

Black Mesa Chapter
Planning Meeting Minutes
April 3, 2015

- I. Meeting Called to Order by Larry Biltah @ 3:37pm.
 - A. Invocation provide by Marlene Biltah.
 - B. Reading and Approval of Meeting Minutes of March 8February 6, 2015
Motioned by: Caroline Bemore
Seconded by: Francis Honie
VOTE: 03-00-00
 - C. Adoption of Agenda
Motioned by: Caroline Bemore
Seconded by: Francis Honie
VOTE: 03-00-00
 - D. Announcements
 1. 4/6/15 – Audit Reports Meeting @ BMC, 10am
 2. 4/8/15 – BM Solar Energy Project Meeting @ BMC, 10am
 3. 4/11/15 – Chinle Agency Council Meeting @ Round Rock Chapter, 9am
 4. 4/16/15 – Precinct I-III NPL GCM Meeting @ Whippoorwill Chapter, 9am
 5. 4/16/15 – Justice Day at Pinon Chapter
 6. 4/17/15 – Red Dog Gravel Meeting @ Holbrook, 10am
 7. 4/21/15 – NPL GCM Meeting @ Pinon, 9am
 8. 4/28/15 – DOJ and Resource Committee Meeting with GCM @ Window Rock, 9am
- II. Brief Reports and Introductions of Resolutions:
 - A. Council Delegate, Dwight Witherspoon – Absent.
 - B. Grazing Committee Member, Francis Honie
 1. He attended a meeting at BM Chapter on 4/1/15
 - Discussion on horse round up for this summer
 - Each chapter to submit current resolutions
 - Vaccination of livestock and pets
 - Neuter and spate services are free
 2. Windmills in NPL area
 - NPL Office is responsible for repairing and services
 - NPL Office will received additional funds for repairing windmills
 - Windmills vandalized will be responsible by each chapter
 3. Home Site Lease
 - Fees might increase to \$100 per year.
 - A planning is being discussed to increase the acreage for farming, etc.
 - C. CSC, Albert Lee
 1. Resident of Thorn Valley requesting to use loader to block roads to home to prevent wood hauling.

2. Donations of food were distributed to community people living far off from the main routes.
3. He purchased a battery and tires for road grader. The blading of roads to residents is being planned.
4. Road Grader Operator issues
 - There should be plans, procedures of advertising and hiring and current policies for operators
 - Safety procedures and meetings should be conducted for each operator.
 - A certified operator usually have higher pay rate.
5. PEP Workers are orientated on policies on their first day of work.
6. Mr. Bedonie has been blocking the road to tower site when Frontier worker was trying to get up there. Frontier called and needed assistance. Since NTUA has right-of-way, he called and was told to contact Navajo Police next time for escort.

D. Call to Public

1. Few that were present participated in discussion of agenda items.

E. Other – Fern Benally, Forest Lake Chapter

1. She requested for chapter's support for GATE Scholarship to continue with their program.
 - Scholarships benefits all minority youth for their college education.
 - Each student received \$1000 scholarship per year.
 - 419 Navajo students were assisted for this school year.
 - Navajo Nation just has funds but not enough to assist all applicants.
 - She will be attending school board conference on April 10th so able to attend the chapter meeting.
2. She talked about the N41 to be top priority road improvement for local and surrounding residents.
 - A need for chapter support for road pavement from Air Port in PWCC to end of pavement in Forest Lake chapter area.
 - A request to utilize the \$554 Million settlement funds.
 - N41 is main road to get to SR 160 and is used by everyone living in surrounding chapters.
3. Ned Yazzie Community Development of Peabody Mine Lease Area
 - Chapter's support in requesting for multi-purpose building in reclaimed land near PWCC.
 - Lilly Johnson will attend the chapter meeting on April 10th with resolution.
 - Engineering is doing designing the complex.
 - The complex will consist of extended elderly care, preschool, and other offices.

F. CHR, Lynn Dean – Absent.

G. BM Veteran's Organization, Richard Claw – Absent.

H. CLUPC, Ella Tallis

1. CLUPC meeting held on March 13th with Ray Gilmore, Daisy Kiyaani, herself, and Caroline Bemore.
 - Need to have a collaboration meeting with chapter officers and grazing representative regarding land use plan.
 - The committee was informed the chapter resolutions were not being submitted properly.
 - Nathaniel Tom of LCRWS talked about the projects such as study of plants, survey of vegetations and erosion controls.
 - The committee will focus on updating the manual in April 2015.

- The committee is interested in conducting voter registration drive.
 - Future plans include multi-purpose building for the community.
2. NN can assist with creation of dam and dam restoration.
 3. She attended Navajo Land Summit recently.
 - Metal post (stakes) used for NN boundaries are gone, including natural landmark.
 - Developments of chapter boundaries with fences were discussed.
 - Presentations were provided for map reading and survey on home site lease.
 - A recommendation to have chapter officers be train to use GIS equipment.
 - There are new forms and regulations developed for home site lease procedures. Included for approval are NN Fish/Wild Life Office and NTUA. Annual fees might increase to \$12 per month.
 - Small businesses have right-of-way along the highways.
 - Burial procedures were discussed.
 4. Meeting was scheduled on March 30th but cancelled due to no quorum. Only Dorothy R Yazzie and Daisy Kiyaani showed up.
- I. BM Review Board, Andrew Benallie – Absent.
 - J. Dzilyjiin Regional Community Development Corp., Ray Gilmore – Absent.
 - K. Chapter Officers
 1. Larry Biltah, President, participated in discussion of reports and resolutions.
 2. Caroline Bemore, Vice President
 - She made an updates on Black Mesa Head Start Building
 - CLUP manual is the based for every community development and infrastructures are to in the manual. The CLUP manual is updated every five years.
 - She explained Chinle DCI is non-profit organization and become fiscal agent for Black Mesa Solar projects.
 - Task Force has been created for \$554 Million Settlement Funds for planning. Few chapters have submitted proposals. The top priorities are road improvement, waterline extension and power line extensions projects.
 3. Marlene Biltah, Secretary/Treasurer
 - She explained LGA certification for chapters.
 - A chapter project manager can be considered when BM Chapter becomes LGA Certified.

Comments by Community Members:

1. Recommendation to request for additional funds to hire a grant writer for the chapter.
2. Recommendation to conduct a grant writing training for chapter officials and CLUPC. They needs to work as a team.

III. 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 – meeting took place in Window Rock on April 1st.
 - 1. The BM Chapter contributed about \$168,000 towards the project.
 - 2. The total cost for the project is \$1.5 million.
 - 3. The cost has increase since last year due to miscommunication by the Office of NN President and DCD on the funds. The funds are still in the account.
 - 4. The deletion from the project is paved parking lot, playground equipment, and solar panels.
 - 5. NN 164 signature process will be completed by May 1st and construction to begin this fall.
- E. BM Solar Energy Phase II
- F. North Valley Power Line Extension Program
- G. Telecommunication – Frontier

IV. Resolutions:

- A. BMC-15-04-090: Requesting and approve the horse round up activities at Black Mesa Chapter community
- B. BMC-15-04-091: Requesting for NN Agricultural and Resource for windmills #4T-399 and #4T-500 repairs and services
- C. BMC-15-04-092: Requesting to BIA NPL Office for Windmill #4T-311 repairs and services
- D. BMC-15-04-093: Accept and Approve Supplemental Appropriation for PEP, Veterans and SYETP
- E. BMC-15-04-094: Approve Medical Assistance for Megan Greyeagle and Albert Watchman
- F. BMC-15-04-095: Supporting and recommending continuation of Gate Millennium Scholarship program and American Indian Graduate Center Scholars program.
- 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
- H. BMC-15-04-097: Supporting Ned Yazzie Community Development on Multi-purpose Building at Peabody Western Coal Company
- 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
- J. BMC-15-04-099: Approve donation of \$50.00 for Pinon Justice Day event
- K. BMC-15-04-100: Approve reappointment of Caroline Bemore to DNA Chapter Representative.

Caroline Bemore motioned to forward all resolutions under Old Business to the regular chapter meeting on February 13, 2015.

Seconded by: Francis Honie

VOTE: 04-00-00

V. The meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Motioned by: Caroline Bemore

Seconded by: Marlene Biltah

VOTE: 04-00-00

Next Chapter Meeting: Friday, April 10, 2015 @ 3:00 pm

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



Marlene Biltah, Secretary/Treasurer