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**HOSKIE KEE APPOINTED COUNCIL DELEGATE FOR
LITTLEWATER, BACA-PREWITT AND CASAMERO LAKE CHAPTERS**

Hoskie Kee was officially sworn in as the Council delegate for Littlewater, Baca-Prewitt and Casamero Lake Chapters during an afternoon ceremony held at the Speaker's office in Window Rock, Ariz., on March 8, 2006.

Speaker Lawrence T. Morgan (Iyanbito/Pinedale) signed the certificate of Selection and Appointment making Kee's appointment effective until the end of the term of the 20th Navajo Nation Council in January 2007. Supreme Court Associate Justice Lorene B. Ferguson gave Kee the oath of office following the signing. Kee now has authority to fully exercise the duties and responsibilities of a Navajo Nation Council delegate.

Kee, a lifetime resident of the Baca-Prewitt Chapter, has previously served as Chapter President, Council delegate and a member of the Ethics and Rules Committee. He is also the owner of a successful business and a veteran of the Armed Forces.

The process of appointing a Council delegate to fill a vacant position was streamlined by amendments made to the Navajo Election Code during the 2005 Navajo Nation Council spring session.

After a vacancy is declared, the affected Chapters have 45 days to submit their recommendations. The Navajo Election Administration then has five days to review the qualifications of the recommended person and advises whether the person meets the qualifications for the position. The Speaker of the Council selects and appoints a person to fill a vacant delegate position from among the qualified recommended persons.

The Baca-Prewitt Chapter recommended Kee during a special meeting on February 6, 2005, with a vote of 45 in favor and 0 opposed.

"As a former delegate, Mr. Kee has the experience necessary to complete the remainder of this term. I am confident he will represent the people of Littlewater, Baca-Prewitt and Casamero Lake effectively," Speaker Morgan said.

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Attached photo: Justice Ferguson gives Hoskie Kee the oath of office.