

Black Mesa Chapter  
Chapter Meeting Minutes  
July 10, 2015

- I. Meeting Called to Order by Larry Biltah @ 6:19pm.
  - A. Invocation provide by Victor Yellowhair.
  - B. Reading and Approval of Meeting Minutes of June 12, 2015  
Motioned by: Fred Baloo  
Seconded by: Annie Remiro  
VOTE: 16-00-04
  - C. Adoption of Agenda with add-on to Resolutions, Item #I-K:  
Motioned by: Victor Yellowhair  
Seconded by: Jane Baloo  
VOTE: 16-00-04
- II. Leo Sheppard, Navajo County Public Works (delivered his report while waiting for a quorum to start the meeting)
  1. He also served as DNA Board of Directors; attended a meeting in Scottsdale, AZ and return early this morning.
  2. May 11, 2015
    - a. Jonathan Nez became a Navajo Vice President.
    - b. He appointed Robert Black of Shonto as Navajo County supervisor.
    - c. He announced he would like to see the projects he started to be completed.
  3. Red Dog Gravel
    - a. Archeological clearance is conducted by NDOT Archeologists for all roads designed for gravel site.
    - b. Currently the hauling of gravel is being conducted in Forest Lake area; Shonto and Black Mesa will be next. After that are Hardrock, Whippoorwill and Blue Gap chapter areas. Gravel is being placed only on BIA system roads, not for residents.
    - c. 4000 tons of gravel per chapter is being hauled.
    - d. During Mr. Nez last meeting, purchasing of portable crusher was discussed. NDOT will contributed \$500,000 and Navajo County will contributed \$500,000.
    - e. He still expressed interested of red dog gravel pit by Lee Bedonie's residents. This will be local establishment by the Chapter.
    - f. He explained 10 chapters contributed \$10,000 toward red dog gravel project.
    - g. He would like to see more water usage locally for this part of the area chapters. Currently it is being hauled from Whippoorwill and Peabody-Coal Mine.
- III. Announcements:
  - A. 7/10/15 – Precinct I-III GCM Meeting @ Pinon
  - B. 7/11/15 – Chinle Agency Council Meeting @ Wheatfields/Tsaile Chapter, 9am
  - C. 7/21/15 – NN Election on Language Referendum
  - D. 7/23/15 – Red Dog Gravel Meeting @ Pinon
  - E. 7/23/15 – JMI @ Black Mesa Chapter
  - F. 7/23/15 – Fire Safety Training @ Hard Rock Chapter, 9am-12pm
  - G. 7/24/15 – NN Council Special Session @ Window Rock
  - H. 7/31/15 – LCRWSA Coordination Meeting @ Lupton Chapter
  - I. 8/5/15 – District 4 GCM Meeting @ Hard Rock Chapter

Motioned to Suspend the Rules by: Victor Yellowhair  
Seconded by: Dorothy R Yazzie  
VOTE: 16-00-00

- IV. Power Point Presentation on "Navajo Traditional Cultural Property & Traditional Cultural Landscape Survey of Kayenta Mine Complex and Black Mesa" by HDR - Michael Benally, Anslem Etsitty and another colleague
1. Background
    - a. 12/23/2019 to 2044 – NGS and Kayenta Mine seeking Federal approval
    - b. 7/8/013 – Navajo Council Approved.
  2. Federal Regulations
    - a. HDR was selected and directed to do presentations on Navajo beliefs with surrounding communities of the Peabody Mine.
    - b. HDR will do surveys on proposed mining sites and submit reports to five agencies: Federal Agency of Surface Mining, Peabody Western Coal Company, two Bureau of Reclamation Offices and Navajo Nation Historic Preservation Dept.
    - c. A site visit to the proposed mining sites will be schedule on July 20-24 and August 17-28, 2015 for people living in leased areas and surround communities in August, September or October; people are encourage to sign up and attend; interview, comments and concerns will be taken at this time.
    - d. Interviews, comments and concerns will be compiled and submit to five agencies; development of programmatic agreement, treatment plans and proper protocols management will be created.
    - e. A meeting will take place in Flagstaff AZ on July 16<sup>th</sup>.
  3. The purposes is to help each agency understand the importance from traditional Navajo perspective in good faith effort.

Comments and Concerns:

1. All herbs are destroyed and will not be replaced.
2. Some people expressed local offices of agency should be established, not in California or elsewhere.
3. NN Council already approved and it supersedes everything local people are doing. The health concerns and problems are being ignored. When money is involved, NN Council will approve it.
4. The conduction of presentations and survey is probably just another familiarity by Federal Government.
5. There are a lot of health concerns expressed by community people such as black lung disease, respiratory problems, and dementia.

Motioned to Add on Item L under Resolution by: Annie Remiro

Seconded by: Rose T Lee

VOTE: 16-00-00

V. Resolutions:

- A. BMC-15-07-121: Approve \$50.00 for Youth Summit on August 13-14, 2015 @ Pinon Unified School District  
Motioned by: Victor Yellowhair  
Seconded by: Bessie Yazzie  
VOTE: 15-00-01
- B. BMC-15-07-122: Request to Navajo Soil & Water Conservation and Apache County to stabilize the Wind Around the Rock  
Motioned by: Victor Yellowhair  
Seconded by: Bessie Yazzie  
VOTE: 15-00-01
- C. BMC-15-07-123: Requesting for Waterline Extension and Power Line Extension for 6 Residents in Southeast Valley  
Motioned by: Victor Yellowhair  
Seconded by: Bessie Yazzie  
VOTE: 15-00-01

- D. BMC-15-07-124: Requesting the Apache County Supervisor Joe Shirley Jr and Apache County Officials for support in Soil and Water Conservation Study within the Apache County area of Black Mesa Chapter Boundary  
Motioned by: Victor Yellowhair  
Seconded by: Bessie Yazzie  
VOTE: 15-00-01
- E. BMC-15-07-125: Requesting the NN Dept of Transportation and BIA Road Construction for immediate action of the design and construction of Low Water Crossing on N8065 Oraibi Wash  
Motioned by: Victor Yellowhair  
Seconded by: Bessie Yazzie  
VOTE: 15-00-01
- F. BMC-15-07-126: Approval to Appoint Jimmy Yellowhair to Dzilyijiin Regional Community Development Corporation Commission.  
Motioned by: Victor Yellowhair  
Seconded by: Bessie Yazzie  
VOTE: 15-00-01
- G. BMC-15-07-127: Requesting to BIA Roads Dept and Navajo Dept of Transportation to expedite the construction of N8066 Road Project.  
Motioned: Victor Yellowhair  
Seconded by: Bessie Yazzie  
VOTE: 15-00-01
- H. BMC-15-07-128: Approve Travel Authority for BM Chapter's CSC and AMS to attend FY 2016 Budget Training @ Twin Arrows, AZ on July 9-10, 2015  
Motioned by: Victor Yellowhair  
Seconded by: Bessie Yazzie  
VOTE: 15-00-01
- I. BMC-15-07-129: Requesting for Joint Effort of BIA Roads Maintenance Dept, NDOT and Navajo County Road Maintenance to provide additional immediate improvement to N8065 with graveling  
Motioned by: Victor Yellowhair  
Seconded by: Jane Baloo  
VOTE: 12-00-04
- J. BMC-15-07-130: Approve Home Improvement Assistancess for BM Veterans: Ray Yazzie Sr., Charles Begay, Roger Honie, Ida Begay (widow), Fred J Benallie, and Billy Biltah  
Motioned by: Victor Yellowhair  
Seconded by: Bessie Yazzie  
VOTE: 15-00-01
- K. BMC-15-07-131: Approve Chapter Scholarship Assistance for Ray Yazzie Jr, and Rayanna Yazzie  
Motioned by: Victor Yellowhair  
Seconded by: Bessie Yazzie  
VOTE: 15-00-01
- L. BMC-15-07-132: Requesting NN Council and Peabody Western Coal Company to stop coal mining activities and opposing the proposed future mining sites  
Motioned by: Victor Yellowhair  
Seconded by: Bessie Yazzie  
VOTE: 15-00-01

VI. Reports:

A. Council Delegate – Absent.

B. Grazing Committee Member

1. He explained he took oath in January 2013 at Many Farms and will abide the Navajo Laws and regulations relates to grazing, livestock, and others.
2. Redistributions of Grazing Permits in NPL area – The process for approval will be going thru NRC, NCC and Navajo Nation President, then BIA.
3. Horse round up is still pending.
4. Currently he is conducting branding and tally count. He is using GPS as tool for monitoring of locations when he is conducting tally count and branding activities.

NOTE: Meeting adjourned due to lack of quorum.

C. CSC, Albert Lee – Absent. Attending ASC's FY 2016 Budget Training @ Twin Arrows, AZ.

D. CHR, Lynn Dean – Absent.

E. BM Veteran's Organization – No Repot.

F. CLUPC – No Report

G. BM Review Board, Andrew Benallie – Absent.

H. Dzilyijiin Regional Community Development Corp. – Vacant.

I. Chapter Officers – Participated in discussion on resolutions.

VII. Updates on Chapter Projects:

- A. N8066 Road Construction/Permanent Bridge Project
- B. N8065 Low Water Crossing
- C. East Valley Waterline Extension Project (Yale Point)
- D. BM Head Start Building
- E. BM Solar Energy Phase II
- F. North Valley Power Line Extension Program
- G. Telecommunication – Frontier

VIII. Adjournment @ 9:07 pm.

Next Planning Meeting: Friday, August 07, 2015 @ 1:00 pm

Next Chapter Meeting: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 @ 1:00 pm



Marlene Biltah, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer