

RESOLUTION OF THE  
NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL  
25<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - FIRST YEAR, 2023

AN ACT

RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL;  
CONFIRMING THE NOMINATIONS OF THE SPEAKER OF THE NAVAJO NATION  
COUNCIL AND THE NAVAJO NATION PRESIDENT TO THE EASTERN NAVAJO LAND  
COMMISSION

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Navajo Nation Council is the governing body of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 102.
- B. A proposed resolution that requires final action by the Navajo Nation Council shall be assigned to the Naabik'íyáti' Committee before it is heard by the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 164(A)(9),
- C. The Eastern Navajo Land Commission shall be composed of "Navajo Nation Council Delegates representing the so-called Checkerboard Area of the Navajo Nation, nominated by the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council and confirmed by the Navajo Nation Council" and "one member shall be an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation skilled in land and/or energy matters, selected by the President of the Navajo Nation and confirmed by the Navajo Nation Council." 2 N.N.C. §§ 862(B) and (C).
- D. The six (6) Council Delegate representatives on the Eastern Navajo Land Commission shall consist of one Navajo Nation Council member from each of the following areas:
  - 1. Area I: Counselor, Huerfano and Nageezi Chapters;
  - 2. Area II: Becenti, Crownpoint, Lake Valley, Nahodishgish, Standing Rock and White Rock Chapters;
  - 3. Area III: Ojo Encino, Pueblo Pintado, Torreon/Star Lake and White Horse Lake Chapters;
  - 4. Area IV: Baca/Prewitt, Casamero Lake, Iyanbito, Smith Lake, Littlewater, Mariano Lake, Pinedale, and Thoreau Chapters;
  - 5. Area V: Bread Springs, Chichiltah, Rock Springs, Churchrock, Manuelito, Red Rock, and Tsayatoch Chapters;

6. Area VI: Alamo, Ramah and Tohajiilee Chapters.

2 N.N.C. § 862(B).

## SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- A. The Navajo Nation Council was reduced in membership from 88 delegates to 24 delegates, which required a change in standing committees, Resolution CO-45-12, but also resulted in a realignment of Chapter representation which currently provides for five (5) Council Delegates representing Chapters in the Eastern Agency, otherwise known as the so-called Checkerboard Area. Resolution CMA-10-15, incorporated herein by reference, first implemented the chapter realignment for the Eastern Navajo Land Commission.
- B. Each of the Navajo Nation Council Delegates shall serve as a member of the Commission concurrent with his or her term as a Council Delegate and until his or her successor is confirmed. 2 N.N.C. § 862(D).
- C. The President of the Navajo Nation shall also select an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation, skilled in land and/or energy matters, to sit on the Commission; the President's selection shall be confirmed by the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 862(C).
- D. The Commission shall appoint a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson from among its members, and may establish committees from among its members if deemed appropriate by the Commission to facilitate the business of the Commission. 2 N.N.C. § 862(E).
- E. The powers and duties of the Eastern Navajo Land Commission are found at 2 N.N.C. §§ 863(A-J).

## SECTION THREE. NOMINATIONS TO THE EASTERN NAVAJO LAND COMMISSION

- A. The Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council nominates the following Navajo Nation Council Delegates to the Eastern Navajo Land Commission pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 862(B) and in consideration of the Chapter representation realignment as a result of the reduction in membership of the Navajo Nation Council:
  - 1. Area II (Becenti, Lake Valley, Nahodisgish, Standing Rock, White Rock, Huerfano, Nageezi, Crownpoint): Hon. Danny Simpson

2. Area III (Littlewater, Pueblo Pintado, Torreon, Whitehorse Lake, Baca/Prewitt, Casamero Lake, Ojo Encino, Counselor): Hon. George H. Tolth
  3. Area IV (Churchrock, Iyanbito, Mariano Lake, Pinedale, Smith Lake, Thoreau): Hon. Steven R. Arviso
  4. Area V (Baahaali, Chichiltah, Manuelito, Red Rock, Rock Springs, Tsayatoh): Hon. Seth Damon
  5. Area VI (Alamo, Ramah, Tohajiilee): Hon. Norman M. Begay
- B. The Navajo Nation President nominates Loren Cooke to the Eastern Navajo Land Commission.
- C. The nomination letter by the President of the Navajo Nation is attached as **Exhibit A**.

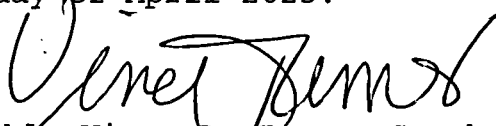
#### SECTION FOUR. CONFIRMATION OF EASTERN NAVAJO LAND COMMISSION

- A. The Navajo Nation confirms the nominations of the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council to the Eastern Navajo Land Commission as:
1. Area II (Becenti, Lake Valley, Nahodisgish, Standing Rock, White Rock, Huerfano, Nageezi, Crownpoint): Hon. Danny Simpson
  2. Area III (Littlewater, Pueblo Pintado, Torreon, Whitehorse Lake, Baca/Prewitt, Casamero Lake, Ojo Encino, Counselor): Hon. George H. Tolth
  3. Area IV (Churchrock, Iyanbito, Mariano Lake, Pinedale, Smith Lake, Thoreau): Hon. Steven R. Arviso
  4. Area V (Baahaali, Chichiltah, Manuelito, Red Rock, Rock Springs, Tsayatoh): Hon. Seth Damon
  5. Area VI (Alamo, Ramah, Tohajiilee): Hon. Norman M. Begay
- B. The Navajo Nation Council confirms the Navajo Nation President's nomination of Loren Cooke to the Eastern Navajo Land Commission.
- C. The Navajo Nation Council Delegates confirmed to the Eastern Navajo Commission shall serve as a member of the Commission concurrent with their term as a Council Delegate and until a successor is confirmed. 2 N.N.C. § 862(D).

- D. The Navajo Nation Presidential nominee shall serve as a member of the Commission until a successor is confirmed.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, hereby, certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the 25<sup>th</sup> 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 20 in Favor, and 00 Opposed, on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023.



Honorable Vince R. James, Speaker Pro Tem  
25<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council

4/28/2023

DATE

Motion: Honorable George H. Tolth

Second: Honorable Otto Tso

Speaker Pro Tem Vince R. James not voting



**The Navajo Nation** **DR. BUU NYGREN** *PRESIDENT*  
**Yideeskąądi Nitsáhákees** **RICHELLE MONTOYA** *VICE PRESIDENT*

April 17, 2023



Loren Cooke  
P.O. Box  
Fort Wingate, NM 87316


***RE: Appointment to the Eastern Navajo Land Commission***

Dear Mr. Cooke,

I am pleased to appoint you to serve on the Eastern Navajo Land Commission.

The President has the honor of selecting a member who is skilled in land matters. Given your long history and service to the Navajo Nation, and especially to the eastern part of the Navajo Nation, I am proud to appoint you.

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Dr. Buu Nygren, *President*  
**THE NAVAJO NATION**

# Loren Cooke

Box Fort Wingate, NM 87316 • Phone: .  
E-Mail: lcoo.com

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Date: 4/17/2023

To whom this may concern,

This is a letter of interest for the Eastern Agency Land Commission position with in the Navajo Nation. I do strongly believe that I have gained the experience for this position while serving as land board for District 16 Eastern Agency. While serving as land board I worked well with the community as well as other members on the board. My resume, which is enclosed, contains additional information on my experience and skills. Thank you very much for considering my request. I look forward to working with the people of the Navajo Nation.

Sincerely,

Loren Cooke

# Loren Cooke

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## Objective

To obtain a position in the Electro-Mechanical field where I can utilize my knowledge, skills and abilities to benefit a growing organization

## Certifications and Skills

- EPA Universal Certification -Pending
- 609 Certified (Auto Air) - Pending
- R-410a Certified – Pending
- Lock Out/Tag Out Certified by RSI
- Troubleshooting & Diagnostics
- Electrical & Mechanical Repairs
- Preventive Maintenance
- Safety & Compliance
- Troubleshooting Electrical Control Circuits
- Knowledgeable in refrigeration systems
- Ventilation and air conditioning
- Leak checks
- Uses test equipment to diagnose operational status of thermostats and pneumatic controls
- Read and interpret common electrical systems and diagrams
- Swage, flare, and braze using tools and an air acetylene torch
- Wire a defrost time clock for proper operation in a walk-in freezer
- Green Energy Theory
- Mechanical Troubleshooting
- Residential & Commercial Wiring

## Education

RSI – Phoenix, AZ  
Electro-Mechanical Technician Diploma  
UNM Gallup Branch-Sociology Criminology

Phoenix, AZ  
November 2020 – August 2021  
August 2008- May 2011

## Experience

**Owner of Cheii's Transportation LLC, Sacred Mountain Air LLC, Megaton New Mexico**

October 2014-Current

**Semper Fi Heating and Cooling**

May 2022-August 2022

HVAC-R technician

Service, install and maintain residential and commercial HVAC units.

**Land Board Member**

January 2016-December 2020

Went to monthly meeting for grazing permit holders. Signed off on new home site leases, held horse round ups, tally counts, spray cattle, sheep and goats. Assisted the community with their concerns a cross District 16.

**Western Refining/Andevor/Marathon Petroleum**

February 2007/October 2020

*Alky Operator*

Gallup, NM

- As an ALKY Operator I made sensory rounds to make sure the Unit was running at its potential. Had to get equipment ready (LOTO, De-inventory) for maintenance. Had to shut the unit down in emergency's in a safely and timely manner. Issued work permits to maintenance workers and over saw the jobs in the unit.

**Giant Refining/Western Refining**

March2005/February 2007

*Transport Driver*

Gallup, NM

- Pre trip tractor/trailer load fuel and deliver to convenient store with fuel for purchase. Had to maintain a good driving record and a medical DOT card. Had to have good customer service and clear communication with dispatch.



# NAVAJO NATION

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4/19/2023

Navajo Nation Council Spring Session

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<b>Amd# to Amd#</b>	<b>Legislation 0040-23: Confirming</b>	<b>PASSED</b>
MOT Tolth, G	the Nominations of the Speaker	
SEC Tso, O	of the Navajo Nation Council and	
	the Navajo Nation President.....	

**Yeas : 20**

**Nays : 0**

**Excused : 2**

**Not Voting : 1**

## **Yea : 20**

Arviso, S	Curley, C	Nez, R	Slater, C
Aseret, L	Damon, S	Notah, N	Tolth, G
Begay, H	Jesus, B	Parrish, S	Tso, O
Charles-Newton, E	Johnson, C	Simonson, G	Yanito, C
Claw, S	Nez, A	Simpson, D	Yazzie, C

## **Nay : 0**

## **Excused : 2**

Daniels, H	Crotty, A
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## **Not Voting : 1**

Begay, N

**Presiding Speaker: James, V**