

RESOLUTION OF THE  
RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
23<sup>rd</sup> Navajo Nation Council --- Third Year, 2017

AN ACTION

RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE; CONFIRMING THE  
REAPPOINTMENT OF WYNETTE ARVISO TO SERVE ON THE NAVAJO TRIBAL  
UTILITY AUTHORITY MANAGEMENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR A TERM OF  
THREE YEARS

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

A. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 500 (C), the Resources and Development Committee (Committee) shall exercise oversight authority over public utilities.

B. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 501 (B) (9), the enumerated power of the Committee is to grant final confirmation of appointments to enterprise boards.

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

A. Pursuant to 21 N.N.C. § 2, the Navajo Nation established the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority (NTUA) as an enterprise.

B. The NTUA is authorized to acquire, construct, operate and maintain utility systems throughout the Navajo Nation. See 21 N.N.C. § 1 (B).

C. The general purpose of NTUA is to operate, maintain and promote existing utility systems furnishing electric, gas, water, sewer utility services; generation, and telecommunications and information services for the benefit of residents of the Navajo Nation; including the establishment, ownership, operation and maintenance of electric generating, telecommunications and information services on or off the Navajo Reservation; and to provide utility generation, telecommunications and information services on a non-profit basis and at a reasonable cost to residents of the Navajo Nation consistent with the economical operations of the Enterprise. See 21 N.N.C. § 5 (A) (1)-(6).

D. The NTUA Management Board shall have the delegated authority and responsibility for the management and operation of the Enterprise. See 21 N.N.C. § 7 (1).

E. The management board shall consist of seven persons, all of whom shall be appointed by the Government Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council; whose authority to confirm appointments to enterprise boards has been delegated to the Resources and Development Committee. See 21 N.N.C. § 9 (A); See also 2 N.N.C. § 501 (B) (9).

F. Members of the board shall be called directors, and shall have the following qualifications: (1) [f]our of the directors shall be members of the Navajo Nation who speak English with fluently and who have sufficient education and experience to qualify them for learning utility business practices and procedures and making sound judgments; (2) [f]our of the directors shall be persons having not less than 10 years' experience in business management of substantial character and at least two of such persons shall have had such experience in the management and operation of a utility business. See 21 N.N.C. § 9 (B) (1)-(2).

G. Directors shall be eligible for reappointment. See 21 N.N.C. § 9 (C) (1).

H. Vacancies in the management board may be filled for an unexpired term of the vacant office. See 21 N.N.C. § 9 (C) (2).

I. On August 26, 2016 Ms. Wynette Arviso was recommended to be reappointed by the NTUA management board. See **Exhibit A** (NTUA-27-16).

J. Ms. Wynette Arviso has expressed her continued interest in being reappointed as a Director to the NTUA management board. See **Exhibit B** (Letter of Interest).

K. Ms. Wynette Arviso meets the qualifications listed under, 21 N.N.C. § 9 (B) (1)-(2). See **Exhibit C** (Résumé)

L. The reappointment of Ms. Wynette Arviso will be for a period of three years starting from October 2016 and will expire with the annual board meeting in October 2019. See 21 N.N.C. § 9 (C) (2).

**SECTION THREE. CONFIRMING RE-APPOINTMENT**

The Navajo Nation Resources and Development Committee finds that Ms. Wynette Arviso meets the required qualifications to be reappointed as a director for the NTUA management board as set forth in 21 N.N.C. § 9 (B)(1)-(2), and hereby reappoints Ms. Wynette Arviso for a term of three years, with the term expiring at the annual board meeting in October 2019.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, hereby certify that the following resolution was duly considered by the Resources and Development Committee of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting at Navajo Nation Department of Transportation Conference Room, Tse Bonito (Navajo Nation) New Mexico, at which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained on this 30th day of May, 2017.



Davis Filfred, Vice-Chairperson  
Resources and Development Committee  
of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Navajo Nation Council

Motion: Honorable Leonard Pete  
Second: Honorable Jonathan Perry

**RESOLUTION  
OF THE MANAGEMENT BOARD  
OF THE NAVAJO TRIBAL UTILITY AUTHORITY**



NTUA-27--16

**Recommending the Reappointment of Wynette Arviso to the  
Management Board of the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority**

**WHEREAS:**

1. The Management Board of the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority (NTUA or Authority) has been advised that the term of Wynette Arviso will expire in October 2016; and
2. 21 NNC § 9 provides that the Management Board shall consist of seven (7) persons serving staggered terms; and
3. Ms. Wynette Arviso was previously selected by the Resources and Development Committee based on her qualifications to be appointed to the NTUA Management Board; and
4. In view of the complexities of the utility industry and the challenges facing NTUA and to maintain continuity of experience and leadership on the Management Board, it is important to reappoint Ms. Wynette Arviso to the Management Board.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The Management Board of the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority strongly recommends to the Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council the reappointment of Ms. Wynette Arviso to the NTUA Management Board for a 3-year term, which shall commence at the annual meeting of the Management Board in October 2016.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly considered by the Management Board of the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority at a duly called meeting held in Shiprock, New Mexico, at which a quorum was present and the same was passed by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstaining, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2016.

Arash N. Moalemi, Secretary

Wynette R. Arviso  
P.O. Box • Fort Wingate, NM 87316

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NTUA  
General Manager's Office



August 26, 2016

Mr. Walter Haase, PE., General Manager  
P.O. Box  
Fort Defiance, Arizona 86504

Dear Dr. Haase:

Please accept this letter and attached resume as my application for reappointment to the Management Board of the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority.

On a day to day basis, the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority deals with complex issues and positive opportunities and I am grateful for the privilege of serving on the Management Board for the past year. It would be an honor to continue serving my people and the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority.

I believe my cultural heritage, advanced education, and professional experience will allow me to be an effective board member for a full term.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wynette R. Arviso".  
Wynette R. Arviso

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General Manager's Office



Wynette R. Arviso  
Resume



### Expertise

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Leadership, engineering and technical advising and consulting in both public and private sectors.

Project management, site suitability analysis, land use planning, economic development studies, strategic planning, socioeconomic studies, infrastructure analysis, feasibility studies and environmental assessments.

Geographic Information Systems-Global Positioning System strategies, architectures and deployment.

Tribal coordination, regulatory compliance and working with diverse disciplines.

Public involvement and community outreach.

Fostering innovation, enhancing cooperation and incorporating cross-cultural skills.

### Education

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M.A.S. Geographic Information Systems, Arizona State University; Tempe, 2006

M.S. Industrial Engineering, University of Oklahoma; Norman, 1996

B.S. Petroleum Engineering, University of Oklahoma; Norman, 1986

### Professional Experience

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*Co-Founder and Managing Partner, JJ Clacs & Company; Fort Wingate, New Mexico (1996-present):* lead and execute various projects to achieve client goals in planning, governance, organizational development, community outreach and Geographic Information Systems.

*Advanced Quality Engineer, 3M Corporation; Weatherford, Oklahoma (1995-1996):* worked closely with cross-functional teams to drive continuous process improvement, reducing operational inefficiencies, optimizing process control limits/capabilities; conducted plant Process Safety Management audits for a safer work environment.

*Technical Associate, Safety Engineering, AT&T; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma (1994-1995):* coordinated safety and process improvement initiatives with teams from many departments; discovered and changed operational processes to make improvements and optimize according to control limits/capabilities; developed job safety guidelines and software programs to track safety reports resulting in better management and time savings.

*Gas Engineer, Navajo Tribal Utility Authority; Fort Defiance, Arizona (1986-1993):* managed and supervised the natural gas engineering department. Designed natural gas distribution system. Served as Project Engineer for natural gas system construction.

### Board Membership

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*Board Member, Navajo Tribal Utility Authority Management Board; Fort Defiance, Arizona (2015-present):* provide direction, leadership and oversight of the management and operation of the tribal enterprise to provide affordable, safe and reliable electric, water, wastewater, natural gas, solar energy, and communications services; enhance the standard of living; and, support the growth of communities.

*Board Member, Navajo Area Indian Health Service Health Board; Saint Michaels, Arizona (2014-present):* serve as consultant to the Office of the NAIHS Area Director and as an advocate for planning, development, operation, and evaluation of NAIHS programs through periodic review of reports by all affected federal and tribal agencies.

*Board Chair, Gallup Service Unit Health Advisory Board; Gallup, New Mexico (2013-present):* serve as consultant to the Gallup Service Unit CEO on matters relating to local Indian health planning and policy issues; and as an advocate for increasing awareness of community health issues, encouraging healthy lifestyle, promoting sensitivity to Native cultures, and seeking new resources.