

Navajo Nation/ADOT/BIA/FHWA/Counties/Hopi Tribe Partnership Steering Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes December 3, 2009 Flagstaff, AZ

- Task Team Reports/Updates

AIR/VIR

- Pursue legislative changes for Vendors in the ROW & Animals in the ROW
 - Meetings at Navajo – assigned to Francine
 - Consensus at a stand-still - getting enforcement-due to IGA
 - BIA had put signs up (N15 & N6) right in the vendor area, which seems to be working
 - Public Safety Committee supports the changes in the legislation
 - Who writes the changes? Currently working with three (3) Delegates and to be presented at Spring Session
 - Missing Law Enforcement
 - Navajo Rangers are interested in helping out too
 - District Concerns:
 - Is there an increase in the number of Vendors?
 - 1984 IGA – Vender village –vs.– turnouts
 - IGA only covers the vendors, not the animals
 - Per Tom, draft up IGA first before going to legislation and work with Navajo DOT Attorney, John Rutherford and have it presented
 - Do not do everything all at once.
 - Only a couple of items
 - Continue putting up the signs
 - Navajo Nation Ranger Department are interested in assisting
 - New Task Team
 - Environmental Resources (Ruth Greenspan and Mary Frye <not members yet>)
 - North Dakota
 - Environmental Clearances

Navajo Nation Environments, first priority is helping Maintenance

- Champions: Gene Martinez and Nina Swidler
 - Three Tribes first (Navajo, Hopi and San Carolos)
 - Navajo DOT will route the water, similar to environmental
 - AIR Mini Conference
 - Purpose is to educate the public, discuss what is being done, distribute brochures and CDs/DVDs and provide power point
 - Send CDs/DVDs to chapters instead of in-person
 - Let Chapters do them to help with travel constraints
 - Navajo DOT and ADOT will just chase animals back-in and fix the fences.
 - Grazing officials should be involved; put in their job-description
 - Needs to get listing of Grazing Officials
 - Many Farms Delegate, Honorable Kee Allen Begay, Jr.:
 - Many Farms Chapter and Chinle Chapter Fencing
 - Fix the fencing from Chinle to Many Farms
 - Complete PA- start design, back fencing business and ROW
 - ADOT is putting some fences back together (fix & replace)
 - Paving and permitting turn-outs
 - Presentations from the State
 - For Fairs – FHWA can help with booth costs
- **Emergency**
- Emergency Response Plan for Navajo DOT will be done by Francine
 - Have emergency snow removal plan and 2 new snow plow trucks
 - Still working on resource manual – one chapter at the time
 - Tom- need to have MOU in place with all agencies in order to work together when there is a major emergency.
 - Bill Tart – Navajo County recently signed one with Apache County

➤ **Training**

- FHWA has called for a training every fiscal year
- Still pursuing Fed 101 training
 - Problem with Fed 101- it's tailored to the State DOTs and needs to be tailored to the Tribe—this will take some time for FHWA to customize.
- What about the TTAPs?
 - Need to utilize training resources available through this organization
 - Geared to teach the Tribe –vs- NHI, which do not know the culture, etc.
 - Invite Ron Hall to share his information on resources
- Need for training pertaining to transportation laws
 - Technical Areas such as ROW, Environmental, and Utilities
- Navajo DOT is working on obtaining a training coordinator for staff and other interested entities

➤ **Resources**

- Finished the mining plan for Teec Nos Pos (only for Navajo Nation and Apache County)
- Stan mapped out future aggregated locations
 - Working with Melvin Bedonie
 - Working with I.H.S. to identify abandoned wells
 - Working with NTUA
 - Wells identified on current map are not for construction, meant for livestock (windmills)
 - Reform the task team—set up at the next meeting

➤ **Processes**

- ROW for Burnside Project

➤ **Website Review and Update**

- Project Development Eng./RE list
- Highway log link
- Crash data info

- Navajo DOT Updates
 - Transitioning – Director Appointed
 - Managers acquiring signature authority

- Working to create internal partnerships (e.g. Director of Natural Resources)
- Fleet is expanding
- Met with Victor Mendez to share plans, accomplishments, goals
- Biggest transition
 - Releasing internal information to educate and inform the public
- Biggest help is from the partners – creating policies
- Navajo DOT taking ownership of the Partnership but still needs partner support
- Conference 2009
 - Navajo DOT staff ran the conference
 - Next summer 2011 in the mountains
- Goals
 - Add New Mexico and Utah to the Partnership
- Annual Meetings
 - Tom- recommend moving it to the summer
 - Defer to next quarterly meeting
 - Two day event
- **Next Meeting Date:**
 - **April 8th, 2010 at Flagstaff District Conference Room**

REMINDER:

1. Send John M. & Jen the information regarding the next meeting and VIR/AIR tasking team. Please include time on the agenda
2. Task team meeting 1/14/10-9am-Flagstaff District Conference Room.