

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0009-19

DATE: January 29, 2019

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION;
AN ACTION RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE AND THE NAVAJO
NATION COUNCIL; CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF RUDY SHEBALA AS
NAVAJO NATION DIVISION OF NATURAL RESOURCES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

PURPOSE: If approved by the Navajo Nation Council, this legislation would confirm the appointment of Rudy Shebala as Executive Director of the Navajo Nation Division of Natural Resources.

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: None
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1 PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION
2 24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – First Year, 2019

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16 **Section One. Authority**

- 17 A. The Navajo Nation Council is the governing body of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. §
18 102(A).
19 B. A proposed resolution requiring final action by the Navajo Nation Council shall be
20 assigned to the Naabik'iyáti' Committee. 2 N.N.C. §164(A)(9).
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22 **Section Two. Findings**

- 23 A. The Navajo Nation President appoints a person as the Navajo Nation Division of
24 Natural Resources Executive Director. 2 N.N.C. §1903.
25 B. The Navajo Nation President appoints Rudy Shebala as the Navajo Nation Division
26 of Natural Resources Executive Director. Mr. Shebala's appointment letter and
27 résumé are attached as **Exhibit A**.
28 C. The appointed Navajo Nation Division of Natural Resources Executive Director
29 serves at the pleasure of the Navajo Nation President. 2 N.N.C. §1903.
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**Section Three. Confirmation of the Navajo Nation Division of Natural Resources
Executive Director**

- A. The Navajo Nation Council confirms Mr. Rudy Shebala as the Navajo Nation Division of Natural Resources Executive Director.
- B. Mr. Rudy Shebala shall serve at the pleasure of the Navajo Nation President.

THE NAVAJO NATION

JONATHAN NEZ | PRESIDENT MYRON LIZER | VICE PRESIDENT



January 15, 2019

Rudy Shebala
Post Office Box
Nazlini, Arizona 86540


RE: Appointment as Executive Director for the Navajo Nation Division of Natural Resources


Dear Mr. Shebala,

The Nez-Lizer Administration was elected on a mandate of change for the Navajo Nation. This change involves appointing qualified, motivated and experienced individuals who will move the Navajo Nation forward by "Working Together" to serve the Navajo people. This letter shall serve as a formal notification to your appointment as Executive Director for the Navajo Nation Division of Natural Resources (NNDNR). This appointment will take effect on January 15, 2019 at 12:00PM. Please note that this position is subject to confirmation by the Navajo Nation Council.

Your duties as director are outlined at 2NNC §1903. You shall be responsible for the administration and management of the Division of Natural Resources and supervision of all applicable personnel. This includes ensuring compliance with all applicable Navajo Nation laws and policies.

Your salary will be that of the current budgeted salary for the position. Throughout this appointment, you will report to the Chief of Staff under the Office of the President and Vice President. Again, we thank you for your willingness to serve the Navajo people. Ahe'hee.


Jonathan Nez, President
THE NAVAJO NATION


Myron Lizer, Vice President
THE NAVAJO NATION

RESUME

Rudy R. Shebala

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EDUCATION:

Chinle High School, Chinle, Arizona; High School Diploma; May 28, 1975

U.S. Indian Police Academy, Brigham City, Utah; Class No. 38; Graduated June 5, 1981

Northwest Indian College, Bellingham, Washington; Associate of Arts & Science with Honors, June 17, 2005; Phi Theta Kappa Society

Tucson School of Horseshoeing, Tucson, Arizona; Diploma, August 16, 2005

The Brotherhood of Working Farriers Association; Apprentice II Farrier Certificate, August 26, 2005

University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho; BS Animal Science, May, 15, 2009; Multicultural Scholars Program, College of Agricultural and life Sciences

University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho; MS Environmental Science, May 16, 2014; McNair Post Baccalaureate Achievement Scholar

University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho; Ph.D., Environmental Science (Horses and Grazing, Navajo Indian Reservation).

Arizona Department of Education CERTIFICATE; Educator ID: 5169025

Subject Matter Expert Standard Teaching, 6–12. Valid Date: 8–16-2018. Expiration Date: 01-06-2031, Approved Areas – General Science. Deficiencies: SME-PK**.

Native American Language PreK-12 Navajo. Valid Date: 03/09/2018 Expiration Date: 01/06/2031.

WORK EXPERIENCE:

CHAPTER MANAGER / EMERGENCY SERVICES COORDINATOR: Nazlini Chapter Government, Navajo Nation, Nazlini, Arizona; August 13, 2018 – Present. The Nazlini, Arizona, Chapter Government, a community branch of the Navajo Nation Government encompasses

approximately 400 square miles. There are 1260 resident voters of the Nazlini natural community. Most of these residents reside in scattered family homes throughout the rural Chapter lands. Nazlini, the larger southwest United States, is experiencing a continued drought that affects human, livestock, irrigable farmlands, rangelands, and wildlife. As Emergency Services Coordinator my initial responsibility is to assess water availability to Nazlini citizens, then livestock and farmlands.

Some Nazlini residents have running water and some residents transport potable water from the Nazlini Chapter House. Other residents in more remote areas rely on windmills and hand pumped water wells. I inventory, assess conditions of, and rehabilitate existing wells and roads leading to water sources and recondition breached and silted earthen livestock ponds for future precipitation. Access to water is by graded earth road. Many of these roads are damaged from prior flooding. My staff are installing corrugated culverts in flash flood areas and repairing flood damaged roads. These roads serve to transport water and are routes maintained for emergency use during natural or man caused disaster.

As Chapter Manager, I oversee the daily administrative functions and duties of staff to fulfill Chapter objectives. I work closely with the elected chapter officials to implement services for the citizens of Nazlini. The land and resources of Nazlini is also my responsibility and to date I am dredging the dormant Nazlini, Flat Rock, and Sitting Frogs reservoirs and input canals for water storage. Another immediate job is addressing the exotic stands of Russian Olive and Salt Cedar in the riparian areas. I am now pursuing the development of farmlands by readdressing the Nazlini aquifer in the Flat Rock area. That project was initiated earlier with two deep wells drilled for irrigation. I will attend to the completion of that project. I am responsible for identification, acquisition, and administration of the fiscal budget, records management, preparation of reports, advocate on behalf of Chapter citizens, and serve as the liaison to tribal and non-tribal organizations.

HOIST (Helping Orient Indian Students and Teachers) into STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering or Math); May 2014 – September, 2014. Helped Native students prepare for college education in scientific and mathematics majors.

American Indian Science and Engineering Society: Member; University of Idaho; November 2007 – December, 2009; Encourage, through counseling, Native students to continue education in the fields of science.

All Nations Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Program – University of Idaho Liaison; November, 2008 – December, 2009

- Increased number of American Indians and other minorities receiving baccalaureate degrees in Science, Technology, Engineering, and mathematics (STEM)
- Recruit STEM students and identifying ANSLAMP scholars
- Advisor to ANSLAMP Scholars
- Administered ANSLAMP budget at the university of Idaho

Northwest Equine Research Laboratory, University of Idaho; May, 2008 – June, 2010

- Assist with ancillary lab procedures related to research
- Assist with hands on horse related reproductive evaluations
- Assist with maintenance & upkeep of research herd & barns

Nez Perce Horse Registry: Director; Nez Perce Tribe, Lapwai, Idaho; January, 1994 – January, 2004

- Developed the new Nez Perce Horse Breed
- Developed and Implemented the Nez Perce Horse Registry
- Renewed international interest in Nez Perce Indian equitation
- Re – established Nez Perce Memorial Ceremony using horses

Nez Perce Young Horseman Program: Director; Nez Perce Tribe, Lapwai, Idaho January, 1994 – January, 2004

- Provided education in equitation and equine management for over 100 tribal youth
- Developed equine facilities for the Nez Perce Tribe
- Acquired one million dollars in grants and in kind contributions
- Taught traditional horse culture & history involving horses.

- Volunteer; Taught 5 credit, one semester course – Introduction to Horsemanship, Lewis and Clark State College, Lewiston, Idaho
- Horse Parade in traditional Nez Perce Regalia with Nez Perce students at Rose parade, Pasadena, CA; Pegasus Parade, Louisville, Kentucky, as part of the Kentucky Derby; Indian National Finals Rodeo, Billings, Montana; Crow Agency, Montana; Julyamsh Traditional Indian Horse parade, Post Falls, Idaho; Chief Joseph Rodeo, Joseph, Oregon; CRITFC, Portland, Oregon
- Packing School with Nine Mile Ranger Station, Huson, Montana
- Rode 90 miles with students, camping along the way
- Hosted 50 Anishinabe students, White Earth, Minnesota, in Horsemanship with Winona LaDuke
- Hosted students from Beaveton, Oregon, trail rides & packing with horses
- Hosted Salish – Kootenai tribal students, trail rides & packing with horses

Weyerhaeuser Forest Products: Kamiah, Idaho; September, 1987 – January, 1994;

- Saw Filer; kept up single cut and double cut band saws, carbide tipped round saws for optimal production of green lumber
- Trained as Relief Sawyer
- Number three in seniority in overtime rewards
- Never missed a day in three years

Navajo Nation Forestry: Window Rock, AZ; Director, Forest Services Section; 1978 – 1983

- Implemented Navajo Forest Regulations and Fines List
- Developed and Implemented Ten year Action Plan regarding forest protection
- Responsible for Forest Protection, Fire Prevention and Management, Free Use Permits
- Public Relations for Tribal Forestry – Navajo Tribal Members

U.S. Forest Service: Fire Protection; Seasonal, 1974 – 1978

- Quemado, New Mexico, Gila National Forest, Project Crew, Fire Protection
- Dutch Creek Ranger Station, Boise national Forest; Project Crew, Fire Guard, Heletack crew

- Warm Springs BIA Forestry, Warm Springs, Oregon; Fire Protection, Trail Maintenance

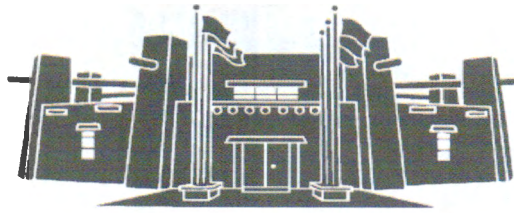
PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES:

JD Wulfhorst, Director, Environmental Science Program, University of Idaho; (

David A. Rustebakke, DVM, Clarkston, WA

Bruce Meachum, Lapwai, Idaho

JoAnn Dedman, Nazlini Chapter (



MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Herman Daniels, Jr.
Shonto, Naatsi'is'áán, Oljato, and Ts'ah Bii Kin Chapters

FROM: Mariana Kahn
Mariana Kahn, Attorney
Office of Legislative Counsel

DATE: January 28, 2019

SUBJECT: PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION; AN ACTION RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF RUDY SHEBALA AS NAVAJO NATION DIVISION OF NATURAL RESOURCES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As requested, I have prepared the above-referenced proposed resolution and associated legislative summary sheet pursuant to your request for legislative drafting. Based on existing law and review of documents submitted, the resolution as drafted is legally sufficient. As with any action of government however, it can be subject to review by the courts in the event of proper challenge.

The Office of Legislative Counsel confirms the appropriate standing committee(s) 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).

If the proposed resolution is unacceptable to you, please contact me at the Office of Legislative Counsel and advise me of the changes you would like made to the proposed resolution.

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SPONSOR: Herman Daniels

TITLE: An Action To NAABIK'YATI' Committee And The Navajo Nation Council; Confirming The Appointment Of Rudy Shebala As Navajo Nation Division Of Natural Resources Executive Director

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Window Rock, AZ 86515
(928) 871-7586

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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