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Budget & Finance Committee Tables Sanctions for Two Chapters

Klagetoh and Shiprock given three month reprieve to finish Corrective Action Plans

Window Rock, AZ – Today, the Budget & Finance Committee, with stern warnings, allowed two communities who have not completed their Corrective Action Plans a three month extension to implement their solutions. Klagetoh and Shiprock Chapters were audited by the Office of the Auditor General who found significant deficiencies regarding financial reporting and procedures and the inability to accurately account for resources used for Chapter projects.

“We want the chapters to succeed,” said Committee Chairman LoRenzo Bates (T’iistoh Sikaad, Nenahnezad, Upper Fruitland, Tse’ Daa’ Kaan, Newcomb, San Juan). “But we don’t want the chapters coming to us every time a deadline approaches to get extensions. All those communities that need to get their house in order need to work with their Local Governance Support Centers (LGSC) to resolve these corrective issues.”

Should the chapters fail to adequately implement Corrective Actions Plans within the next 90 days, the committee will need to apply sanctions which would include the Controller withholding ten percent of monies payable to the Chapter from the Navajo Nation Governmental Fund. In addition, the Controller would also withhold 20 percent of payment to chapter officials until proof of implementation of the corrective action plan has been demonstrated. Any withheld amounts will be released once requirements have been met.

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