

**RESOLUTION OF THE
RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Of the 23rd Navajo Nation Council---Second Year 2016**

**AN ACTION
RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT; CONFIRMING THE
APPOINTMENT OF MR. PETER DESWOOD III TO SERVE ON THE NAVAJO
AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR A TERM
OF THREE YEARS**

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 directors to the Navajo Agricultural Products Industry. 2 N.N.C. §501(B)(9); See also 5 N.N.C. §1601(A).

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

A. In the event of a vacancy on the Board of Directors, Navajo Nation Council Resolution CJA-05-10: "... the President of the Navajo Nation shall appoint a qualified candidate on or before thirty (30) working days. The Economic Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council shall fill vacancies where the President has not made an appointment within thirty (30) working days by appointing and confirming a candidate that meets the qualifications stated above."

B. The Resources and Development Committee is the successor committee to the Economic Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council. CO-45-12.

C. The President of the Navajo Nation has submitted an appointee for confirmation to the Resources and Development Committee within the thirty day requirement. See Exhibit A (Letter from Russell Begaye (Navajo Nation President), to Honorable Tom Chee (Mar. 11, 2016)).

D. The President has appointed Mr. Peter Deswood III to serve on the Board of Directors for the Navajo Agricultural Products Industry for a term of three years which commenced on October 02, 2015 and set to expire on October 02, 2018. See Exhibit B (Letter from Russell Begay (Navajo Nation President), to Mr. Peter Deswood III (Mar. 10, 2016)).

E. Mr. Peter Deswood III has submitted his letter of interest as well as his resume. See Exhibit C (Letter of Interest); See also Exhibit D (Resume).

SECTION THREE. CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT

The Resources and Development Committee hereby confirms the Presidential appointment of Mr. Peter Deswood III to the Navajo Agricultural Products Industry Board of Directors for a term of three years commenced on October 02, 2015 and will expire on October 02, 2018, pursuant to 5 N.N.C. § 1603 (A).

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby, certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Resources and Development Committee of the 23rd Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting at Navajo Nation Council Chambers, (Navajo Nation) Window Rock, Arizona, at which quorum was present and the same was passed by a vote of 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained this 22nd day of April, 2016.



**Alton Joe Shepherd, Chairperson
Resources and Development Committee
Of the 23rd Navajo Nation Council**

**Motion: Honorable Davis Filfred
Second: Honorable Leonard Tsosie**



THE NAVAJO NATION

RUSSELL BEGAY
JONATHAN NEZ



March 11, 2016

Honorable Tom Chee
23rd Navajo Nation Council
P.O. Box 3390
Window Rock, AZ 86515

Dear Honorable Council Delegate Tom Chee

We respectfully request that you sponsor the legislation to confirm the Presidential appointment of Mr. Peter Deswood III, to the Board of Directors for the Navajo Agricultural Products Industry. After a considerable search and interview process, this Administration selected Mr. Peter Deswood III, based on his extensive experience and knowledge, he possesses the qualifications and experience to best represent the Navajo Nation in this prestigious position.

Attached is Mr. Deswood III's appointment letter and resume. If you have any further questions, please contact Perry Shirley, Executive Staff Assistant at (928) 871-7000. Thank you.

Respectfully,

THE NAVAJO NATION


Russell Begay, President


Jonathan Nez, Vice President

c Arbin Mitchell, Chief of Staff
Office of the President and Vice President



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EXHIBIT

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March 10, 2016

Mr. Peter Deswood III

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

Dear Mr. Peter Deswood III,

We are pleased to appoint you to the Navajo Agricultural Products Industry (NAPI) Board of Directors. We are confident you have the background, experience and education to represent the interest of this Administration on this Board.

Pursuant to the NAPI Board of Directors' Plan of Operations, this appointment is for a period of three years and is subject to confirmation by the 23rd Navajo Nation Council Resources and Development Committee. The Plan of Operations also states that the terms of appointment are on a set and staggered schedule, therefore, it is important to note that the term you are being appointed to began on October 02, 2015 and it will end on October 02, 2018. This appointment represents the Navajo people of District 13 of the Navajo Nation.

We appreciate your desire to serve the Navajo Nation and the Navajo People. If there are any questions, please contact Ms. Nina Chester, Executive Staff Assistant at (928) 871-7000.

Sincerely,

THE NAVAJO NATION

Russell Begaye, President

Jonathan Nez, Vice President

Peter Deswood III



March 10, 2016

Russell Begaye,
Navajo Nation President
Window Rock, AZ

Dear Mr. President:

I am interested in being appointed to the Navajo Agricultural Product Industries' board. I am a Navajo voter from the Upper Fruitland Chapter. I am confident I would serve the Begaye-Nez administration and the Navajo Nation well by being appointed to the NAPI board for District 13. I have various experiences that qualify me to serve on the board. For example, I have an undergraduate degree in accounting from Fort Lewis College, a leadership degree from Penn State University in education, and am currently completing my Ph.D. in organizational development from Grand Canyon University.

At the present time, I am a middle school math teacher in the Farmington, NM. Additionally, I am an adjunct professor at San Juan College in Farmington, NM. My work experience has been primarily in education as an educator, however, I have a background in business. Prior to education, my experiences were managing various businesses. For example, I managed a \$7 million a year Conoco service station in Durango, CO. I also managed a 160 room Best Western hotel in Durango, CO. Furthermore, I personally owned and operated various construction and landscaping businesses. Additionally, I own a tax filing business within my home.

During my undergraduate coursework, I participated in an Agricultural Engineering internship at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Additionally, while growing up my dad, Peter Deswood, Jr., would have me review budgets and proposals while he was employed at NAPI. With my strong background in accounting, I was able to understand complex budgets and non-profit budgeting methods.

Currently, I am pursuing a Ph. D. in Education Leadership with an emphasis in Organizational Development through Grand Canyon University. I am in the proposal stage of the dissertation process and have completed the required coursework of 60 credits, thus I am All but Dissertation.

With my strong background and my range of experience with my ability to be a compassionate, confident, and efficient leader who will make a positive contribution to the Navajo people, I am confident I will follow in my father's footsteps and help the Navajo people. Lastly, I am married and have two children. I would welcome an interview and hope to hear from you at your convenience.

Peter Deswood, III

WORK EXPERIENCE

DESWOOD ACCOUNTING

FARMINGTON, NM

TAX ACCOUNTANT

Jan 2003 - Present

- Compute taxes owed or overpaid, using adding machines or personal computers, and complete entries on forms, following tax form instructions and tax tables.
- Use all appropriate adjustments, deductions, and credits to keep clients' taxes to a minimum.
- Review financial records such as income statements and documentation of expenditures to determine forms needed to prepare tax returns.
- Prepare or assist in preparing simple to complex tax returns for individuals or small businesses.
- Calculate form preparation fees according to return complexity and processing time required.
- Furnish taxpayers with sufficient information and advice to ensure correct tax form completion.

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DURANGO, CO

RESIDENT MANAGER

Jun 1999 - Aug 2002

- Inspect guest rooms, public areas, and grounds for cleanliness and appearance.
- Answer inquiries pertaining to hotel policies and services, and resolve occupants' complaints.
- Train staff members.
- Coordinate front-office activities of hotels or motels, and resolve problems.
- Collect payments and record data pertaining to funds and expenditures.
- Provide assistance to staff members by inspecting rooms, setting tables or doing laundry.
- Develop and implement policies and procedures for the operation of a department or establishment.
- Purchase supplies, and arrange for outside services, such as deliveries, laundry, maintenance and repair, and trash collection.

BRUCES'S SALES & RENTAL

DURANGO, CO

SALES ASSOCIATE

Aug 1999 - Aug 2002

- Answer customers' questions about merchandise and advise customers on merchandise selection.
- Take inventory or examine merchandise to identify items to be reordered or replenished.
- Itemize and total customer merchandise selection at checkout counter, using cash register, and accept cash or charge card for purchases.
- Compare merchandise invoices to items actually received to ensure that shipments are correct.
- Requisition merchandise from supplier based on available space, merchandise on hand, customer demand, or advertised specials.

KFC OF DURANGO

DURANGO, CO

NIGHT MANAGER

Apr 1999 - Aug 1999

- Represent companies in negotiating contracts and formulating policies with suppliers.
- Locate vendors of materials, equipment or supplies, and interview them to determine product availability and terms of sales.
- Develop and implement purchasing and contract management instructions, policies, and procedures.
- Maintain records of goods ordered and received.
- Analyze market and delivery systems to assess present and future material availability.
- Participate in the development of specifications for equipment, products or substitute materials.

DEGUELLE OIL, INC

DURANGO, CO

MANAGER

Apr 1997 - Feb 1999

- Plan and direct staffing, training, and performance evaluations to develop and control sales and service programs.
- Direct clerical staff to keep records of export correspondence, bid requests, and credit collections, and to maintain current information on tariffs, licenses, and restrictions.
- Direct, coordinate, and review activities in sales and service accounting and recordkeeping, and in receiving and shipping operations.

- Assess marketing potential of new and existing store locations, considering statistics and expenditures.
- Direct and coordinate activities involving sales of manufactured products, services, commodities, real estate or other subjects of sale.
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EDUCATION

GRAND CANYON UNIVERSITY

PHEONIX, AZ

PH.D. Candidate, Expected graduation, Jun 2017

- Seeking Doctorate in Education Leadership, GPA 3.93
- Organizational Development: All but dissertation (ABD)

EASTERN NEW MEXICO

PORTALES, NM

TESOL, Apr 2013

- TESOL endorsement: 12 graduate credits

PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY

STATE COLLEGE, PA

- M. Ed. In Educational Leadership, GPA 4.0
- Principal certification

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE

MILWAUKEE, WI

EDUCATION, Jan 2005

- B.S. Education, Teacher Certification, GPA 3.8
- Minor in U.S. History

FORT LEWIS COLLEGE

DURANGO, CO

ACCOUNTING, Aug 2002

- B.A. Accounting
- Minor management information systems