

# Brian Kensley, Planner

## To’Nanees’Dizi Local Government

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### *Notable Background for USDA RD HPG Project:*

Experience and expertise in Chapter management, project development, land use planning and utility improvements. Specific to this project, Brian has managed two projects of note. First, for two years, Brian managed the administrative and construction sides of a water encatchment project funded by the USDA Farm Bill's Environmental Quality Incentives Program. Brian also managed a Navajo Nation Housing Discretionaries Program weatherization project whereby he handled the construction and administrative responsibilities for retrofitting homes with new doors, windows and roofs.



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### *Education:*

**BestSchool Real Estate** | Sedona, AZ | October 2008

**Anthropology Minor AIS** | University of Arizona | August 1997 - May 1999

**Associate of Arts, Social Science** | Navajo Community College | Tsaile, AZ | January 1994 - May 1996

**High School Diploma** | Tuba City High School - Tuba City, AZ | August 1988 - May 1992

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### *Experience*

**May 2015 - Present** Planner, To’Nanees’Dizi Local Government

**2014 –May 2015** Chapter Manager, Navajo Nation Bodaway-Gap Chapter

**September 2008 - March 2012** Business Development, *Commnet Wireless LLC*  
400 Northridge Rd, Suite 130, Atlanta, GA 30350

*Real Estate Specialist | Project Coordinator | Site Development | Commercial Sales Broadband –  
Telemedicine | Education | Small Business*

- Site Development of New Cell Sites—approached local landlords to obtain commercial sites for cell sites, finalized documents to get sites up and running, helped develop over a 100 sites in the Four Corners region and eventually migrated to business sales. During this time we coordinated great relationships with NTUA and made it possible to Joint Venture both companies to make the Navajo Nation communication top notch. We were awarded a \$32 million stimulus grant.
- Helped coordinate a project with University of New Mexico on \$15 million rural broadband. We were able to partner with Winslow Indian Health for their telemedicine projects. Upon being part of CWL.
- Nominated for Employee of the Month twice.

**2005 - 2008** Member, Little Colorado River Soil & Water Conservation District Board

**2005 -2006** Earth Team Member, NRCS

**2004 - 2008** Secretary, Bodaway Health Steering Committee

**January 2004-December 2008** Elected Official for the Navajo Nation- Bodaway/Gap Grazing  
*Conservation Specialist | Real Estate Specialist | CLUP Committee Member | Health Steering Committee  
Member | LCR- SWCD- Policy Maker | Lobbyist | Rancher | Politician | Conservationist*

- Elected Secretary for District 3 Grazing Committee and the Western Agency grazing Committee.
- Greatly involved with Tribal government, State Government, and Federal Government.
- Helped establish infrastructure and conservation projects, advocated for joint ventures, educated land users.
- Helped get land Certification for the local government in 2010.

**January 2002 –2003** LandPlanner, PAIKI Albuquerque, NM

Land Planner for PAIKI for 1.5 years and worked with 8 Chapters in Western Navajo Nation.

**May 1996 – May 1999** Project Manager, University of AZ  
Environmental Research Laboratory  
2601 E. Airport Dr. Tucson, AZ

*Project Manager | Research Assistant | Plant, Soil, Water Research | Built Greenhouses*

- Project Manager for reclamation site at Rare Metals, AZ.
- Oversaw a remediation project with creating a wind break using natural plants and researched using plant to extract radon from water table. This project was successful to make a water plant that is now established.
- Moved to Tucson and became Research Assistant for Students working on their theses for Doctorate Degrees.
- Plant research, soil, water and help build greenhouses

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*References:*

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