

Black Mesa Chapter  
Chapter Meeting ~~Agenda~~ Minutes  
June 12, 2015

- I. Meeting Called to Order by Larry Biltah @ 5:04 pm.
  - A. Invocation provide by Dorothy R Yazzie.
  - B. Reading and Approval of Meeting Minutes of April 16 and May 15, 2015  
Motioned by: Annie Remiro  
Seconded by: Jane Baloo  
VOTE: 16-00-02
  - C. Adoption of Agenda  
Motioned by: Annie Remiro  
Seconded by: Jane Baloo  
VOTE: 17-00-03  
  
Motioned for Amendments to add on items to Resolutions by: Cynthia Kaye  
Seconded by: Freddie Baloo  
VOTE: 15-00-05  
  
Motioned to Suspend the Rules by: Dorothy R Yazzie  
Seconded by: Annie Remiro  
VOTE: 17-00-03
- II. Resolutions
  - A. BMC-15-06-013: Approve Travel Authorization for Francis Honie to attend Grazing Committee Training on June 15-17, 2015 at Twin Arrows, AZ based on availability of funds  
Motioned by: Jane Baloo  
Seconded by: Freddie Baloo  
VOTE: 16-00-02
  - B. BMC-15-06-114: Approve Veterans Home Improvement for Kyle Begay, Freddie Baloo, Lorena S Hudson, Lloyd Yazzie, Don Sage, Sherry Small and Richard Claw.  
Motioned by: Dorothy R Yazzie  
Seconded by: Annie Remiro  
VOTE: 18-00-01
  - C. BMC-15-06-115: Approve \$200 for food and project materials for BM Watershed project based on availability of funds.  
Motioned by: Dorothy R Yazzie  
Seconded by: Annie Remiro  
VOTE: 18-00-01

- D. BMC-15-06-116: Approve Chapter Scholarship Assistance for Teshina Price (Fall 2015) and Wade Hadley (Summer 2015); add-ons are Kyle Yazzie (Summer 2015), Karlene Henderson, Adriana Greyeagle (Fall 2015 and Mega Greyeagle (Fall 2015).

Motioned by: Dorothy R Yazzie

Seconded by: Annie Remiro

VOTE: 18-00-01

- E. BMC-15-06-117: Approve land clearances for Chapter Watershed Projects

Motioned by: Dorothy R Yazzie

Seconded by: Annie Remiro

VOTE: 18-00-01

Add-ons:

- F. BMC-15-06-118: Requesting to schedule a meeting with Navajo President and new appointed NDOT Director on N8066 Road Construction Phase III and N8065 Low Water Crossing Projects.

Motioned by: Dorothy R Yazzie

Seconded by: Annie Remiro

VOTE: 15-00-03

- G. BMC-15-06-119: Supporting the Implementation of Watershed Projects

Motioned by: Dorothy R Yazzie

Seconded by: Annie Remiro

VOTE: 15-00-03

- H. BMC-15-06-120: Supporting the continuation of funding for Watershed Projects

Motioned by: Dorothy R Yazzie

Seconded by: Annie Remiro

VOTE: 15-00-03

- I. BMC-15-04-098: Supporting Dzilyijiin Regional Council seeking funds for Dzilyijiin Judicial District for adequate office building and additional court staff to meet the needs of the people.

Motioned By: Dorothy R Yazzie

Seconded b: Annie Remiro

VOTE: 15-00-03

Motioned for Amendment to Agenda by: Irene Joe

Seconded by: Mary Lou Charley

VOTE: 18-00-01

- J. BMC-15-06-121: Accept and authorize the supplemental funds of \$20,925.33 for Black Mesa Head Start Building Project.

Motioned by: Jane Baloo

Seconded by: Mary Lou Charley

VOTE: 16-00-03

III. Announcements:

1. 6/12/15 – Budget & Finance Committee Meeting on FY 2016 Operation Budget
2. 6/13/15 – NHLC Meeting @ Twin Arrows, AZ, 9am
3. 6/13/15 – Livestock Sale by Prescott at Pinon
4. 6/15/15 – Tentative Meeting with HPL @ Kikosmovi, AZ
5. 6/16/15 – NPL Precinct I-III Meeting @ Twin Arrows AZ
6. 6/15-18/15 – Watershed Project training @ Pinon
7. 6/18/15 – Rural Addressing @ Crownpoint, NM
8. 6/25/15 – Annual Cactus Valley Meeting with Hopi Tribe
9. 6/25/15 – Watershed Hand-on Training @ Black Mesa Chapter
10. 7/2/15 – Dzilyjiin Regional Council Meeting @ Forest Lake Chapter, 9am
11. 7/11/15 – Chinle Agency Council Meeting @ Wheat Field Chapter, 9am
12. 8/2015 – NPL & HPL Joint Quarterly Meeting @ Pinon NPL Office
13. Mohair and Wool Sale @ Teec Nos Pos Trading Post, Monday to Saturday

IV. Reports:

- A. Council Delegate, Dwight Witherspoon – Absent. Concerns were expressed that he has missed three consecutive chapter meetings and needs to start attending the chapter meetings. He seems to be slacking off to represent the BM chapter.
- B. Grazing Committee Member, Francis Honie
1. He gave brief information on NPL and HPL joint meetings. Hopi Tribe filed suit against Navajo living in NPL in Superior Court at San Francisco CA., but was advised to settle the allegations locally. The allegations are trespassing of humans and animals, fence cutting, windmill vandalism.
  2. He explained the new Tally Count Form that all Grazing representatives will be using this summer. It has some regulation violations cited at the bottom of the form.
  3. Branding Activities - He advised only 6 months old calves will be branded. He informed that each livestock owners to get own helpers during the branding schedules.
  4. Horse round up at BM Chapter area is still pending. Currently, it's being conducted at Greasewood chapter area. American Human Society are always protesting against round ups, calling it animal cruelty if even though it's not.
  5. He gave information to the community that windmills are being repair.

Comments and Concerns by Community Members:

1. Horse round up needs to happen; get panels from NPL Office since they are offering them for the activities; start with local reservoirs where all wild horse gathered.
2. There are over 100 wild horses up towards North Valley (N8034) and took over the grazing lands.
3. Are there other alternatives or plans for imposing penalties as indicated on the Tally Count Form?
4. Horse round up should be conducted by the Chapter and sell them to buyers.
5. Request for assistance from NPL Office for material s to do horse round up.
6. Several expressed that they have to chase the horses off, continuously, when they're near the grazing area for sheep/goats and cattle.

Chapter President talked about several years ago that horse round up activities were planned with approval at three chapter meetings. Then it was opposed at the fourth chapter meeting. If everyone support the horse round up activities, they all need to be as "one" to make the activities happen.

C. CSC, Albert Lee

1. The Chapter will hire 8 high school and 3 college students for Watershed Projects.
2. There are 39 bales of hay available.
3. He deposited of \$2099.68.
4. He is requesting for chapter resolution for accepting the supplemental funds of \$20,924.33 for BM Head Start Building project.
5. Corrective Action Plan has been submitted for Chapter Audit conducted in January 2015. Findings were on segregation of duties. The Chapter Administration resubmitted a request to review the corrective action plans within 6 months.
6. He is working with MT Baldwin of Apache County on Rural Addressing. The meeting with her is scheduled on June 26<sup>th</sup>.
7. AMS has completed the financial reports for May 2015.
8. He mentioned that CLUPC manual is needed and due on June 30<sup>th</sup>.
9. He briefly made some updates on BM Head Start Building, BM Solar Energy and North Valley Power Line Extension projects.
10. A piece of a part, 1" gap, is needed for kitchen sink. This is required by OEH to passed inspection. After passing inspection, Senior Citizen Program can start using the Chapter House.

Concerns by Community Members:

1. A requests to bring in another big trash dumpster for community people.
2. The local land fill is a nuisance and ugly.
3. There are some lose dogs roaming and almost attached a local lady. Ever since people moved back into Kitsillie NHA, there seems to be more dogs. They need to fence in their dogs for safety of the public. Pinon NHA should be contact of these incidents.
4. Mr. Benallie explained trash problems are Navajo Nation's problem, not only this chapter. Who will pay for their trash at Transfer Station?

Comments by Chapter Officials:

1. Landfill is owned by Black Mesa Community School. This was determined by BIA Regional Office through extensive research. Currently the clean-up of landfill is on backlog of BIA Facility Management and seeking funds. BMCS can report any violations of dumping to EPA. Local people need to submit written statements if anyone is dumping trashes at landfill.
2. The reporting of lose dogs can be report to Pinon NHA if the dogs belong to any residents of Kitsillie NHA. As usual, a written statement is needed.
3. The funds of \$20,924.33 should be use for chapter house improvement.

D. CHR, Lynn Dean – No reports.

E. BM Veteran's Organization, Richard Sage

1. The Organization have monthly meetings, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month.
2. The June meeting is on 14<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm and everyone is invited.
3. The Organization gets monetary assistance from BM Chapter and Chinle Agency VA Office.
4. He briefly talked about the Memorial Day activities at BM Community School.
5. He will submit all meeting minutes to Chapter Administration on Monday, June 15h.
6. He encouraged everyone to have respect and honor all veterans, whether serving currently or completed their assignments.

7. He explained that home site lease is required for housing assistance through Chinle Agency VA Office. He was selected for FY 2015 housing assistance because he submitted all required documents on time. Others that were selected through the chapter meeting were delaying their paperwork. No one from BM Chapter is selected for FY 2016. He always encouraged other veterans to apply and when they do, to keep updating their applications.
8. There are 33 currently listed with BM Veterans Organization. Only nine would attend the monthly meetings.

Comments by Chapter Officials:

1. Veteran's Organization needs to submit financial reports on a monthly basis.
2. A request to submit list of names to the Chapter Administration on Monday, along with the meeting minutes. These are to be on file for auditing purposes.
3. The BM Chapter is an oversight for the organization.

Concern expressed by ML Charley, widow of veteran, on veteran assistances. She visited several times and has submitted all documents that were required at Chinle VA Office but not avail. RSage informed that to register, need to contract Tom Gorman. Chinle VA Office will determine the eligibility to become a member. Earlene Cooke is another person to contact and she is very helpful.

F. CLUPC, Dorothy R Yazzie

1. The Committee has been concentrating more on Watershed Projects.
2. She does acknowledge that CLUP Manual needs to be updated.
3. They are still working on Rural Addressing for the community. Developing street names will be conducted for emergency purposes.
4. She informed that Ray Gilmore is considering resigning from the Committee. If he does, a new member needs to be replace.

G. BM Review Board, Andrew Benallie

1. There will be shortfall of funds for Manymules Waterline Extension Project so other chapters are contributing their \$250,000 (allocations from PWCC).
2. BM Chapter will be using their \$250,000 towards chapter projects for North Valley which are power line and waterline. He supports the decision made by the Chapter.
3. The allocations from PWCC are mainly to be used for chapter infrastructures.
4. Chapter approved resolution on allowing Review Board members to include in Infrastructure Committee whom makes a decision on \$15 Million.
5. He mentioned that Kee Yazzie of Kayenta resigned from Review Board.
6. Their next meeting is on July 7, 2015.

H. Dzilyijiin Regional Community Development Corp. – Vacant.

I. Chapter Officers – All three officers participated in discussion of resolutions, reports and chapter projects.

J. LCR Watershed Steering Committee, Caroline Bemore and Gloria Johns

1. There are four regions the implementing the watershed projects which are Luepp, Dilcon, Lupton, and Dzilyijiin.

2. The water flows from Yale Point and North Valley (N8034) into Oriabi Wash. Then it flows into Hopi land, to Luepp and down to southern Arizona.
3. Watershed projects are educational and will be good experiences for local youth. Water conservation and land preservation is part of the learning experiences.
4. SYETP will start on June 22<sup>nd</sup> for BM Chapter. The first two days will orientation on methods and techniques of the projects.
5. The chapter can provide working gloves, sand bags, etc. towards the projects.
6. The first 5 projects will be at Ned Todechine (Wolf Creek), Amos Redhair, Fred J Benallie, Tsosie Begay and Amos Johnson.

K. Soil and Water Conservation District Representative, Otis Nalwood – Absent.

L. Others – None.

V. Updates on Chapter Projects:

A. N8066 Road Construction/Permanent Bridge Project – scheduled a meeting Navajo President and new appointed NDOT Director.

B. N8065 Low Water Crossing

C. East Valley Waterline Extension Project (Yale Point)

D. BM Head Start Building

1. \$400,000 is needed to start the project. Navajo Head Start Dept. is contributing \$200,000.
2. A grant proposal has been submitted for \$400,000 from UUFB.

E. BM Solar Energy Phase II

1. 50 units have been installed.
2. There is a \$40.00 monthly payment by each tenant.

F. North Valley Power Line Extension Project

1. Lemanual James of Chinle NTUA informed the chapter the estimate of cost is still pending.

G. Telecommunication – Frontier

VI. The meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Motioned by: Jane Baloo

Seconded by: Joseph Redhair

VOTE: 16-00-01

Next Planning Meeting: Monday, July 06, 2015 @ 3:00 pm

Next Chapter Meeting: Friday, July 10, 2015 @ 3:00 pm



Marlene Biltah, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer