Council Delegate Katherine Benally Selected as Resources Infrastructure Subcommittee Chairperson

Delegate Charles Damon II selected as Vice Chairperson

Window Rock, AZ — On Monday, February 28, 2011, the Navajo Nation Council Resources Infrastructure Subcommittee selected Council Delegate Katherine Benally (Chilchinbeto, Dennehotso, Kayenta) as its Chairperson. Council Delegate Charles Damon II (Baahaali, Chilchiltah, Manuelito, Red Rock, Rock Springs, Tsayatoh) was selected to serve as Vice Chairperson.

“I am honored that our colleagues have selected us to lead this committee,” said Benally. “Our committee is prepared to undertake the serious policy discussions regarding resource management and infrastructure at the tribal, county, state and federal level.”

It is expected that both selections will be confirmed at the next Nabik’iyati’ Committee meeting.

Serving on the committee with Benally and Damon are Council Delegates George Apachito (Alamo, Ramah, Tohajiilee), Leonard Pete (Chinle), Roscoe Smith (Crystal, Fort Defiance, Red Lake, Sawmill), and David Tom (Toadlena/Two Grey Hills, Red Valley, Tse’alnaozt’ii’, Sheepsprings,Beclabito, Gadiiahi/To’ko’i).

The Resources Infrastructure Subcommittee is one of four subcommittees that are being established by the newly seated 24 member Navajo Nation Council. Once amendments are made to Title II of the Navajo Nation Code regarding the new Council committee structure, these committees will be elevated to standing committees.

This subcommittee serves as oversight for several Navajo Nation Divisions and Offices including Natural Resources, Community Development, Economic Development, Transportation and the Navajo Environmental Protection Agency.

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