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Resources and Development Committee confirms three appointments

CROWNPOINT, N.M. – On Tuesday, the Resources and Development Committee approved three separate legislations confirming the appointments of Buu Van Nygren to serve on the Navajo Engineering and Construction board, and Norbert Nez and Nadine Clah to serve on the Navajo Nation Telecommunications Regulatory Commission.

Pursuant to Title II section 501(B)(9) of the Navajo Nation Code, RDC grants final confirmation of appointments recommended by the Navajo Nation president to the two entities.

RDC chair Council Delegate Alton Joe Shepherd (Jeddito, Cornfields, Ganado, Kin Dah Lichíí, Steamboat), who sponsored the legislations, stated that the candidates are highly qualified for the positions.

“Each of the appointments met the qualifications to serve on the boards. They each submitted their letter of interest and resumes and I am highly confident that they will do a good job on behalf of the entities,” stated Delegate Shepherd.

Nygren is from Red Mesa, Ariz. and a graduate from Arizona State University with a bachelor’s degree in Construction Management and a Master of Business Administration. He is currently employed with a national construction company as an operations trainer and project manager.

“NECA has a powerful board, but I know Nygren will contribute his knowledge and skills to the board. I commend Nygren for returning home and helping his people after his educational and professional endeavors,” stated Delegate Filfred.

Nez is from Teesto, Ariz. and a graduate from Dartmouth College with a bachelor’s degree in computer science and currently the computer operations manager at the Navajo Nation Division of Community Development.

Clah is from Chichiltah, N.M. and a graduate of Arizona State University with at bachelor’s degree in mathematics and employed as the GIS coordinator and an IT analyst for Navajo Housing Authority.

RDC member Council Delegate Jonathan Perry (Becenti, Crownpoint, Huerfano, Lake Valley, Nageezi, Nahodishgish, Tse’ii’ahi, Whiterock) commended Nez and Clah for applying for the

commission and informed them of several current telecommunication issues and concerns within the Eastern Navajo Agency.

“Telecommunications is crucial in Eastern Navajo Agency. There are many dark zones and community members aren’t able to report any emergencies or receive critical information if an emergency occurs. I highly recommend the new members to consider these issues and collaborate with the chapter administrations and community land use plan committees,” stated Delegate Perry.

The Resources and Development Committee confirmed the three appointments with a 4-0 vote and serves as the final authority for the bills.

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