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## RESOLUTION OF NAHATA DZIIL COMMISSION GOVERNANCE

NDCG-2025-06-029

Supporting Nahata Dziil Transition Team (NDTT) and authorizing NDTT by Resolution NDCG-2025-02-008 and by NDCG-2025-03-014 and affirming that all the attached written inquiries, all request for transferrable items and transmittal of documents and all plans by Nahata Dziil Transition Team are sanctioned by Nahata Dziil Commission Governance (NDCG) and requesting the Office of Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation and all agencies to respectfully work closely with Nahata Dziil Grazing Permittees, work with the organized committees and the NDCG to accomplish a smooth transition from ONHIR relocation agency to Nahata Dziil Commission Governance and transition to the established service providers, it's important and this effort will benefit the entire community and their extended families.

### WHEREAS:

1. On April 18, 1991, the Nahata Dziil Chapter was certified as the 100th chapter, pursuant to the Navajo Nation Council Resolution CAP-36-91, thus giving it the responsibility and authority to protect, to promote and preserve the interest and the general welfare, ensure the safety of the community people and sustain the Chapter government; and
2. The Transportation and Community Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council by Resolution TCDCUA-66-02 approved governance certification of the Nahata Dziil Chapter, pursuant to its Five Management System, in accordance with 26 N.N.C. §102(B), and further authorized the Chapter to exercise local governmental authorities contained with 26 N.N.C. § 103 (D)(1); and
3. On January 20, 2008, the Nahata Dziil Chapter converted its governmental entity into a form of government and changed its name to the Nahata Dziil Commission Governance ("hereinafter NDCG"); and
4. Pursuant to Public Law 96-305, the amended resettlement act, the Office of Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation (ONHIR) have eagerly relocated many Navajos to the New Lands which is now the Nahata Dziil Chapter, the ONHIR helped the Grazing Permittees and their extended families: the range and livestock management, Chapter government development: a community building, a health clinic, Senior Citizen Center, Police Substation, Head Start Center, a short term training program, only 6 months electronic manufacturing and a few basic necessities to keep the Chapter operation in place and the ONHIR has notified Nahata Dziil Commission Governance (NDCG) and some of the Grazing Permittees that the Relocation Agency will be preparing to Close the relocation process; and
5. It has come to the attention of Nahata Dziil community that the ONHIR Agency is showing lack of true communication, the agency closure plans are not a priority, ONHIR is not sharing agency closure plans and process, ONHIR is not willing to meet with the Nahata Dziil community to work on a smooth transition and ONHIR is not fostering a positive major change of oversight; and
6. Pursuant to Resolution NDCG-2025-03-14, the relocatees and the most concerned citizens have formed the Transition Team to start meeting with the ONHIR, the Indian Health Service (IHS), BIA and Navajo Nation and

other agencies to request for elaborate reports about the relocation agency closure and requesting the government agencies to elaborate on the transition plans.

### **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**

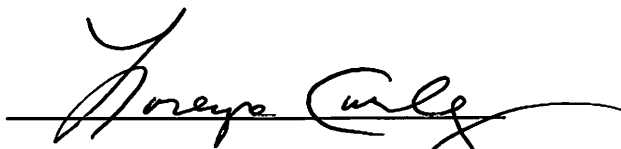
- 1. The Nahata Dziil Commission Governance hereby Supports Nahata Dziil Transition Team (NDTT) and authorizing NDTT by Resolution NDCG-2025-02-008 and by NDCG-2025-03-014 and affirming that all the attached written inquiries, all request for transferrable items and transmittal of documents and all plans by Nahata Dziil Transition Team are sanctioned by Nahata Dziil Commission Governance and requesting the Office of Navajo and Hopi Relocation and all agencies to work with the Nahata Dziil Grazing Permittees, work with the organized committees and accomplish a smooth transition from ONHIR relocation agency to Nahata Dziil Commission Governance and transition to the established service providers, it's important and this effort will benefit the entire community and their extended families; and**
- 2. Nahata Dziil Commission Governance further request for elaborate discussion on transition of the 14 Range Unit Management Plans (RUMP) that the Grazing Permittees have adhered to on a daily basis, the Grazing Permittees who have 37 years of experience working with their (RUMP) which is practical and the RUMP originated pursuant to the New Lands Grazing Regulations 25 CFR Part 700, the Grazing Permittees should be allowed to continue to utilize their respective RUMP, the ONHIR and BIA needs to make it legal for the permittees; and**
- 3. Nahata Dziil Commission Governance further request the ONHIR to renew all grazing permits for the Grazing Permittees as soon as possible and make them Permanent Grazing Permits with 80 SUYL; and**
- 4. Nahata Dziil Commission Governance further request the ONHIR to elaborate on the plans for Padres Mesa Range Unit and Pinta Range Unit, especially the Padres Mesa Demonstration Project which started in 2009 and explain the Brand on all animals, NDCG is requesting for Pinta Range Unit, presently known as South Pinta range to remain as grass bank for Nahata Dziil Grazing Permittees and Nahata Dziil 14R Organization can manage the grass bank activities at South Pinta range which was very beneficial for the livestock during a severe drought; and**
- 5. Nahata Dziil Commission Governance further request the ONHIR to transfer the use of the land, the range office property, keep the premises fences in place, and transfer all vehicles, the 2 backhoe, hoist trucks, small tractor, flatbed, range management field equipment, Smeal rigs, squeeze chutes, welding machines, including heavy equipment, rebuilt water troughs, steel pipes, old and new steel pipes, sheet metals, cutters and cutting tools, cedar post, cement mixer, auger and bits, compactor, fence repair supplies, compressor, windmill parts, water pump, large and small work tools and supplies, office supplies, Xerox copier, fax machine, any copies of records and maps, solar panels accessories, and history of range improvement projects, any publications and reports of studies regarding the lands and water, any documents that can be transferred to NDCG to have a history and historical land marks, these transition items will benefit the Grazing Permittees and their extended families and the entire community; and**
- 6. The ONHIR needs to provide funding for training on all the aforementioned vehicles and items, other transferable things are: office supplies, TV and monitor, VCR, copies of any records and maps, inventory of windmills, including a comprehensive windmill repairs, water tanks, water troughs, copies of topographic maps, history of range improvement projects, any publications and reports of studies regarding the lands, water and uranium studies, any documents that can be transferred to NDCG to have a history and historical land marks, these transition items will benefit the NDCG, the Grazing Permittees and their extended families and the entire community; and**
- 7. Nahata Dziil Commission Governance further request the ONHIR to give copies of the following maps to NDCG: Topographic maps of Nahata Dziil Chapter boundary which is currently the Big New Lands maps, the maps of the 14 Housing Subdivision including the Housing Expansion, including the**

Recreation Parks and Community Hogan, the map of Rural Community (RC) Housing area and home site area, including the RC map with archaeological sites, the Rural Community service area which includes Chapter House premises, New Lands office, Senior Citizen Center and Police Substation, the map of Nahata Dziil Health Center which is the IHS Clinic, IHS reserved buildings, the Rodeo Arena premises, the Navajo Auction Yard, the Wool Packing building, and the updated topo maps of Padres Mesa range unit which is now the Padres Mesa Demonstration Project and Pinta range unit, the Burnt Water property and maps of other small lands along I-40 corridor areas; and

8. Nahata Dziil Commission Governance further request the ONHIR to elaborate on the plans regarding the administrative oversight of the buildings within the community service area at south of the Nahata Dziil Commission Governance building i.e., the reddish brick buildings, NDCG hereby request the ONHIR to transfer the current New Lands office to NDCG to be used for records office where very important documents will be kept and used for a library; and
9. Nahata Dziil Commission Governance further request the ONHIR to install water pipes for domestic water and electric posts within all the housing subdivision areas where there's currently undeveloped and unselected home site areas are, and these will be for the grandchildren; and
10. Nahata Dziil Commission Governance further requests the ONHIR to elaborate on the plans regarding the administrative oversight by the Navajo Nation and BIA responsibilities like homesite lease process and roads management and many other plans; and
11. Nahata Dziil Commission Governance further requests the ONHIR to elaborate on the plans regarding the Leases and subleases on the Rodeo Arena, the premises which include the sheep wool buildings, the Navajo Sale Barn and the Livestock Auction yard should be Subleased to Nahata Dziil 14R organization; and
12. Nahata Dziil Commission Governance further express their role as commissioners of Local Governance Act (LGA) certified and they have local authority to make decisions on Chapter matters and the new commissioners have the potential to manage their finances successfully.

#### CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered thoroughly, discussed and adopted by a vote of 4 in favor 0 opposed and 1 abstained at a duly called meeting at Nahata Dziil Commission Governance of NAVAJO NATION, Sanders, Arizona, on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June 2025.



Lorenzo Curley, Commission President

Motion: Melinda Joe

Second by: Loretta Behe