

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-18

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING CHANGING THE ROYALTY ALLOCATION FOR OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERAL PRODUCTION ON THE UTAH PORTION OF THE NAVAJO RESERVATION TO BE USED TO BENEFIT UTAH NAVAJOS

WHEREAS mineral production (primarily oil and gas) on the Utah portion of the Navajo Reservation produces revenues that could be used for the benefit of Utah Navajo people.

WHEREAS residents of the Utah portion of the Navajo Reservation bear the impacts of oil and gas field development such as visual impacts of well heads, surface pipelines, drilling equipment, industrial noise, petroleum odors, oil field traffic, loss of grazing lands and damaged/poor road conditions.

WHEREAS residents of the Utah portion of the Navajo Reservation have realized little of the benefits they could realize from royalties from oil and gas production.

WHEREAS Utah Navajo continue to request aid from San Juan County to help them with housing, roads, water and power and other infrastructure developments.

WHEREAS current royalties from oil and gas production potentially available for the benefit of Utah Navajos amount to only 37 ½ % of royalties from a portion of the Navajo Reservation in Utah.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of San Juan County Commissioners:

1. That the U.S. Congress change the royalty allocation from 37 ½ % to 100 % for all oil, gas and mineral production on the Utah portion of the Navajo Reservation.
2. That these royalties be managed by the Utah Navajo Trust Fund to improve the living conditions and educational opportunities for Utah Navajos through improved roads, power and water infrastructure and other improvements on the Utah portion of the Navajo Reservation and educational scholarships for Utah Navajos.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Board of San Juan County Commissioners this 7 day of ~~April~~^{May}, 2019.

Those voting aye: Commissioner Grayeyes, Commissioner Adams

Those voting nay:

Those abstaining: Commissioner Maryboy 

Absent:

Board of San Juan County Commissioners

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Kenneth Maryboy, Chairman

ATTEST:

John David Nielson
John David Nielson, County Clerk/Auditor