

RESOLUTION OF THE
RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
of the 25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL—Second Year, 2024

AN ACTION

RELATING TO THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE; CONFIRMING KATHERINE BENALLY TO SERVE ON THE NAVAJO AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS REPRESENTING THE WESTERN AGENCY

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Resources and Development Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 500 (A).
- B. The President of the Navajo Nation appoints, and the Resources and Development Committee confirms, the Board of Directors to the Navajo Agricultural Products Industry. 5 N.N.C. § 603 (A). References made to the former Economic Development Committee in the Navajo Nation Code shall mean the Resources and Development Committee. See CO-45-12, Section 5 (A).

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- A. Pursuant to 5 N.N.C. § 1603 (B), the Navajo Agricultural Products Industry (NAPI) "shall set policy including, but not limited to, establishing personnel policies, procurement policies and financial policies for NAPI. The Board of Directors shall hire and supervise the Chief Executive Officer who shall hire under contract a Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall be accountable to the Board of the Directors and to the Chief Executive Officer and shall be supervised by the Chief Executive Officer in conformity with job descriptions established for the Chief Financial Officer and the Chief Executive Officer, and with Navajo Agricultural Products Industry's approved policies and procedures. The Chief Financial Officer shall submit all monthly, quarterly and annual reports to the Chief Executive Officer and Board of Directors simultaneously."

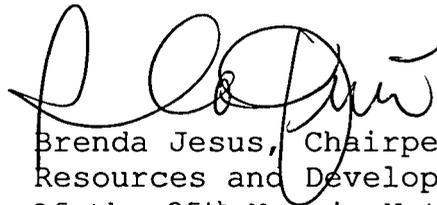
- B. Pursuant to 5 N.N.C. § 1604, "[t]he Navajo Agricultural Products Industry shall operate under the legislative oversight of the Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council...NAPI shall operate pursuant to a Plan of Operation recommended by the NAPI Board of Directors in consultation with the President of the Navajo Nation and adopted by the Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council."
- C. Pursuant to RDCS-049-19, the Navajo Agricultural Products Industry's Amended Plan of Operation, Article 5 (A), "NAPI shall be managed by a Board of Directors that shall provide governance and oversight of the organization, subject to the restrictions of this Plan of Operation and applicable law. The Board shall consist of five (5) members from the Western, Chinle, and Eastern Agencies of the Navajo Nation. At least one Director shall be from District 13 and one Director shall be from District 19."
- D. Pursuant to RDCS-049-19, the Navajo Agricultural Products Industry's Amended Plan of Operation, Article (C) and (D) state the qualifications and term of service: "(C) Qualifications. Each Director shall have substantial business experience which shall include, but not be limited to agribusiness and/or business marketing, livestock, agricultural economics and finance, irrigation and P.L. 93-638 contracting. It is preferred that each Director shall have knowledge of corporate and/or business financial statements and capital investment planning and shall possess a Bachelor's degree from a recognized and accredited four-year institution of higher learning. Preference in the appointment of Directors shall be given to Navajos...(D) Term of Office. Directors shall serve staggered terms of three (3) years and may be reappointed to serve additional terms."
- E. The President of the Navajo Nation, by letter dated June 23, 2023, attached as **Exhibit A**, has appointed Katherine Benally to the Navajo Agricultural Products Industry Board of Directors to represent the Western Agency.
- F. Katherine Benally's letter of interest, her resume, and her Certificate of Navajo Indian Blood are attached hereto as **Exhibits B, C, and D**, respectively.
- G. Katherine Benally meets the qualifications to be a Director for the Navajo Agricultural Products Industry.

SECTION THREE. CONFIRMATION

The Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council hereby confirms the appointment of Katherine Benally to the Navajo Agricultural Products Industry Board of Directors for a term of three years representing the Western Agency.

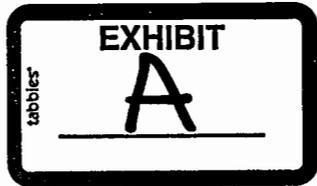
CERTIFICATION

I, hereby, certify that the following resolution was duly considered by the Resources and Development Committee of the 25th Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting at Mentmore, (Navajo Nation) New Mexico, at which quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed, on this 3rd day of January 2024.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brenda Jesus', is written over the typed name and title.

Brenda Jesus, Chairperson
Resources and Development Committee
Of the 25th Navajo Nation Council

Motion: Honorable Otto Tso
Second: Honorable Casey Allen Johnson



The Navajo Nation **DR. BUU NYGREN** *PRESIDENT*
Yideeskáądi Nitsáhákees **RICHELLE MONTOYA** *VICE PRESIDENT*

June 23, 2023

Katherine Benally

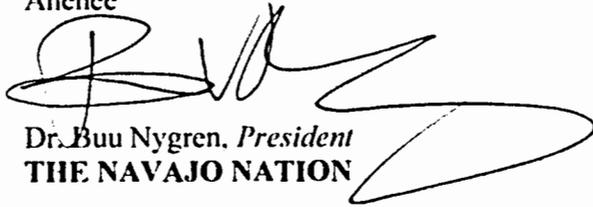
Re: Official Appointment to the Navajo Agricultural Products Industry Board of Directors.

Dear Ms. Benally,

I am pleased to appoint you to the Navajo Agricultural Products Industry Board of Directors. I am confident you have the background, experience and education to represent the interests of this Administration on this Board of Directors. This appointment is subject to confirmation by the Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council. This appointment represents the Navajo people of the Western Agency of the Navajo Nation.

I appreciate your desire to serve the Navajo Nation and the Navajo People. If there are any questions, please contact Patrick Sandoval, Chief of Staff at (928) 871-7244.

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Dr. Buu Nygren, *President*
THE NAVAJO NATION



The Honorable President Nygren
Navajo Nation
Window Rock, Arizona

Honorable President Nygren,

This letter serves to express my interest in serving as a Board member of Navajo Agricultural Product Industry representing the Western Agency of the Navajo Nation. Additionally, I will be representing small garden produce farmers, as I have been a gardener for many years.

I have had the honor of representing my communities of Chilchinbeto, Dennehotso and Kayenta as a Council Delegate for three terms and in those duties I learned so much about the Agricultural Enterprise. I feel there are so many untapped possibilities which as a board of director, I could assist in guiding.

Thank you for your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

Katherine Benally

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11/20/2017



KATHERINE BENALLY

Accomplished Business owner with 20+ years or related experience. Adept at planning, organizing and achieving set goals. Highly effective at collaborating with people and organization in motivating them to advocate for themselves and others.

EXPERIENCE

JUNE 2001 – PRESENT, 2023

OWNER, SPECIAL CARE AT HOME, INC.

I established a private own business providing home care/personal care to clientele in need of assistance with activities of daily living.

JAN 2003 – JAN 2015

NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL DELEGATE, NAVAJO NATION

Council Delegate representing the communities of Dennehotso, Kayenta and Chilchinbeto

JULY 1996 – MAY 2001

AGING DIRECTOR FOR FORT DEFIANCE AGENCY, NAVAJO NATION

Manage the day-to-day operation of navajo area agency on aging program. Supervised a staff of 71 employees

JAN 1995 – APRIL 1996

EXECUTIVE STAFF ASSISTANT, OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENT, NAVAJO NATION

Served as an assistant to the local empowerment team and provided training to the other navajo nation departments/ programs, chapters and local groups; attended various meetings as assigned by the president and vice president, acted as a liaison between the state of utah and the navajo nation on issues directly affecting the navajo nation or utah navajos.

SEPT 1993 - JAN 1995

VETERANS LOAN OFFICER, DEPT OF VETERANS AFFIARS, NAVAJO NATION

Counseled borrowers; prepared monthly reports; quarterly reports; resolutions; correspondence, etc. As a reporting instrument and performed other duties and responsibilities as deemed necessary by the immediate supervisor

DEC 1991 – JULY 1993

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE OFFICE I, OFFICE OF MISS NAVAJO, NAVAJO NATION

Coordinated and maintained the day-to-day operation of the Office of Navajo Nation. Supervised the office personnel and Miss Navajo Nation. Established and ensured effective working relationship.

OCT 1990 – DEC 1991

**ASSISTANT PRESS OFFICER/BOOKEEPER,
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT/ VICE PRESIDENT, NAVAJO NATION**

Responsibility included the preparation and dissemination of vital and general information to the public through local and national media

NOV 1989 – JUNE 1990

ACCOUNTING CLERK II, DEPT OF HIGHER EDUCATION, NAVAJO NATION

Assumed the administrative assistant's duties and responsibilities, on a temporary status until one was hired on a permanent basis

OCT 1987 – JAN 1989

BUSINESS/OFFICE MANAGER, KTNN RADIO STATION

Planned, assigned supervised and coordinated the activities of a central accounting department; engaged in recording, maintaining and providing accounting data related to radio station operations.

AUG 1976 – JULY 1993

ACCOUNTING, BUSINESS OFFICE DINE COLLEGE AT TSAILE, AZ

Planned, assigned supervised and coordinated the activities of a central accounting department; engaged in recording, maintaining and providing accounting data related to radio station operations. Maintained the day-to-day operation of a retail outlet; maintained the program budget by approving expenditures, bank reconciliation, budget preparation, inventory control and all related financial activities

EDUCATION

JUNE 1993 – AUG 1993

NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY

Studies in Finance and Political Science

JAN 1991 – DEC 1991

UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO

Studies in finance and (12 credit hours)

JAN 1982 – MAY 1983

NAVAJO COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Associate Degree in Accounting

SKILLS

- Community Outreach
- Strategic Management
- Establishing Network Connections
- Production understanding
- Skills Assessments

EXHIBIT
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THE NAVAJO NATION

Jonathan Nez
PRESIDENT

Myron Lizer
VICE PRESIDENT

UNACCEPTABLE IF ALTERED

CERTIFICATE OF NAVAJO INDIAN BLOOD

PART A (To be used if applicant is enrolled)

WESTERN NAVAJO
AGENCY

FEBRUARY 5, 2020
DATE

I certify that KATHERINE BENALLY is listed on the Navajo Indian Census Roll, dated January 01, 1940, which is an official record of this office as being of 4/4 Degree Navajo Indian blood, with Roll Number, _____, Date of birth _____.

RECORDED: OCTOBER 11, 1957.



(FCR) PROGRAM MANAGER I
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