

Black Mesa Chapter
Planning Meeting Minutes
February 6, 2015

- I. Meeting Called to Order by Larry Biltah @ 3:37 pm.
 - A. Invocation provided by Fred J Benally.
 - B. Reading & Approval of Meeting Minutes of 01/9/15
Motioned by: Dwight Witherspoon
Seconded by: Caroline Bemore
VOTE: 04-00-00
 - C. Adoption of Agenda
Motioned by: Dwight Witherspoon
Seconded by: Caroline Bemore
VOTE: 04-00-00
 - D. Announcements
 1. 2/13/15 – Red Dog Gravel Meeting @ Holbrook AZ, 10am
 2. 2/15/15 – BM Veteran’s Organization Meeting at BM Chapter
 3. 2/16/15 – Precinct II District 4 GCM Meeting at Whippoorwill Chapter, 9am
 4. 2/17-18/15 – CERT Training @ Lupton Chapter AZ
 5. 2/19-21/15 – CLUP Conference @ Twin Arrows Casino
 6. 2/24/15 – Dzilyijiin Judicial Coordination Meeting @ PUSD, 10am
 7. 2/14/15 – LCRWSA General Coordination Meeting @ Dilcon Chapter, 10am
 8. 2/27/15 – Fire Training @ Hardrock Chapter, 9am
 9. 3/4/15 – Precinct II GCM Meeting @ Forest Lake Chapter, 9am
 10. 3/5/15 – CHIP meeting @ Pinon
 11. March 2015 – Emergency Response Training @ Showlow AZ
- II. Brief Reports/Introduction of Resolutions:
 - A. Council Delegate, Dwight Witherspoon
 1. Dzilyijiin Regional Council Meeting on January 8, 2015 at Pinon Chapter
 - a. Advocating for existing project for proposed new Blue Gap/Tachee Chapter
 - b. NN Division of Economic to reinstate Whippoorwill Regional Business Development Office and replenish the program with initial budget.
 - c. Change the DRC Plan of Operation – LGSC to Administrative Service Center.
 2. NHLC Meeting with House Appropriations Committee Field Hearing on December 24-25, 2014.
 - a. Many issues were conveyed to the delegation about the needs of the Navajo relocatees, lacking of infrastructure, HPL Families and Bennett Freeze area.
 3. Naabikiyati Committee meeting on Wednesday, February 4, 2015.
 - a. He is being recommended to serve on Budget and Finance Committee.
 4. Andrew Benallie has been confirmed as BM Review Board Member.
 5. NNC will let the Navajo Supreme Court make a decision on NN President/Vice President Election.
 6. NN Personnel Dept – Recommendation to appoint “Personnel Director” position.

7. He has been requested to assist with proposed new Chapter House.
 8. Brief updates on BM Head Start Building Project.
 9. Recommending following the LGA Certification guidelines if and when BM Chapter gets certified and keep both CSC and AMS as Navajo employees.
- B. BM Veteran's Organization, Richard Claw – Absent.
- C. BM CLUPC, Ray Gilmore – Absent.
- D. Grazing Committee Member, Francis Honie
1. He attended NN Wide Meeting at Sanostee NM on January 16, 2015 (same date for chapter meeting).
 - FY 2015 supplemental funding
 - No funds for horse round up activities
 - Conservation Plans and Budget
 - Improve working relationship with chapter administrations
 - How to do mileage reports and reimbursements
 - Request to give more authority to GCM on livestock sells
 2. GCM meeting at Hardrock Chapter on February 4, 2015.
 - NPL reported on windmill repairs; it cost \$26,000 to repair a windmill. Vandalism already reported on some of the windmills.
 - State brands in NPL area is big issues.
 - Livestock count will take place to determine the capacity for each grazing land areas. This will be part of the redistribution of grazing permits.
 - BIA is recommending counting all livestock whether if they are penned or not this coming summer.
 - Living permit holders will be first priority to receive their permits.
 3. Navajo Nation allows probate on NPL grazing permits.
 4. NN Dept of Agriculture of Chinle allows to have cancelled permits used for selling of livestock and reduced the sheep units per capacity of grazing land area.
 5. Delegate Leonard Tsosie was assisting with pushing the legislation on redistribution of grazing permits but was been put on hold, until NN President is elected into the office.
 6. Warnings on Spotted Fevers and a health risks to human –
 - Recommendation to have your pets and livestock vaccinated.
 - Invite VETS to provide power point presentation on the spotted fever in March 2015.
 7. With the assistance from Ray Gilmore, a resolution is submitted to DOJ to give more enforcement responsibilities to Grazing representatives.
- E. CSC, Albert Lee
1. \$2,000 budgeted for Medical Assistance is unallowable according to Jane Mitchell of Chinle Administrative Service Center. The BM Chapter's FY 2015 Budget is approved by all NN departments in Window Rock.
 2. Marlene Hoskie, Sr. Planner of Dzilyjiiin ASC will be at the BM Chapter on Wednesday, 2/11/15.
 3. He has completed the January Budget reports.
 4. 360 bales of hay have been delivered.
 5. 3 truck loads of coals have been delivered by PEP last week.

6. W2's are completed.
7. Audit was conducted by REDW of Phoenix on 1/29/15 from 8:30am to 7:30pm. The current location of heavy equipment might be a finding.
8. He will work on getting three quotes for doors and door locks for the Chapter House.

F. Call to the Public

1. Requests for medical assistances.
2. Arlene Etsitty requesting for waterline extension from Katie Watchman to 6 homes located Southeast of her residents.

G. Dzilyijiin Regional Community Development Corporation Commission, Ray Gilmore – Absent.

H. CHR , Lynn Dean

1. She's been on the job for two weeks now.
2. She has 20 years experience at Chinle Unified School District as school health technician.
3. Requesting for a duplicated keys to the Chapter House, Office and storage.

I. BM Review Board, Andrew Benally – Absent.

J. Chapter Officers

1. All three chapter officers participated in the discussions on reports, introductions of the new resolutions and chapter projects.
2. Caroline Bemore made a brief report on Colorado River Water Shed – Orientation and training on water conservation and building dams/reservoirs.
3. Student workers from chapters will be allowed be involved.
4. There are four regions with the CRWSA. Nathaniel Tom is assigned to Dzilyijiin Region and located in Whippoorwill.

K. Others – None.

III. Updates on Chapter On-going Projects:

A. N8066 Road Construction, Phase III & Permanent Bridge

B. N8065 Low Water Crossing Project

C. North Valley Power Line Extension Project

1. Recommending the CSC to update and include all people that are residing along Route N8034.
2. Will inform the people about the requirement of home site lease.

D. East Valley (Yale Point) Waterline Extension Project

E. Black Mesa Head Start Building

1. Meeting held with Head Start program, DES and CIP Office personnel.
2. Was informed by CIP Office that one-classroom is being recommended by Head Start Dept. but Head Start Dept said otherwise. They are still with two classrooms.
3. \$400,000 is committed towards the project. \$350,000 is still in account.

4. Meeting with Architects on minor changes to the building.
5. Need to schedule a meeting with Harrison Martin of DES, Leonard Chee of DCD and Casey Begay of CIP Office on \$350,000. Also to request Mr. Chee and Mr. Martin to move forward with the project.

F. BM Solar Energy, Phase II

G. Telecommunications Frontier

IV. Old Business:

- 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

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

Seconded by: Marlene Biltah

VOTE: 04-00-00

V. Resolutions:

- A. BMC-15-01-076: 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.
- B. BMC-15-01-077: Approve Medical Assistance for Fred J Benally and Andrea Charley.
- C. BMC-15-01-078: Approve chapter heavy equipment to be stored at CSC's resident for security reasons.
- D. BMC-15-01-079: Request and Approve reimbursement of \$23.83 for the purchased of 2014 W2's Form to Albert Lee.
- E. BMC-15-01-080: Authorize to purchase doors, door knobs and keys for the BM Chapter House.
- F. BMC-15-01-081: Request the OEH/HIS to extend the waterline from Katie Wathman towards Southeast to six homes.

Dwight Witherspoon motioned to forward all resolutions to the regular chapter meeting on February 13, 2015.

Seconded by: Marlene Biltah

VOTE: 04-00-00

VI. The meeting adjourned at 5:57 pm.

Motioned by: Marlene Biltah

Seconded by: Caroline Bemore

VOTE: 05-00-00

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

Next Planning Meeting: Friday, March 06, 2014 @ 3:00 pm



Marlene Biltah, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer