

Black Mesa Chapter
Chapter Meeting Minutes
April 16, 2015

I. Meeting Called to Order by Larry Biltah @ 5:25pm.

A. Invocation provided by Francis Honie

B. Reading and Approval of Meeting Minutes of February 13 and March 13, 2015

Motioned by: Ray Gilmore

Seconded by: Freddie Baloo

VOTE: 17-00-02

C. Adoption of Agenda with Add-ons under Resolution, Item #L-O.

Motioned by: Ray Gilmore

Seconded by: Jane Baloo

VOTE: 14-00-02

Motioned to Add-on Items under Resolutions by Daisy Kiyaani

Seconded by: Jimmy Yellowhair

VOTE: 16-00-01

D. Announcements

1. 4/16/15 – Precinct I-III NPL GCM Meeting @ Whippoorwill Chapter, 9am

2. 4/16/15 – Justice Day at Pinon Chapter

3. 4/17/15 – Red Dog Gravel Meeting @ Pinon, 10am

4. 4/20/15 – Chinle Agency Council Meeting @ Chinle, 9am

5. 4/20/15 – Parent Appreciation Day @ BMCS, 9am

6. 4/21/15 – NPL GCM Meeting @ Pinon, 9am

7. 4/27/15 – BM CLUPC Meeting

8. 4/28/15 – DOJ and Resource Committee Meeting with GCM @ Window Rock, 9am

Motioned to Suspend the Rules and Have Resolutions before Reports

Seconded by:

VOTE:

II. Resolutions

A. BMC-15-04-090: Requesting and approve the horse round up activities at Black Mesa Chapter community

Motioned by: Dorothy R Yazzie

Seconded by: Jimmy Yellowhair

VOTE: 15-00-02

B. BMC-15-04-091: Requesting for NN Agricultural and Resource for windmills #4T-399 and #4T-500 repairs and services

Motioned by: Dorothy R Yazzie

Seconded by: Jimmy Yellowhair

VOTE: 17-00-00

- C. BMC-15-04-092: Requesting to BIA NPL Office for Windmill #4T-311 repairs and services
Motioned by: Dorothy R Yazzie
Seconded by: Jimmy Yellowhair
VOTE: 17-00-00
- D. BMC-15-04-093: Accept and Approve Supplemental Appropriation for PEP, Veterans and SYETP
Motioned by: Jimmy Yellowhair
Seconded by: Daisy Kiyaani
VOTE: 17-00-00
- E. BMC-15-04-094: Approve Medical Assistance for Megan Greyeagle and Albert Watchman
Motioned by: Jimmy Yellowhair
Seconded by: Daisy Kiyaani
VOTE: 17-00-00
- F. BMC-15-04-095: Supporting and recommending continuation of Gate Millennium Scholarship program and American Indian Graduate Center Scholars program.
Motioned by: Jimmy Yellowhair
Seconded by: Daisy Kiyaani
VOTE: 17-00-00
- G. BMC-15-04-096: Requesting BIA, NDOT, PWCC to place N41, from PWCC to Forest Lake as top priority road pavement utilizing \$554 Million Settlement Funds
Motioned to Tabled due to Lack of Information by: Daisy Kiyaani
Seconded by: Dorothy R Yazzie
VOTE: 15-00-02
- H. BMC-15-04-097: Supporting Ned Yazzie Community Development on Multi-purpose Building at Peabody Western Coal Company
Motioned to Tabled due to Lack of Information by: Daisy Kiyaani
Seconded by: Dorothy R Yazzie
VOTE: 15-00-03
- I. BMC-15-04-098: Supporting Dzilyijiin Regional Council seeking funds for Dzilyijiin Judicial District for adequate office building and additional court staff to meet the needs of the people
Motioned by: Dorothy R Yazzie
Seconded by: Jimmy Yellowhair
- Substitute Motioned to Deferred to Next Meeting by: Ray Gilmore
Seconded by: Jane Baloo
VOTE: 14-01-00
- J. BMC-15-04-099: DELETE – NO ACTION. Approve donation of \$50.00 for Pinon Justice Day event

K. BMC-15-04-100: Approve reappointment of Caroline Bemore to DNA Chapter Representative
Motioned by: Jane Baloo
Seconded by: Ray Gilmore
VOTE: 14-00-01

L. BMC-15-04-101: Requesting NDOT and BIA Roads Dept to Seek Alternative Solution for Dust Control on N8066
Motioned by: Dorothy R Yazzie
Seconded by: Daisy Kiyaani
VOTE: 14-00-02

M. BMC-15-04-102: Requesting NDOT to expedite the Low Water Crossing at Oraibi Wash/N8065
Motioned by: Dorothy R Yazzie
Seconded by: Daisy Kiyaani
VOTE: 14-00-02

N. BMC-15-04-103 Requesting for Senior Citizen Program for BM Chapter Community
Motioned by: Dorothy R Yazzie
Seconded by: Daisy Kiyaani
VOTE: 14-0—02

O. BMC-15-04-104: Approve Funeral Expense Assistance for Larry Gilmore
Motioned by: Dorothy R Yazzie
Seconded by: Daisy Kiyaani
VOTE: 14-00-02

III. Reports:

A. Council Delegate, Dwight Witherspoon – Absent.

B. Grazing Committee Member, Francis Honie

1. He attended a meeting at Whippoorwill Chapter and these are some items on agenda for discussion:
 - a. Sheep units within NPL grazing areas
 - b. Tally counts are being recommended by other GCMs to be posted publicly but he feels they are classified.
 - c. Ray Castillo talked about resolution pertaining to enforcements on land, livestock, fencing, etc. and grazing representatives to be certified for regulation enforcements.
 - d. CFR 161 is a federal regulation for NPL grazing area, range units, and grazing permits. BIA directed the NN to work on plans for redistributions of grazing permits, but currently it wasn't materialized. BIA has indicated it might be given back to them and they will go by federal regulations.
 - e. Proposed sheep units are 10 sheep, 2 horses, and few cattle per permits. It will be renew annually based on grazing lands. It can increase or decrease.
 - f. There are 60 cancelled permits in BM Chapter area and only 20 might be reissued.
 - g. There will be some changes on home site lease procedures and discussion on increase of acreage.
2. He is requesting assistance from chapter officials on proposed range units within BM Chapter area.

3. Conservation plan will be part of the guidelines for redistribution of grazing permits.
4. Continuously, he is still taking interviews with livestock owners who are using cancelled permits. There are some people that are much slowed submitting requested documents and has to keep reminding but to no avail.
5. Open Range means the grazing areas are open to all.

Comments by Community Members:

1. A recommendation to built homes in clustered area, not scattered.
2. Concerns expressed on roaming of wild horses on grazing areas.
3. The community needs to meet with BIA NPL office, Navajo Hopi Land Commission and NN Agriculture Office regarding about the range units, permits, etc.
4. Currently NN do not have any grazing regulations in placed.
5. State brand are supposed to be confined to panels/corrals, not be out in open grazing areas.
6. Management needs to take placed.
7. Recommend announcing any activities on KTNN radio (public announcements).

C. CSC, Albert Lee

1. 45 persons have received free hay for emergency purposes.
2. The Chapter paid \$10,000 to Navajo County for Red Dog Gravel project.
3. Grade operator has bladed the resident roads, starting from Yale Point Valley to coming down to South of Chapter.
4. He announced BM Solar Energy Project meeting on April 22, 2015 with Chinle DCI.
5. He and AMS attended their monthly meeting at Whippoorwill Chapter today.
6. AMS still learning the MIP Financial software.
7. There were some audit finding that will be corrected by June 30, 2015, mostly on segregation of duties on financial responsibilities and inventory.

D. CHR, Lynn Dean

1. She explained that she is still on 90-days probation with NN.
2. She has made home visits with elderly and disabled community members and expressed some concerns on the following:
3. During working days, she is in the office from 8am to 9am, and then goes out in the field up to 4pm.
4. She is working progressively and received cooperation from Chapter CSC.
5. She is only allowed 1000 miles per month for using assigned vehicle.
6. She can attend four planning meeting per year and received comp time for her attendance.
7. CERT training at Hard Rock Chapter on April 28-30, 2015.
8. Chapter Secretary/Treasurer informed her as being CHR for Black Mesa, she is part of a team for BMCS school health program (NCASH) and meets once a month. The school receives funding from Navajo Area I.H.S. for school's initiative on improvement of student health and wellbeing.

E. BM Veteran's Organization, Richard Sage – Left before making his reports.

F. CLUPC, Ray Gilmore

1. The committee had their meeting today with DR Yazzie, D Kiyaani, LCRWSCA members and L Biltah.
2. Updating the community land use plan manual will be their next task.
3. Members of LCRWSCA talked about the water development projects.

4. The next meeting is scheduled on April 27, 2015 and requesting the chapter officials to attend.
5. He announced he applied for NN Election Board of Supervisor and request for support.

G. BM Review Board, Andrew Benallie

1. He observed two meetings before being sworn in.
2. A recent meeting, he found out more of what going on with BM Review Board. Shonto Chapter withdrew their approved supporting resolution for Manymules Waterline Extension Project. Few of the affected chapters that received funds support the waterline extension project. BM Chapter received their allocated funds of \$250,000 for their project.
3. He will support the BM Chapter on North Valley Power Line Extension Project.
4. A meeting has been scheduled with Attorney General about the funds on May 4, 2015 at Kayenta Chapter.
5. He feels that it's not right for only two council delegates to approved projects for the these affected chapters.

H. Dzilyijiin Regional Community Development Corp., Ray Gilmore – No reports.

I. Chapter Officers – They participated in discussions on resolutions and officials' reports.

J. Others – None.

IV. Updates on Chapter Projects:

A. N8066 Road Construction/Permanent Bridge Project

B. N8065 Low Water Crossing

C. East Valley Waterline Extension Project (Yale Point)

D. BM Head Start Building

E. BM Solar Energy Phase II

F. North Valley Power Line Extension Program

G. Telecommunication – Frontier

V. The meeting adjourned at 9:34pm at the conclusion of reports made by BM Review Board.

Motioned by: Jimmy Yellowhair

Seconded by: Caroline Bemore

VOTE: 15-00-00

Next Planning Meeting: Friday, May 08, 2015 @ 3:00 pm

Next Chapter Meeting: Friday, May 15, 2015 @ 4:00 pm



Marlene Biltah, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer