

**Tribal Infrastructure Fund  
Regular Board Meeting  
Room 317, New Mexico State Capitol  
September 18, 2017  
Meeting Minutes**

**Board Members Present**

Suzette A. Shije, Cabinet Secretary, IAD  
Perry Martinez, Pueblo Representative  
Judy L. Kahl, Designee, NMED  
Zach Dillenback, Designee, NMFA  
Joaquin Baca, Designee, DOH  
Ervin Chavez, Navajo Nation Representative

**Staff**

Lawrence John, Infrastructure Fund Coordinator, IAD  
David Mann, General Counsel, IAD

**Ex-Officio Board Members**

**Board Members Absent**

Leon Reval, Jicarilla Apache Representative  
Alvin Benally, Mescalero Apache Representative  
Sharon Pinto, BIA Navajo Region  
Chris Bradley, IHS ABQ Area  
Federal Bureau of Indian Affairs Rep., ABQ Office  
Federal Bureau of Indian Affairs Rep., Navajo Office

**Other**

Robert Ortiz, Santa Ana Pueblo  
Nicole Shaw, Souder, Miller & Associates  
Edward Padilla, ANSBI  
Aaron Edsitty, Crownpoint Chapter  
Joan Marie Sandy, Souder, Miller & Associates  
Mark Freeland, OPVP  
Bucky Apache, ANSBI  
Chris Paez, ANSBI  
Stephen Apache, ANSBI  
Felicia Rivera, Nambe Pueblo  
Brandon Herrera, Laguna Pueblo  
Raymond J. Concho, Jr., Acoma Pueblo  
Monica Felipe, Acoma Pueblo  
Jason John, DWR  
Phillip A. Perez, Nambe Pueblo  
Angela Apachito, Alamo Chapter

Nathan W. Tsosie, Santa Ana Pueblo  
Laila Sturgis, Amec Foster Wheeler  
Darnell J. Maria, Ramah Chapter  
Malcolm Bowekaty, Laguna Pueblo  
Nikole Toledo, OPVP  
George Mihalik, Souder, Miller & Associates  
Gilbert Maria, Ramah Chapter  
Sherylene Yazzie, CPMD  
Elmer Johnson, CPMD  
Elle Apache, ANSBI  
Jeff Montoya, Pojoaque Pueblo  
Daniel Duetsawe, Acoma Pueblo  
Travis Vigil, Tesuque Pueblo  
Debra Griego, Tesuque Pueblo  
Gabriel Montoya, Sr., Pojoaque Pueblo

**Call to Order, Roll Call, Invocation**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Secretary Shije at 1:02 p.m. in Room 322 of the New Mexico State Capitol in Santa Fe, NM. Roll call of the Tribal Infrastructure Fund (TIF) Board was made. There were 6 voting board members present; quorum was established. The invocation was provided by Member Martinez.

### **Welcome and Introductions**

Chair Secretary Shije welcomed everyone and the attendees introduced themselves. Proceeding with introductions of those in the audience

### **Approval of Agenda**

A motion was made by Member Kahl to approve the agenda for September 18, 2017, TIF Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Member Martinez; the motion passed with a vote of 6 in favor and none 0 opposed.

### **Brief Statement by Each Board Member Present Regarding Their Recommendations for Award Distribution Based on TIF Projects Presented on 09/07/17**

Chair Shije requested brief statements from each Board Member to present their recommendation for award distribution based on TIF Projects presented on September 07, 2017.

- Member Baca provided his recommendation to decrease all the nine (9) projects by 7.0383% and to evenly distribute the amount for each project with a .10 cent difference.
- Member Chavez provided his recommendation that all were good proposals; that majority of the projects presented dealt with water and sanitation; and that he still supports the distribution concept presented at the September 7, 2017 board meeting.
- Member Martinez provided his statement that each project addresses a critical need; many of which specifically focus on contamination of water, and wastewater development. He emphasized that the Board is here to make the award and not negotiate with grantees. He recommends to cut one or two projects from the projects presented on 09/07/17. He emphasized that the Board ought not set a precedent of awarding more projects than there is really funding for – under funded projects lead to reversions.
- Member Kahl provided her statement that she looked at each individual project and cost, and did not want to eliminate any projects for funding, but to keep all the projects with a distribution scheme that takes into account less tangible variables than those apparent in the scoring metric.
- Member Dillenback stated his desire to fully fund all the projects, however he recognized there is not enough funding. His recommendation is to fully fund each project going from the highest score until funding is exhausted. He recognized that approach would leave one project unfunded, and another only partially funded.
- Chair Shije provided a statement that there was already a review committee to review, score and rank each project that was submitted, and much like Member Dillenback, believed deference should be given to those efforts. She recommended to essentially adopt Member Dillenback's approach, but to reduce \$30,000 from Ramah Chapter (the Chapter having already expended approximately \$30,000 on the project in a previous funding cycle), and give that \$30,000 to Laguna Pueblo. Alamo Chapter would unfortunately not be funded.

### **Summarize the Board's Recommendation**

Lawrence John, TIF Coordinator summarized each of the Board's recommendations.

### **Awarding of TIF Funds**

After a brief statement by each board member a motion was made by Chairperson Shije to accept her recommendation; by taking \$30,000 from the Ramah Chapter to give to Laguna Pueblo, and fully funding all projects in order of their ranking by the TIF Review Committee, until the funding is exhausted, excluding

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Alamo Chapter from funding. The motion was seconded by Member Dillenback. Member Chavez raised a point of order with respect to the Motion, as to whether the Chair could make a motion. Member Chavez asked General Counsel Mann to provide guidance. General Counsel Mann indicated that as a member of a small board with full voting rights, the chairperson can make motions, per the rules of parliamentary procedure. The motion passed with a vote of 4 (Chair Shije, Perry Martinez, Judy L. Kahl, Zach Dillenback) in favor, 1 opposed (Ervin Chavez) and 1 abstention (Joaquin Baca).

Project Name	Tribe	Type	Funds Requesting	Funds recommended by Board Member
Wastewater Expansion Project	Tesuque Pueblo	Design	\$750,000.00	\$750,000.00
Early Childhood Learning Center	Nambe Pueblo	Construction	\$780,000.00	\$780,000.00
Ramah Mountain View Estates Water System Expansion	Ramah Chapter	Construction	\$500,000.00	\$470,000.00
Natural Gas Distribution Project Phase I	Acoma Pueblo	Construction	\$780,000.00	\$780,000.00
Water System Improvements - West Housing	Santa Clara Pueblo	Construction	\$711,245.15	\$711,245.15
Design, Construct and Equip an Arsenic Treatment System	Santa Ana Pueblo	Design Construction	\$780,000.00	\$780,000.00
San Ildefonso Wastewater System Improvements Project	San Ildefonso Pueblo	Construction	\$780,000.00	\$780,000.00
Pueblo of Laguna Reservation wide striping, pavement repair and safety enhancements	Laguna Pueblo	Construction	\$434,275.52	\$364,258.00
New Water Wells	Alamo Chapter	Construction	\$310,000.00	\$ -

TOTAL \$5,415,503.15

**Next Step & Meeting Dates**

- Kick Off meeting will be announced to Tribes, Pueblos and Nation
- Bond Questionnaires will be emailed out to Grantees and need to be returned

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**Adjournment**

Member Martinez made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 1:38 p.m. The motion was seconded by Member Dillenback; the motion passed with a vote of 6 in favor, none opposed and none abstained.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Lawrence John, TIF Coordinator  
Indian Affairs Department

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