

**RESOLUTION OF THE
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE
Of the 23RD Navajo Nation Council---First Year 2015**

AN ACTION

**RELATING TO THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; APPROVING SPEAKER'S
APPOINTMENTS TO THE NAVAJO-HOPI LAND COMMISSION**

BE IT ENACTED:

Section One. Findings

1. The Navajo Nation Council established the Naabik'íyáti' Committee as a Navajo Nation standing committee and as such the Naabik'íyáti' Committee approves the Navajo Nation Speaker's appointments to the Navajo-Hopi Land Commission. 2 N.N.C. §§ 700 (A) (2012) and 852(A) (2009) (current version at CJY-27-11, 22nd N.N.C. §3 (as passed by Navajo Nation Council, July 19, 2011)).
2. The Navajo Nation Council established the Navajo-Hopi Land Commission within the Legislative Branch. 2 N.N.C. § 851(A) (2009).
3. The Navajo-Hopi Land Commission's purpose is to "[m]onitor, collect, and update information on any and all land use conflicts between Navajo Nation and the Hopi Tribe, and any claimants in and to lands within the area described in the Act of June 14, 1934 (48 Stat. 960) [and to] [s]peak and for the Navajo Nation with respect to the land selection and land exchange provisions of P.L. 96-305." 2 N.N.C. § 851(B) (2009).
4. The Speaker shall appoint eight Navajo Nation Council voting members who represent areas affected by the Navajo-Hopi Land Dispute. 2 N.N.C. §852(B)(1) (2009) (current version at CJY-27-11, 22nd N.N.C. §3 (as passed by Navajo Nation Council, July 19, 2011)). EXHIBIT A.
5. Navajo-Hopi Land Commission members shall serve at the pleasure of the Naabik'íyáti' Committee. 2 N.N.C. §852(B)(2) (2009) (current version at CJY-27-11, 22nd N.N.C. §3 (as passed by Navajo Nation Council, July 19, 2011)).
6. Navajo-Hopi Land Commission members shall serve a term coinciding with their term as Navajo Nation Council Delegates and until their successors are appointed. 2 N.N.C. § 852 (D) (2009).

Section Two. Approving the Speaker's Appointments

The Naabik'iyáti' Committee, pursuant to its authority under Navajo Nation law, hereby approves:

1. Lee Jack, Sr. from Ft. Defiance Agency
2. Jonathan Nez from Western Agency
3. Walter Phelps from Western Agency
4. Alton Joe Shepherd from Ft. Defiance Agency
5. Tuchoney Slim, Jr. from Western Agency
6. Raymond Smith, Jr. from Ft. Defiance Agency
7. Otto Tso, from Western Agency
8. Dwight Witherspoon from Central Agency

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Naabik'iyáti' Committee of the 23rd 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, 0 oppose, 0 Abstain this 19th Day of February, 2015.



Honorable LoRenzo C. Bates, Chairperson
Naabik'iyáti' Committee

Motion: Honorable Walter Phelps
Second: Honorable Davis Filfred

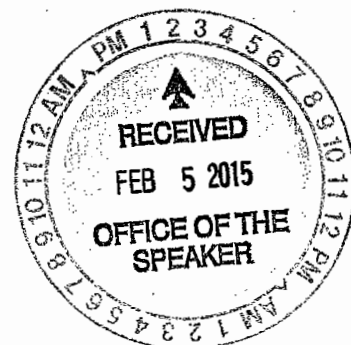
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HONORABLE LoRenzo Bates
Speaker, 23rd Navajo Nation Council

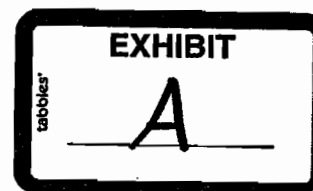
Memorandum

To: Lee Jack, Sr., Council Delegate
Jonathan Nez, Council Delegate
Walter Phelps, Council Delegate
Alton Joe Shepherd, Council Delegate
Tuchoney Slim, Jr., Council Delegate
Raymond Smith, Jr., Council Delegate
Otto Tso, Council Delegate
Dwight Witherspoon, Council Delegate



From:

LoRenzo Bates, Speaker
Navajo Nation Council



Date: February 5, 2015

Re: Navajo-Hopi Land Commission Appointments

I am pleased to appointment you to the Navajo-Hopi Land Commission (“Commission”). I appointed you because, as a Navajo Nation Council Delegate, you represent areas affected by the Navajo-Hopi Land Dispute.¹ The Navajo Nation Council established the Commission to “[m]onitor, collect, and update information on any and all land use conflicts between the Navajo Nation and the Hopi Tribe, and any claimants in and to lands within the area described in the Act of June 14, 1934 (48 Stat. 960) [and to] [s]peak and act for the Navajo Nation with respect to the land selection and land exchange provisions of P.L. 96–305.”² Additionally, the Navajo Nation gave the Commission “all powers necessary and proper to carry out the Commission’s purpose, as well as two enumerated powers.”³

Your term as Commission member shall coincide with your term as a Navajo Nation Council Delegate and until your successor is appointed.⁴ Since the Naabik’iyáti’ Committee needs to approve your appointment, you will serve at their pleasure.⁵

Again, I am pleased to appoint you to the Navajo-Hopi Land Commission.

¹ 2 N.N.C. § 852(B)(1) (2009) (current version at CJY-27-11, 22nd N.N.C. §3 (as passed by Navajo Nation Council, July 19, 2011).

² 2 N.N.C. §851 (B) (2009).

³ See *id.* §853.

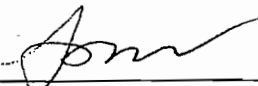
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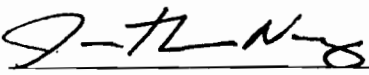
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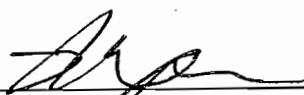


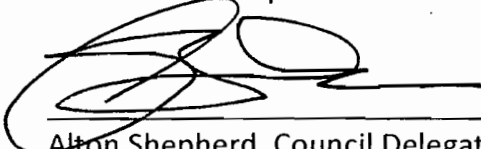
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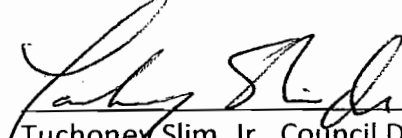
TO: Honorable LoRenzo C. Bates, Chairperson
Nabik'iyati' Committee
23rd Navajo Nation Council


FROM: 
Lee Jack, Sr., Council Delegate
Dilkon, Greasewood Springs, Indian
Wells, Teesto, Whitecone Chapters

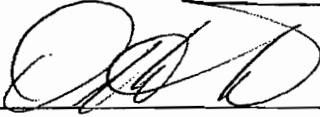

Jonathan Nez, Council Delegate
Shonto, Naatsis'aan, Oljato,
Ts'ah Bii Kin Chapters

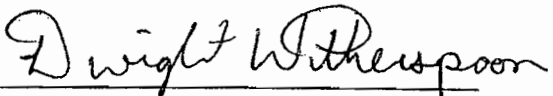

Walter Phelps, Council Delegate
Cameron, Coalmine Canyon, Leupp,
Tolani Lake, Tsidi Toii Chapters


Alton Shepherd, Council Delegate
Jeddito, Cornfields, Ganado, Kin Dah
Lichii, Steamboat Chapters


Tuchoney Slim, Jr., Council Delegate
Bodaway/Gap, Coppermine, K'ai'Bii'To,
LeChee, Tonalea/Red Lake Chapters


Raymond Smith, Jr., Council Delegate
Houck, Klage'oh, Nahata Dziil,
Tse' Si ani, Wide Ruins Chapters


Otto Tso, Council Delegate
To' Nanees Dizi Chapter


Dwight Witherspoon, Council Delegate
Black Mesa, Forest Lake, Hardrock,
Pinon, Whippoorwill Chapters

DATE: January 29, 2015

SUBJECT: Navajo-Hopi Land Commission Assignments

We respectfully request the Nabik'iyati Committee of the Navajo Nation Council to assign the above signed Navajo Nation Council Delegates representing the invested Navajo Chapters affected by Federal land disputed issues to the Navajo-Hopi Land Commission of the 23rd Navajo Nation Council.