

Black Mesa Chapter
Chapter Meeting ~~Agenda~~ Minutes
August 25, 2016

- I. Meeting Called to Order by Larry Biltah @ 3:25 pm.
 - A. Invocation provided by Emma Dixon.
 - B. Reading & Approval of Meeting Minutes of July 15, 2016 (distributed copies)
Motioned to deferred to next chapter meeting by: Dorothy R Yazzie
Seconded by: Jane Baloo
VOTE: 14-00-01
 - C. Adoption of Agenda
Motioned by: Jane Baloo
Seconded by: Nona Yazzie
VOTE: 15-00-01

Motioned to Suspend the Rules by: Dorothy R Yazzie
Seconded by: Sara Mailboy
VOTE: 14-00-01
- II. Resolutions:
 - A. BMC-16-08-123: Approve Chapter Scholarship Assistance for Joanne Yazzie and Jamie Yazzie. Not approved due absent or non family representatives for Makayla Yellowhair, Kristen Yellowhair, Shanaya Clark, Shaniah Whitehair, and Kristen Tallis.
Motioned by: Albert Lee
Seconded by: Dorothy R Yazzie
VOTE: 14-00-01
 - B. BMC-16-08-124: Approve Medical Assistance for Jane Baloo, Roger Honie and Sam Honie Jr. Not approved due absent was Priscilla Yellowhair.
Motioned by: Albert Lee
Seconded by: Dorothy Yazzie
VOTE: 14-00-05
 - C. BMC-16-08-125: Request to Apache County to replace new storage water tank (25K Closure) at Windmill #4T500
Motioned by: Albert Lee
Seconded by: Dorothy R Yazzie
VOTE: 14-00-01
 - D. BMC-16-08-126: Request to Apache County for 17 Earthen Dams clean ups on Route N8088
Motioned by: Albert Lee
Seconded by: Dorothy R Yazzie
VOTE: 14-00-01

- E. BMC-16-08-127: Approve Acceptance and Authorization for FY 2017 Chapter Funds of \$230,644.80
Motioned by: Dorothy R Yazzie
Seconded by: Jane Baloo
VOTE: 14-00-01
- F. BMC-16-08-128: Approving and Assuming Maintenance Responsibility of Planned Black Mesa Chapter Parking Lot upon Completion of Paving
Motioned by: Albert Lee
Seconded by: Dorothy Yazzie
VOTE: 14-00-01
- G. BMC-16-08-130: Request to NN Division of Community Department to Approve \$16,000 Bathroom Additions Funds (CIP)
Motioned by: Albert Lee
Seconded by: Dorothy Yazzie
VOTE: 14-00-01
- H. (TABLED) BMC-16-08-131: Approve LCRWCA Inter-Governmental Agreement for Chapter's Watershed Projects
Motioned to Tabled by: Dorothy R Yazzie
Seconded by: Jane Baloo
VOTE: 14-00-01

DRYazzie expressed her concern on lack of or minimal projects conducted this summer. Local reservoirs need to be restored.

CBemore explained the association is operating on carry-over funds which depleted by the end of July 2016. There are less staff members and some are on part-time basis.

Motioned to Tabled Items #I-Q by: Dorothy R Yazzie
Seconded by: Albert Lee
VOTE: 14-00-01

Justifications for tabling these items:

1. Need to schedule a public education/meeting for community inputs (suggestions, recommendations)
 2. Explanation to be provided by Chapter Administration and Chapter Officers for people to understand the policies.
 3. Recommend uploading all policies on chapter's website for comments from students that are in colleges/universities.
 4. Recommend to make copies available at the Chapter Administration.
- I. (TABLED) BMC-16-08-132: Approve Revised BM Chapter Scholarship Fund Policy
- J. (TABLED) BMC-16-08-133: Approve Revised BM Chapter PEP Fund Policy

- K. (TABLED) BMC-16-08-134: Approve Revised BM Chapter Stipend Fund Policy
- L. (TABLED) BMC-16-08-135: Approve Revised BM Chapter SYETP Fund Policy
- M. (TABLED) BMC-16-08-136: Approve Revised BM Chapter Housing Discretionary Fund Policy
- N. (TABLED) BMC-16-08-137: Approve Revised BM Chapter General Activity Fund Policy
- O. (TABLED) BMC-16-08-138: Approve Revised BM Chapter General Fund Policy
- P. (TABLED) BMC-16-08-139: Approve Revised BM Chapter Property and Equipment Policy
- Q. (TABLED) BMC-16-08-140: Approve Revised BM Chapter Emergency Fund Policy
- R. ~~BMC-16-08-141~~: Supporting Forest Lake Chapter on Range Unit Boundary Line for 309 and 310
Motioned by: Emma Dixon
Seconded by: Dorothy Yazzie
VOTE: 13-00-0-02
- S. BMC-16-08-142: Request NDOT to conduct Archeological Clearances on Proposed Bridges on N8066 and N8065 (N8066 Road Construction Phase III Project)
Motioned by: Dorothy Yazzie
Seconded by: Jane Baloo
VOTE: 15-00-01

III. Announcements

- 1. None

IV. Reports:

A. Other – Bill Yazzie

- 1. He introduced himself as a write-in candidate for Navajo County Supervisor for District 1.
- 2. Other candidates are Lita Dixon from Kayenta and Lee Jack (current Council Delegate) from Whitecone.
- 3. His most concern is road improvements. Currently, a red dog gravel projects is being carry on by 10 chapters with assistances from Navajo County, BIA Roads Dept., NDOT and Peabody Coal Mine. These are only temporary improvements for 2.5 miles per chapter. He likes to see more miles added on.
- 4. County supervisors control the funds for their regions and he would advocate for more funds for road improvements.
- 5. Natives do not pay taxes on the reservations but they do when they shop in border towns which is more often on weekly basis.
- 6. Another concern is law enforcement operations. There are no backup to any local emergencies on Navajo Nation. Office of Navajo County Sheriff is able to assist the Navajo Law Enforcement with approved agreements.
- 7. Local senior citizen centers need help with funds to fully operate the programs adequately for Navajo elders.

8. He requesting for support from community and remember to write in his name on Tuesday, August 30th.

LBiltah provided information about the walk-in voting for Navajo Nation. The last to vote at any agency is on Friday, August 29, 2016.

DRYazzie stated that road improvement/construction should be #1 priority with Navajo Dept of Transportation including NN Council. It should be listed as such on BIA Indian Road Inventory. Paved road become priority during snow removal. Gravel placed on BIA system roads are washing away and not steady and secure.

JBaloo still disagreed with the action of NN Aging Program when they took over the van that was donated to Black Mesa Chapter by Navajo County. It was to be used locally to transport elder to Forest Lake Senior Citizen Center. The van was misused. The community would like to request for another vehicle and to be utilize by elders of Black Mesa Chapter community.

- B. Council Delegate, Dwight Witherspoon – Absent.
- C. Grazing Committee Member, Francis Honie – Absent.
- D. CSC, Albert Lee – No reports due to adjournment of the meeting.
- E. BM Review Board, Andrew Benallie – Absent.
- F. CLUPC, Dorothy R Yazzie
 1. The committee has been trying to schedule a meeting with Navajo County to finalize the CLUP manual all week. Hopefully next or the following week.
 2. They are still working with Albert on Rural Addressing.
- G. CHR – Left earlier due to incoming storm.
- H. BM Veterans Organization, Richard Claw – Absent.
- I. Dzilyijiin Regional Community Development Commission, Jimmy Yellowhair – Absent.
- J. Chapter Officers – All have participated in discussion on resolutions; no reports or updates due to adjournment of the meeting.
- K. BMCS and RRCS School Board – None
- V. Updates on Chapter On-going Projects: No updates due to adjournment of the meeting (lack of quorum).
 - A. N8066 Road Construction, Phase III & Permanent Bridge
 - B. N8065 Low Water Crossing Project
 - C. North Valley Power Line Extension Project

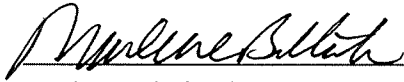
D. Black Mesa Head Start Building

E. Frontier Telecommunications

VI. The meeting adjourned at 4:39 pm due to lack of quorum. Everyone started to leave and not wanting to be stranded due to the coming of the thunderstorm and washouts.

NEXT PLANNING MEETING: Friday, September 9, 2016 @ 9:00 am

NEXT CHAPTER MEETING: Friday, September 16, 2016 @ 1:00 pm



Marlene Biltah, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer