MINUTES – NPC FRIENDS & FAMILY BOARD MEETING

Empowering students and promoting lifelong learning through advocacy, volunteerism, fund raising, and awarding scholarships

Monday, July 13, 2026 – 3:45 – 5:15 p.m. – NPC Snowflake/Silver Creek Campus, Student Center Conference Room or via WebEx

I. **Call to Order – Terry called the meeting to order at 3:21 p.m.**

II. Roll Call and Introductions – Terry asked all to introduce themselves as we had several guests. **Present included Terry Shove (President; Apache County Rep); Tonya Thacker (Secretary – Kayenta Center Rep); Karen Ables (Snowflake-Taylor Rep); Jesse Reeck (Director of NPCFF); Karen Zimmerman (Development Coordinator, NPCFF); David Wright (Vice-President; Holbrook – Painted Desert Campus Rep - Remote); Pat Ceballos (Winslow-Little Colorado Campus Rep - Remote); Mark Vest (Show Low-White Mountain Campus Rep - Remote); and Guests: Rich Chanick (AVP of External Relations, NPC); Erika Lord (Admin Assistant to Rich Chanick); Jen Bradford (Senior Director of Project Development, Triple Oak Power); and Ethan Snyder (Development Coordinator, Triple Oak Power);** Absent: Cara Dukepoo (Hopi Center Rep)

III. Terry rearranged the agenda to accommodate presenters, jumping to VII. A., discussion of NATC Funding Request presented by Rich Chanick.

Rich provided background information on need to resurface track at NATC; attempted funding from state legislature (unsuccessful) and from congressionally directed spending & received confirmation that the request would be submitted at $900,000.00, with a $300,000 match that NPC is trying to collect from various regional entities & corporations. Shared handout/presentation on demographics & details and student success stories. Requested $25,000 contribution from NPCFF toward that match.

Tonya asked about the size of the contribution, the estimate that was originally established, and the timeline. Justine White had estimate completed, and Rich said estimated start date of October or November.

Mark asked about contingencies if $900,000 is redlined. Rich said NPCFF contribution would be returned but at this point there are no contingency plans to resurface the track. During the course of the training, the local agencies would have to send candidates to another training facility for that portion of the training. Mark said the language used to read that NPC would maintain the facility and asked who is in charge. Rich said obligations to the legislature have been fulfilled, but the NATC Board, chaired by Jeremy Raisor, continues. Mark is wondering about confirmation on the capital budget for the College & whether or not NPC is responsible for the cost. Rich indicated that Dr. Lawson believes in the value of NATC and if the CDF comes through, Rich believes Dr. Lawson will find a way to make it happen in NPC budgets or other partners. Mark asked if NATC Board has had

discussions about partner responsibilities. Rich says partners in his mind is also the departments and that he will be working with the NATC board to approach cities & public safety organizations, and then he also is attempting to attract corporate funding. Terry raised concerns about budgets for the fiscal year already being set.

Claude asked about impact on NPCFF budget. Terry recommended that we discuss those later as a board.

David asked about asking local school districts. Rich says they haven't been contacted as they aren't direct beneficiaries. David suggested it might connect. Jesse asked about NAVIT and Rich said they are one of the partners.

Tonya asked about the remainder of the $300,000. Rich says they hope to raise $100,000 from corporate & foundation systems, $100,000 from partners, and $100,000 from NPC.

David suggested the renewable energy companies. Rich says that decision has to be made by the President & District Governing Board as they are not universally accepted.

Rich wrapped up the presentation and he & Erika left. Terry postponed discussion of the funding request until after the presentation from Triple Oak Power.

IV. Terry moved the meeting to Agenda Item VII.C., Discussion: Potential Scholarship Partnership with Triple Oak/Blackridge – Jen Bradford & ~~Alex Rohr~~ Ethan Snyder – Jen & Ethan presented background on Triple Oak and the Blackridge project in Apache County and answered questions about community partnerships, workforce training, decommissioning of the project after its expected lifespan of 25 years, and more.

Terry asked about the specifics of a scholarship proposal. Jesse explained that Jen had come to provide baseline information for the board and no action needs to be taken yet. Triple Oak is interested in a potential partnership with NPCFF to establish an endowed scholarship for a CTE student/s in Apache County, but the project must first be permitted/approved so the timeline is long and flexible. Tonya suggested that better understanding NPC's training program approach to renewable energy would be helpful for us moving forward.

V. **Terry needed to leave the meeting to attend the Springerville School Board Meeting; she handed the meeting off to David, asking that no action be taken on the NATC request until August.** Given the time, David & other board members suggested we table most of the other items from the agenda. He asked for a brief Director's report.

VI. Director's Report – Jesse Reeck

a. **Final 25-26 Budget** (Attachment) – Jesse apologized that there is an update from the original document sent out (she made a copying error in the final expended budget line for the Unrestricted Scholarships Tab). She encouraged board members to review the final budget from last year, and noted that the approved 26-27 budget from retreat reflects current status and the adjustments made over the 25-26 year.
b. **Summer Awards** – Some Summer Textbook awards were made, totaling around $3,000, but challenges with the new student information system has slowed the processes in NPC's Business & Financial Aid offices. Some Emergency Funds were

used to cover gaps when students' Pell/aid was delayed. Karen Ables asked about the different information systems used by NPC & NPCFF. Jesse offered to meet with her separately to go over NPCFF's record keeping system.

c. **PTP26** – Insurance & NPS Permit are underway.150 registered riders now; we will do a bit of a marketing push and hope to get close to 250 but not have to deal with a long wait list. Working on the design for the shirt and poster. Some new sponsorships: Basha's & the Navajo County Board of Supervisors. Finalizing volunteers for sag stops & will start more general volunteer recruitment when the fall semester begins. Board member volunteer opportunities.
d. **Tonya motioned to accept the report; Karen Ables seconded; All voted in favor; no abstentions.**

VII. **Tonya made a motion to table all remaining agenda items (approval of minutes & financial reports from May and June, taking action on the NATC funding request and the revised NPCFF Bylaws, and discussion committees for this year); Mark seconded. Discussion:** Mark shared information for background on NATC, recommending the Board read through the most recent Bylaws & the ask for the CDF for NATC, both posted on the NPC NATC website. **All voted in favor; no abstentions.**

VIII. **Next Meeting:– Monday, August 17, 2026, at 3:45 p.m. at SCC**

IX. **Adjournment – David called the meeting adjourned at 4:59 p.m.**