

Black Mesa Chapter
Chapter Meeting Agenda *Minutes*
February 13, 2015

I. Meeting Called to Order Larry Biltah @ 4:56pm.

A. Invocation provided by Lynnette Greyeyes.

B. Reading & Approval of Meeting Minutes of 01/9/15 and 01/27/15

Motioned by: Jimmy Yellowhair

Seconded by: Nora Yazzie

VOTE: 17-00-02

C. Adoption of Agenda

Motioned by: Jimmy Yellowhair

Seconded by: Alice B Ten

VOTE: 16-00-04

Jimmy Yellowhair motioned to suspend the rules to act on Items "Old Business" and "Resolutions" before the "Announcements".

Seconded by: Dorothy R Yazzie

15-00-05

II. Old Business:

Motioned to approved all resolutions #A-G by: Jimmy Yellowhair

Seconded by: Louise N. Begay

VOTE: 16-00-04

- A. BMC-15-01-069: Approve Black Mesa Chapter's Updated Navajo Nation General Funds Policies and Procedures
- B. BMC-15-01-070: Approve Black Mesa Chapter's Updated Chapter General Activity Funds Policies and Procedures
- C. BMC-15-01-071: Approve Black Mesa Chapter's Updated Chapter Officers Stipend Fund Policies and Procedures
- D. BMC-15-01-072: Approve Black Mesa Chapter's Updated Community Land Use Planning Committee Plan of Operation
- E. BMC-15-01-073: Approve Black Mesa Chapter's Updated Property and Equipment Policy Manual
- F. BMC-15-01-074: Approve Black Mesa Chapter's Updated Emergency Fund Policies and Procedures
- G. BMC-15-01-075: Approve Black Mesa Chapter's Established Grazing Representative Fund Policies and Procedures

Comments by Chapter Officers:

1. Copies of each policy were distributed to community members at the special meeting and more were distributed again.
2. Requesting to make comments, suggestions and recommendations on the copies and submit them back to the Chapter Administration.

3. Chapter Officers and Chapter Administration are planning to schedule a work sessions to review all funding policies and procedures and update them as necessary.

III. Resolutions

- A. BMC-15-02-076: Respectfully requesting Mr. Leonard Chee of NN Division of Community Development to proceed with and forward BM Head Start Building Project, in writing, to NN Designing & Engineering Services.

Motioned by: Dorothy R Yazzie

Seconded by: Jimmy Yellowhair

VOTE: 18-00-02

- B. BMC-15-02-077: Approve Medical Assistance for Fred J Benally and Andrea Charley.

Motioned by: Dorothy R Yazzie

Seconded by: Daisy Kiyaani

VOTE: 14-00-06

- C. BMC-15-02-078: Approve chapter heavy equipment to be stored at CSC's resident for security reasons.

Motioned by: Ronald Kaye

Seconded by: Howard Yazzie

VOTE: 16-01-03

Comments by Community Members:

1. Recommending building a garage for all heavy equipment on site or installed high fences with security barb wired on top.
2. Incidents can happened while parked at CSC's resident and insurance might not covered them.
3. Purchasing bond insurance coverage for him might be costly which he needs to have heavy equipment stored at his residence.

Response by Chapter Officers:

1. This item might be finding when an audit was conducted on January 29, 2015 and approved resolution is recommended by Auditor for temporary storage.
2. The steel building will be installed this summer to store all heavy equipment on site, maybe with high security fences.

- D. BMC-15-02-079: Request and Approve reimbursement of \$23.83 for the purchased of 2014 W2's Form to Albert Lee. NO ACTION.

Comments by Community Members:

1. He should have request prior purchase instead of purchasing the items himself.
2. This is after the fact.

- E. BMC-15-02-080: Authorize to purchase doors, door knobs and keys for the BM Chapter House.

Motioned by: Dorothy R Yazzie

Seconded by: Daisy Kiyanni

VOTE: 10-00-10

- F. BMC-15-02-081: Request the OEH/HIS to extend the waterline from Katie Watchman towards Southeast to six homes.
Motioned by: Dorothy R Yazzie
Seconded by: Jimmy Yellowhair
VOTE: 17-00-02

Motioned for Add-ons by: Dorothy R Yazzie
Seconded by: Howard Yazzie
VOTE: 14-00-04

- G. BMC-15-02-082: Request to Navajo County to gravel N8065 with Red Dog Gravel.

Concerns expressed by Chapter Memberships:

1. When blading the road, all red dog gravel is being removed.
2. Who do we report to when our request for road improvements are being ignored by NDOT? Navajo Nation President?
3. Response to Mr. Witherspoon's statement on "not enough funds" to keep up with requests.
 - NDOT is getting most of the BIA Road Construction Funds and eventually Construction Section of BIA Roads Dept will phase out. They will go through "Reduction In Force" process.
 - These funds are being used more for hiring administrators which causes less of funds to do any road improvements (not enough operators).
 - Funds are being used for NDOT appreciation dinners/events and a lot of travels to out-of-state conferences.
4. Heavy duty truck (hauling trucks) are destroying the paved roads, making cracks.
5. A replacement of culverts needed for destroyed culverts on all routes.

- H. BMC-15-02-083: Approve Chapter Scholarship Assistance for Lawanda Yazzie.

Motioned to approve both Resolutions by: Dorothy R Yazzie
Seconded by: Howard Yazzie
VOTE: 17-00-02

IV. Announcements

- A. 2/13/15 – Red Dog Gravel Meeting @ Holbrook AZ, 10am
- B. 2/15/15 – BM Veteran's Organization Meeting at BM Chapter
- C. 2/16/15 – Precinct II District 4 GCM Meeting at Whippoorwill Chapter, 9am
- D. 2/17-18/15 – CERT Training @ Lupton Chapter AZ
- E. 2/19-21/15 – CLUP Conference @ Twin Arrows Casino
- F. 2/24/15 – Dzilyijiin Judicial Coordination Meeting @ PUSD, 10am
- G. 2/24/15 – LCRWSA General Coordination Meeting @ Dilcon Chapter, 10am
- H. 2/16/15 – Dzilyijiin Judicial District hosting "A Pro Se Clinic" @ Hardrock Chapter, 10am
- I. 2/27/15 – Fire Training @ Hardrock Chapter, 9am
- J. 3/4/15 – Precinct II GCM Meeting @ Forest Lake Chapter, 9am
- K. 3/5/15 – CHIP meeting @ Pinon
- L. March 2015 – Emergency Response Training @ Showlow AZ

V. Reports:

A. Council Delegate, Dwight Witherspoon

1. Brief updates on BM Head Start Building and N8066 Road Construction projects.
2. Dzilyjiin Regional meeting on January 8, 2015 at Pinon Chapter.
3. Navajo Hopi Land Commission meeting with House Appropriations Committee Field Hearing on January 24, 2015. The Committee met with some community members of HPL, New Lands and Bird Spring on many issues such as lacking of infrastructures and the needs of Navajo relocatees and HPL families and Bennett Freeze area.
4. Naa'bik'iyati Committee Meeting on January 22, 2015 - Re-appointing Levon Henry as Chief Legislative Counsel.
5. NN Council special session – Selection of Standing Committee of NNC. He got selected for Budget and Finance Committee and is Vice Chairman of the Committee.
6. \$1.5 million allocations from Peabody Western Coal Company – The Committee is recommending to allocate all of \$1.5 million towards Manymules Waterline Project for Phase III Allocations.

Concerns by Chapter Memberships:

1. Navajo Scholarship Office is delaying payment for student tuitions and causing late fees being added on to their tuition costs. These late fees are not covered by Navajo Scholarship Office. There needs to be some actions conducted soon by NN Council Delegates.
2. Navajo Nation should plan for set-aside funds for scholarship program to avoid what is happening right now.
3. Why can't NN negotiate with colleges on late payment fees to avoid extra fees (late)?
4. The sight of culverts by washes makes you think of what happened to all Navajo Leaders. These washes should have been repaired by now, but no action is being seen.
5. Recommending not to invest \$554 Million Settlement funds; the community needs are here. A lot of people do not have running water or electricity for their homes. Majority of the roads are not paved.
6. Navajo Nation Trust Fund is already in the Bank earning interests and it can't be touch for any needs of the Navajo people.

Mr. Witherspoons' Responses:

1. There is current discussion by Speaker of NNC and Budget/Finance Committee on proposing a Transportation Stimulus Act for the Navajo Nation.

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

C. Grazing Committee Member, Francis Honie

1. Navajo Nation Livestock Program requires ID tags for all livestock of the Navajo Nation. For more information, contact Chinle or Ft Defiance offices.
2. A resolution requesting the NN DOJ to give more authority to Grazing Officials has been submitted.
3. A home site lease will be required for all homes.
4. A revision is being recommended for Tally Count Guidelines.
5. No action on cancelled grazing permits and still conducting interviews for local livestock owners.
6. Most chapters have submitted resolutions requesting some changes to current NRIA but no actions yet by Navajo Dept of Agriculture.

Concerns by Community Members:

1. Livestock on public roads are big concerns of everyone; it causes accidents.
2. There should be some regulations and management control for owners such as issuing of citations and fines.
3. A law should be developed for control.

D. CSC, Albert Lee – Absent; attending the Red Dog Gravel Meeting at Holbrook AZ.

E. CHR, Lynn Dean – Absent.

F. CLUPC, Ray Gilmore – Absent; Family emergency.

G. Dzilyjiin Regional Community Development Corporation Commission, Ray Gilmore – Absent; Family emergency.

H. BM Review Board, Andrew Benally – Absent; Family emergency.

I. Chapter Officers – participated in discussions of resolutions and reports.

J. Others – None.

VI. Updates on Chapter On-going Projects:

A. N8066 Road Construction, Phase III & Permanent Bridge

1. Mr. Witherspoon met with Leonard Pete of RDC and recommending to do follow up with Mr. Harold Riley of Navajo Regional BIA Roads Dept.

B. N8065 Low Water Crossing Project

C. North Valley Power Line Extension Project

D. East Valley (Yale Point) Waterline Extension Project

E. Black Mesa Head Start Building

1. From previous meeting with Harrison Martin of DES, Leonard Chee of DCD and Casey Begay of CIP office, there will be some minor modifications to the restroom.
2. Two classrooms are still being recommended.
3. Need to schedule another meeting with them to request to go forward the project.

Comments by Community Members:

1. Urging the chapter officials to request for a documentation showing the funds amount for the project.

F. BM Solar Energy, Phase II

G. Telecommunications Frontier

VII. The meeting adjourned due to lack of quorum at 7:54pm.

Next Planning Meeting: Friday, March, 06, 2014 @ 1:00 pm

Next Chapter Meeting: Friday, March 13, 2014 @ 3:00 pm



Marlene Biltah, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer