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Nazlini Community purchases new heavy equipment to improve and maintain community road and farm initiatives

PHOTO: Council Delegate Kee Allen Begay, Jr., Nazlini Chapter officials, and community members celebrate the purchases of new heavy equipment on January 12, 2017 in Nazlini, Ariz.

NAZLINI, Ariz. – On Thursday, Council Delegate Kee Allen Begay, Jr. (Low Mountain, Many Farms, Nazlini, Tachee/Blue Gap, Tselani/Cottonwood) along with newly elected Nazlini Chapter officials and Nazlini community members celebrated the purchases of a new backhoe loader and a tractor, which was purchased from the chapter's general funds.

Delegate Begay, who represents the community of Nazlini located approximately 21-miles south Chinle, Ariz., said the purchases of the new heavy equipment by the chapter is an example of what can be accomplished when community members and chapter officials work together to address the needs of the community.

"I would like to extend my gratitude and appreciation to the previous and current chapter administrations that worked vigorously to make these purchases. The heavy equipment will serve and help many families and farmers within the community," stated Delegate Begay.

Nazlini chapter officials are grateful for the new heavy equipment that will be used to complete diversion dam projects, improve road conditions, clear roads of snow and ice during the winter season, assist in community burials, and improve and revitalize community farms.

Nazlini Chapter secretary/treasurer JoAnn Dedman stated that the chapter strategically planned and worked hard to purchase the new equipment, which cost approximately $90,000.

“This was a community effort. The chapter realized the needs of the community; therefore, the chapter took a number of years to save money to purchase the equipment. The new equipment will allow the chapter to assist families and farmers at the local level. Before, we would request assistance from Chinle Chapter or Apache County, but now we can provide those services locally,” stated Dedman.

“The chapter also plans to help community members build and start their farms this spring. The chapter plans to create diversion dams to be used for irrigation,” added newly elected Nazlini Chapter vice president Joseph Dedman.

The new equipment will be housed and managed at Nazlini Chapter.

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