

## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0190-18

**DATE:** May 18, 2018

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION:** AN ACTION RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT; APPOINTING AND CONFIRMING MR. DANNY SIMPSON TO SERVE ON THE NAVAJO AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS REPRESENTING DISTRICT 19

**PURPOSE:** If approved, this resolution will appoint and confirm Mr. Danny Simpsom to the Navajo Agricultural Products Industry (“NAPI”) Board of Directors for a three year term.

This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committees. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each Council Delegate to review each proposed resolution in detail.

5-DAY BILL HOLD PERIOD: SNOTAH  
Website Posting Time/Date: 4:54pm 6-8-18  
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Eligible for Action: 6-12-2018

PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION  
23<sup>RD</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – Fourth Year, 2018

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AN ACTION

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SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Resources and Development Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council. *See* 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. *See* 2 N.N.C. §501(B)(9). *See also* 5 N.N.C. §1603 (A).

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- A. In the event of a vacancy on the Board of Directors, pursuant to Navajo Nation Council Resolution CJA-05-10 which amended the Navajo Agricultural Products Industry's ("NAPI") Plan of Operation: "... the President of the Navajo Nation shall appoint a qualified candidate on or before thirty (30) working days. The [Resources and 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."

1 B. The five members of the Board of Directors shall possess substantial business  
2 experience and be from the Western, Chinle and Eastern Agencies. At least three of the  
3 Directors shall have substantial experience in successful agribusiness commercial  
4 farming, provided that such experience not be through employment with NAPI. At least  
5 one Director shall be educated in the field of agriculture, one director shall reside in  
6 District 13 and one Director shall reside within District 19. All Directors shall have at  
7 least a Bachelor of Science degree except those Directors representing District 13 and  
8 District 19. Preference in the appointment of Directors shall be given to Navajo  
9 members. No person who has been employed by NAPI will be eligible to become a  
10 Director until six years after the date of separation from NAPI. *See* NAPI Plan of  
11 Operation. *See also* CJA-05-10.

12 C. The President of the Navajo Nation has not submitted an appointee for confirmation to  
13 the Resources and Development Committee within the thirty day requirement.

14 D. Mr. Danny Simpson has submitted his letter of interest as well as his résumé for  
15 consideration for appointment to the NAPI Board of Directors. *See* Letter of Interest,  
16 Résumé and Certificate of Navajo Indian Blood attached hereto as **Exhibits A, B, and**  
17 **C** respectively.

18 E. The former NAPI Board of Director representing District 19 has a term that expired on  
19 October 28, 2017. *See* RDCO-98-14.

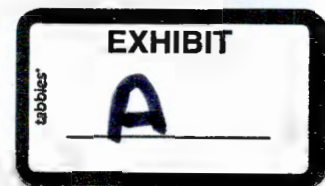
20 F. The Huerfano and Nageezi Chapters recommend the appointment and confirmation of  
21 Mr. Danny Simpsom to the NAPI Board of Directors to represent District 19. *See*  
22 Huerfano Chapter Resolution #HUE-071-18 and Nageezhi Chapter Resolution #NC-  
23 18-056 attached hereto as **Exhibits D and E**, respectively.

24 G. Mr. Danny Simpson meets the qualifications to be a Director for the Navajo  
25 Agricultural Products Industry as required by NAPI Plan of Operation Art. 6 (C).

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27 **SECTION THREE. APPOINTING AND CONFIRMING MR. DANNY SIMPSON**  
28 **AS A DIRECTOR**  
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1 A. The Resources and Development Committee hereby appoints Mr. Danny Simpson to  
2 the Navajo Agricultural Products Industry Board of Directors representing District 19  
3 for a term of three years pursuant to the NAPI Plan of Operation Art. 6 (D)(1).

4 B. The Resource and Development Committee hereby confirms the appointment of Mr.  
5 Danny Simpson to the Navajo Agricultural Products Industry Board of Directors  
6 representing District 19 for a term of three years to commence on October 28, 2017 and  
7 expire on October 28, 2020.  
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Danny Simpson  
P.O. Box  
Bloomfield, NM 87413

April 26, 2018

Dear Selection Committee:

This letter is written to express my interest in serving on the Navajo Agriculture Products Industry (NAPI) Board representing ENA District 19 Chapters.

I have proven leadership initiative by serving as a Navajo Nation Council Delegate for three terms. During this tenure, I had the opportunity to serve on various standing committees which included the Budget & Finance and the Government Service. While serving in these capacities, I was able to meet the needs of the Navajo Nation and its people. It is important to note that I have direct knowledge in the ENA checkboard land statuses and its relation to the Navajo Indian Irrigation Project (NIIP).

I have a strong background in taking initiative, collaborating, communicating, building relationships, and problem solving. I have a high value of integrity, professionalism, and accountability. I am confident that I can apply my *background*, values and experience to meeting the needs and objectives of NAPI.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Danny Simpson", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Danny Simpson



# Danny Simpson

P.O. Box  
Bloomfield, NM 87413

## Career Objective:

To obtain a position as a Navajo Agricultural Product Industry Board Member that would allow me to demonstrate my existing skills and talents that I have acquired from my work experience.

## Education

**Bloomfield High School, Bloomfield**      **High School Diploma: May 1985**

**San Juan College, Farmington, NM**      **Credit Hours: 80 credit hour**  
*Major: Liberal Arts*

## Military Service

United States Army 1985-1988

## Work Experience

**Chapter Coordinator (October 2015 – current)**  
*Nageezi Chapter House*

- Communicates effectively with team members of all levels to meet the needs of the organizations.
- Actively coordinates community meetings
- Actively plans and implements community events
- Consistently utilizes computer skills: Microsoft Word, Power Point, Excel, Publisher, and Outlook
- Identifies and meets priorities and objectives of the chapter
- Creates and maintains partnerships inside and outside the chapter
- Develops and maintains necessary documentation to protect the Chapter
- Remain updated with policies and procedures
- Attends meetings as required

**Council Delegate (January 2003 – January 2015)**  
*Eastern Navajo Agency*

- Actively participated in council, committee, and chapter meetings.
- Communicated effectively with all levels of community officials
- Discussed issues and developed plans to address community concerns
- Reviewed and proposed new legislations to the council
- Supported and participated community events
- Identified and met the priorities and objectives of the Navajo Nation
- Created and maintained partnerships inside and outside the Navajo Nation

**Chapter Coordinator (October 1995 – January 2003)**  
*Huerfano Chapter House*

- Communicated effectively with team members of all levels to meet the needs of the organizations.
- Actively coordinated community meetings
- Actively planned and implemented community events
- Consistently utilized computer skills: Microsoft Word and Excel
- Identified and met priorities and objectives of the chapter
- Created and maintained partnerships inside and outside the chapter
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# THE NAVAJO NATION

BEN SHELLY  
PRESIDENT

REX LEE JIM  
VICE PRESIDENT

UNACCEPTABLE IF ALTERED

## CERTIFICATE OF NAVAJO INDIAN BLOOD

PART A (To be used if applicant is enrolled)

EASTERN NAVAJO  
AGENCY

February 6, 2015  
DATE

I certify that DANNY SIMPSON 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 30, 1967

  
VITAL STATISTICS MANAGER  
VST/

THE INFORMATION CONTAINED ON THIS DOCUMENT  
HAS BEEN TAKEN FROM THE OFFICIAL TRIBAL ROLL OF THE NAVAJO NATION.

VITAL RECORDS & TRIBAL ENROLLMENT PROGRAM  
THE NAVAJO NATION ♦ PO BOX 3240 ♦ WINDOW ROCK, ARIZONA 86515



## HUERFANO CHAPTER # 91

P.O. BOX 968 \* BLOOMFIELD, NEW MEXICO 87413 \* (505) 960-1400 \* FAX (505) 960-3044

### RESOLUTION OF HUERFANO CHAPTER RESOLUTION # HUE-071-18

**RECOMMENDING DANNY SIMPSON TO SERVE ON THE NAVAJO AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY (NAPI) BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPRESENTING HUERFANO, NAGEEZI, COUNSELOR AND OJO ENCINO CHAPTERS OF THE ENA DISTRICT 19 CHAPTERS FOR A FOUR (04) YEAR TERM.**

#### WHEREAS:

1. Huerfano Chapter is a certified governmental entity of the Navajo Nation charges with the responsibility to solicit, promote, and protect the interest and the welfare of the chapter and its community pursuant to the Navajo Nation Resolution CJ20-55, December 02, 1995 and Resolution CAP 34-98, adopting the Local Governance Act (LGA); and
2. Huerfano Chapter has a population of 3000 plus residents, both registered voters and non-registered community members. The chapter is one of the largest land based chapters comprised of 553,528 acres in Eastern Agency, Navajo Nation and has nine (09) sub-communities including Adobe, Blanco, Bisti, Carson, Gallegos, Jacquez, Hogback, Huerfano, and Otis; and
3. Huerfano Chapter membership supports and recommend Mr. Danny Simpson to serve on the Navajo Agricultural Products Industry (NAPI) Board of Directors representing the ENA District 19 Chapters; and
4. Mr. Danny Simpson has served with diligence on the Navajo Nation Council for three (03) terms, for a total of 12 years; and
5. Mr. Danny Simpson served on various standing committees of the Navajo Nation Council, including Budget & Finance Committee, Government Services Committee, Law & Order Committee, and
6. Mr. Danny Simpson has vast knowledge in serving and addressing the needs of the Navajo Nation communities; and
7. Mr. Danny Simpson has vast knowledge in the ENA checkboard land status(s) including the Navajo Indian Irrigation Project (NIIP) land withdrawal for Navajo Agricultural Products Industry (NAPI) business.

**BEN WOODY JR.**  
CHAPTER PRESIDENT

**JONATHAN PERRY**  
COUNCIL DELEGATE

**IRENE L. HARVEY**  
CHAPTER VICE PRESIDENT

**VERONICA PABLO-TSO**  
LAND BOARD

**LOIS Y. WERITO**  
SECRETARY & TREASURER

**JERRY CASTIANO**  
LAND BOARD



**NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED THAT:**

The Huerfano Chapter hereby approves and supports the recommendations for Mr. Danny Simpson to serve on the Navajo Agricultural Products Industry (NAPI) Board of Directors representing the Four (04) District 19 Chapters of the ENA Agency for a term of four (04) years.

**CERTIFICATION**

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and discussed at a duly called meeting of Huerfano Chapter, Navajo Nation (New Mexico), at which a quorum was presented, and that the same was passed by a vote of 23 in favor, 00 opposed, and 03 abstained this 08<sup>th</sup> day of April 2018.

Motion by: Joseph Jimmie  
Second by: Marilyn C. Benally

  
Ben Woody Jr., Chapter President

  
Irene L. Harvey, Chapter Vice-President

  
Lois Y. Werito, Secretary/Treasurer

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Jonathan Perry, Council Delegate



**NAGEEZI CHAPTER  
EASTERN NAVAJO AGENCY  
DISTRICT 19**



Russell Begaye , Navajo Nation President

Jonathan Nez, Navajo Nation Vice-President

**RESOLUTION OF NAGEEZI CHAPTER  
EASTERN AGENCY, DISTRICT 19**

**RESOLUTION # NC-18-056**

**SUPPORTING DANNY SIMPSON TO BE APPOINTED AND CONFIRMED TO  
THE NAVAJO AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS TO REPRESENT DISTRICT 19**

**WHEREAS:**

1. Pursuant to 26 N.N.C. §1(B), the Nageezi Chapter is delegated the governmental authority to make decisions over local matters consistent with Navajo Law, Custom, and Tradition and under 11 N.N.C., Part 1, Section 10, is delegated authority to make local decisions in the best interest and welfare of the community members; and
2. Nageezi Chapter with the population of 2500 to 3000 residents, registered and non-registered voters, is made of up of nine (09) sub-communities including and not limited to: Nageezi, Lybrook, Twin Pines, Blanco, Kimbeto, Chaco Canyon, Escavada, Betoni Wash, Kinnadiz, and Dzilh-na-o-dith-hle, being one of the largest land base chapter in the Eastern Agency of the Navajo Nation; and
3. Navajo Agricultural Products Industry ("NAPI") is managed by a Board of Directors which provides governance and oversight of the organization subject to the restrictions of the NAPI Plan of operation and applicable law. The Board consist of five (5) members who represent District 13, District 19, Eastern Agency, Western Agency, and Chinle Agency; and
4. Danny Simpson is registered voter at Huerfano Chapter which the Chapter is part of District 19. Mr. Simpson has worked with different governmental entities while he served three terms on the Navajo Nation Council which will be very beneficial to NAPI in continuing their success in the agribusiness and advocacy to have the Federal Government complete the Navajo Indian Irrigation Project; and
5. Danny Simpson fully supports NAPI's mission of: Continue the legacy of Navajo farming, producing superior products, practicing stewardship and creating value for our people. Mr. Simpson also fully supports NAPI's vision of: Farming sustainably across generations to cultivate a healthy Nation.

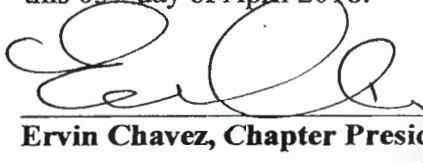
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESLOVED THAT:**


1. **NAGEEZI CHAPTER HEREBY SUPPORTS DANNY SIMPSON TO BE APPOINTED AND CONFIRMED TO THE NAVAJO AGRICULTURAL**

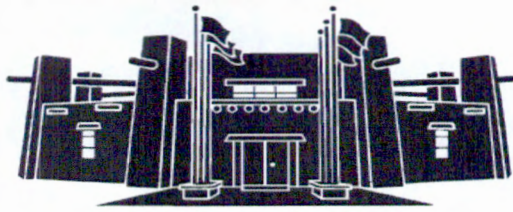
**PRODUCTS INDUSTRY BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO REPRESENT DISTRICT  
19.**

**C E R T I F I C A T I O N**

**WE HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION #NC-18-056** was duly presented and discussed at a duly called meeting of Nageezi Chapter, Navajo Nation (New Mexico), at which a quorum was present, motioned by Marie Herbert, seconded by Howard Lopez, was voted on with 13 in favor, 00 opposed, and 02 abstained, this 03<sup>rd</sup> day of April 2018.

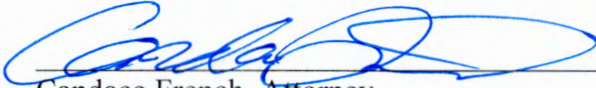
  
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**Ervin Chavez, Chapter President**

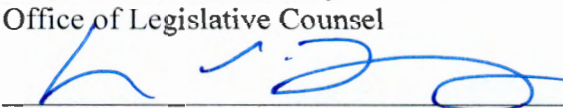
  
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**Jessica Platero, Secretary/Treasurer**



## MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Leonard Tsosie  
23<sup>rd</sup> Navajo Nation Council Delegate

FROM:   
Candace French, Attorney  
Office of Legislative Counsel

THRU:   
Levon B. Henry, Chief Legislative Counsel  
Office of Legislative Counsel

DATE: May 18, 2018

RE: AN ACTION RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT;  
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OF DIRECTORS FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS REPRESENTING  
DISTRICT 19

Per your request, attached is the above-reference proposed resolution and associated legislative summary sheet. Based on existing law, the resolution drafted is legally sufficient. However, as with all legislation, the proposed resolution is subject to review by the courts in the event of a challenge.

The Office of Legislative Counsel recommends the appropriate standing committee(s) reviews based on the standing committees powers outlined in 2 N.N.C. §§ 301, 401, 501, 601, and 701. Nevertheless, "the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council shall introduce [the proposed resolution] into the legislative process by assigning it to the respective oversight committee(s) of the Navajo Nation Council having authority over the matters for proper consideration. 2 N.N.C. § 164(A)(5).

Please review the proposed resolution to ensure it is drafted to your satisfaction. If you approve, please sign as "Primary Sponsor" and submit it to the Office of Legislative Services where the proposed resolution will be given a tracking number and referred to the Office of the Speaker. If the proposed legislation is unacceptable to you, please contact me at the Office of Legislative Counsel and advise me of the changes you would like to make to the proposed resolution.

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LEGISLATION NO: \_0190-18\_\_\_\_\_ SPONSOR: Leonard Tsosie

**TITLE: An Action Relating to Resources and Development; Appointing and Confirming Mr. Danny Simpson on the Navajo Agricultural Products Industry Board of Directors for a Term of Three Years Representing District 19**

**Date posted: June 6, 2018 at 4:54pm**

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**5 DAY Comment Period Ended: June 11, 2018**

**Digital Comments received:**

<b>Comments Supporting</b>	<i>None</i>
<b>Comments Opposing</b>	<i>None</i>
<b>Inconclusive Comments</b>	<i>None</i>



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**Policy Analyst  
Office of Legislative Services**

*06-12-18 @ 8:20 AM*

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**Date/Time**



**RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**June 20, 2018**

**ROLL CALL**  
**VOTE TALLY SHEET:**

**Legislation # 0190-18:** An Action Relating to Resources and Development; Appointing and Confirming Mr. Danny Simpson to Serve on the Navajo Agricultural Products Industry Board of Directors for a Term of Three Years Representing District 19. *Sponsor: Honorable Leonard Tsosie*

**MAIN MOTION:** Walter Phelps S: Leonard H. Pete

V: 1-2-1 (CNV)

**ROLL CALL VOTE TALLY:**

**YEAS:** Walter Phelps

**NAYS:** Leonard Pete and Jonathan Perry

**EXCUSED:** Davis Filfred and Benjamin Bennett



Alton Joe Shepherd, Chairperson  
Resources and Development Committee



Shammie Begay, Legislative Advisor  
Resources and Development Committee