

RESOLUTION OF THE
NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

23RD NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL --- Third Year, 2017

AN ACTION

RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; APPOINTING MR. EMMETT KERLEY TO THE COMMISSION ON NAVAJO GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT AS THE WESTERN AGENCY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

BE IT ENACTED:

Section One. Authority

A. This appointment is made pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §§ 970, 972 (A)(5) establishing the Commission on Navajo Government Development and the composition of the Commission membership, as reestablished by the Navajo Nation Supreme Court in *Shirley v. Morgan*, No. SC-CV-02-10, July 16, 2010. This Resolution is referred to this Committee pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §§ 700, 701.

Section Two. Findings

- A. The term for the designated representative appointee for Western Navajo Agency to the Commission on Navajo Government Development expired January 12, 2017.
- B. The Western Navajo Agency has by Resolution No. 352-014-16#7 nominated Emmett Kerley to represent the Western Navajo Agency Council on the Commission. See Exhibit "A".
- C. The Office of Navajo Government Development has determined the nominee has met the qualifications for appointment and has forwarded the Western Navajo Agency's nomination of Mr. Kerley to this Council for appointment as it so chooses. See Exhibit "B".

Section Three. Approval

- A. The Navajo Nation Council hereby approves the appointment of Mr. Emmett Kerley as the Western Agency Council's representative to the Commission on Navajo Government Development for a term of four years from the date of this confirmation so long as he continues as Chapter Officer or Grazing Committee/Land Board member.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting in Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona) at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 18 in favor and 0 opposed, this 19th day of April, 2017.



LoRenzo C. Bates, Speaker
Navajo Nation Council

5-15-17

Date

Motion: Honorable Herman M. Daniels
Second: Honorable Otto Tso

NAVAJO NATION

RCS# 739

NNC Spring Session

4/19/2017

04:00:50 PM

Amd# to Amd#

Legislation No. 0047-17

PASSED

MOT Daniels

Appointing Mr.Emmett Kerley

SEC Tso

to the Commission on Navajo
Government Development

Yea : 18

Nay : 0

Not Voting : 4

Yea : 18

Begay, K
Begay, S
Bennett
Brown
Chee

Crotty
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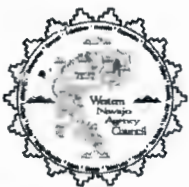
Not Voting : 4

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Pete

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WESTERN NAVAJO AGENCY COUNCIL

Stanley Yazzie
President

VACANT
Vice-President

Louise Kerley
Secretary



RESOLUTION OF THE WESTERN NAVAJO AGENCY

NOMINATING AND RECOMMENDING THE APPOINTMENT OF **Emmett Kerley** TO
SERVE AS THE COMMISSION ON NAVAJO GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT TO
REPRESENT THE WESTERN NAVAJO AGENCY.

WNA Resolution No: 352-014-16#7

WHEREAS:

1. The Western Navajo Agency Council is a consortium of duly elected Chapter Officials of eighteen (18) certified Navajo Nation Chapters that advocate, promote and support common goals and interest of the respective Chapters; and
2. The Western Navajo Agency Council is comprised of elected officials from eighteen (18) Navajo Nation Chapters in the Western Navajo Agency and has the responsibility and authority to address matters and projects that will benefit the 18 chapters of the Western Navajo Agency of the Navajo Nation; and
3. The Western Navajo Agency Council recognizes that pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 970 and 971 (1) (2), the Commission on Navajo Government Development (Commission) is established as a special entity with quasi-independent authority to accomplish the Navajo Nation Councils project of instituting reforms necessary to ensure an accountable and responsible government; and
4. The Western Navajo Agency Council recognizes that five members shall be nominated from the five agencies of the Navajo Nation. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C § 972 (A)(5), each Agency Council shall nominate one member whom is qualified to serve on the Commission on Navajo Government Development; and
5. The Western Navajo Agency Council recognizes that a vacancy will occur on January 12, 2017 "Commission" with the term expiration of its current representative; and
6. To ensure the opportunity for representation and continuity on the Commission, The Western Navajo Agency Council has determined that it is in the best interest to nominate **Emmett Kerley** to represent the Western Navajo Agency Council on the Commission; and

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Kayenta ~
Chee ~ Leupp ~ Navajo Mountain ~ Oljato ~ Shonto ~ Tolani Lake ~ To Naneesdizi ~ Tonalea ~ Ts'ah Bii'
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WESTERN NAVAJO AGENCY COUNCIL



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NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOVED THAT:

1. The Western Navajo Agency Council hereby nominates Emmett Kerley, and recommend for appointment of Commission on Navajo Government Development to represent the Western Navajo Agency.

CERTIFICATION

We, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was properly presented at a duly called Western Navajo Agency Council Session at Sinagua Middle School, 3950 E. Butler Ave., Flagstaff, Dook'o'osliid, where a quorum was presented and passed with a vote of 23 In Favor; 0 Opposed; and 0 Abstained on this 17th day of December 2016.

Motion by: Irene Whitekiller Second By: Phil Zahne

Stanley Yazzie
President

Vacant, Vice-President

Louise Kerley
Secretary

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NAVAJO NATION



HONORABLE LORENZO BATES
Speaker, 23rd Navajo Nation Council



January 19, 2017

HONORABLE WALTER PHELPS
23rd NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

Ya a teeh, I hope this letter finds you doing well...

On December 17, 2016, the Navajo Nation Western Agency Council, at their regular quarterly meeting at the Singua Middle School in Flagstaff, Arizona recommended Mr. Emmett Kerley to be their representative on the Commission on Navajo Government Development. Mr. Kerley meets the qualifications pursuant to 2 N.N.C § 970 "Membership; officers; term; qualifications (A)(5) *"five members shall be nominated from the five agencies for the Navajo Nation. Each agency council shall nominate one member from recommendations to be submitted by Chapters in each agency, said nominees shall be either Chapter Officers or Grazing Committee/Land Board members..."*

Mr. Kerley is the Vice-President of the Cameron Chapter.

The Office of Navajo Government Development is requesting that you be the primary sponsor for this legislation and to submit this packet to the Office of Legislative Services so the legal staff can prepare the necessary legislative documents so it will be introduced during the 23rd Navajo Nation Council Session.

Attached to this letter is the following:

1. Western Navajo Agency Council resolution 352-014-16#7, Nominating and Recommending the Appointment of Emmett Kerley...
2. Letter of Interest from Mr. Emmett Kerley to serve on the Commission on Navajo Government Development.
3. Resume from Mr. Emmett Kerley
4. Certificate of Election from the Navajo Board of Election Supervisors for Mr. Emmett Kerley

If you need additional information or clarification, please do not hesitate to call us at the following numbers: 928 - 871 - 7214 / 7161.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lillie Roanhorse".

Lillie Roanhorse,
Executive Director
Office of Navajo Government Development

xc: files
E. Kerley

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CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

NAVAJO BOARD OF ELECTION SUPERVISORS

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, DO HEREBY DECLARE THAT

EMMETT KERLEY

RECEIVED A PLURALITY OF VOTES IN THE 2016 NAVAJO NATION
CHAPTER ELECTION AND THAT SAID PERSON THEREFORE HAS
BEEN DULY AND LAWFULLY ELECTED

CHAPTER VICE PRESIDENT
REPRESENTING
CAMERON CHAPTER

CERTIFIED ON THIS 29TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2016

Rodger Martinez

RODGER MARTINEZ, CHAIRPERSON
NAVAJO BOARD OF ELECTION SUPERVISORS

Edison J. Wajneka

EDISON J. WAJNEKA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
NAVAJO ELECTION ADMINISTRATION

Jonathan Nez
Navajo Nation Vice-President

Walter Phelps
Council Delegate



Cameron Chapter

Emmett Kerley
Chapter Vice-President

Louise Kerley
Secretary/Treasurer

Emmett Kerley
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January 9, 2017

Office of Navajo Government Development
Building #7498
Morgan Boulevard
Window Rock, Arizona 86515

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

Hereto is a letter of Interest for Navajo Nation Government Development Commission. Your recent announcement at the Western Navajo Agency Council meeting, stated representation is required from the agency for the Navajo Nation Government Development Commission, (NNGDC). Additionally, my kin and agency chapter associate, Mr. Stanley Yazzie, current Agency Chairperson suggested that my talents might benefit the NNGDC and the Western Agency Chapters.

A portion of my success thus far in governance is because, I place a high value on the idea that any system of government is primarily created to serve the citizens at all level of the society. An objective of governance is to develop the constituency by providing necessary procedures and constructs to improve their governance, thus improving their lives. The rationale behind such policies is to make government more responsive to the people. Finally to achieve developmental objectives and goals, all levels of government should rise up to put in place all necessary extensions, especially participatory mechanisms.

Furthermore, I am a vigorous, smart-working, self-starter who works well in a team environment. You may contact me to respond to any questions about this letter, by phone (928) 380-6461 or e-mail, kerley.emmett@yahoo.com, preferably the latter. Thank you for your time in considering my qualifications.

Sincerely,

Emmett Kerley, Cameron Chapter Vice President

Cameron Chapter
PO Box 669
Cameron, Arizona 86020

Na' Ni a' Hasa'ni

Fax (928) 679-2297
Telephone (928) 679-2323/2404
cameron@navajochapter.org

Resume

Emmett Kerley
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kerley.emmett@yahoo.com

Objective:

For the position of Western Navajo Agency representative to the Commission on Navajo Government Development

Experience

July 5, 2010 to September 30, 2016, Navajo Nation Department of Agriculture, Tuba City, Arizona; Principal Extension Agent.

Provided a variety of project focused education and support services to farmers, ranchers and others needing technical assistance in animal husbandry and agriculture. Assessed and analyzed agricultural, livestock, crop, land use and/or other situations and circumstances; conducted research; made recommendations for changes to Navajo Nation Code, policy, operations, philosophies, approach and/or utilization. Oversaw and/or participated in the development, management, oversight and/or assessment of specific and/or general land use, livestock, crop-related projects and programs.

August 20, 2007 to June 30, 2010; Tuba City Judicial District, Peacemaking Liaison.

Provided peacemaking assessment and traditional guidance services to the general public utilizing the Dine' traditional methods in resolving conflicts in a non-adversarial environment, ensuring the continued support of a judicial district in providing services utilizing the Peacemaking Program Plan of Operations.

February 2002 to March 2003; Navajo Area Agency on Aging, Tuba City, Arizona, Senior Center Supervisor.

Managed the activities of staff engaged in providing transportation, cooking and serving meals and social support services activities at the Senior Citizen Center. Ensured compliance with applicable environmental health and safety rules requirements; conducted assessments to determine client need for services, referrals and prioritizes clients for services; provided information of activities for the employees, participants and the public; interpreted for clients when necessary. Maintained administrative functions including; ensuring that expenditures are posted in ledgers, prepared required reports.

June 1995 to July 2001; Local Governance Support Center, Tuba City, Arizona;
Community Services Coordinator.

I coordinated with elected officials and chapter members in planning, communicating, implementing and evaluating community development projects. Assisted with the development and administered the chapter's five management systems in accordance with the local governance act.

Researched, developed and implemented the local governance initiatives, policies and procedures; interpreted and provided training on the local governance act and ensured compliance. Interpreted policies relating to community projects, utilized of project funds, land issues and other chapter related matters;

Researched, coordinated and conducted community needs assessments; prepared and monitored contract and grant applications, proposals and other pertinent documents; provided technical assistance on research and development of proposals, resolutions, contracts, correspondence and other documents; represented the chapter in meetings; advocated on behalf of chapter members.

Jan 1990 to December 1991; Department of Agriculture; Cameron Chapter Arizona;
District Grazing Committee Member.

I attended planning and regular chapter meetings, meetings of District Grazing Committee Members (DGCM) meetings at the district, agency and semiannual reservation wide meetings.

Provided written records of meetings, minutes, correspondences and resolutions; mediated in livestock and land disputes; public education on local, regional, national and international animal husbandry, heard health, range management issues and branding. I provided public education to producers regarding Title 3 Navajo Nation Code Agriculture and Livestock.

Education

1993-1994	Navajo Community College	Tuba City, Arizona
1983-1986	Northern Arizona University	Flagstaff, Arizona
Fall 1981	Yavapai College	Prescott, Arizona
1977-1981	Tuba City High School	Tuba City, Arizona

Strengths

I am able to communicate well orally with individuals and in a large group; I'm bilingual in Dine' and General American English language. I am comfortable to being responsible; am self-motivated by not only setting specified objectives, but by having the knowledge of why successive objectives are important to achieve desired goals.

Education and experience has provided me with an eclectic variety of interpersonal skills to encourage, instruct and lead individuals towards a set goal.

Activities

- 2012 – Present; Chapter Vice President of Cameron Chapter. I will continue in this post for the next four years.
- 1990 and 1995; I attend various venues of the Navajo Government Development Commission official meetings and work sessions where I became thoroughly familiar with the contents and discussions which created of the Local Governance Act of 1998.
- 1993 – 1994; President of Cameron Chapter Community Planning Committee.
- January 1994 to 1995; was appointed as a member of the Merit Commission of the Coconino County. The commission has a quasi-judicial authority to hear grievances among Coconino County personnel and various county departments.
- February 1993 to September 1993; official chapter appointment to the secretary to the Navajo-Hopi Land Exchange Committee by Cameron Chapter. Assisted in the research and reported then current information to the chapter on the Proposed Principal in Agreement related to the Navajo-Hopi land Dispute, ordered by Federal Magistrate Harry McCue in June 15, 1993.
- 1974 to Present; I enjoy participating in Dine' traditional ceremonial practices and have basic knowledge of traditional stories, songs, prayers, and procedures as related to each specific life stages and relevant observances. These ceremonies are very closely guarded and the knowledge is handed down through immediate families and clan members. I feel that it is very important that the Dine' people continue to practice these formalities. Today, there are approximately thirty four different traditional ceremonies left with and ever decreasing number of participants and practitioners to perform these ceremonies.
- 1974 to Present; I am also an enthusiast of ranching customs originated in Spain, including implement herd health, branding and ear-marking to denote ownership. Ranching vocabulary has been handed down from Spanish, though many of the terms have been Anglicized. La reata became lariat. Chaparajos became chaps. The word remuda still denotes a band of horses. The Spanish term vaquero became buckaroo in English. In Navajo Toro became dolla, for bull.

References

Available upon request.