully
~~Peggy Nakai~~, Legislative Advisor
Karen Thompson
~~Ramona Nelson~~, Legislative Assistant

Lester Yazzie, Legislative Staff Assistant

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OTHER DELEGATES:

1. [Signature]
3. Herman Daniels

2. Nathan Notah
4. Brenda Jesus

ATTENDANCE VERIFIED BY: Karen Thompson

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Germaine Simonson, Vice Chairperson Central Agency	_____	_____	_____
Helena Nez Begay, Member Western Agency	<u>8:35 AM</u>	<u>9:33 AM</u>	<u>teleconference</u>
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George Tolth, Member Eastern Agency	_____	_____	_____
Curtis Yanito, Member Northern Agency	_____	_____	_____

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1. Tatyana Biluy	ISS / PIO	
2. Jason John	Off of SPKR	
3. Darryl Multine	ODC	
4. Clarissa Begay	ODS	
5. Marcello Penuhore	ODS	
6. _____	ZOOM PARTICIPANTS	
7. KJ Thompson	Hon. Brenda Jesus	
8. HEHSC Admin / BFC Conf. Rm.	Hon. Andy Nez	
9. Hon. Shaandiin Parrish	Bobbie Baldwin	
10. Hon. Carl Slater	Jacquelyn F. Morgan	
11. Hon. Amber K. Crotty	Olin Kieyoomia	
12. Hon. Lomardo Aseret	Clarinda Begay	
13. Hon. Nathan Notah	i Phone	
14. Hon. Herman Daniels	1505 - *2610	
15. Hon. Vince James	— END OF LIST —	
16. Hon. Helena N Begay	Kenny Thompson LA (HEHSC)	

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Passcode: 86515*

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MEMORANDUM

To : Budget and Finance Committee
25th Navajo Nation Council

From : Bobbie Ann Baldwin
Ms. Bobbie Ann Baldwin, Executive Director
Navajo Nation Veterans Administration
Navajo Nation Office of the President and Vice President

Date : January 26, 2024

Re : Veterans Trust Fund Report

Honorable members of the Budget and Finance Committee and the 25th Navajo Nation Council this report will contain information for the Veterans Trust Fund and how the Veterans Administration and the Office of the Controller are working together to streamline the process of payments to Veterans and their families.

Veterans Trust Fund Expense as of 01 26 2024

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>% Utilized</u>
Chinle	\$818,778.24	\$138,042.39	83 %
Eastern	\$1,076,292.47	\$325,337.25	70 %
Fort Defiance	\$1,285,815.42	\$470,744.08	63%
Northern	\$946,364.83	\$369,989.41	61%
Western	\$989,674.04	\$219,398.49	78%
	\$5,116,925.00	\$1,523,511.62	70%

\$3,593,413.62 paid to Veterans, Surviving Spouses and Goldstar Mothers.

WEEK OF JANUARY 15, 2023

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Assistance Processed (the # of 105's entered into FMIS)</u>
Chinle	32
Eastern	68
Fort Defiance	97
Northern	61
Western	18
TOTAL:	276

WEEK OF JANUARY 22, 2023

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Assistance Processed (the # of 105's entered into FMIS)</u>
Chinle	10
Eastern	53
Fort Defiance	114
Northern	0
Western	17
TOTAL:	194

Office of the Controller – Accounts Payable

The Navajo Nation Veterans Administration is currently working with the Accounts Payable department to streamline, simplify and iron out areas needing improvements. The next step we have in process is to meet the Accounts Payable department to gain further detailed knowledge on the process their department must follow to process a payment along with the policy Accounts Payable follows for these payments.

Directive: The Navajo Nation Veterans Administration has provided a Directive to each agency directing each staff member to adhere to a proper timeline. The first part of this Directive is to process all financial assistance requests (Form 105) within 3 business days. The second part of this Directive is all financial assistance requests (Form 105) submitted for the prior months will not be processed.

Example:

Friday January 26, 2024 - You submit your Form 105 with today's date.

The Agency office has 3 business days to process your payment.

Monday January 29, 2023 - the time line will begin

Wednesday January 31, 2023 – Is the deadline to get the payment to Accounts Payable from the Agency office.

Progress:

The Veterans Administration is currently working with each person who has a hand in processing these payments to ensure each person understands their responsibilities and duties they have to assist in this process.

Health Education Human Services Committee Recommendation:

NNVA to purchase software similar to what the Navajo Nation TANF program has to process payments. This software is a multimillion dollar software. Currently the NNVA does not have a budget to purchase such a software.

VETERANS HOUSING

Housing Program – 195 names on the Housing List

ARPA Allocation amount \$50,000,000.00

Contracts

#1) Southwest Indian Foundation	20 Homes	\$ 4,688,838.00
#2) Southwest Indian Foundation	52 Homes	\$10,500,000.00
Total:		\$15,188,838.00

ARPA Funds	\$50,000,000.00
<u>Funds Encumbered</u>	<u>\$15,188,838.00</u>
ARPA Balance	\$34,811,162.00

How will NNVA spend the \$34,811,162.00?

Answer: The Veterans Administration is working with the Fiscal Recovery Fund Office by the means of the Request for Qualifications (RFQ).

There are 2 RFQ's proposed to accomplish our goals of building homes for Veterans. They are as follows:

1) CONSTRUCTION

- a. Rock Gap
- b. Bitco
- c. Phelps Precision
- d. TJC Construction
- e. Souers Construction

2) PROJECT MANAGEMENT

- a. Rock Gap (Priority 1)
- b. Arrow Tek LLC (Priority 1)
- c. Stanford Lake Hooghan (Priority 1)
- d. AECOM (Not Priority 1)

Currently awaiting the following offices to schedule the opening of the last 2 RFQ's to be opened:

- 1) Fiscal Recovery Fund
- 2) Business Regulatory
- 3) Office of the Controller

VETERANS TRUST FUND – HOUSING PROGRAM

Sparrow Group

\$17,250,000	14 New Homes
\$ 8,894,479	73 Remodels
\$ 8,355,520	20 New Homes

XC: File

Accounts Payable Veterans Payment Update

February 6, 2024

Veterans program information system and data portal update

The Veterans Program Director and the Office of the Controller team had a zoom meeting with Eaglesun management team Cindy Wright and Janice Janun Wednesday February 07, 2024. Eaglesun provided an overview of information system and capabilities and reports the system generates. Currently Navajo Nation TANF, school clothing and scholarship programs are using the Eaglesun Financial Information System and submits to Accounts Payable thru data portal. Ms. Baldwin provided Eaglesun management the Veterans program needs regarding payments to the Veterans, housing and loan program.

Discussion that needs to happen:

- o Cost of the information system including implementation, maintenance & support cost.
- o Funding for the information system
- o The Information system be utilize thru out the year by Veterans Department?
- o Are the current issues being resolved?
 - 6 Veterans staff are currently working on getting their FMIS certification.

Next Step

Eaglesun onsite visit with Veterans program on February 20, 2024 at 9:00 am in Window Rock.

February 2024 AP Check Run Report

Date	Amount	Total Checks	
02-08-2024	\$ 4,200.00	33	General Claim Forms
	\$		
Totals	4,200.00	33	



Veterans First Quarter Pending Payments

In working with the Veterans department there are approximately 50 applications pending and submitted to Accounts Payable for payment on February 4th and 5th that are from 1st quarter. Accounts Payable turnaround time is 2 weeks so we are looking at February 16th for payment to these veterans provide.

EFT, Cash App and Pay Card

EFT

Navajo Nation Accounts Payable does encourage Navajo Nation Vendors to use EFT - Direct Deposit form as a method of payment. The forms are on the Office of the Controller Website.

CASH APPS

Cash App lets anyone quickly receive and send money from their mobile devices. In addition to mobile banking, Cash App also offers the option to purchase stocks and bitcoin through its platform.

Receive money - direct deposit

Send money - send money to friends and family. Have to have a balance

Pay Merchants directly - scan codes, discounts

ATM Fees

Investing Fees

Cash App Scams **breach of security**

Pay Card are associated with an employer

For employees

Question for Eaglesun

More research needed on the Cash app and Pay Card

