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### **Resources and Development Committee certifies the Nazlini Chapter's Five Management System and confirms RDC shareholder representatives**

**WINDOW ROCK**—On Tuesday, the Resources and Development Committee with a vote of 3-0 approved the certification of Nazlini Chapter's Five Management System policies and procedures.

In accordance with 26 N.N.C. §101, the Navajo Nation's 110 chapters are required to develop, adopt, and operate under the FMS to ensure accountability in areas such as accounting, procurement, record keeping, personnel, and property management.

"The certification will benefit the chapter and it is another step for local government management and I urge the chapter to seize the opportunities to immediately address local issues," said Council Delegate Kee Allen Begay, Jr. (Low Mountain, Many Farms, Nazlini, Tachee/Blue Gap, Tselani/Cottonwood), who represents the Nazlini Chapter.

Several chapter officials joined Delegate Begay at Tuesday's RDC meeting, including Nazlini chapter secretary/treasurer JoAnn Dedman who expressed her appreciation to former chapter officials and chapter employees.

"Nazlini Chapter has worked very hard in obtaining local governance certification by following our FMS, providing monthly financial reports to the membership and working together with the elected officials including Delegate Begay," stated Dedman. "It was a team effort."

Following the chapter's adoption of its FMS, the Navajo Nation Office of the Auditor General was required to review and determine whether the chapter met its objectives, as defined by the Local Governance Act.

At the conclusion of the three-month review period, the Office of the Auditor General issued a memorandum dated Dec. 14, 2014, recommending the RDC to approve the chapter for governance certification.

"I'm grateful for the RDC's support in passing the chapter's FMS and I am also thankful to all former chapter officials, staff, and LGSC staff for their guidance and support," stated chapter coordinator Judy Donaldson.

The RDC also confirmed members from its committee to serve as shareholder representatives to the Navajo Nation Oil and Gas Company, the Navajo Times Publishing Company, Inc., the Diné Development Corporation, and the Navajo Transitional Energy Company, LLC.

RDC members Council Delegate Leonard H. Pete (Chinle), Council Delegate Benjamin L. Bennett (Crystal, Fort Defiance, Red Lake, Sawmill), and Council Delegate Davis Filfred (Mexican Water, Aneth, Teechospos, Tólikan, Red Mesa) were each appointed to be shareholder representatives to the Navajo Nation Oil and Gas Company.

RDC chair Council Delegate Alton Joe Shepherd (Jeddito, Cornfields, Ganado, Kin Dah Lichíí, Steamboat) will be the shareholder representative to the Navajo Times Publishing Company, Inc.

Council Delegate Walter Phelps (Cameron, Coalmine Canyon, Leupp, Tolani Lake, Tsidi To ii) was assigned to the Diné Development Corporation while Council Delegate Leonard Tsosie (Baca/Prewitt, Casamero Lake, Counselor, Littlewater, Ojo Encino, Pueblo Pintado, Torreon, Whitehorse Lake) is assigned to the Navajo Transitional Energy Company, LLC.

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