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PUBLIC WORK PROGRAM.
HANDLING OF HEALTH
PROBLEMS AND PROPOSALS.
ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
OF THE RESERVATION.

...Will have an enormous effect upon the member of the Navajo Tribe in off-reservation area...and will have a large bearing upon the overall administration and the welfare of the Navajo Tribe. The Eastern Navajo Council hereby request the Navajo Tribe to provide legal counsel to work closely with the public land... Now Review Commission which legal counsel will promote to follow but not be linked to...review the full impact of the Act of 1964 which establish the Public Land Law Review Commission on the instruction of requirement of the Congress of the United States and the complete review of all Federal law and the administration thereof and be fully explained to the Navajo people and the five agencies concerned with Navajo affairs... The full impact thereof upon the Navajo people...the complete review the assigned projects and studio of Public Law Receive Commission to explain the full effort to the upon the Navajo people... to includely follow the word of the Public Law Land Receive Commission and when necessary to represent the Navajo people...upon any proposals and recommendations that are made effecting the Navajo and the Federal Law being used

by the Navajo people...requesting vocational, agricultural training in BIA and public school to create increase for the Navajo children to follow their education and vocation educational training. The education and progress of the Navajo of utmost importance and the huge Navajo Indian and termination progress is forthcoming in the very near future and there is a great need for personal people in the field of vocational education training to properly prepare the Navajo youth of the huge Navajo and process. And Navajo young people graduation from high school are increase in large number and many are going into higher education in various fields ever year...and very soon that none of the Navajo are charging to further their education in the field of vocational agricultural training. The Bureau of Indian Affair and the public school are hereby request to provide vocational educational training in our high school establishment to create an interest for Navajo youngster to further their education in the field of educational. The education committee of the Navajo Tribal Council and the Eastern Navajo Council are hereby request to follow up on their request and to explain way to have vocational agricultural training in the BIA and the public school...requesting the ONEO and the Navajo Tribe to admit the plan of operation for the home improvement program in the public work, public work

program to permit the chapter officer to work in said program...the Navajo Tribal Council hire the advisory committee of the Navajo community tribal council have adopt a plan of operation for public works program where the office of the chapter are not permitted to work for wages on the public work program which like the ONEO has got a similar type of plan of operation for the home improvement program where chapter officer are not permitted to work for wages on the home improvement program. The policy of the chapter officer not being permitted to work on public work and home improvement program is considerate an unfair (?) as the coordinating programming in assisting in said program and the policy also provide the chapter officer from taking part in the training opportunity on such program. This is very desirable (?) that the ONEO and the Navajo amend the plans of operation for the home improvement program and the public work program to permit the chapter officer to have for wages under progress to take advantage of the training opportunity and enjoy a good life. The Eastern Navajo Council hereby request the Navajo Tribal Council and the advisory committee of the Navajo Councilor to admit its form of operation for the public work project to admit the chapter officer to work on public work project and likewise the Eastern Navajo Council request the ONEO to its plan of

operation for the home improvement plan...to admit the chapter officer to work on the home improvement training to take advantage to training opportunity and to enjoy equal right. Direct all of the Navajo tribal councilmen from the Eastern Navajo Agency area to follow through on this request and to make contact with remark so before their meeting of the Eastern Navajo Councilor...Article 1, establishment of committee...the following person are elected as member of the half committee of the Eastern Navajo Councilor at Crownpoint, New Mexico on June 15, 1968. District 15...Billy Becenti, Fred William, District 16... Charlie Largo, Ben Pino, District 19... Harrison, Bessie Roybal, Sherlock Welto. Charlie Long was reappointed as chairman and the vice-chairman and secretary are to be elected by the committee at its first meeting. Article 2, membership...this committee should be composed of not less than 3 representative, each from District 15, 16 and 19. Of the member organized elect on August 19, 1967, one member from each district will serve through August 31, 1970. One member will serve through August 31, 1969 and one member will serve through August 31, 1968. The member serving these different term to be decided by the committee as each member term of office is to expire. His successor will be elect in the August meeting of the Navajo agent council to the third year starting on the date following

each election. Member of the committee are eligible for reelection without any limit on the number of term they can serve. A vacancy occurred in any member position shall be filled by election of a new member from some district or the provision appointed at the next meeting of the Eastern Navajo Council to fill out the expired term...the provision inserted. The health committee will meet regularly during the first and second week in the month of February, April, June, August, October and December each year to prepare a report and recommendation for representation to the Eastern Navajo Council at this regular meeting. On the third Saturday of these month it may hold special meeting on call by determine. Five member will constitute a quoru for the conduct of official committee business. The committee will study all problems relating to food transaction (?), water supply and garbage disposal facilities has provide by the United States Public Health Service Division of Indian and the State Health Department refer to the committee by the tribe interpreter district council, the Eastern Navajo Council, the Navajo Tribe Health Committee Official of the United States Public Health Service of the State Health Department. It will collect all fact about each problem on purpose preferred to it by interviewing chapter officer, Public Health Service Official, State Health Department

Official and other concerning person by witness, hospital employee, nurse, whether (?) supply and service department project, etc. as necessary...based on each study and investigation the committee will prepare a report of the effect regarding each problem on purpose and reach recommendation on the same for consideration and appropriation action by the Navajo Tribal Councilor. The Committee representative of each district will carry primary responsibility for visiting hospital and current local facilities...the district reserve the Navajo people and for investing hospital and planning local within the district which serve Navajo people and for investigating and studying the problem or proposal relating to any such hospital or clinic and submitting to report and recommendation on some through the Navajo people... District 3... after any health problem or proposal has been studied and report on the Eastern Navajo Council and the Eastern Navajo Councilor to adopt by former action (?) of course at the inspection of the problem or proposal the committee chairman or a member of the committee...designate by the chairman or present the councilor position by the subject of any meeting of the tribal health committee, Public Health Service, the State Health Department or other concern group. The committee will follow to see the appropriate action is taken on our resolution relating to

health service and hospital, the Eastern Navajo Council and will report on the same at each meeting of the Eastern Navajo Council. No health problem and proposal shall be placed on the agenda for an Eastern Navajo Council meeting until it has been seen the base fact have been gathered in report and recommendation by the health committee are for submission to the Eastern Navajo Council for its consideration. Tribal chapter, tribal councilor, the Public Health Service, the State Health Department and others shall submit all health program proposal which they will think require action by the Eastern Navajo Council to the health committee for the later study, report and recommendation. The councilmen, the chairman, vice-president and secretary of the health committee shall be elect by the member of the committee from their own member following the annual election of their third member, one from each district of the health committee but no later than August 31 of each year. A voice of 5 is require to elect to any of these officer. The chairman will prepare an agenda for each meeting based on problem and proposal which have been referred to the committee. Committee investigation study report and recommendation which are propose and follow up on member resolution adopted by the Eastern Navajo Council. He will preside at all the regular and special meeting of the committee...

The Eastern Navajo Council and will report on the same at each meeting of the Eastern Navajo Council. The only other problem or proposal shall be placed on the agenda for an Eastern Navajo Council meeting until it has been studied, the base fact has been gathered and report and recommendation by the Health Committee are ready for submission to the Eastern Navajo Council for its consideration. Tribal chapter tribal councilor, the Public Health Service, the State Health Department and others shall submit whole health problem and proposal which they think require action by the Eastern Navajo Council, to the Health Committee for the later study of and recommendation. The Chairman, Vice-chairman and Secretary of the Health Committee shall be elected by the member of the, from their own number following their annual election of three member, 1 from each district, 1 Health Committee but not later than August 31 of each year. A vote of 5 is the require for election to any of these office. The Chairman will prepare an agenda for each meeting based on the problem and proposal which have been referred to the, by the Navajo councilor. He will preside all regular and special meeting of the committee. He may call special committee as they appear to him to be require. He may assign the problem and proposal and follow upon regulation to individual member of the committee. He will keep the

attendance records and minute of all committee meeting and will arrange for duplication of all committee record as copied and required. The committee official record and report are the property of the committee and the Eastern Navajo. At the end of any committee officer term of office he shall turn over to his successor and office whatever officially committee record and report he may have in his possession. Recommendation for revision amend of this plan of operation may be submitted to the Eastern Navajo Council by the committee of any regular meeting of the Eastern Navajo Council. Such revision of amendments will be effective only upon approval by the Eastern Navajo. This plan of operation was adopted by Federal resolution by the Eastern Navajo Council on October 21, 1967. The membership to the Health Committee was chose by former action of the council on July 15, 1967... The establishment of committee...the article person were elected as member of the road committee of the Eastern Navajo Council at Crownpoint, New Mexico on July 15, 1968. District 15...Tony Becenti, Dan Mescol (?), Jake Homer (?), Tom Rafael, Charlie Y. Begay, Joe Nelson. District 19... Taylor Harrison. Tom Rafael appointed as the Chairman of the Road Committee and the Vice-chairman and Secretary to be elected by the Committee in these first meeting. This Committee shall be propose of not less and three

representative, each from district 15, 16, and 19. Of the member organizing elected on July 15, 1968 one member from each district will serve through July 31, 1970, one member will serve through July 31, 1970, and one member will serve through July 31, 1971. The member serving these different term will be decided by the committee. As each member term of office is to be expired his successor will be elected in the June meeting of the Eastern Navajo councilor to the 3 years term. Starting on the date following his election member of the committee are eligible for reelection without any limit on the number of term can serve. As vacancy occurred in any member's position will be filled by election of a new member from the same district as a provision included at the next meeting of the Eastern Navajo Council to fill out the unexpired term of the provision included. The new committee will meet regularly during the first and second week in the month of February, April, June, August, October and December each year to prepare report and recommendation for representation to the Eastern Navajo Council at its regular meeting on the third Saturday of these month. It may be held special meeting on call by the Chairman. Five member will constitute a quorum for the conduct of official committee business. The committee members representative from each district will meet on a regular basis

with the chapter in the respective district and with the Eastern Navajo Agency Tribal Operation representative and OEO Community Development workers assigned to work with the chapter for the purpose of determining need of roads construction and route improvement within the revised chapter areas, basing these determination on population, location and public service support, schools, hospitals, clinics, chapter house, trading post, marketing center, paved highways, mission and church to which access is require an area offering recreation facilities, development potential and assisting the chapter individually or in groups of chapter and the committee propose for road construction and road improvement. The committee member maybe join will develop recommendations to road construction plan for the Navajo populate area of the community Rio Chavez, San Juan and McKinley County and for the entire Eastern Navajo Agency basing their recommendation on information obtained from their study of road needs and their decision...of these needs which the concern chapter the committee will present and explain their recommendation on master road planning to the Eastern Navajo Council for approval. The committee will study all problem and proposal relating to roads and school bus routes, construction and maintenance as provide by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the State Highway

Department, the Department Board of County Commissioner and County Road Department referred to the committee by school board and public school officials, tribal chapter district Council or the Eastern Navajo Council. It will collect all facts about each problem or proposal referred to it by interviewing tribal chapter officer officials (?) of agents and business which was expected to carry out their respective program and business and by conducting the investigation as necessary be such stating. On investigation, the committee will prepare the report on the facts regarding each problem or proposal and its recommendation on the same for consideration and appropriate action by the Eastern Council. The committee will work with the superintendent of the Eastern Navajo agent and concerning members of his staff in developing recommendation and present this for Bureau of Indian Affairs advance roads construction problem planning it in the Eastern Navajo agents and will join the superintendent in reporting these recommendation to the Eastern Navajo Council for Eastern Navajo Council approve. If there reconstruction or maintenance problem or proposal has been studied and report on to the Eastern Navajo Council and the Eastern Navajo Council has adopt by formal resolution a course of action on the problem or proposal the committee chairman or a member or members of the committee

designate by him may present a council position on the subject at any meeting of the Four Corners Academic Development Commission, Bureau of Indian Affairs, the State Highway Commission, the State Highway Department, Board of County Commission or other concerned group. The Committee will follow up to see that appropriate action is taken on all resolutions relating to road construction in meetings which are adopted by the Eastern Navajo Council and will report on the same at each meeting of the Navajo Eastern Council...the Eastern Navajo Councilor will buy resolution inquire the Board of County Commissioner for each county which has the county road Committee to include in the membership of such committee a member of the Eastern Navajo Council Road Committee, the latter to be used by the Eastern Navajo Road Committee. No road problem or proposal should be placed on the agenda for any Eastern Navajo Council meeting until it has been studied, the basic facts have been gathered and a report and recommendation by the Road Committee are ready for submission to the Eastern Navajo Councilor for its consideration of school board, public school official, tribal chapter or tribal councilor, delegate and others should submit on road problem and proposal which they think require action by the Eastern Navajo Council to the Road Committee for the later study, report and recommendation.

The Chairman, the Vice-chairman and Secretary of the Road Committee shall be elected by the member of the committee from their own number following the annual election of three member, one from each district of the Road Committee but not later than July 31 of each year. A vote of five is required for election to any of these of officer. The Chairman will prepare an agenda for each meeting based on problem and proposal which has been referred to the Chairman Committee Investigation Study Report on that recommendation which are in process (?) when following up road resolution adopt by the Eastern Navajo Council. He will preside at all regular and special meetings of the committee and may call special council committee meeting as they appear in him to be require. He may assign problem and proposal and follow up on resolution to individual member of the committee. He will present the position or designated a member or member of the committee to do so in the Eastern Navajo Council which the Eastern Navajo Council had adopt a firm position by resolution on any road leading to the Four Corner Academic Development Commission, Bureau of Indian Affairs, State Highway Commission, State Highway Department, Bureau of County Commissioners or any other group which is concerned with roads manner. The Vice-chairman will serve as Chairman of the committee with full authority to act in this capacity in the absence of the

Chairman. The Secretary will give out notice of all Committee meeting to member of the Committee and tell all person with whom the Committee may want to consult at any Committee meeting. He will keep the attendance record and minute of all Committee meeting and will arrange for duplication of all Committee report as copy require. The Committee official records and report are the property of of the Committee and the Eastern Navajo Council. At the end of any Committee officer term for office he shall turn over to his successor in office whatever official Committee record and report he may have in his possession. Recommendation for revisions or amendments of this plans of operation may be submit to the Eastern Navajo Council by the Committee at any regular meeting of the Eastern Council. Such revisions are amended will become effective only upon approval by the Eastern Council. This plan of operation was adopted by formal resolution by the Eastern Navajo Council on October 21, 1967. The membership to the Road Committee were changed by formal action of the Eastern Council on July 15, 1968. Their only revision is term of operation are the membership and at end requesting the allotment of hard to grant right ways for content road in the Eastern Navajo Agency and adjacent area and to waive rights of ways payment. Therefore to promote and aid the immediate road construction, a large

portion of the Eastern Navajo Agents or adjacent area where Navajo resource remain undevelopment because of lack of good paved road...many place of beauty and historical significance which comprise a great (?) and recreation potential remain undevelopment for need of improved road... into and throughout these area and the potential needs to be developed to improve the academic life of these area. In the improvement of the road through these will also provide for industrial, commercial, recreational and community development and coordination of the school system which will greatly benefit the Navajo and other people concerned with these area and in order to promote and aid construction and improvement of the major road and which road cross qualification individually in the adoptment. The owner of said allotment can assist by consenting to give the rights of ways of inferring (?) to waive rights of ways and payment to give assurance of participation. The Eastern Navajo Agency hereby request the owner of individual adoptment to seriously concern participation in the construction and improvement of the major roads in the Eastern Navajo Agency and adjacent area by granting rights of ways through their allotment and if possible to waive payment for rights of ways and damage... the major routes propose of construction and improvement. The Eastern Navajo councilor request that superindendent

of the Navajo Agency and his authorize representative work closely with the agents who will be requesting rights of ways of allotting land to request the owner of allotment land to grant the rights of ways over allotting land to request the owner of allotment land to grant rights of ways and damage...

We are on different subjects as they tell what they know of themselves. So, there is a lot of different talk being still going on as a boy has just told you half of what they know through the government, the BIA and the Navajo tribe, has different resolution and different code that is made among the Navajo people. So, we are still on different subjects as we go along, and we do hope that most of these stories of good ideas that tell us it would be going, it would be keep continue on as we go along. So, most of these talks and stories has been in Navajo language. So, we keep continue on when there is any of English comes up we let them have or we let them do it... As we go on the subject of the Navajo Tribal Eastern Navajo Council at Crownpoint...the meeting was held on the 9:00 A.M. regular BIA meeting Saturday on August the 17th, 1968. Meeting is always called to order by prayer and then comes introduction of guests, appointment of Sargeant at Arms, all these regulation are aiding comes in as they go along and report by the Secretary and the present, the

superintendent, community workers and the committees and then aid in discussion on the status of the Navajo Police Department and law and order serve in the off-reservation area...request the Navajo tribal to provide a leasing council to work with the public law, land law, reviewing committees, requesting congressly legislation to extend the leasing term in 99 years in the off-reservation... this is a leasing tournament to 99 years leasing in off-reservation area. This always comes on different land where the tribe has to lease it from the Navajo allottees (?) itself, just like the homseide lease. Then requesting of the advisory committee of the Navajo Tribal Council to included the off-reservation area as a redevelopment area for the economic development administration...requesting the Navajo Tribal Council to adopt a statement of public concerning the administration of the off-reservation area requesting congressly legislation to amend the act of June 1962 with the authorize the Navajo Indian Irrigation Project to including additional area as the authorize project area and to provide additional fund for the project...requesting approvement for the land in question, discussing advisory committee act of the Torreon Chapter Area, road condition within the Eastern Navajo Agency, railroad workers, the Four Corner Resolution, committee development, it goes on of different discussion. There is

one of the Navajo Road Commissioner in the Eastern Navajo Agency. He is in a leading of Road Department, Mr. Tom Rafael, instruction as he tells what the BIA has in mind in during the time of the project. This was a regular bi-monthly schedule meeting of the Eastern Navajo Council which was attended by the following office Eastern Navajo Council, all three officer, district 15, 19 Council, all three officers, district 16, Council, all three officer, Navajo Tribal Council members, 5 of 13 Council of the off-reservation area, district 15, Grazing Committees, none, Land Board, 5 of the 10 members of the three district chapter, 23 of the 30 members chapters. As we go along what we tell about the chapters, chapter which were not present on the following: Alamo, Canoncito, Lake Valley, Little Water, Standing Rock, Iyanbito, and Ojo Encino. Agenda...the following agenda was prepared beforehand for the consideration by the Council... The following agenda as it was followed...meeting called to order, pages of the involvement and vocational instructions of guests, appointment and Sargeant at Arms, remarked on the Eastern Navajo Agency Committee Development single reports, Treasurer, superintendent, committee workers, committees, community workers and committees. Agenda...these are always called as they go along and tell what it comes up. Now the agenda...reorganization of the Eastern Council Roads

Committee, discussion on the home improvement program, appointment of the, of a committee to work with the Four Corners, regionally commission and delegation of the concerning authorize to the committees. Requesting the Navajo tribe to grant rights of the way for concerning roads in the Eastern Navajo Agency area and to waive right of way payment. Requesting the allottees or area to grant rights of the way for concern and continue roads to the Eastern Navajo Agency area and to waive right of way, payment therefore to promote mineral roads construction and improvement, discussion of the program of executive members of horses in the Eastern Navajo Agency, appointment of the community development, committees of the Eastern Navajo Council, discussion of juvenile delinquency program, discussion on the Navajo Tribal Eyeglass Program. We have quite a few Navajo that are in trouble with their eyes and they are very in need of eyeglasses. So, the eyeglass comes in. Requesting the improvement of the concern roads in the United Mexico Uranium Mine. Requesting designation of instructoral parts at Baca. Other members, manners...Mr. Ernest Becenti, President of the Eastern Navajo Council reads the agenda and asks for an additional terms and the accounts of the agenda...Tom Rafael, district councilman requesting that their councilman also consider request to the advisory committee of the

Navajo Council to designate note and nearly require attack of land at Baca, New Mexico, purchasing 186 acre attack of land from the El Paso Production Company...the land was formerly used as the refiner sets by the El Paso Company and is located between the entering State 40 Highway and the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad and between the Zuni Mountain Trading Post and the former Justin Trading Post. The purpose of the proposed action by the Navajo Council was to participate in the designment (?) of the area for developments and take active part in same development. The council was informed the Cardnally Festus (?) Act which had a friend within the Navajo industrial part near Rehoboth, New Mexico was elogatedly (?) moving its operation to the Shiprock instructoral part at Shiprock, New Mexico, and the says move was near discussed with the local Navajo leader. It is assumed that the Bureau of Indian Affair at the Area Office level as well as the Navajo Tribe official had agree to the move within refining the manner to the local people for their comments and recommendation. Mr. Rafael strongly implies to the Council that it is most involve itself in which manners and that the local people must have complicate and involvement in the development in the local area. The recommendate (?) was made to have the Eastern Navajo Council consider the

violation, the resolution request the Navajo Council and the Bureau of Indian Affairs to reconsider the move by the local Navajo people. The currently including on the program and project, however, this is not being done by a vote of 30 in favor, none opposed and preparing agenda will accept it with the additional concerning the designate of the instructor a part at Baca, New Mexico. Reports, Treasurer reports... Secretary-treasurer, Edward T. Begay made a report on a final standing of the Council. The date there is a balance of \$144.00 in the bank account with the First State Bank of Gallup, New Mexico. Not all of the chapter who have paid to pay their yearly dues have paid... which do in fact several chapters have not paid their 1967 dues. These chapters were encouraged to pay their dues and to assist the Eastern Navajo Council towards a stronger organization. Mr. Becenti informed the Council that he was working as a in central (?) which he did not announce to make all chapters pay their dues...(NOTHING FOR A WHILE) ...these discussions and talk was done by during the time of the vote with the last year when Mr....when the new President was voted...or when the new President was elected ...this was the time when the talk was made with the district councilman and Mr. Ed Foreman as to run for the state...the representative of the Congress of the United

States was running, so we go on with the story of what they have told during the time of the council meeting. Superintendent reports, the following reports was given by the Superintendent of the Eastern Navajo Agency, Edward Cromer...familiarization with work and personnel much time is still being devoted to become family with the _____ and program of the Bureau of Indian Affairs in the Eastern Navajo Agency of the Bureau of the Indian Affairs in the Eastern Navajo Agency area. Meets are being held to...(INAUDIBLE)...and find some program or problem and related matters...(NOTHING FOR A WHILE)... survey and studies made it is the intent to coordinate it with the Navajo Tribe, county, state and other agencies. The name and _____ of development which will be studied are the following which it is need, electric power... electric power is the main thing the Navajo has in need for almost any type of development and there must be fantastic amount available for a source where additional electric supply can be furnished. Due to the land _____ and the justification (?) with one or more problem, despication (?) problem we will be required to meet to enter into the supply agreement with one or more electric company to supply the required electric power when the...when and where needed in the area. The Navajo Tribe through its Navajo Tribal _____ authorize has

incented (?) agreement for resource of electric power at the Four Corner atomic power resource from the Glen Canyon Dam Electric Generating Plant and other sources, other power reorganization like with service company of the New Mexico and Arizona. Public Service Company has similar agreement to supply or have electric power supply at various location...a similar type of arrangement for delivery of electric power into the agency or the designated with needs to be had if any development needs electric power take place...natural gas and other fluid... natural gas and other types of fluids will also need to be made available when and if requirement for development again because of the land section and the justification (?) program agreement with summaries to electric power needs to be work out... Roads and other transportation...before any development takes place successful roads properly build and improve needs to be had in some case access to the railroad are needed.

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