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Lupton Chapter receives Community-Based Land Use Plan certification

LUPTON, Ariz. — The Transportation & Community Development Committee of the 21st Navajo Nation Council certified Lupton Chapter's Community-Based Land Use Plan during a special meeting on Aug. 7 at the Lupton Chapter House.

Navajo Nation Council Delegates Lorenzo Curley and Tim Goodluck — council delegates for the Houck, Lupton, Nahata Dziil chapters — thanked the Transportation & Community Development Committee (TCDC) for their consideration.

Curley and Goodluck both acknowledged the hard work of the Community Land Use Planning Committee (CLUPC), Principal Investigator Larry Rodgers, the chapter officials, and the public for their assistance in creating this plan.

Larry Rodgers, in his presentation to the committee, said that "local people are essential in providing input during this process, as well as ensuring that the land use planning process continues after the consultants have completed their work."

The process must include the community, in order to foster a sense of ownership in the process and in the end product. The Lupton CLUPC has been meeting for nearly two years, conducted six public hearings and nearly 18 CLUPC meetings.

In recent years, several Navajo chapters have become certified as a way to promote self-governance and self-sufficiency, in order to improve the standards of living for their communities.

Certification of plans lie within the oversight authority of the TCDC as part of the Local Governance Act (LGA), which stipulates that a Community-Based Land Use Plan shall "project future community land needs, shown by location and extent of areas identified for residential, commercial, industrial and public purposes, and based upon the guiding principles and vision as articulated by the community."

Several community members attended this historic event; plaques were presented to the CLUPC members, Council Delegates Lorenzo Curley and Tim Goodluck from the TCDC and from the Honorable Speaker Lawrence T. Morgan (Iyanbito/Pinedale).



The Lupton Chapter received their certification for their Community-Based Land Use Plan on Aug. 7, 2008. Pictured clockwise is Navajo Council Delegate Tim Goodluck, Lorenzo Curley and CLUPC member Alice Haswood. (Photo by Joshua Lavar Butler)

After each member of the TCDC voiced their vote by addressing and applauding the Lupton Chapter, the TCDC certified the plan by a unanimous vote.

The Lupton Chapter is located in the south central part of the Navajo Nation of the Fort Defiance Agency in the state of Arizona. The community is situated near the Arizona and New Mexico state lines. The Lupton Chapter is roughly 80,140 acres with most of the land status categorized as tribal trust land and interspersed with individual Indian allotment and private lands. The population of Lupton reached 1,000 members, according to data from Census 2000 and the population continues to increase.

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