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Speaker Morgan congratulates Nazlini Chapter for certification of its Community-based Land Use Plan

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WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — The Nazlini Chapter, located northwest of Ganado, Ariz., celebrated the certification of its Community-based Land Use Plan on Sept. 18 after meeting the requirements under 26 N.N.C. § 102 (C).

After a presentation by members of the chapter, the Transportation and Community Development Committee (TCDC), chaired by Sampson Begay, certified the plan by a vote of 5-0.

With the certification, the community plans to move forward on implementing a blue print for economic development near Wilson Junction, several miles southwest of Nazlini. The plans include the proposed construction of a much-needed convenience store, a restaurant, post office and a laundromat—amenities that require driving to either Ganado or Chinle, Ariz., and most times, traveling becomes dangerous when winter weather make roads impassable.

Plans also include a multi-purpose center, a housing subdivision, a community park, a public safety compound and a proposed community health clinic to accommodate the growing community, most chapter members drive either to Chinle and sometimes as far as Winslow, Ariz., for healthcare.

According to recent census data, the community has a land area of 216,521 acres with a growing population of 1,151. According to Chapter data, the chapter has 235 homes that are in fair condition—about 43 percent—and they may need minor repairs. There are 311 homes in poor condition—about 57 percent—and need major repairs or total replacement.



Navajo Council Speaker Lawrence T. Morgan presents JoAnn Dedman with the Community-based Land Use Plan certificate for Nazlini Chapter. Pictured left to right, front row: CLUP President Anslem Gorman Sr.; Speaker Morgan; JoAnn Dedman, Council Delegate Johnny Naize. Top row, left to right: Council Delegate Jerry Bodie; TCDC Chairman Sampson Begay and Gerri Harrison, TCDC Advisor. (Photos by Joshua Lavar Butler)

Navajo Nation Council Delegate Johnny Naize of Nazlini Chapter, a member of the Community-based Land Use Plan (CLUP) Committee, thanked the chapter and his "Dream Team", they included: CLUP President Anslem Gorman Sr.; CLUP Vice President Irvin Shirley; Secretary JoAnn Dedman and member Charlene Wallace.

"I want to thank my dream team here for a wonderful presentation," he said. "This document should be used a basis for future planning, we can make recommendations for future planning."

Speaker Lawrence T. Morgan was also on hand to thank the Nazlini Chapter.

"This is a good day for Nazlini Chapter," Speaker Morgan said. "Today symbolizes movement forward for this community; it is a chance for this chapter to implement a degree of local empowerment to organize their lands the way they see fit. Continue working together for the betterment of your community, plan for your future and always remember you are improving the quality of life for your community members."

According to Chairman Begay, the certification of Nazlini Chapter is the 79th and is the 13th within the Chinle Agency.

The Local Governance Act recognizes local chapter governance; it allows chapters to make local decisions, it governs the issuance of home and business site leases; it allows the development of Land Use Plans and its amendments; allows the acquiring of land through Eminent Domain; it helps to create revenue through local taxation and it allows the issuance of bonds for development funds.

Members of the TCDC include: Chairman Sampson Begay; Vice Chairman Johnny Naize; Lorenzo Bedonie; David Rico; Omer Begay Jr.; Jerry Bodie; Leslie Dele and Willie Begay.

Nazlini Chapter officials include: President Arthur E. Tracy; Vice President Joseph Dedman Jr.; Secretary/Treasurer JoAnn Dedman and Grazing Representative Irvin Shirley.



Top photo: Sampson Begay, chairman of the Transportation and Community Development Committee. Bottom photo: Johnny Naize, Vice Chairman of the TCDC.



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