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Farm Committee Expansion

The Lukachukai community with an appointed farm committee who is to work with local farmers on agricultural activities, asked Navajo Resource Conservation and Development (NRC&D) to help in understanding what becoming a farm board (recognized by the central tribal government) or a nonprofit entity entailed. NRC&D explored and obtained the tribal Farm Board Orientation Manual that included the plan of operation, policies and procedures, operating procedures, and forms. And as a nonprofit organization themselves, identified the essentials of such a business.

At a farm committee's special meeting (February 2010), the data collected by NRC&D was reviewed and talked over with committee members. During which time, the vice-president of the joint Navajo Nation Farm Boards also provided insight on how the boards operated. With each option (a board, nonprofit or committee), pros/cons were identified and discussed. In the end, members of the farm committee decided not expand but to remain a local committee. It was felt they are able to maneuver or have flexibility to work things locally than in a larger governmental system, which can be lengthy and time consuming. (The project was completed in 2010)



NRC&D discussing options with committee