

Navajo Nation/ DOT / BIA / FHWA/ Hopi Tribe Partnership Steering Committee Meeting
Meeting Minutes – July 22, 2010
Radisson Woodlands Hotel – 1175 W. Route 66 – Flagstaff, AZ

Objectives:

- Web Conferencing Demonstration
- Task Team Updates / Direction from Steering Committee
- Announce Task Team Meetings
- PEP Ratings

Riley conducted meeting:

- Began with Introductions
- Reviewed meeting agenda
- Video conferencing demonstration

Meeting began at 8:00 a.m. by Riley Wilson

- Welcome remarks
- This is a regular partnership meeting
- There will be a video conferencing demo by Theran Tallsalt

Theran Tallsalt –

- Explained how the video conferencing works; each laptop has a web camera
- Number of people on the webcam is four
- Participants are able to share documents – user guide is 250

Tom Platero –

- Theran is working on the video conferencing to cut down on travel costs
- If you need to know about various meetings, you can get on the Navajo DOT website
- We are learning as we go

Myra Rothman (Rusty) –

- For the committee members that are not in attendance, are they still able to attend the meeting?

Tom –

- You are able to share documents
You can make changes on the screen. We are looking at this for the task team meetings. We need to come up with training for this system, but the quarterly meetings will be face-to-face.

Rusty –

- Misty will check with ADOT on this training

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Theran –

- This will be beneficial to everyone
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TASK TEAM REPORTS:

Julius – VIR/AIR Task Teams

- Handed out reports
- The AIR task team meets every other month; our goal is to meet people to educate them and conduct public hearings/meetings
- Purpose: to let the people know the problems with animals on the roads and vendors selling on the roads
- Meetings were held in Cameron and Tuba City; we depend on ADOT to help us

Rusty –

- Questions and Statements; need to have a face-to-face meeting between Navajo DOT and ADOT
- Forms were given out and information was summarized; comments were taken from the chapters

Johnny Robbins –

- We got positive feedback from the public and suggestions were given.

Misty Dayzie –

- Any Meeting Minutes

Lynn Johnson –

- Holbrook District
- Major issue in Chinle on 191.
- Working closing Chinle & Many Farms.
- Found fencing materials for Chinle.
- Radio Announcements Running?

Julius –

- Aired on the radio
- We are scheduled to be on the air on Aug. 4th – have someone from ADOT, TCDC & BIA @ this forum.
- KTNN (radio station) is willing to cooperate
- Proposing a meeting @ Tsaile, AZ

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John Harper –

- How can we remove the structure?

Rusty –

- A Couple of stands

Johnny Robbins –

- Vendors in ROW – Chapters were requesting to have them
- Yellowhorse – issue
- Sheet W/ Economic Development & Cameron Chapter
- No rule comment – People took the information
- Bring it up @ upcoming meeting

Rusty –

- Be able to go to the chapters and get information from them

Arlando Teller –

- Same issue w/ the Lupton Area? Chapter did approach me – on AZ border

Tom –

- ROW side

John Rutherford –

- Jurisdiction to enforcing law out there
- Explained the laws on the tribes' part on the ROW. Solution is cooperation

Rusty –

- According to the law – the rangers...(inaudible)
- Do joint force to take one down. Just a thought

Julius –

- At ADOT – Road on Reservation

John R –

- Involve state Hwy Patrol & DPS
- Stay away from the rangers. They don't have law enforcement authorities.
- This would be for vendors
- Issues for animals as well
- Concerns on liability issues

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- We have livestock laws

Tom –

- Tribal law. A rule in general

John R –

- There's BIA Standard Terms & Conditions

Tom –

- New Government coming in January. We have to start marketing.
- Organizing the New Government
- We need to start preparing for the new group
- We need to put the campaign together on the policy

Julius –

- Meeting w/ - has not occurred.
- A lot of roads w/ no ROW fences & those belong to BIA
- Question – ADOT - cattle guard

Tom –

- Fencing is a hard project.
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Riley –

- (Flip Chart) – Next Steps
- VIR/ AIR

Tom –

- Presentations
- Put binders together (50)
- Plan a date to present the booklet
- Task Teams in 2 months to begin to put the booklet together
- The group has to come to a consensus

Riley –

- Things to do will be typed in the minutes
- Garren Burbank – will share data on accidents

Tom –

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- We have to share the accident data w/ the state
 - Share true numbers
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Lemont – Emergency Task Team

- Standard Operating Procedures
- Sample policy on ADOT
- NO GIS data w/ Navajo Nation. (working on that)
- Water Reserve data was provided.
- Policy S/B ready @ next meeting
- Project on Tremble
- (Tom) met w/ Tremble. Working on project sharing data w/ the entities

Lemont –

- Operations center-
- Project – track people & vehicles
- Proposal given by Tremble
- Will provide more information from Tremble

Tom –

- Trade ADOT vehicle or county grader
- Will track all data (vehicles / equipment)
- GPS units will be installed
- Incorporate weather, partners
- Come up a logical system to work on roads
- We have agents in place

Lemont –

- Inventory - reporting

Riley –

- We'll share the GIS data @ Next Meeting
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Theran – WebSite Task Team

Tom –

- Task Team will have an account setup
- Tracking system – Team leader will have access
- Communication mode

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- Be accountable w/ their tasks
- Automation of everything
- Paint a picture for federal and state people

Theran –

- Explained the Real Task (Example)

Misty –

- Update on information put link on task team page. Homepage is constantly changing

Tom –

- Get the website going
- AZ TTAP – Trying to work information schedule
- Help us w/ conference from partners
- Resource center – call for Training

Tom –

- Gave update on the Navajo DOT conference. This is part of the Training report by Tom.

Riley –

- Sharing the Web (flip Chart)
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Michele Morris & Tim D. – Resources Task Team

- Explained the Team members (powerpoint)
- Identified the goals
 - Gather information on Navajo:
 - Bus routes
 - Environmental information

Lemont –

- Maps on Water Resources
- Data received from NTUA
- Information needed on cell phone carriers
- Will post information on website

Riley –

- Next Step (Flip Chart)
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Geraldine Jones – Environmental Resources Task Team

- Meeting in Phoenix
- Upcoming meeting on 8/17/10
- Invitation letters to BIA, County (RE: Committee)
- 4 Tasks : (1) Copy of BIA Manual 30 (G. Jones). Are we inconsistent with ADOT Issue FONSI.

Chuck –

- 401 Certification
- Requirements needed
- Next meeting in September
- Fee payment

Nina –

- Programmatic Agreement (state and Federal)
- Sub-task team. Meeting on 6/16/10
- Initiated a resolution w/ and agreement in Tucson
- Cultural Resolution Management
 - Landowners
- State wide conference to the tribes to get people concerns
- ADOT may have the facility in conference

Riley –

- Next Step (flip chart)
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John Rutherford – Processes Task Team

(Handout)

John – Goals & Objectives

- Project related problems
- Get recommendation
- Draft Agreement w/ NM on US 491 Project
- Maintenance Yard lease Agreements
- Issues on Navajo Nation will have Grant access (?) on the Carrizo Pit.

Riley – Next Steps (flip Chart)

- ROW w/ FONSI
- PEP Rating – (6) People did their ratings

Michele – comments on PEP

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- Quantity vs. Quality

Announcement: Next Meeting : 9/16/10 @ 9:00AM, Flagstaff, AZ