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Herman Daniels, Jr. becomes member of the 23rd Navajo Nation Council



PHOTO: Herman Daniels, Jr. (center) next to his wife Teresa Daniels (right) was administered the oath of office by Window Rock District Court Judge Geraldine Benally (left) on July 16, 2015 in Window Rock.

WINDOW ROCK—Herman Daniels, Jr. became the newest member of the 23rd Navajo Nation Council, as he took the oath of office during Thursday's Naabik'iyáti' Committee meeting.

Council Delegate Herman Daniels, Jr. was elected during a special election held on June 30, to represent the communities of Shonto, Naa'tsis'Áán, Oljato, and Ts'ah Bii Kin. The seat had been vacant since former delegate Jonathan Nez resigned from the position on May 12, the same day he was sworn in as Vice President of the Navajo Nation.

Daniels is originally from Monument Pass, Utah. He is Bit'ahnii (Folded Arms People), born for Tł'ízí Łání (Many Goats Clan), his maternal grandfather is Tó'aheedlínii (Water Flows Together Clan), and his paternal grandfather is Hashk'ąą Hadzohí (Yucca Fruit Strung Out in a Line Clan).

Daniels previously served as a delegate from April 2010 to January 2011, taking the place of his late father Herman Daniels, Sr. on the 21st Navajo Nation Council.

As a member of the Council, he served on the former Ethics and Rules Committee and the Navajo Utah Commission. In addition, he previously served as a grazing official for eight years and served as the President of Oljato Chapter since 2013.

“I’m looking forward to working cooperatively with the 23rd Navajo Nation Council, the chapters, and the three branches of government,” said Delegate Daniels.

Delegate Daniels was joined by his wife Teresa Daniels and officials from each of his four chapters on Thursday as he took the oath of office.

Executive director of the Navajo Election Administration Edison Wauneka, said the results of the special election were certified on July 10, following the 10-day grievance filing period. Delegate Daniels assumes all duties and responsibilities immediately.

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