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Resources and Development Committee approves two appointments to the NTUA Board of Directors



The Resources and Development Committee approved the three-year appointment of Harry Moore Jr. and Anthony Montoya to the NTUA Board of Directors. Pictured is Harry Moore Jr.

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – Today, the Resources and Development Committee (RDC) unanimously approved the three-year appointment of Harry “Sonny” Moore, Jr., and Anthony Montoya to the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority (NTUA) Management Board of Directors with a vote of four in favor and none opposed.

RDC Chair Brenda Jesus (Oaksprings, St. Michaels) said the Committee expects the NTUA Board to proactively provide solutions to energy issues that face the Navajo Nation.

“Enterprises of the Navajo Nation often work in silos. We need to address the current phasing out of fossil fuels, the utilization of carbon capture sequestration, and comprehensive guidance on renewable energy policy,” Chair Jesus said. “How is NTUA planning for these issues? We need a direction forward that doesn’t negatively impact our Navajo customers and constituents.”

Moore said that he looks forward to contributing to the goals of NTUA including infrastructure and current American Rescue Plan Act projects. “I’m interested in knowing how NTUA works through certain issues. There are many things going on and I’m here to represent my people,” Moore said.

Montoya comes from an engineering background and has worked with the U.S. Department of Energy. He stated that one of his goals is to help provide affordable and reliable service.

"I'm always impressed with how NTUA transforms services to their community. My aspiration is to assess the transformative values of electric utilities. We want to make sure that all Navajo communities receive the value that utilities can provide," Montoya said.

Chair Jesus said the RDC looks forward to a good relationship with NTUA Management Board of Directors.

During the meeting, the Resources and Development Committee also approved Legislation 0116-24 with four in favor and zero opposed. This legislation approved a budget reallocation of approximately \$1 million of Navajo Nation Road Funds to three projects: N36/NM371 Intersection Improvement Project; the Whitehorse Yard Maintenance Building; and Business Unit C01561 NDOT Road Projects.

The RDC is final authority for the Board appointments, Legislations 0112-24 and 0113-24 respectively, and Legislation 0116-24.

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