

Vendors in the Right of Way (VIR) Animals in the Right of Way (AIR) Task Team Minutes

January 18, 2011
Flagstaff Modular Training Room

ATTENDEES:

Emerson Tracey	Chuck Gillick	Franklin Sandoval
Sharon Chief-Yazzie	Kee Yazzie	Johnny Robbins
Myra Rothman	Ron Curtis	Roland Becenti

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS: Emerson commenced the meeting at 9:34 a.m.

GROUP DISCUSSION:

Introduction

- Emerson informed the team that the Navajo Division of Transportation (NDOT) has a new director replacing former director Tom Platero.

Action Item Review

- The team voted to hold regular meetings every other month instead of monthly.
- The NDOT logo has been added to our letterhead.
- As far as combining mission and goals/meetings of VIR and AIR, the team decided to continue holding the meetings together but the mission and goals of each team will remain separate.
- Mission and goals will be sent out to the team so any comments and/or suggestions can be addressed.
- The team agrees that Julius has done such a great job facilitating meetings and encouraging email communication between the members that he's nominated to fill in when the champion or co-champion is not present.
- Sharon will be sending approved minutes from every meeting to Misty to post on the website.

AIR/VIR Progression

- The team discussed the past year and whether or not we are making progress. Everyone agreed that there has been progress especially with the AIR team that we haven't seen in awhile.
- JR informed the team that he's pleased with what we've accomplished because the information learned has allowed him and his organization to better inform the public as they set up informational booths at various events throughout the year.

- Franklin also agreed that he has seen change. Specifically, he has noticed that the Navajo Rangers are more involved now, looking for brands and the owners of livestock that are hit. JR concurs with this as far as the area he covers in the Western Agency.
- In order to relay information to the new director so he is updated as to what our team is about, what we have accomplished and what our mission and goals are is to invite him to our next meeting. In addition, Franklin suggested that the team put together a report summarizing what we've accomplished so far and what our goals are for the future that we can give to him.
- Roland suggested that in order to continue in our progress as a team, we need to work towards implementing an agreement with the Navajo Administration as to continue to move forward even if a turnover in leadership occurs.
- The team agrees that Attorney Robert Allen be invited to our next meeting to specifically address who is liable when a crash occurs in the Right-of-Way and any further questions we have.
- As far as VIR progression, the team completed proposed updates to the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the Navajo Nation and the State of Arizona regarding vendors. It was submitted last year to the Partnership and we just need to readdress and try to move forward with it.
- JR informed the team that one stand has been taken down on SR 64 by the owner, and the "Chief Yellowhorse" stand on US 89 that the Cameron Chapter had been working on to have removed is currently still up.
- The Cameron Chapter President and local Rangers show interest in this team and so JR will invite them to a meeting in the future.

Informational Meetings

- As a team, we went over comments received from the Grey Hills Informational Meeting on May 5, 2010. Most questions were already addressed the same day.
- Comments received at the Cameron Informational Meeting on April 28, 2010 also need to be reviewed and addressed.
- Emerson asked the team if we could possibly have another informational meeting in Cameron at which time we can address the questions received. We will continue to deliberate this including when and where we will have our next informational meeting as we receive direction from the new director.

ACTION ITEMS:

The action items were sent to the Task Team via electronic mail.

CLOSING COMMENTS:

Our next meeting is scheduled for February 10, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. at the ADOT Flagstaff Modular Training Facility.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.