

Black Mesa Chapter
Chapter Meeting Minutes
June 17, 2016

- I. Meeting Called to Order by Larry Biltah @ 11:05 am.
 - A. Invocation provided by Michelle Redman.
 - B. Reading & Approval of Meeting Minutes of May 13, 2016.
Motioned by: Victor Yellowhair
Seconded by: Dorothy R Yazzie
VOTE: 19-00-01
 - C. Adoption of Agenda and Suspend the Rules by Moving Resolutions before Announcements.
Motioned by: Dorothy R Yazzie
Seconded by: Victor Yellowhair
VOTE: 16-00-06

Motioned for Amendment for Add-on Items F-H under Resolutions made by: Michelle Redman
Seconded by: Kathy Terry
VOTE: 15-00-06
- II. Resolutions
 - A. BLAC-16-06-100: Request to Dept of Agriculture, Division of Natural Resource, RDC, OMB, NN Council and NN President to Provide funding for Stipend Payments to Grazing Officials, Land/Farm Board Members by Attending Chapter Planning and Regular Monthly Meetings.
Motioned by: Victor Yellowhair
Seconded by: Jane Baloo
VOTE: 24-00-01
 - B. BLAC-16-06-101: Approve Travel Authorization to Farmington NM for Chapter Administration, Chapter Officers, and CLUPC President to Attend Chapter Work Sessions on Updating Chapter Policies on June 29-30, 2016
Motioned by: Victor Yellowhair
Seconded by: Michelle Redman
VOTE: 18-00-07
 - C. BLAC-16-06-102: Approve \$100.00 for NN JMI Event at BM Chapter on June 30, 2016
Motioned by: Victor Yellowhair
Seconded by: Kathy Terry
VOTE: 24-00-02
 - D. BLAC-16-06-103: Approve \$500.00 for Dzilyijiin Regional Council Meeting at BM Chapter on July 07, 2016
Motioned by: Victor Yellowhair
Seconded by: Nona Yazzie
VOTE: 23-00-07

- E. BLAC-16-06-104: Approve \$250.00 for Sih Hasin Bike Ride Event on July 13-14, 2016
Motioned by: Victor Yellowhair
Seconded by: Jane Baloo
VOTE: 26—00-04
- F. BLAC-16-06-105: Approving and Accepting Supplemental Funds and Budget for FY 2016 Summer Youth Employment Training Program of the Amount of \$13,878.84
Motioned by: Dorothy R Yazzie
Seconded by: Ella Tallis
VOTE: 28-00-03
- G. BLAC-16-06- 106: Approve Chapter Scholarship Assistance for Nizhoni Redman, Arlyssia Sells, Shaniya Whitehair, Mikayla Yellowhair, and Monreno Nez
Motioned by: Dorothy R Yazzie
Seconded by: Ella Tallis
VOTE: 28-00-03
- H. BLAC-16-06-107: Requesting the District Grazing Committee and RDC to Strongly Consider Revising the Grazing Permit Redistributions based on Historical Use Area.
Motioned by: Dorothy R Yazzie
Seconded by: Ella Tallis
VOTE: 28-00-03
- I. BLAC-16-06-108: Requesting the District Grazing Committee and RDC to Amend ad Comply with Animal Unit as Defined in American Indian Agriculture Resource Management Animal Unit of December 3, 1993 and Amended on November 2, 1994.
Motioned by: Dorothy R Yazzie
Seconded by: Ella Tallis
VOTE: 28-00-03
- Motioned to Add on made by: Dorothy R Yazzie
Seconded by: Victor Yellowhair
VOTE: 27-00-04
- J. BLAC-16-06-109: Approving Medical Assistance for Gerry Begay
Motioned by: Jane Baloo
Seconded by: Ronald Kaye
VOTE: 28-00-03

III. Announcements:

1. 6/17-18/16 – Sheep as Life Celebration @ Dine College
2. 6/21/16 – Web Soil Training at Whippoorwill Chapter
3. 6/24/16 – LCRWCA Steering Committee @ BM Chapter, 10am
4. 6/30/16 – JMI @ BM Chapter, 530 pm
5. 6/30/16 – LCRWCA Work Sessions at Hardrock Chapter
6. 7/7/16 – Dzilyijiin Regional Council Meeting @ BM Chapter, 9am

7. 7/9/16 – Chinle Agency Council Meeting @ Rough Rock, 9am
8. 6/17/16 – Native American Fish/Wildlife Society SW Region Scholarship Deadline
9. 7/18-20/16 – Youth and Elder Summit @ Dine College, Tsaile
10. 6/6 to 7/8, 2016 – Summer Feeding Program for Children aged 18 years old and under at BMCS
11. Annual Wood and Mohair Sale - Listing of dates will be posted at the Front Office

IV. Reports:

- A. Navajo County Election Office, Lorraine Yazzie – Distributed flyers and pamphlet on 2016 Candidates for State Democrats and Republican elected positions, including Navajo County. A need for poll workers is requested.
- B. Council Delegate, Dwight Witherspoon – A brief reports on:
 1. Navajo Hopi Land Commission
 2. Navajo Transportation
 3. SYETP funds Approval
 4. New District Judge
- C. NN Dept of Agriculture, Land Dept. and BIA NPL Office (Ray Costillo, Ryan James and Amos Johnson) – Power Point Presentation on Range Unit Boundary started @ 1:31 pm and ended @ 3:41 pm. Questions were allowed and open to the public along with the presentation.
 1. Approved Legislation 0026-16 as Amended on 04/21/2016, Page 3, Line 9 was utilized
 2. Request for realignment of boundary lines procedures:
 - a. Family and neighbors come to agreements on changes
 - b. Introduce a resolution at the Chapter Meeting for approval (supporting or recommending); include maps as exhibits
 - c. BIA and Navajo Nation review the eligibility, enumeration listing and heirship
 - d. Forward approved chapter resolution to District Grazing Committee for approval or non-approval; If unapproved, can be appeal to Office of Hearing and Appeal
 - e. Range Unit Boundary Lines can be adjusted administratively by Dept.
 - f. Submit approved resolution to RDC for approval
 - g. There are 14 grazing committee members within NPL
 - h. If there are no changes on boundary lines, they will stand as is.
 3. Division of Natural Resource will conduct survey on range unit boundaries as approved by the Chapters.
 4. He explained the red areas on the map indicate high sensitive areas per National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) meaning there are endangered species within Black Mesa.
 5. The Dept. will identify and detailed information on number of cancelled permits per Range Units (living and non-living)
 6. 120 days began on April 21, 2016 and ending in August 2016.
 7. 1972 – We had Tribal Chairmen and Council delegates; Grazing officials were under ONEO
 8. 1980's – Three Branch Government was created and developed
 9. 1979 – BM Chapter was developed
 10. 2006 – Approval by Council Delegates
 11. Horse round up activities can be conducted
 12. Tribal laws and fundamental law applies in the process
 13. Fences are to control the animals and they cannot cross to the other side of the fences.

Questions and Comments by Community Members:

1. Trashes dumping and illegal wood cuttings
2. Problems with wild horses on grazing areas
3. People living in clustered were not considered when making boundary lines
4. Livestock restricted to go over the fences?

5. There will be problems and disputes that will cause by legislation.

Information to the Public:

GIS map requests can be made to Navajo Land Dept, web site: www.dinebikeya.org

Difference prices based on size of maps

Copies can be made on USB which is free

D. Grazing Committee Member, Francis Honie

1. He will be conducting livestock tally count and branding; 6 months old calf and colt will be able to be branded.
2. All 14 grazing officials are discussing to hold a combined horse round up activities at each chapter.
3. He is planning a cancelled permit meeting on July 1st.

E. CSC, Albert Lee

1. Chapter Admin. received supplemental funding allocations for SYETP; student workers to start in July 2016; there will be 6 college and 17 high school youth.
2. There will be several shut-off of solar systems for those that are in delinquent of payments.
3. The fencing project for chapter's heavy equipment will be conducted in August 2016; the size might be 100'x90'.
4. He recommending on purchasing a tractor to be used by the chapter for community.
5. A development of small garden by the chapter house has been conducted with assistance of Evalina Claw of LCRWCA.
6. He still working on updating the addresses of people for Rural Addressing.
7. He is looking for certified plumber to fix the sink in the chapter's kitchen.

F. CLUPC, Ella Tallis

1. The committee has been working on updating the CLUP manual with assistance of Navajo County and almost to complete for finalization; surveys were given out and have not received any back.
2. The manual contains community demographics, current and proposed chapter projects such as laundry and C-store.

G. CHR – Absent.

H. BM Veterans Organization, Richard Claw – Absent.

I. BM Review Board, Andrew Benallie

1. The Review Board had their June 7th Meeting, mostly on Manymules Waterline Extension Project.
2. There are a total of 119 miles of waterline that will go through terrains, hills, and washes.
3. Water tanks' locations are being discussed; one will be at Oak Ridge.
4. Oak Ridge is included but at the end of the project, Phase IV
5. Power line Extension is being proposed and NTUA to conduct the preliminaries to homes in Oak Ridge and homes along N8034.
6. Kee Russell and Alice Yazzie are getting new house due to relocation.
7. Reclamation areas are fenced and planting seeds for vegetation.
8. He believes that fencing the range units within NPL area will cause a lot of disputes among family and relatives.

J. Dzilyijiin Regional Community Development Commission, Jimmy Yellowhair - Absent.

K. Chapter Officers

1. Larry Biltah – He attended a meeting on Manymules Waterline Project this last week at Peabody Coal Company; the purpose of the meeting was to conduct site visit on Right-of-Way of the proposed waterline and installation of water tanks.
 2. Caroline Bemore – With several attempts, she finally got in contact with Shammie of Legislative Office in Window Rock regarding RDC meeting at BM Chapter; It has been rescheduled to June 22nd; she encouraged the public to attend the meeting and brief the RDC on winter hardships during inclement weather; She encourages the support from the community members on N8066 Road Construction Phase III.
 3. Marlene Biltah – She attended the meeting in Pinon last week on Sih Ha Sin Bike Riding event; the bike riding will be from Twin Arrows on July 10 and riding into Window Rock on July 18th. They will be going through Black Mesa on July 13, spent a night and leave, early morning, from here to Blue Gap/Tachee. They will eat dinner and breakfast. The event is for community health and wellness awareness on overweight, obesity and other sickness.
- L. LCRWCA, Evalena Claw – A brief updates on chapter's watershed projects within Dzilyijiin Region; Today is her last of work with LCRWCA and start working with Navajo County Public Works.
- M. BMCS and RRCS School Board – None.
- N. Others – None.
- V. Updates on Chapter On-going Projects: No current updates.
- A. N8066 Road Construction, Phase III & Permanent Bridge
 - B. N8065 Low Water Crossing Project
 - C. North Valley Power Line Extension Project
 - D. Black Mesa Head Start
 - E. Frontier Telecommunications
- VI. The Meeting Adjourned at 4:47 pm
Motioned by: Andrew Benallie
Seconded by: Ella Tallis
VOTE: 16-00-03

Next Planning Meeting: Friday, July 8, 2016 @ 1:00 pm

Next Chapter Meeting: Friday, July 15, 2016 @ 1:00 pm



Marlene Biltah, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer