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Vice President Lizer appointed to serve as the vice-chair of the Coalition of Large Tribes



PHOTO: (right to left) Navajo Nation Vice President Myron Lizer, Rosebud Sioux Tribe Councilwoman Lisa Whitepipe, Oglala Sioux Tribe President Kevin Killer, and Shoshone-Bannock Tribe Councilman Nathan Small during the Coalition of Large Tribes meeting on October 19, 2021.

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – During a recent meeting of the Coalition of Large Tribes (COLT), Navajo Nation Vice President Myron Lizer was nominated and appointed by the COLT members to serve as the vice-chair. The Coalition of Large Tribes was established in April 2011 to provide a unified advocacy base for tribes that govern large trust land bases and provide service in the governing of their enrolled members.

Oglala Sioux Tribe President Kevin Killer was also appointed to serve as the COLT President, Shoshone-Bannock Tribe Councilman Nathan Small was appointed as COLT Secretary, and Rosebud Sioux Tribe Councilwoman Lisa Whitepipe will serve as the COLT Treasurer. Vice President Lizer has represented the Navajo Nation on the coalition for two years.

The coalition is comprised of tribal leaders from the Navajo Nation, Crow Nation, Blackfeet Tribe, Shoshone-Bannock Tribes, Spirit Lake Tribe, Spokane Tribe, Ute Indian Tribe, Oglala Sioux Tribe, Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe, Omaha Tribe, Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation, Rosebud Sioux Tribe, Sisseton Wahpeton Sioux Tribe, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, and others.

“I extend my appreciation to the fellow members of the coalition for the nomination and appointment. It is an honor to serve in this capacity. There are many tribal issues and concerns that impact large land-based tribes, however, the many tribes on the coalition will continue to work together to accomplish our priorities,” said Vice President Lizer upon his appointment.

During the meeting, Vice President Lizer also provided a report that included updates on Navajo Nation initiatives related to opportunity zones, infrastructure, COVID-19 mitigation efforts, broadband connectivity, and the American Rescue Plan initiatives.

“The comprehensive project listing compiled by the Executive Branch for the Navajo Nation exceeds \$18 billion. Clearly, \$2 billion will not meet all of the needs in our communities, but it is a start, and it is an opportunity to improve the quality of life for future generations through infrastructure development and other initiatives included in the proposal. As tribal leaders, we must be able to support each other’s initiatives and investments,” said Vice President Lizer.

“I congratulate Vice President Lizer on his recent appointment, as well as the other tribal leaders who were selected to lead the coalition. He will do a great job in advocating for large tribes and the Navajo people,” said President Nez.

During the COLT meeting, the tribal leaders also received reports from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Agriculture of the Office of Tribal Relations, U.S. Department of Treasury, Native Connections, and others. The next Coalition of Large Tribes meeting is scheduled for December. For more information about the Coalition of Large Tribes, please visit: <http://largetribes.org>.

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