

**RESOLUTION OF THE
RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
23rd Navajo Nation Council --- Fourth Year, 2018**

AN ACTION

**RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE; CONFIRMING THE
APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT ROESSEL TO SERVE ON THE NAVAJO TRIBAL
UTILITY AUTHORITY MANAGEMENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR A TERM OF
THREE YEARS**

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Navajo Nation established the Resources and Development Committee ("RDC") as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee and as such gave the Committee oversight authority over public utilities. 2 N.N.C. §§ 500 (A), (C).
- B. RDC has the authority to grant final confirmation of appointments to enterprise boards. 2 N.N.C. § 501 (B) (9).

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- A. The Navajo Nation established the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority ("NTUA") as an enterprise. 21 N.N.C. § 2.
- 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 [Naabik'iyáti'] 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 fluency and who have sufficient education and experience to qualify them for learning utility business practices and procedures and making sound judgements; (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. Mr. Robert Roessel has expressed his interest in being appointed as a Director to the NTUA Management Board in his Letter of Interest and is attached as **Exhibit B**; See also 21 N.N.C. § 9 (C)(1).
- H. On November 29, 2017, Mr. Robert Roessel was selected to be appointed to the NTUA Management Board, Appointment Letter is attached as **Exhibit A**. See also 21 N.N.C. § 9 (A); See also 2 N.N.C. § 501 (B)(9).
- I. Mr. Robert Roessel meets the qualifications as required by 21 N.N.C. § 9 (B)(1)-(2), Resume and Certificate of Navajo Indian Blood are attached as **Exhibits C and D**, respectively.
- J. The appointment of Mr. Robert Roessel will be for a period of three years with the term expiring at the annual board meeting in October 2020. See 21 N.N.C. § 9 (C)(2).

SECTION THREE. CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT

The Navajo Nation Council Resources and Development Committee finds that Mr. Robert Roesell meets the requisite qualifications to be appointed as a director for the NTUA Management Board as set forth in 21 N.N.C. § 9 (B)(1)-(2), and hereby appoints Mr. Robert Roesell for a term of three years, with the term expiring at the annual board meeting in October 2020 pursuant to 21 N.N.C. § 9 (C)(2).

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby certify that the following resolution was duly considered by the Resources and Development Committee of the 23rd Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting at the Black Mesa Chapter, Black Mesa, Navajo Nation (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained on this 14th day of February, 2018.



Walter Phelps, Pro Tempore Chairperson
Resources and Development Committee
of the 23rd Navajo Nation Council

Motion: Honorable Leonard Pete
Second: Honorable Davis Filfred



23rd Navajo Nation Council

November 29, 2017



RE: Navajo Tribal Utility Authority Management Board

Dear Mr. Roessel,

First, the Resources and Development extends their gratitude for your interest for reappointment to the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority Management Board.

Congratulations, based on the outcome of the interview, I am happy to inform you that the Resources and Development Committee has elected to appoint you to serve on the NTUA Management Board. With this appointment, the Committee stresses the importance of Board Management member's commitment and professional leadership while working with NTUA Management Board and NTUA business. We further encourage all the Management Board representative attend the board meetings and be available to do subcommittee or committee work.

Further, during the interview you informed us you are currently working with Salt River Project. We are aware they do work with NTUA from time to time. And as a result, you may be in place in a conflicting situation, but call on the importance of your efficient and professional leadership for our Nation's enterprise should those situation occur.

Lastly, Navajo Nation leadership envisions NTUA to continue to provide efficient services to the Navajo Nation in their multi-utility services in the most economic manner. As an oversight to the enterprise, the Committee periodically meets with the management board and CEO for updates or status reports as their multi-utility services is important to our Navajo people and we encourage NTUA to strive to provide a most and efficient quality services.

In closing we extend our congratulation and expect your utmost professional leadership in your continued work with NTUA. I will initiate a legislation to formal confirmation your appointment. When the legislative process is completed, RDC Staff will contact you to be present for confirmation at our Committee meeting.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Bennett, Vice-Chairperson
Resources and Development Committee
Of the 23rd Navajo Nation Council

cc: Mr. Walter Haase, CEO

Navajo Tribal Utility Authority

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Robert (Bob) W. Roessel, P.E.

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July 11, 2017

Mr. Walter W. Haase, P.E.
General Manager, Navajo Tribal Utility Authority
P.O. Box 170
Fort Defiance, AZ 86504

Subject: Navajo Tribal Utility Authority – Letter of Interest in Management Board

Dear Mr. Haase:

I am writing this letter to express my interest in the vacancies in NTUA's Management Board. As requested, attached is my resume to assist in the selection process.

Review of my resume and any subsequent discussions will confirm that I meet the qualifications as required. I am Navajo, raised on the Navajo Nation, graduated from Chinle High School in 1977, and later obtained a B.S. of Civil Engineering from University of New Mexico. I am a registered professional civil engineer in the State of Arizona. I have been employed the past 35 years by the Salt River Project (SRP), one of the largest public utilities in the United States. SRP has provided me with tremendous opportunities including the most recent as the Executive Principal of SRP's Intergovernmental Affairs. In this capacity, I am involved in many matters related to American Indian tribes in Arizona, business opportunities and technical support as related to facets of the utility business touching our customers. I have been involved in seeking solutions to the Navajo Generating Station challenges and developing economic opportunities in Arizona. I have experience developing large electrical transmission projects as the System Design Manager within our Power, Construction and Engineering department where I provided leadership towards the development of several 500kV, 230kV, 115kV and 69/12kV projects that were planned, designed and constructed by SRP in-house expertise or through contracted entities.

SRP has been extremely supportive of my initiative to serve my community outside the work place. I have held leadership board positions for several outstanding non-profit organizations: 1) Western Council of Construction Consumers (Chairman); 2) Phoenix Indian Center (President); and 3) Construction in Indian Country (Executive Committee Member). Through these organizations I have been able to build strong business relationships with many individuals and companies throughout the United States. It has been a humbling experience, and I am appreciative that SRP has been supportive of my efforts to support these organizations.

In closing I would like to reiterate my interest in continuing to serve the Navajo people by assisting the Navajo Nation as it continues to seek solutions and opportunities towards a sustainable future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Roessel".

Robert (Bob) W. Roessel, P.E.

Received

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NTUA
General Manager's Office

Robert (Bob) W. Roessel, P.E.



Objective Seek to fill a position on the NTUA Management Board. My professional experience gained in nearly 30 years with the Salt River Project (SRP), which is a large water & power utility with headquarters in the Phoenix area, has provided me expertise in areas such as Governmental Relations, Intergovernmental Affairs, Management, Transmission & Distribution Capital Project Implementation, Major Projects, Engineering, and Construction Project Management. The past several years I have been a member of the teams that worked on the NGS Lease extension with the Navajo Nation, community outreach, BART, NEPA, CPP, ROW, and building stronger relationships with American Indian tribes in Arizona. As a member of the Navajo Nation, I hope to use my expertise to help the tribe become more self-sufficient.

Experience	2011 to Present	Salt River Project	Tempe, Arizona
	Executive Principal, Intergovernmental Affairs – Federal Affairs		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manage SRP's Intergovernmental Affairs office Responsible for Tribal outreach, policies, advocacy, relationship building with Tribes Provide support to SRP Water Resources; and Power Generation and Delivery 		
	2004 to 2011	Salt River Project	Tempe, Arizona
	Manager, System Design – Engineering & Construction Services		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Design and budget responsibility for major capital T&D projects to meet and maintain system requirements Managed capital annual budgets in range of \$40-\$50M 		
	1999 to 2004	Salt River Project	Tempe, Arizona
	Project Manager for Major Projects – Major Electrical Facilities		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SRP's Responsible Person for the development of the Southwest Valley EHV Substation / Transmission Project, a successful \$125 M project that was implemented as a participation project with Arizona Public Service SRP's Responsible Person for the development of the Hassayampa Switchyard Project, a successful \$ 75 M participation transmission project to support a multitude of interconnections at the Palo Verde Switchyard 		
	1982 to 1999	Salt River Project	Page and Tempe, Arizona
	Navajo Scrubber Project (NSP) & Project Management – Major Generation & Hydro Facilities		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NSP Construction Site Manager - Responsible for the installation, quality control and inspection of a major environmental retro-fit project at the Navajo Generating Station in Page Arizona (3 years) NSP Contracts Site Manager - Responsible for the site contract administration, resident engineers, document control functions associated with contracts for all work performed on the \$470 million dollar project (4 years) NSP Site Manager – Responsible for the new NGS PERA Club and the NGS Office remodel (2 years) Successfully managed installations of 69kV, 230kV transmission line, hydro betterment and generation capital projects Successfully managed Roosevelt Diversion Dam Modification Project, a multi-agency environmental project. Successfully managed Horse Mesa Dam Road Stabilization Project, a project requiring hydraulic model studies, geological drilling/assessments, and innovative grouted pile retaining wall within the tailrace. 		
Education	1982	University of New Mexico	Albuquerque, NM
	B. S. Civil Engineering		
Non-Profits Boards & Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Licensed Civil Engineer in State of Arizona, License # 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Past Board Chair, Western Council of Construction Consumers (owners organization supporting construction industry); Past Board President, Phoenix Indian Center; Executive Member, Construction in Indian Country, Del E. Webb, ASU; Executive Member, Del E. Webb Industry Advisory Committee, ASU; Past Board Member, Navajo Tribal Utility Authority; Board Member, American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Arizona; Member, Heard Museum Board of Trustees American Indian Advisory Committee; National Council Member, National Museum of the American Indians; Board Member, NAU President's Tribal Advisory Council SRP's Executive Management Training Program; Valley Leadership (CL33); and SRP's Developmental and Professional Training Programs 		



ALBERT HALE
~~PETERSON ZAH~~
PRESIDENT

THE NAVAJO NATION

THOMAS ATCITY
~~MARSHALL PLUMMER~~
VICE PRESIDENT

UNACCEPTABLE IF ALTERED

CERTIFICATE OF NAVAJO INDIAN BLOOD

PART A (To be used if applicant is enrolled)

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AGENCY

May 23, 1997

DATE

I certify that Robert W. Roessel is listed on the Navajo Indian Census Roll, dated Jan. 01, 1940, which is an official record of this office as being of 1/2 degree Navajo Indian blood, with Roll Number _____, date of birth Dec. 18, 1959.

RECORD: Enrolled Jan. 18, 1960

VITAL STATISTIC MANAGER

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VOTE TALLY SHEET:

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