

Black Mesa Chapter
Planning Meeting Minutes
January 06, 2017

- I. Meeting Called to Order by Larry Biltah @ 1:42 pm.
 - A. Invocation provided by Caroline Bemore.
 - B. Reading & Approval of Meeting Minutes of December 05, 2016
Motioned by: Caroline Bemore
Seconded by: Francis Honie
VOTE: 03-00-01
 - C. Adoption of Agenda
Motioned by: Marlene Biltah
Seconded by: Caroline Bemore
VOTE: 03-00-01
 - D. Announcements
 1. 01/10/17 – Chinle Agency Grazing Committee Meeting @ Dine College, 9am
 2. 01/11/17 – NN Chinle Agency Inauguration @ PUSD, 10am
 3. 01/12/17 – Dzilyijiin Regional Council Meeting @ Pinon, 9am
 4. 01/12/17 – NN Transportation Stimulus Public Presentation @ chinle, 9am
 5. 01/12/17 – BMC CLUPC Meeting @ Pinon NDOT, 10am
 6. 01/14/17 – Chinle Agency Council Meeting @ Pinon, 9am
 7. 01/25/17 – BM Head Start Construction Meeting @ BM Chapter, 11am
 8. 02/01/17 – District 4 Grazing Committee Meeting @ Hardrock, 9am
- II. Brief Reports/Introduction of Resolutions:
 - A. Council Delegate, Dwight Witherspoon – Absent.
 - B. Grazing Committee Member, Francis Honie
 1. He expressed his appreciation to Larry Biltah for working with officials and community.
 2. January 4th Meeting by District 4 grazing officials:
 - a. Only preliminaries and reports were given; waiting for new officials to take oath.
 - b. BIA reported on HPL boundary lines, but no reports on fences or windmill repairs.
 - c. There are 15 chapters in NPL that have 1048 cancelled permits; 1972 numerated livestock owners will be considered; reissuing of permits will begin in April 2017; tally counts and abiding by sheep units will also be considered. He's been recommending to reduce livestock to those that are over their sheep units.
 - d. Living permittees will be receiving their permit and there are five within Black Mesa Chapter area.
 3. Meeting scheduled in Dine College for all NN grazing officials, land and farm board members on January 10th will focus on 1998 legislation regarding on stipend funds. As a group, they have filed a law suit against NN and requesting for retroactive pack pay of their stipends.
 4. Since there are no consistencies with the funds for grazing officials, there are a lot of vacancies.
 5. All grazing permits used in NN will be renewed this year, including conservation plans.

6. NPL will consider range management plans to determine the carrying capacities before redistributed grazing permits.

LBiltah talked briefly on the number of permits and asked about the redistributions of permits.

- C. CSC, Albert Lee – Absent.
- D. Call to the Public – Requests for scholarship, housing discretionary and medical assistances.
- E. CLUPC – Absent.
 1. FHonie said the stipend is so low and should be increase; a changes need to happen.
 2. LBiltah talked about the history and initiatives of community land use plans and manual; the manual is review and updated every five years.
 3. MBiltah explained the chapter funds and the restrictions that are attached to each funding and unallowable of transferring from one account to another account.
 4. LBiltah explained about the NN Sales Tax allocations per agency using 50/50 formula.
- F. CHR, Tammy Rock – Absent.
- G. BM Veterans Organization, Richard Claw – Absent.
- H. BM Review Board, Andrew Benallie – Absent.
- I. Chapter Officers – Each chapter officer participates in discussion of introduction of resolutions and reports.
 1. MBiltah made a brief report for CSC of Chapter Administration:
 - a. Allocation of NN Junk Food Tax Fund of \$18,323
 - b. Next Meeting for Head Start Construction is on January 25th at 11am.
 - c. Rural Addressing – the website is still down.
 - d. NAPI is the only hay vendor that will deliver hay to BM Chapter; others do want to come due to road conditions.
 - e. Allocation of NN Sales Tax Fund of \$60,578
 - f. He will working with Vincent on walking trail.
 2. CBemore made brief update from the meeting she attended on December 21st.
- J. LCRWSCA- No Activity.
- K. BMCS and RRCS School Board – None.
- L. Others
 1. Glendalyn Davis, Pinon Health Promotion
 - a. She attended Forest Lake and Hardrock chapters regarding NN Unhealthy Food Tax allocations.
 - b. Funds are more for community, not only to certain population such as head start. She distributed the Fund Management Plan to chapter officers.
 - c. A playground can be installed but it has to benefit whole community.
 - d. Pinon Health Promotion is willing to assist the chapters with the plans on utilizing the funds.

e. A packet was given to Albert Lee when he attended the meeting last week.

MBiltah explained BMCS's Navajo Coordinated Approach to School Health (NCASH) program. The program is for everyone not only for students, employees and parents. Physical activities are scheduled on a monthly basis and open to community members but only 3-5 participates. The weight room is open to everyone too, which is open during the day. In 2008, the weight equipments were for the chapter but since there was no extra room, they were given to BMCS. She believes instructions for healthy activities will not receive good attendance.

LBiltah and CBemore agree that basketball court might be good for everyone, especially for young people. Chapter officers will discuss and work with CSC on the plans.

2. Frankie Begay

1. He retired from NTUA after 31 years.
2. He like the ideas on how to use Junk Food Tax Fund and advise to zero it out by September 2017.
3. He is offering his services to assist the chapter with internet broadband services.
4. He recommends the Chapter should invest in snowcat equipment for community emergency purposes and safety reasons using unexpended funds. It can be use for hauling hay or food during emergencies during winter months, especially to residents in higher elevation.
5. He is being nominated again for Navajo Central Rodeo Association and if elected, he will be moving back to his family in Lukachukai. He has been taking care of his parent's livestock for several months now.

LBiltah explained about the carryover funds and restrictions that are attached to each fund.

III. Updates on Chapter On-going Projects:

- A. N8066 Road Construction Phase III & Permanent Bridges
- B. N8065 Low Water Crossing Project
- C. North Valley Power Line Extension Project
- D. Black Mesa Head Start Building
 1. Update and Progress meeting of the construction is scheduled on January 24th at BM Chapter, 11am
- E. Frontier Telecommunications – Mbiltah
 1. The installation of satellite dish completed at Hole-in-the-Rock.
 2. The complete project will being landline telephones and internet services within four miles radius of the BMCS. The chapter house is included.
 3. Anyone within the radius can request for phone lines and internet services.

IV. Old Business:

- A. BMC-17-12- 028: Approve Appointment of Two New Members to Replace CLUP Committee Members for N8034/North Valley and N8066 valley – Francis Honie appointed as representative for N8034/North Valley

V. Resolutions:

- A. BMC-17-01-036: Approve Chapter Scholarship Assistancess for Sariah Todechine, Jary Nez, Desirai Nez, and Marsha Rose
- B. BMC-17-01-037: Approve Housing Discretionary Assistance for Lavennia Deswood, Jana Baloo, and Sam Honie Jr
- C. BMC-17-01-038: Approve Medical Assistancess for Ella Rockbridge, Nona Yazzie, and Sam Honie Jr.
- D. BMC-17-01-039: Approve Chapter Officers to attend 2017 Governance Conference at Albuquerque, NM on 2/27-3/3/16
- E. BMC-17-01-040: Accept and Approve NN Sales Tax Fund and Budget of \$60,578.00
- F. BMC-17-01-041: Accept and Approve NN Unhealthy Food Tax Funds and Budget of \$18,323.00
- G. BMC-17-01-042: Authorizing Update Bank Signatures for BM Chapter Account
- H. BMC-17-01-043: Respectfully requesting to RDS to add N8065 Water Crossing to NN Transportation Stimulus Plan Package
- I. BMC-17-01-044: Supporting NHA's Position as a Separate Entity from NN Government

Comments:

- 1. CBemore heard that NHA might go under the NN but should stay separate entity.
- 2. FBegay preferred scattered housing for the community; there are so much illegal activities at public rental housing areas.
- 3. LBiltah and CBemore talked about the rules and regulations that are web with NHA.
- 4. FHonie expressed his disappointment on red tapes of developing own business and regulations for VA and disabled housing assistancess.

Motioned to Forward All Resolutions to Regular Chapter Meeting by: Caroline Bemore

Seconded by: Marlene Biltah

VOTE: 03-00-01

VI. The meeting adjourned at 4:01 pm.

Motioned by: Caroline Bemore

Seconded by: Marlene Biltah

VOTE: 03-00-01

Next Chapter Meeting: Friday, January 13, 2017 @ 1:00 pm

Next Planning Meeting: Friday, February 10, 2017 @ 1:00 pm



Marlene Biltah, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer