

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

REGULAR MEETING

**July 27, 2026
10:20 a.m.**

PRESIDING: Honorable Brenda Jesus, Chairperson
Honorable Casey Allen Johnson, Vice Chairperson

LOCATION: NDOT Senator John Pinto Meeting Room – Mentmore, (Navajo Nation), New Mexico

I. Call Meeting to Order; Roll Call; Invocation; Announcements:

In person/teleconference meeting called to order by Chairperson Brenda Jesus at 10:20 a.m.

Resources and Development Committee Members: Brenda Jesus @ 9:55 a.m., Casey Allen Johnson @ 10:03 a.m., Shawna Ann Claw @ 10:10 a.m. via Zoom, Danny Simpson @ 12:00 p.m. via Zoom and Otto Tso @ 10:10 a.m. via Zoom.

Resources and Development Members who were not present: Rickie Nez was excused.

Invocation was provided from Brenda Jesus

Legislative Staff present:

Leslie Tsosie, Legislative Advisor, Ramona J. Nelson, Legislative Assistant and Mariana Kahn, Legislative Counsel.

II. Recognizing Guests & Visiting Officials:

Others present: See the Visitor Sign in Sheet for listing of Guests in attendance

III. Review and Adopt Agenda:

Amendment No. 1:

1. Delete following Legislation(s) under 7. New Business item c. on the agenda:

- d. Legislation No. 267-24
- e. Legislation No. 269-24
- f. Legislation No. 272-24
- g. Legislation No. 273-24
- h. Legislation No. 274-24
- i. Legislation No. 275-24
- j. Legislation No. 277-24

Amendment Motion to Approve: Shawna Ann Claw
Second: Casey Allen Johnson

Votes: 3-0; Yea: Casey Allen Johnson, Shawna Ann Claw and Otto Tso. 0 opposed. Chairperson not voting. Danny Simpson did not vote.

Main Motion: Shawna Ann Claw

Second: Otto Tso

Votes: 3-0; Yea: Casey Allen Johnson, Shawna Ann Claw and Otto Tso. 0 opposed. Chairperson not voting. Danny Simpson did not vote.

IV. Review and Adopt Journal:

- Wednesday, July 1, 2026 – Special Meeting
- Monday, July 6, 2026 – Regular Meeting
- Tuesday, July 7, 226 – Special Meeting

Main Motion: Shawna Ann Claw

Second: Casey Allen Johnson

Modification: Shawna Ann Claw entertained a modification to defer the three (3) journals to the next Resources and Development Committee Meeting.

Motion to defer: Shawna Ann Claw

Second: Casey Allen Johnson

Votes: 3-0; Yea: Casey Allen Johnson, Shawna Ann Claw and Otto Tso. 0 opposed. Chairperson not voting. Danny Simpson did not vote.

V. Receiving Report:

- a. Title: Navajo Nation Office of Surface and Mining (OSM) update oral report on Peabody Post-Mining activities

Presenter(s): William Skeet, Senior Environmental Engineer and Brian Tsingine, Senior Mining Engineer

- An oral and written report was provided to the Committee

Main Motion to Accept: Shawna Ann Claw

Second: Casey Allen Johnson

Votes: 3-0; Yea: Casey Allen Johnson, Shawna Ann Claw and Otto Tso. 0 opposed. Chairperson not voting. Danny Simpson did not vote.

VI. Old Business: None

VII. New Business:

- a. **Legislation No. 0113-26:** An Action Relating to Resources and Development Committee; Approving the Tribal Ranch Leases on Bluewater, Berryhill Ranch, Carrica Ranch, Chaco Canyon Ranch, Elkins Ranch, Pitts Ranch, Gallo Allotment Ranch, I.K. Westbrook Ranch, Shaw Ranch, Sims Ranch, and Vanderwagon Ranch

Sponsor: Brenda Jesus, Council Delegate

Leslie Tsosie, Legislative Advisor read legislation heading into record

- Brenda Jesus, Sponsor and Jesse Jim, Agent elaborated on Legislation No. 0113-26

Amendment No. 1:

1. Exchange first page of Exhibit C to correct the name of Loritta J. Largo which was mistyped as Loretta J. Largo.
2. Exhibit C first page is attached.
3. Renumber or reletter succeeding paragraphs, sections, and exhibits, as necessary and appropriate. The Office of Legislative Services and the Office of Legislative Counsel are authorized to make technical edits to this legislation and its exhibits to implement the Committee's intent. This Amendment supersedes inconsistent language and figures in any other amendment(s), which shall be conformed to this Amendment.

Amendment Motion: Brenda Jesus

Second: Danny Simpson

Votes: 3-1; Yea: Brenda Jesus, Danny Simpson and Otto Tso. 1 opposed: Shawna Ann Claw. Vice Chairperson not voting.

Main Motion to Approve: Brenda Jesus

Second: Shawna Ann Claw

Votes: 2-1; Yea: Brenda Jesus and Danny Simpson. 1 opposed: Shawna Ann Claw. Vice Chairperson not voting. Otto Tso did not vote.

- b. **Legislation No. 0172-26:** An Action Relating to Resources and Development and Naabik'íyáti Committees, and the Navajo Nation Council; Designation Tooh Ahidiilini, the Confluence of the Little Colorado River and the Colorado River, the Little Colorado Rive Gorge, and Other Related Cultural, Religious, and Spiritual Sites within the Bodaway/Gap Chapter as a Sacred Site
Sponsor: Brenda Jesus, Council Delegate
Leslie Tsosie, Legislative Advisor read legislation heading into record

- Brenda Jesus, Sponsor and Jesse Jim, Agent elaborated on Legislation No. 0172-26

1st Roll Call: Vice Chairman Casey Allen Johnson requested for an official roll call of the Resources and Development Committee Members with the following members present: Brenda Jesus, Shawna Ann Claw, Danny Simpson and Casey Allen Johnson. Rickie Nez is excused. Otto Tso did not answer to roll call.

Main Motion to Approve: Shawna Ann Claw

Second: Danny Simpson

Votes: 3-0; Yea: Shawna Ann Claw, Brenda Jesus and Danny Simpson. 0 opposed. Chairperson not voting. Otto Tso did not vote.

Recess: Chairman Brenda Jesus called for recess @ 1:02 p.m.

Reconvene: Chairman Brenda Jesus reconvened the meeting at 1:10 p.m.

- c. **Legislation No. 0158-26:** An Action Relating to Resources and Development and Budget and Finance Committee; Accepting a Performance Audit of Navajo Nation Agriculture Infrastructure Fund and Approving a Performance Audit of Navajo Nation Agriculture Infrastructure Fund and Approving the Department of Agriculture's Proposed Corrective Action Plan
Sponsor: Brenda Jesus, Council Delegate

Leslie Tsosie, Legislative Advisor read legislation heading into record

- Brenda Jesus, Sponsor, Jesse Jim and Jeanine Jones, Agent(s) elaborated on Legislation No. 0172-26

Main Motion to Approve: Brenda Jesus

Second: Danny Simpson

2nd Roll Call: Vice Chairman Casey Allen Johnson requested for an official roll call of the Resources and Development Committee Members with the following members present: Brenda Jesus, Danny Simpson and Casey Allen Johnson. Rickie Nez is excused. Otto Tso and Shawna Ann Claw did not answer to roll call.

Note: The Resources and Development Committee lost quorum at 1:36 p.m. and the meeting was called by Vice Chairman Casey Allen Johnson.