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**Nez-Lizer Administration to meet with
Chapters regarding the American Rescue Plan Act**

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – The Navajo Nation Office of the President and Vice President, in coordination with the Navajo Nation Division of Community Development, will host five meetings this week, with each of the five Navajo agencies to layout the process for submitting feasible/construction ready project listings in anticipation of funding through the American Rescue Plan Act. The five meetings will be held through teleconference for chapters and live-streamed on the Nez-Lizer Facebook page and YouTube channel for the general public.

President Biden signed the \$1.9 trillion relief package in March, which is designed to help the United States recover from the devastating impacts of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and includes \$20 billion for federally-recognized tribes to help mitigate the impacts of the coronavirus. In accordance with the bill, the U.S. Department of Treasury will decide the funding formula for tribes and has up to 60 days to distribute the funding to tribes.

Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez and Vice President Myron Lizer continue to urge the Department of Treasury to allocate funds based on four factors that include population, land base, number of employees, and direct COVID-19 impacts measured by coronavirus infections, deaths, and other key factors. President Nez also continues to participate in consultation sessions to advocate for the Navajo Nation's position.

"We've received requests from the chapters and based on those requests to provide input, we will schedule these meetings to explain the process of submitting construction ready projects. The U.S. Treasury has not informed tribes how much funding that each tribe will receive from the American Rescue Plan Act, but we are preparing for it. Everyone should understand that there are great needs in our communities and we cannot fund every single request or project due to the overwhelming demands. When we meet with the chapters, we want to provide information regarding the American Rescue Plan Act and explain in detail how chapters should submit projects that are feasible and construction ready," said President Nez.

The tentative schedule of meetings is as follows:

- Eastern Navajo Agency Chapters – Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. (MDT)
 - Fort Defiance Agency Chapters – Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. (MDT)
 - Western Navajo Agency Chapters – Wednesday, April 28, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. (MDT)
 - Central Navajo Agency Chapters – Wednesday, April 28, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. (MDT)
 - Northern Navajo Agency Chapters – Thursday, April 29, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. (MDT)
- **Invitations and agendas for the teleconference meetings will be sent to each agency via e-mail**

Division of Community Development Executive Director Dr. Pearl Yellowman issued a memorandum on April 6, to all 110 Navajo chapters requesting each chapter to submit one to three proposals related to power lines, rural addressing, house wiring, solar, water line projects, warehouse, and bathroom additions.

“We learned a lot from the CARES Act funds and we were successful in completing many infrastructure projects using those funds. This is an opportunity for the voices of the chapters to be heard. We look forward to working with all 110 chapters on the Navajo Nation and having their voices heard,” said Vice President Lizer.

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**NAVAJO NATION OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT
AND AGENCY MEETINGS**

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA)
Session #1**

Eastern Agency – April 27, 2021 at 9:00am

WebEx Virtual Link:

<https://nntrc.my.webex.com/nntrc.my/j.php?MTID=mf6d45a839cb973a1d4bf7626b36d09ff>

Dial: 510-338-9438 Code:182-570-2293##

AGENDA

Meeting Facilitator: Dr. Perphelia Fowler

- I. Invocation –Vice President Myron Lizer
- II. Welcome Address
 - President Jonathan Nez, Navajo Nation
 - Vice President Myron Lizer, Navajo Nation
 - Speaker Seth Damon, Navajo Nation Council
 - Chief Justice JoAnn Jayne
- III. Update on Navajo Nation CARES Act Funding – Leonard Tsosie, NN OPVP
- IV. Lessons Learned from CARES Act
 - Paulson Chaco, Chief of Staff
 - Garret Silversmith, Navajo Department of Transportation
- V. American Rescue Plan Act Presentation - Santee Lewis, NNWO Executive Director
- VI. DCD Presentation – Dr. Pearl Yellowman, Division of Community Development
- VII. Q&A
- VIII. Closing Remarks
 - JT Willie, Division of Economic Development
- IX. Adjourn



**NAVAJO NATION OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT
AND AGENCY MEETINGS**

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT
Session #2**

Fort Defiance Agency – April 27, 2021 at 1:00pm

WebEx Virtual Link:

<https://nntrc.my.webex.com/nntrc.my/j.php?MTID=m7e095b0d28f8694d3dccc5f8be17a331>

Dial: 510-338-9438 Code: 182-090-6448##

AGENDA

Meeting Facilitator: Dr. Perphelia Fowler, Director of Human Resources

- I. Invocation –Vice President Myron Lizer
- II. Welcome Address
 - President Jonathan Nez, Navajo Nation
 - Vice President Myron Lizer, Navajo Nation
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- VI. DCD Presentation – Dr. Pearl Yellowman, Division of Community Development
- VII. Q&A
- VIII. Closing Remarks
 - JT Willie, Division of Economic Development
- IX. Adjourn



**NAVAJO NATION OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT
AND AGENCY MEETINGS**

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT
Session #3**

Western Agency – April 28, 2021 at 9:00am

WebEx Virtual Link:

<https://nntrc.my.webex.com/nntrc.my/j.php?MTID=m02ffb546c33526895fe8e5c295c2a975>

Dial: 510-338-9438 Code: 1827330029##

AGENDA

Meeting Facilitator: Dr. Perphelia Fowler

- I. Invocation –Vice President Myron Lizer
- II. Welcome Address
 - President Jonathan Nez, Navajo Nation
 - Vice President Myron Lizer, Navajo Nation
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 - Paulson Chaco, Chief of Staff
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- IX. Adjourn



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**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT
Session #4**

Central Agency – April 28, 2021 at 1:00pm

<https://nntrc.my.webex.com/nntrc.my/j.php?MTID=me3739e92adfa86e3be7acdbe4e1aa474>

Dial: 510-338-9438 Code: 1828285830##

AGENDA

Meeting Facilitator: Dr. Perphelia Fowler

- I. Invocation –Vice President Myron Lizer
- II. Welcome Address
 - President Jonathan Nez, Navajo Nation
 - Vice President Myron Lizer, Navajo Nation
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- VII. Q&A
- VIII. Closing Remarks
 - JT Willie, Division of Economic Development
- IX. Adjourn



**NAVAJO NATION OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT
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**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT
Session #5**

Northern Agency – April 29, 2021 at 9:00am

WebEx Call Info:

<https://nntrc.my.webex.com/nntrc.my/j.php?MTID=m7eec7ef005f6fbfceb30547cc58fc67a>

Dial: 510-338-9438 Code: 1824704787##

AGENDA

Meeting Facilitator: Dr. Perphelia Fowler

- I. Invocation –Vice President Myron Lizer
- II. Welcome Address
 - President Jonathan Nez, Navajo Nation
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