

Black Mesa Chapter  
Planning Meeting Minutes  
August 10, 2015

- I. Meeting Called to Order by Larry Biltah at 4:22pm.
  - A. Invocation provided by Marlene Biltah.
  - B. Reading and Approval of Meeting Minutes of July 6, 2015  
Motioned by: Caroline Bemore  
Seconded by: Francis Honie  
VOTE: 03-00-00
  - C. Adoption of Agenda  
Motioned by: Caroline Bemore  
Seconded by: Marlene Biltah  
VOTE: 04-00-00
  - D. Announcements:
    1. 8/11/15 – NDOT Meeting on Low Water Crossing Projects @ Tse Bonito NM, 11am
    2. 8/12/15 – NDOT Regional Chapter Meeting @ Chinle
    3. 8/13/15 – LCRWSA Closeout Meeting @ Pinon
    4. 8/13/15 – LCRWSA Meeting with RDC @ Hardrock
    5. 8/14/15 – Precinct I-III GCM Meeting @ Pinon NPL Office, 10am
    6. 8/15/15 – Cultural Class & Horsemanship Training @ Window Rock, 9am
    7. 8/19/15 – LCRWSA Steering Committee Meeting @ Pinon
    8. 8/19/15 – Law Enforcement Day @ Pinon, 9am
    9. 8/24/15 – CLUPC and Navajo County Meeting @ BM Chapter, 9am
    10. 8/24-25/15 – Nationwide GCM Training @ Albuquerque NM
    11. 9/1/15 – BM Review Board Meeting @ PWCC, 1p
    12. 9/2/15 – CSC and AMS Meeting @ BM Chapter, 10am
    13. 9/2/15 – Precinct II GCM Meeting @ Forest Lake, 9am
    14. 9/17/15 – CLUPC and Navajo County Meeting @ Holbrook AZ, 9am
- II. Brief Reports and Introductions of Resolutions:
  - A. Council Delegate, Dwight Witherspoon
    1. Navajo Hopi Land Commission Meeting on July 28<sup>th</sup>
      - a. Nine chapters were affected by Former Bennett Freeze
      - b. BIA and NHLC are making attempts to get assistance from the Congress.
      - c. The Commission will be scheduling meetings with Navajo President at the chapter level in September 2015.
    2. Dzilyjiin Regional Council Meeting on July 2<sup>nd</sup>
      - a. Chapter Association Project for FY 2015-2016.
      - b. Supporting and recommending the continuation of Gates Millennium Scholarship Program.
    3. Budget & Finance Committee Meeting
      - a. \$2,4 Million for St. Michaels Association for Special Education
      - b. \$3 Million for Summer Youth Employment for 110 Chapters

- c. \$163,372 for Wide Ruins Chapter Scattered Power Line Extension Project
  - d. \$45,000 for Navajo Hopi land Commission Office's operating expenses
  - e. \$400,000 for BM Head Start Facility Construction project
  - f. \$21,117 for Hardrock Chapter's Rural Addressing System
4. NNC Summer Sessions – Actions on Legislations
- a. Permanent Trust to Support Transportation Stimulus Plan – referred back to Naabi'ki'yati Committee
  - b. Permitting Navajo President whose term has ended to continue his/her functions pending an election, certification and administering of oaths for new elected President and Vice President – Approve
  - c. Requiring NN Supreme Court Justices to Hold a Juris Doctorate Degree – referred back to Law & Order Committee
  - d. Amending Title II by moving Dept of Personnel Management from Division of Human Resource to Office of the President and Vice President as political appointee – referred back to HEHSC and Law & Order Committee
  - e. Enacting the Alcohol Tax at Navajo Casinos – Approved
  - f. Confirming appointees, Jackson Brossy as NN Washington Office Director and Ethel Billie Branch as NN Attorney General – Approved
  - g. \$31,780 for Tsidi To'ii Chapter for Road Improvement – Approved but Veto by NN President
  - h. \$45,000 for NHLC Operation Expenses – Failed
  - i. \$3 Million for Summer Youth Employment – Approve but Veto by NN President
  - j. \$163,372 for Wide Ruins Chapter Scattered Power Line Extension Project – Tabled due to unavailable of funds
  - k. \$400,000 for BM Head Start Facility Construction Project – Table due to unavailable of funds
  - l. \$200,000 for Navajo Community Development Financial Institution – Approved
  - m. \$21,117 for Hardrock Chapter Rural Addressing System – Approved but Veto by NN President
5. Claudia Jackson was introduced as a Legislative Assistance and been working for two weeks now.

B. Grazing Committee Member, Francis Honie

- 1. Requesting for funds to conduct horse roundup activities this coming year.
- 2. Apache County will conduct the survey of the area before roundup activities. They will be assisted by Navajo Nation and BIA.
- 3. The BM Chapter needs to update the resolution for roundups.
- 4. After the roundup of the wild horses, the cattle will be next to being round up.
- 5. Unbranded horse and cattle will taken and become of the properties of NN.
- 6. Grazing Permit Redistributions
  - a. Precinct I-II will be the first to get their permits, then Precinct III.
  - b. Range units are pending for Precinct III and will be delay the redistribution of permits.
  - c. Any over the allowable sheep units on permits will be allow selling to reduce; otherwise citations will be issue and owner will become ineligible to receive permits.
  - d. There are about 1146 permits in NPL area and only half might receive their permits.
  - e. When reclaiming horses and/or cattle, it will be based on allowed sheep units on the permit. If over, outstanding will become the property of NN.
  - f. Based on grazing range, others might become eligible to get permits.
- 7. State branded livestock will be taken (remove) from NPL area.
- 8. There are lands available for grazing by San Francisco Peak and Winslow tract lands.

- C. CSC, Albert Lee
  - 1. BM Solar Energy Project – Energy saving microwaves will be distributed to people that participated in the project.
  - 2. The cut-off date for any financial transactions is on September 18<sup>th</sup>. The Chapter Administration will be working on closing out the fiscal year and forwarding funding.
  - 3. The monthly financial reports are completed and to be review by the chapter officers.
  
- D. Call to the Public
  - 1. Wilson Honie request for road and crossings repairs toward their residents, off N8034.
  - 2. Annie Remiro expressed concern on the main wash by Chapter House, N8066.
  - 3. Ella Tallis also request for road and crossing repairs on N8088 (upper Yale Point Valley).
  
- E. CHR, Lynn Dean – Absent.
  
- F. BM Veteran’s Organization, Richard Sage
  - 1. Chapter Veterans Assistance
    - a. 21 members to be assistance at \$350.00 each
    - b. Only 5 did get assistances; others need paper work from Richard Claw and to be submitted the Chapter Administration.
  - 2. FY 2016 Appropriations from Chinle Agency Veterans Trust Fund in amount of \$24,000
  - 3. November 11<sup>th</sup> Veterans Day – The organization is planning parade, veteran activities, honoring all veterans, chapter officials, and school official for their support.
  - 4. He has been submitting meeting minutes to Chinle and submitted missing meeting minutes to Chapter Administration (October 2014 to current).
  
- G. CLUPC, Daisy Kiyaani
  - 1. The Committee had two meetings with Navajo County on updating the manual.
  - 2. They are still conducting community surveys for community demographics.
  - 3. Land withdrawal is a big issue – no one is giving consent for economic development.
  - 4. Lower Colorado River Watershed Projects
    - a. \$1.4 million for 20 chapter to do projects
    - b. The Committee would like to project to continue.
  - 5. Southwest Conservation was conducting survey on local weeds called obnoxious weeds.

Amos Johnson of BIA NPL Office hired the team from Southwest Conservation of Colorado and he should be informing the community.
  
- H. BM Review Board, Andrew Benallie
  - 1. Forest Lake, Kayenta, Shonto and Chilchinbeto chapters are affected by immediate mining area and support the Manymules Waterline Extension Projects.
  - 2. FY 2014 – all 6 chapters received \$250,000 from Peabody Coal Company for chapter infrastructure projects.
  - 3. FY 2015 – All funds might be used for Manymules Waterline Extension Project. Pinon and Black Mesa chapters are requesting for their share of \$250,000 each.
  - 4. BM Chapter needs the funds for North Valley Power Line Extension Project.

5. Peabody Coal Company is proposing amendments to existing lease - to increase to 2500 acre to current mining area.
6. He talked with the Speaker of NNC about funding the transfer station at Peabody.

I. Dzilyjiin Regional Community Development Corp., Jimmie Yellowhair – Absent.

J. Chapter Officers

1. Larry Biltah reported on North Valley Power Line Extension Project.
2. Caroline Bemore reported on East Valley Waterline Extension Project, proposed North Valley Waterline Extension, BM Head Start Building Project and Red Dog Gravel.
3. Marlene Biltah reported on N8066 Road Construction, N8065 Low Water Crossing, BIA Road Maintenance and BM Solar Energy Project.

K. Others – None.

III. Updates on Chapter Projects:

A. N8066 Road Construction/Permanent Bridge Project

1. Construction scheduled by 2020. Three projects within Chinle Agency for FY 2016 – Nazlini to Chinle, Pinon to Hard Rock and Lukachukai to Tsaile. The projects will expand for three years.
2. BIA Roads Dept of Regional Office says it is 100% project ready but NDOT says it's 80%.
3. The priority listing is developed by RDC.

B. N8065 Low Water Crossing

1. NDOT allocated \$400,000 from Fuel Incise Tax 6 years ago but has delayed it because there will be a permanent bridge with road construction.
2. The Chapter Officials tells NDOT to keep the two projects separate.
3. A meeting is scheduled at NDOT office in Tse Bonito tomorrow at 11 pm.

C. East Valley Waterline Extension Project (Yale Point)

1. NTUA claimed that the pump house did not meet their compliance/specifications so they are working on it.
2. The assessments will be submitted to OEH, then to Area Office.
3. Water will be turn on till next year.

D. BM Head Start Building

1. \$400,000 proposal was tabled by NNC at their summer session due to unavailability of funds.
2. The previous allocations are still in account for the project.
3. Discussion with First Things First about meeting the deadline for grant proposal was conducted.

E. BM Solar Energy Phase II – Completed in July 2015.

1. \$40.00 payments are due on a monthly basis.
2. If fail to pay for three month, the system will be turn off.

3. If no payment after being notify by three months, the whole system will be removed and transfer to another person.

F. North Valley Power Line Extension Program

1. A new resolution is needed to separate the main trunk line for two locations. One from Peabody to Oakridge and the other one from Kitsillie towards the Honie residents.
2. The reason is cost affective for lower cost.

G. Telecommunication – Frontier

IV. Resolutions:

- A. BMC-15-08-133: Approve Horse (livestock) Management Activities at Black Mesa Chapter Community
- B. BMC-15-08-134: Accept and Authorize FY 2016 Appropriation and Budget of \$261,587.00
- C. BMC-15-08-135: Approve Chapter Scholarship Assistance for Jamie Yazzie, Christopher Yazzie, Leslie Joe and Alfred Lee
- D. BMC-15-08-136: Approve Chapter Medical Assistance for Carlos Begay Jr.
- E. BMC-15-08-137: Approve \$50.00 for Joint Meeting of Navajo County and BM CLUPC on August 24, 2015 at Black Mesa Chapter
- F. BMC-15-08-138: Supporting Chinle Agency Veterans Trust Fund of \$24,000 for BM Veterans Organization
- G. BMC-15-08-139: Expressing Appreciation to Infrastructure Committee for Distributing \$250,000 to 6 Chapters and Request the Distribution to be Continue for the Remaining Balance of \$10 Million of Peabody's Infrastructure Commitment Fund
- H. BMC-15-08-140: Requesting to NTUA to Separate the Main Trunk Line for North Valley Power Line Extension Project
- I. BMC-15-08-141: Request for Financial Report from to Chinle DCI on Black Mesa Solar Energy Project Phase II
- J. BMC-15-08-142: Request to NDOT for Road Repairs and Two Crossings on Residential Road to Honie Resident, off Route N8034.
- K. BMC-15-08-143: Request to Apache County and NDOT to Repair Crossing at Upper Yale Point Valley on Route N8088

Motioned by Dwight Witherspoon to forward all resolutions to be consider at regular chapter meeting.

Seconded by: Caroline Bemore

VOTE 05-00-00

V. The Meeting Adjourned at 8:12 pm.  
Motioned by: Caroline Bemore  
Seconded by: Dwight Witherspoon  
VOTE: 05-00-00

Next Chapter Meeting: Monday, August 17, 2015 @ 1:00 pm

Next Planning Meeting: Friday, September 4, 2015 @ 1:00 pm

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Marlene Biltah, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer