

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR CALLED MEETING

Via Microsoft Teams

July 16, 2021

9:00 a.m.

### MINUTES

#### I. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL, INVOCATION; ANNOUNCEMENTS.

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Navajo Housing Authority was held on Friday, July 16, 2021. The meeting was called to order by Board of Commissioner Vice-Chairperson David N. Sloan at 9:03 am., Via Microsoft Teams.

**ROLL CALL:** (*P – Present, L – Late, A – Absent, T – Teleconference*)

David N. Sloan, Vice Chairperson, Licensed Professional Engineer Representative – (Microsoft Teams)

Kerrie L. Begaye, Secretary/Treasurer, Tenant/Homebuyer Representative (Microsoft Teams)

Stanford Lake, Member, Business Mgmt Professional Representative (Microsoft Teams)

All three members are present, there is a quorum.

Staff on Microsoft Teams: Dwayne Waseta, ICEO; Heather L. Duncan, ICFO; Terrilynn Cook, CAO; Ernest Franklin, Jr., ICOO; Robert L. Silva, Staff Attorney; LaVerne Johnson, Legal Manager; Calandra Etsitty, Compliance Manager; Nellie Gilmore, Grants Manager and Doreen Yazzie, Executive Administrator.

Invocation: Doreen L. Yazzie, EA

Announcement by DW. There is going to be the summer Tribal Council session next week.

#### II. RECOGNIZE GUESTS AND VISITING OFFICIALS

Honorable Council Delegate Nathaniel Brown joined at 9:30 a.m.

#### III. REVIEW AND ADOPT AGENDA

**MOTION:** Commissioner Stanford Lake motioned to review the agenda, seconded by Commissioner David Sloan. **MOTION CARRIED** with 3 in Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstentions. DY. Read the agenda into the Record.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Kerrie L. Begaye motioned to adopt the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Stanford Lake. **MOTION CARRIED** with 3 in Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstentions.

#### IV. REVIEW AND ADOPT MINUTES

1. Minutes of the BOC Regular Meeting – June 25, 2021

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Via Teleconference

**MOTION:** Commissioner Kerrie L. Begaye motioned to review and adopt the Minutes of the BOC Regular Meeting on June 25, 2021, seconded by Commissioner Stanford Lake. **MOTION CARRIED** with 3 in Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstentions.

**V. NHA REPORTS**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Kerrie L. Begaye motioned to review the reports, seconded by Commissioner Stanford Lake. **MOTION CARRIED** with 3 in Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstentions.

1. Executive Report – Dwayne Waseta, ICEO

We are looking at amending the IHBG CARES Act funding from what was previously approved in 2020. We want to help with homeless veterans who have been affected by the pandemic, we are assisting Chinle Nursing Home, Kiabeto Elderly home and Sandstone Housing. This will be presented to the board for approval next month. NHA submitted all the documentation to close out the 2018 VASH account. The 2022 IHP was approved by RDC on July 9, 2021, they are aware of our activities, we will submit the IHP once the President signs, its due to HUD on July 18, 2021. HUD 2019 FMR Findings No. 4, 5 and 6, which consist of the Procurement Standard Operating Procedures, Sub-recipient Audit Verification and Income Eligibility for Essential Families, the letter to HUD and the attachments were uploaded on google drive for HUD's review and this was completed on June 30, 2021. And for finding 1; we received a letter from HUD SWONAP Office on June 16, 2021 officially closing finding no. 1. Once HUD reviews the documents for Findings 4, 5 and 6 we will receive a letter closing out those concerns. The audit firm completed their review and is finalizing the draft report. We are going to utilize the ARP funding for infrastructure; New Rentals; New Homeownership; New/Upgrade Infrastructure; Ventilation/Interior Improvement on Public Rental and Homeownership units, PR Foundation Repairs; Real property Acquisition – Access Road at the Houck site this has been an ongoing project for the past 6 years. We continue to communicate with the Navajo Nation Veterans Office regarding the NAHASDA requirement for eligibility. Presentation to RDC regarding the 2022 IHP, which they approved. We will be presenting the return-to-work policy to the Board next month.

DS. Before we proceed, I would like to ask if anybody else has joined us on the call. Do we have any questions from the other commissioners for the interim CEO? I have a few questions; we have a new board member Stanford Lake. A lot of the comments I have is from the learning curve I have. The CARES Act and the American Rescue Plan, has the Federal Government granted funds directly to NHA to spend? So, when you went through the list on the Rescue Plan are there actually funds in the bank with NHA or is there a drawdown process that NHA has to go through again with all the proposed projects listed in item 2? I'm not sure Mr. Brown if you received the documents that are on the agenda.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Stanford Lake motioned to amend the agenda to add Honorable Delegate Nathaniel Brown to the report, seconded by Commissioner Kerrie L. Begaye. **MOTION CARRIED** with 3 in Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstentions.

2. Sweat Equity – Honorable Council Delegate Nathaniel Brown

Honorable Council Delegate Nathaniel Brown. Introduction, I represent Dennehotso, Chilchinbeto and Kayenta. I sent a request to be placed on the agenda to give a report, I sent it to Ms. Doreen Yazzie and Mr. Dwayne Waseta. My chapter is doing wonderful as far as the sweat equity program, we are having a meeting this weekend we want to continue to build homes for our Navajo

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