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## **Navajo Council Delegates' Orientation Informative**

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – Council delegate Lorenzo Curley (Houck/Lupton/Nahata Dził) said what he learned during the two-and-a-half day Navajo Nation Council Delegate Orientation Session on gaming and Navajo litigation held at the Navajo Nation Museum early this week enables him to make effective policy-oriented decisions.

“It helps in the sense that you can deal most effectively with other delegates,” Curley said, noting that for example when working with the Natural Resources Committee, complex water issues and the Navajo Nation. “It’s informative, like a status report.”

Elbert R. Wheeler (Many Farms/Round Rock) said that the information shared during the council delegates’ orientation “is mostly updates.”

“There are a lot of interesting things,” Wheeler said. “I learned a lot about coal royalties, and how we can make profitable, vested decisions for the Navajo people.”

Wheeler added that for the new council delegates, “it’s really helpful for them,” to gain a better understanding of the complex Navajo Nation issues.

Amos Johnson (Black Mesa/Forest Lake) said “it was good because as a Navajo elected leader, his fellow community members frequently want information or a status report about Navajo issues and concerns, and until now he’s been unable to provide detailed answers. He believes the orientation will help him to provide information to his community members on certain issues.

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“It’s going good,” said Francis Redhouse (TeeNosPos). “The details, some of the litigation is very significant especially when it relates to economic development and business.”

The Council Delegate Orientation was organized by the Office of the Speaker, and has been organized before during 2002.