



## 23<sup>rd</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL LEGISLATION SPONSORSHIP WITHDRAWAL

I, KEE ALLEN BEGAY JR., Primary  
Sponsor of proposed legislation hereby withdraw my  
sponsorship of the proposed legislation. The legislation  
tracking number is ~~0086-16~~.

An Action Relating to Naabik'Iyati Committees; Confirming the Appointment of Mr. Lee V. Bigwater to Serve on the Navajo Housing Authority Board of Commissioners for a Term of Four Years.

**If there are any co-sponsors, they may re-sponsor the same bill by beginning a new legislation.**

**SPONSOR SIGNATURE:**

K A Begay Jr.

**DATE:**

9/16/16

**LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET**

Tracking No. 0086-16

**DATE:** February 29, 2016

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION:** AN ACTION RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI';  
CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. LEE V. BIGWATER TO SERVE ON THE  
NAVAJO HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR A TERM OF  
FOUR YEARS

**PURPOSE:** This resolution if approved will appoint Mr. Lee V. Bigwater to the Navajo  
Housing Authority Board of Commissioners for a term of four years

**This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by  
the standing committee. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each committee  
member to review the proposed legislation in detail.**

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Eligible for Action: 3/22/16

PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION  
23<sup>RD</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – Second Year, 2016

INTRODUCED BY

Kee Allen B-y-y-Ja  
(Prime Sponsor)

TRACKING NO. 0086-16

AN ACTION  
RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI'; CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MR.  
LEE V. BIGWATER TO SERVE ON THE NAVAJO HOUSING AUTHORITY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

A. Pursuant to 6 N.N.C. § 606 (A), as revised by the Navajo Nation Housing Authority Reform Act of 2014, the Naabik'iyati' Committee has authority to appoint, and to reappoint, members of the Board of Commissioners (Board); a resolution of appointment or reappointment of any Commissioner shall be conclusive evidence of the due and proper appointment of the Commissioner.

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

A. Pursuant to 6 N.N.C. § 602 (A), The Navajo Nation established a public body of the Navajo Nation known as the Navajo Housing Authority (Authority) to: remedy unsafe and unsanitary housing conditions that are injurious to the public health, safety and morals; alleviate the acute shortage of decent, safe, and sanitary dwellings for persons of low income; provide employment opportunities through the construction, reconstruction, improvement, extension,

1 alteration or repair operation of low income dwellings; and promote economic  
2 growth and development activities within and near the Navajo Nation. *See* 6  
3 N.N.C. § 604 (A)-(D).

4 B. The affairs of the Authority shall be managed by a Board composed of eight  
5 persons. *See* 6 N.N.C. § 605.

6 C. The Commissioner shall be a member of the Navajo Nation. *See* 6 N.N.C. § 606  
7 (B).

8 D. There shall be one representative on the Board from each of the five agencies  
9 comprising the Navajo Nation. *See* 6 N.N.C. § 606 (B).

10 E. These individuals shall have some formal education or at least three years of  
11 leadership experience in a local unit of government. *See* 6 N.N.C. § 606 (B).

12 F. The term of office shall be four years and staggered. When a Board is first  
13 established, one member's term shall be designated to expire in one year,  
14 another to expire in two years, a third to expire in three years, and the last two in  
15 four years. Thereafter, all appointments shall be for four years. *See* 6 N.N.C. §  
16 607.

17 G. Mr. Lee V. Bigwater has expressed his interest in being appointed to the Navajo  
18 Housing Authority Board of Commissioners to represent the Chinle Agency. *See*  
19 Exhibit A (Letter of Interest).

20 H. Mr. Lee V. Bigwater is an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation. *See* Exhibit B  
21 (Certificate Indian Blood); *See also* 6 N.N.C. § 606 (B).

22 I. Mr. Lee V. Bigwater satisfies the education and three years of leadership  
23 experience working with various government offices on the Navajo Nation. *See*  
24 Exhibit C (Resume); *See also* 6 N.N.C. § 606 (B).

25 J. The Chinle Agency Council and Nazlini Chapter Government recommend Mr.  
26 Lee V. Bigwater to represent the Chinle Agency. *See* Exhibit D & E (Resolution  
27 of the Chinle Agency Council; Resolution of the Nazlini Chapter Government);  
28 *See also* 6 N.N.C. § 606 (B).

29 K. The appointment of Mr. Lee V. Bigwater shall be for a term of four years. *See* 6  
30 N.N.C. § 607

1 **SECTION THREE. CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT**

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3 Pursuant to 6 N.N.C. 606 (B), the Navajo Nation hereby confirms the appointment  
4 of Mr. Lee V. Bigwater to serve on the Navajo Housing Authority Board of Commissioners  
5 as a representative for the Chinle Agency for a term of four years.  
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February 3, 2016

Navajo Housing Authority  
ATTN: Human Resources Department  
Post Office Box 4980  
Window Rock, Arizona 86515

RE: LETTER OF INTEREST

This letter is to justify my interest for the Chinle Agency Navajo Housing Authority Board Member. I am full Navajo, born and raised in Canyon DeChelly and I possess a fluent understanding of the Navajo language. I have immense knowledge of area socioeconomic, natural environment, way of life and future chapter initiatives to enhance public welfare. My interest is to help the chapter progress into a population of opportunity. I'm in good standing with the Navajo Nation and recently retired employment from the Navajo Nation Transit.

As former Navajo Transit Director, former Navajo DOT Director and former Federal Highway Administration TTAP Program Director, I have gain supervisory administrative experience. Here is a summary of attributes that will complement and assist to the NHA Board responsibilities:

- Wrote grant proposals and submitted to Federal Transit Administration, Utah Department of Transportation, Arizona Department of Transportation and New Mexico Department of Transportation for funding.
- Directed and managed a considerable sum of operating funds; managed a complex administrative structure, staffed with professional and highly technical personnel engaged in scientific, regulatory, or policy development with programs of diverse and multiple levels of supervisory controls; and made decision on impact of all aspects of the agency.
- Planned, organized and directed agency activities; approved short and long term goals or work plans developed by program managers; coordinated a number of programs consist of professional, scientific, managerial and administrative activities; managed development of policy changes in response to budget appropriations or legislation changes.
- Developed guidelines and policies for improving and strengthening services for incorporating new services; negotiated contract agreements; evaluated and redirected programs to a more productive and effective service.
- Developed and implemented internal control mechanisms, procedures and guidelines to maintain accountability; met with representatives of major organizational levels of federal, state and county agencies, and with legislative and executive officials of the Navajo Nation government.
- Written environmental assessment reports for highway construction, chapter house parking lots, bridge construction and other private projects on the Navajo Nation.

**KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND OTHER CHARACTERISTICS:**

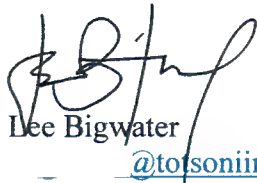
I have knowledge of modern principles and practices of public administration, strategic planning, contract writing and negotiation, program evaluation and forecasting, budget and reporting systems, and financial controls.

I am skilled in developing and analyzing strategic plans, operating systems, procedures and controls, budgets forecasts, formulating and executing, documents and reports, short and long term goals and objectives and skilled in maintaining open communication and effective working relationships, providing advice and direction to clients. Lastly, I am proficient in the interpretation and execution of governmental policies.

**EDUCATION:** Bachelor of Science Degree from Northern Arizona University

Therefore, I submit this Letter of Interest for your consideration to be part of Navajo Housing Authority Board. Thank you for your time and action.

Respectfully,



Dee Bigwater

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EXHIBIT

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## THE NAVAJO NATION

RUSSELL BEGAYE  
PRESIDENT

JONATHAN NEZ  
VICE PRESIDENT

UNACCEPTABLE IF ALTERED

### CERTIFICATE OF NAVAJO INDIAN BLOOD

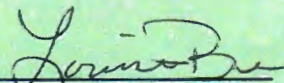
PART A (To be used if applicant is enrolled)

CHINLE  
AGENCY

January 25, 2016  
DATE

I certify that LEE VINCENT BIGWATER 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                                 

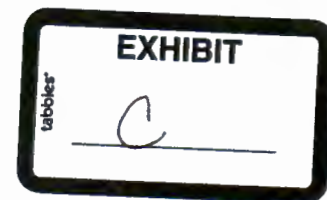
Record: FEBRUARY 19, 1955

  
VITAL STATISTICS MANAGER  
OA/lb

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

NAVAJO NATION OFFICE OF VITAL RECORDS & IDENTIFICATION  
P.O. BOX 3240 ♦ Window Rock, ARIZONA 86515





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## OBJECTIVE

My objective is to continue working with Native American communities by providing technical assistance in transportation, environmental enhancement for a livable community and tourism development.

I truly believe that the tools that make the most difference in a community are transportation and a better environment. Nothing else has as great an impact on economic development, growth patterns, environmental and the quality of life. This is true not just locally, but also nationally. I want to continue building partnerships with tribal governments, counties, states, federal and Bureau of Indian Affairs to advance the strategic plan of tribal transportation and communities. These investments will lead to a steady improvement of the tribal transportation infrastructure and a better environment for livable communities.

As a Native American, I have native cultural awareness and sensitivity and clearly defined understanding of tribal community values, their environmental, natural resources, tourist and transportation issues.

## EDUCATION

- BS degree from Northern Arizona University

## WORK EXPERIENCE

• Department Director	Navajo Nation Transit	7 years
• Program Director	California/Nevada TTAP	4 years
• Department Director	Navajo Department of Transportation	4 years
• Transportation Planner	Navajo Department of Transportation	2 years
• Environmental Specialist II	Navajo Department of Transportation	6 years
• Flood Control Coordinator	Apache County	4 years
• Environmental Technician	Navajo Environmental Protection Agency	5 years
• Bulldozer Operator	Navajo Forest Product Industry	1 years
• Choker Setter	Navajo Forest Product Industry	2 years

## AWARDS

- Eagle Scout Award
- Out Standing Young Man of American
- Distinguish Service to Chapter Government (*Nazlini Chapter*)

- Distinguish Service to Navajo Head Start Program (*Head Start Program*)
- Distinguish Service to Canyon deChelly National Monument (*National Park Service*)
- Employee of the Year (*Navajo Department of Transportation*)
- Employee of the Year (*Navajo Nation Transit Department*)
- Community Transportation Assistance Association Award (*Washington DC*)
- Utah State Transit Award (*Utah Rural Specialize Transportation Association*)
- New Mexico State Transit Award (*New Mexico Department of Transportation*)
- National Rural Transit Assistance Program Award (*Washington DC*)

## **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND LEADERSHIP**

- Board Member (2010-2014) American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association
- Tribal Delegate (2010-2014) Community Transportation Association of American
- Board Member (2009-2014) Utah Rural Specialized Transportation Association
- Board Member (2011-2014) National Rural Transit Assistance Program
- Board President (2009- 2014) National Tribal Transit Association
- Committee Member (2001-2002) Nazlini Chapter Land Use Planning Committee
- Board Member (1999 - 2002) National Association of Resource Conservation & Development Council
- Board President (1999-2001) Canyon deChelly Guides Association
- Board President (1993-1996) Canyon deChelly Guides Association
- Board Vice President (1987-1990) USDA-Agricultural Stabilization Conservation Service
- Club President (1986-1988) Nazlini Ranch Rodeo Club
- Board President (1986 - 2003) Navajo Resource Conservation & Development Council
- Committee Vice President (1986-1987) Central Navajo Fair Committee
- Committee President (1984-1988) Nazlini Save the Children Committee
- Chapter Vice President (1983-1988) (1996-2000) Nazlini Chapter Government
- Council President (1983-1988) Chinle Soil and Water Conservation District Council
- Council President (1983-1987) Central Parent Policy Council, Navajo Head start Program

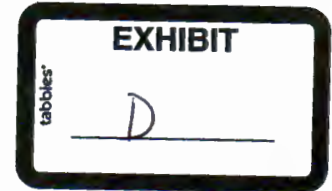
## **PUBLICATIONS: Environmental Assessment and Biological Evaluation**

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| 1. Window Rock Airport Bridge            | 1994 |
| 2. Dalton Pass Chapter, Navajo Route N52 | 1994 |
| 3. Littlewater Chapter, Navajo Route N48 | 1994 |
| 4. Chinle Chapter Parking Lot            | 1995 |
| 5. Chinle Fleet Management Parking Lot   | 1995 |
| 6. Chinle BIA Parking Lot                | 1995 |
| 7. Klagetoh Chapter Sand & Gravel Site   | 1995 |
| 8. Manuelito Chapter Parking Lot         | 1996 |
| 9. Aneth-San Juan County Road CR18       | 1996 |
| 10 Aneth-San Juan County Road CR 404     | 1996 |
| 11. Fort Defiance-Blue Canyon Road       | 1997 |

12. Fort Defiance-Blue Canyon Quarry	1997
13. Pinon-Navajo Route N8030	1997
14. McKinley County Road CR21	1997
15. McKinley County Road CR61	1998
16. Navajo Route N54 Construction yard	1998
17. Tolani Lake Sand & Gravel site	1998
18. Kaibito Sand & Gravel site	1998
19. Nazlini-Navajo Route N8015	1999
20. Beclabito-Navajo Route N5112	1999
21. McKinley County Road CR61	1999
22. Chinchinbeto-3 Quarry Sites	1999
23. TRS Sand and Gravel Site	1999



Resolution  
Of  
The Chinle Agency Council



SUPPORTING THE RECOMMENDSTION OF MR. LEE BIGWATER  
AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE VACANT POSITION WITHIN THE  
NAVAJO HOUSING AUTHORITY (N.H.A.) BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REPRESENTING THE CHINLE AGENCY.

**WHEREAS:**

- 1) The Chinle Agency Council is a recognized unit of government with duties and responsibilities to address and advocate for what's in the best interest over matters relating to Navajo Chapters within the Chinle Agency; AND,
- 2) The Chinle Agency Council understands there is currently No Representative within the N.H.A. Board of Directors representing the Chinle Agency on housing matters; AND,
- 3) The Chinle Agency Council is supporting the recommendation of Mr. Lee Bigwater to fill the vacant position within the N.H.A. Board of Directors for the Chinle Agency; AND,
- 4) The Chinle Agency Council is confident Mr. Lee Bigwater's, (who recently retired from the Navajo Nation Government as Director of Navajo Transit System) knowledge will serve N.H.A. and Chinle Agency Chapters well.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

The Chinle Agency Council hereby supports the recommendation of Mr. Lee Bigwater as a candidate for the vacant position within the Navajo Housing Authority (N.H.A.) Board of Directors representing the Chinle Agency.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly considered by the Chinle Agency Council at a duly called meeting held at Round Rock Chapter, Chinle, Arizona at which a quorum was presented and same passed by a vote of 31 in favor, 0 opposed, 7 abstained, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January 2016.

Motioned by: Betty Daily

Seconded by: Charlotte Begaye

  
Aaron Yazzie, President



RESOLUTION OF THE NAZLINI CHAPTER GOVERNMENT  
NAZL-2015-12-068

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**NAZLINI CHAPTER GOVERNMENT**

JOHNSON CLAW  
• PRESIDENT

JOSEPH DEDMAN, JR.  
• VICE PRESIDENT

JOANN DEDMAN  
• SECRETARY/TREASURER

**HIGHLY RECOMMENDING MR. LEE BIGWATER, A  
LIFETIME MEMBER OF NAZLINI COMMUNITY, TO  
FILL THE CURRENT VACANT POSITION WITHIN THE  
NAVAJO HOUSING AUTHORITY (N.H.A.) BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS REPRESENTING THE CHINLE AGENCY.**

KEE ALLEN BEGAY, JR.  
COUNCIL DELEGATE •

IRVIN SHIRLEY  
GRAZING REPRESENTATIVE •

JUDY DONALDSON  
COORDINATOR •

**WHEREAS:**

- 1) The Nazlini Chapter Government pursuant to the Navajo Nation Resource & Development Committee Legislation #RDCF-02-15 dated February 17, 2015, is an LGA Certified Chapter with authority to recommendations and decision over matters relating to Chinle Agency Chapters; AND,
- 2) The Nazlini Chapter understands there is currently No Representative on the N.H.A. Board of Directors for the Chinle Agency; AND,
- 3) The Nazlini Chapter Government is highly recommending Mr. Lee Bigwater to represent the Chinle Agency on the N.H.A. Board of Directors. Mr. Bigwater is a lifetime member of the Nazlini Chapter and just recently retired from the Navajo Nation Government, serving as a Director for the Navajo Transit System; AND,
- 4) The Nazlini Chapter Government is confident Mr. Lee Bigwater's knowledge and experiences will help him serve well representing the Chinle Agency Chapters.

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

The Nazlini Chapter Government hereby highly recommending Mr. Lee Bigwater to fill the current vacant position within the Navajo Housing Authority (N.H.A.) Board of Directors Representing the Chinle Agency

**CERTIFICATION**

We hereby certify that the forging resolution was duly considered by the Nazlini Chapter at a duly called Chapter Meeting held at Nazlini, Navajo Nation, Arizona, at which a quorum was presented and that same was passed by a vote of: 62 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstained, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2015.

Motion By: Irene Bahe

Second By: Harry Gorman Sr.

  
Johnson Claw, President

  
Joseph Dedman Jr., Vice President


  
JoAnn Dedman, Secretary/Treasurer


  
Kee Allen Begay Jr., Council Delegate



**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Honorable Kee Allen Begay, Jr.  
Navajo Nation Council

**FROM:**   
Rhonda L. Tuni  
Office of Legislative Counsel

**THRU:**   
Levon Henry, Attorney  
Office of Legislative Counsel

**DATE:** February 29, 2016

**SUBJECT:** AN ACTION RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI'; CONFIRMING THE  
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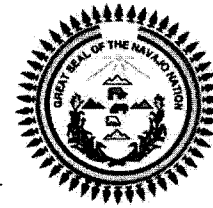
Pursuant to your request, attached is the above-referenced proposed resolution and associated legislative summary sheet. Based on existing law and review of the documents submitted, the resolution as drafted is legally sufficient. However, as with all legislation, it is subject to review by the courts in the event of a challenge.

Please review the proposed resolution to ensure it is drafted to your satisfaction. If this proposed resolution is acceptable to you, please sign it where it indicates "Sponsor", and submit it to the office of Legislative Services for the assignment of a tracking number and referral to the Speaker.

If the proposed resolution is unacceptable to you, or if you have further questions, please contact me at the Office of Legislative Counsel and advise me of the changes you would like to make to the proposed resolution. You may contact me at (928) 871-7251. Thank you.  
Commission:



THE NAVAJO NATION  
LEGISLATIVE BRANCH  
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LEGISLATION NO: \_0086-16\_\_\_\_\_

SPONSOR: Kee Allen Begay

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**Date posted: March 16, 2016 at 4:07pm**

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**Written comments may be mailed to:**

**Executive Director  
Office of Legislative Services  
P.O. Box 3390  
Window Rock, AZ 86515  
(928) 871-7590**

**Comments may be made in the form of chapter resolutions, letters, position papers, etc. Please include your name, position title, address for written comments; a valid e-mail address is required. Anonymous comments will not be included in the Legislation packet.**

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**THE NAVAJO NATION  
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**LEGISLATION NO.: 0086-16**

**SPONSOR: Honorable Kee Allen Begay Jr.**

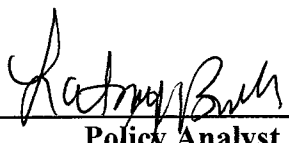
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**5 DAY Comment Period Ended: March 21, 2016**

**Digital Comments received:**

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

  
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**Policy Analyst  
Office of Legislative Services**

3/22/16 8:08 am  
**Date/Time**