

Black Mesa Chapter
Planning Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2015

- I. Meeting Called to Order at 1:270m by Larry Biltah.
 - A. Invocation provided by Ella Tallis.
 - B. Reading & Approval of Meeting Minutes of 12/7/14
Motioned by: Caroline Bemore
Seconded by: Marlene Biltah
VOTE: 03-00-00
 - C. Adoption of Agenda
Motioned by: Caroline Bemore
Seconded by: Marlene Biltah
VOTE: 04-00-00
 - D. Announcements:
 1. 1/13/15 – NN Inauguration at Ft Defiance Field House, 10am
 2. 1/14/15 – Regional Accountant Meeting at Pinon Chapter
 3. 1/16/15 – Navajo Nation Wide GCM Meeting at Sanostee Chapter NM
 4. 1/20/15 – NPL Technical Training for GCM at Pinon
 5. 1/22/15 – Tribal Resource Forum for AZ Tribes & Tribal Organization at Phoenix AZ
 6. 1/29/15 – Audit for LGA Certification
 7. 2/2/15 – Cancelled Permit Interview at BM Chapter
 8. 2/10-11/15 – NAHASDA Title 26 Training at Phoenix, AZ
 9. 4/15-5/15 – NN Environmental Workforce Development Program, open to age 18 and over and have NN CIB.
- II. Brief Reports/Introduction of Resolutions
 - A. Council Delegate, Dwight Witherspoon:
 1. Health, Education & Human Services Committee
 - a. Legislation 356-14 – Approved Amending NN Personnel Policies Manual to complement Amendments to NEPA.
 - b. Uphold the NN Board of Education’s decision on To’hajiilee Community School.
 2. Navajo Hopi Land Commission - He attended federal mediation meeting between Navajo HPL families and representative from Hopi Tribe. A request for a Congressional Federal Hearing Investigation of Hopi’s livestock impoundments occurring on HPL.
 3. Approval of new commissioners on NHA Board; they had their first meeting yesterday. Request by resolution to provide technician assistance to chapter on projects. Navajo Nation received funding of \$90 million a year. Encouraged the chapter to work with Marlene Hoskie, Sr Planner.
 4. Approval of supplement funding from UUFB in amount of \$600,000 to purchase 2 new transit buses; one will be used for route from Pinon, Chinle and Tsaile.
 5. Certifying Whippoorwill Chapter’s Five Management System Policies and Procedures (LGA Certification). BM Chapter will be audit this month and may qualify for LGA Certification.
 6. Approval of Budget reallocation in amount of the \$328,000 for Pinon Public Safety Project.

Comments and Concerns by Community Members:

1. Lack of support from Mr. Witherspoon on BM chapter project's and strongly recommending to do so like other Delegates do for their chapters; Approximately \$30 Million approved for 3-4 chapters from UUFB.
2. There is no support from Navajo Hopi Land Commission for NPL issues.

Responses: He is willing to assist chapters with their specific projects.

B. CLUPC – Daisy Kiyaani, Ella Tallis and Ray Gilmore

1. The Chapter needs to create and develop chapter projects.
2. The committee has run into road blocks such as no support from the Chapter and being told there are no funds for travel. There are travels that need to take place to work on rural addressing, especially meeting with NN tribal offices.
3. The current manual needs to be review and revision needs to take place. There are 135 pages.
4. Advice to CSC to make copies for chapter officials to review the manual for 30 days; schedule a joint meeting for review and updating the manual before presenting the chapter meeting for approval.
5. All chapter documents should to be maintained by the Chapter Administration.
6. Dorothy R Yazzie supposed to check on RFP for publishing a consultation advertisement.
7. All surveys will be compiled when Committee Members return them.

Alice Z. Bahe's Responses:

1. She recommends inviting all local residents surrounding the Chapter House to the CLUPC meeting on land withdrawal for economic developments.
2. All these residents are opposing any new development of public/rental housing due to local landfill not being maintained properly. It is a nuisance to the public. Trashes are being eaten by local livestock.
3. Residents of Kitsillie NHA are moving back in after a renovation of the housing units. They have trash bins for them to use but they throw them at the landfill.

Chapter Officers:

1. CLUP manual needs to be updated first, then work with the book for future chapter projects.
2. There were at least 3 sites identified in the current manual for scattered homes which is recommended by the community people.
3. Supports a joint meeting and development of team work to complete the manual.
4. Explains the funds allocated from NN have restrictions, and travel and stipend are not allowed.
5. Recommendations to seek outside resources for funding the CLUPC such as Navajo County and NHA/NAHASDA. Planning Steps can be (1) Manual updates/approval, (2) Feasibility/Survey Cost for land selected, and (3) Infrastructure.

C. Grazing Committee Member, Francis Honie:

1. He attended GCM meeting at Pinon NPL Office on 1/5/15. Technical training will be provided by BIA NPL personnel.
2. He also attended Precinct II GCM meeting at Pinon Chapter on 1/6/15. NPL personnel are limited due to reduction of employees of BIA.
3. Vegetation Survey and Weed control will be conducted by NPL.
4. NPL and HPL Right-of-Way

- Illegal trespassing of livestock that are state-branded and/or non-existence of grazing permits.
 - A citation and a \$500 fine will be imposed on illegal dumping of trashes.
5. There should be enforcement of regulations from the NN but no actions.
 6. He posted NN Livestock Sell schedules.

BIA NPL Office, Amos Johnson:

1. NPL Office is responsible for all fencing within NPL areas.
2. This year, NPL Office will conduct inventory of vegetation to determine an allowable sheep units. He encourages to reduce livestock that over the sheep units.
3. Windmill repairs are almost completed.
4. Three temporary labors will be hired for fencing projects.
5. BIA NPL requested and received \$70,000 for NPL Grazing Committee Members which will be used for travel expenses.
6. \$877,500 has been allocated by the NN Council for their stipend. This includes all NN Grazing Committee Members, Land Board Members, and Farm Board Members.
7. BIA NPL will conducted orientations/training and work sessions for GCM on resolution development, map reading, and conducting GIS instruments.
8. They will purchase new equipment such as laptops, GIS instruments, etc. for Grazing Committee members.
9. No actions or support from NHL, but instead Mr. Leonard Tsosie of RDC has been helping pushing for redistribution of grazing permits.
10. Assisting the GCM with request for NNC for \$200,000 which will be used for incentives for livestock sells on NN from \$554 Million Settlement Fund.
11. NN Council, Navajo President/Vice President need to lobby with Dept of Interior of Washington DC for more funds for NPL Programs. NPL Office is being funded on quarterly basis but need to be funded for two year. There is no long-range plan because of this.
12. Buffer Zone Initiative is to block all entrances through the fence and remove cattle guards.

D. CSC, Albert Lee:

1. He and AMS attended I.R.S. Training in Flagstaff AZ on January 6-7, 2015.
2. They will be working on W2's.
3. The batteries for the chapter truck have been purchased.
4. Still trying to get a hay vendor.
5. Brief updates on BM Solar Energy Project.
6. A balance of \$318 for housing discretionary fund.

E. Call to the Public:

1. Jimmy Yellowhair
 - He expressed his appreciation to the community people of Black Mesa, Forest Lake and Pinon for voting for him in General Election.
 - He is very grateful that Mark Grant, NN Comptroller, resigned.
 - NN departments and programs should be audit; chapters are always being criticized for mismanagement of funds and being audited.
 - Bonus of \$5000 are given to program/dept managers and only \$300-\$800 to personnel who are actually take care of the accountability protocols.
 - There is a need to develop a system control with NN Finance Dept.

- Recommending NN Council Delegates should not be allowed to hold another elected position.

2. Several request made for Chapter Scholarship Assistance.

F. Dzilyijiin Regional Community Development Corporation Commission, Ray Gilmore

1. He was nominated and approved by the Chapter three months ago.
2. Community Needs are -
 - Multipurpose Buliding for NN Social Services Program Office, Veterans Office, etc.
 - Police Station
 - Fire Station
 - No commercial, industrial or business identified in the current CLUP Manual, only residential housing.
 - Need to scheduled a local meeting with our young people and ask them how they feel about the livestock; what kind of business do they like to operate locally.
3. Commission Responsibilities:
 - Seek outside financial resources for community economic developments.
 - Work with local chapter's CLUP Committee.
4. BM community people need to provide themselves to be self-sufficient.

G. CHR - Vacant

H. BM Veterans Organization, Richard Claw – Left early.

I. BM Review Board, Andrew Benally – Absent.

J. Chapter Officers – They all participated in discussion with Council Delegate, CSC, CLUP Committee, and Grazing Committee members regarding their reports and introductions of resolutions.

K. Others:

1. Leland Dayzie, Office of NN ICIP – Left before giving his report.

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. \$250,000 allocated by Peabody Western Coal Company has been received and enough for feasibility studies.
2. This will make it project ready and the next allocation might cover the construction cost.

D. East Valley (Yale Point) Waterline Extension Project

E. Black Mesa Head Start Building

1. The funds are still available but confusion if the rebidding should be conducted again.

F. BM Solar Energy, Phase II

1. 6 more units have installed at homes by contractors and will be back to continued next week.

G. Telecommunications Frontier

IV. Requisitions:

- A. NONE.

V. Resolutions:

- A. BMC-15-01-047: Requesting for Approval for NN Comptroller to have CPA License.
- B. BMC-15-01-048: Request to have NN Supreme Court Justice to have Law Degree.
- C. BMC-15-01-049: Request to Navajo County Government to allocate \$40,000 for Black Mesa CLUPC operation cost.
- D. BMC-15-01-050: Request to NHA/NAHASDA for Planning Grant for BM CLUPC
- E. BMC-15-01-051: Respectfully Requesting NNC to Consider NN Livestock Producers by allocating incentives for livestock sales on the NN in the amount of \$200,000 from Sih Hasin Trust Fund (\$554 Million Settlement).
- F. BMC-15-01-052: Approve Emergency Medical Assistance for Ida Begay.
- G. BMC-15-01-053: Approve Chapter Scholarship Assistance for Myra Rose, Kristen Yellowhair, Joanne Yazzie, and Kristen Tallis.
- H. BMC-15-01-054: Accept and Approve \$250,000 from PWCC for North Valley Power Line Extension Project.
- I. BMC-15-01-055: Approve \$10,000 for Dzilyijiin Regional Red Dog Gravel Project.
- J. BMC-15-01-056: Approve Travel Authorization for Ray Gilmore to attend Tribal Resource Forum for AZ Tribes & Tribal Organization at Phoenix AZ on January 22, 2015.
- K. BMC-15-01-057: Approve Travel Authorization for Caroline Bemore to attend NAHASDA Title 26 Training at Phoenix AZ on February 10-11, 2015.
- L. BMC-15-01-058: Approve BM Chapter Special Meeting on January 22, 2015 at 10:00 am to Approve updated BM Chapter Funding Assistance Policies.

Caroline Bemore motioned to approved all resolutions to be considered at the regular chapter meeting on January 16, 2015.

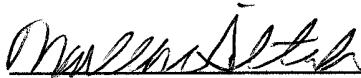
Seconded by: Marlene Biltah

VOTE: 05-00-00

VI. The meeting adjourned at 5:23 pm.
Motioned by: Caroline Bemore
Seconded by: Dwight Witherspoon
VOTE: 04-00-00

Next Chapter Meeting: Friday, January 16, 2014 @ 3:00 pm

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



Marlene Biltah, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer