

Black Mesa Chapter
Chapter Meeting Minutes
March 29, 2016

- I. Meeting Called to Order by Larry Biltah @ 2:28 pm.
 - A. Invocation: Richard Sage
 - B. Reading & Approval of Meeting Minutes of 02-12-16
Motioned by: Nona Yazzie
Seconded by: Roger Honie
VOTE: 17001
 - C. Adoption of Agenda:
Motioned by: Amos Johnson
Seconded by: Richard Sage
VOTE: 18-00-01

Motioned to add on Items #K-N to Resolutions by: Roger Honie
Seconded by: Amos Johnson
VOTE: 17-00-01

Motioned to suspend the rules, go to Resolutions by: Nona Yazzie
Seconded by: Shirley Honie
VOTE: 17-00-01
- II. Resolutions:
 - A. BMC-16-03-059: Supporting LCRWSCA's Leadership Program and Initiatives
Motioned by: Nona Yazzie
Seconded by: Roger Honie
VOTE: 15-00-03
 - B. BMC-16-03-060: Request BIA Road Dept and NDOT for Asphalt Road Construction on N8066 Road Construction Project Phase III.
Motioned by: Amos Johnson
Seconded by: Helena Yellowhorse
VOTE: 16-00-03
 - C. BMC-16-03-061: Approve Medical Assistance for Marlinda Elthie and Ella Rockbridge and Nona Yazzie. ~~Priseilla Yellowhair~~ absent or no family Representation.
Motioned by: Roger Honie
Seconded by: Richard Sage
VOTE: 15-00-04
 - D. BMC-16-03-062: Approve Chapter Scholarship Assistance for Andrew Charley Jr.
Motioned by: Nona Yazzie
Seconded by: Roger Honie
VOTE: 17-00-02
 - E. BMC-16-03-063: Approve for Red Dog Gravel Project on N8066 and N8065
Motioned by: Nona Yazzie
Seconded by: Richard Sage

VOTE: 16-00-01

- F. BMC-16-03-064: Request to BIA Roads Dept and NDOT to Expedite the N8066 Road Construction Project Phase III
Motioned by: Richard Sage
Seconded by: Roger Honie
VOTE: 18-00-01
- G. BMC-16-03-065: Express sincere appreciation to the joint efforts and dedication of Navajo County, NDOT, BIA Roads and Peabody Western Coal Company to improving public roads by applying red dog gravel materials within Dzilyjiiin Region
Motioned by: Helene Yellowhorse
Seconded by: Nona Yazzie
VOTE: 15-00-02
- H. BMC-16-03-066: Approve Veteran's Assistance for Sherry Small
Motioned by: Roger Honie
Seconded by: Iris Rockbridge
VOTE: 15-00-02
- I. BMC-16-03-067: Request to Division of Natural Resources and NN/BIA Forestry to stop illegal cutting of trees in ~~Upper Wepo-Washing Valley~~ District 4 area.
Motioned by: Abel Benally
Seconded by: Helene Yellowhorse
VOTE: 16-00-01
- J. BMC-16-03-068: Request to initiate of providing bathroom additions to home of the residents of Upper Wepo Wash Valley
Motioned by: Helene Yellowhorse
Seconded by: Nona Yazzie
VOTE: 17-00-01
- K. BMC-16-03-069: Approve Travel Authorization to Division of Natural Resource Summit 2016 at Twin Arrow AZ on 3/29-31/16 for Leticia Jodie, Caroline Bemore, Dorothy R Yazzie, Ray Gilmore, Daisy Kiyaani and Ella Tallis.
Motioned by: Nona Yazzie
Seconded by: Abel Benallie
VOTE: 17-00-01
- L. BMC-16-03-070: Approve \$200.00 to purchase food for RDC Meeting on April 12, 2016
Motioned by: Helene Yellowhorse
Seconded by: Shirley Honie
VOTE: 17-00-01
- M. BMC-16-03-071: Supporting Legislation 0093-16 of RDC of NN Council on range unit boundaries and grazing district established by BIA for NPL.
Motioned by: Nona Yazzie
Seconded by: Richard Sage
VOTE: 10-04-05

Substitute Motioned to Tabled by: Albert Lee

Seconded by: Iris Rockbridge

VOTE: 07-09-03 (Failed)

1. Amos Johnson, BIA NPL Office
2. Marlene Biltah
3. Albert Lee

N. BMC-16-03-072: Requesting NN President to approve funding for GCM Officials
Motedioned by: Nona Yazzie
Secodeded by: Brenda Folsomito
VOTE: 16-00-03

III. Announcements:

- A. 3/30/16 – Sihasin Fund Meeting on Economic Projects @ Twin Arrow AZ
- B. 3/30/16 – NPL Permittee Meeting @ BM Chapter, 9am
- C. 4/2/16 – NAPI Hay Sale @ Pinon
- D. 4/6/16 – District 4 GCM Meeting at BM Chapter, 9am
- E. 4/7/16 – Dzilyijiin Regional Council Meeting @ Hardrock Chapter, 9am
- F. 4/8/16 – Chinle Agency Council Meeting @ Cottonwood Chapter, 9am
- G. 4/15/16 – Chinle Agency GCM Meeting @ Chinle
- H. 4/16-17/16 – Horse Sale @ Pinon

IV. Brief Reports/Introduction of Resolutions:

- A. Dwight Witherspoon, Council Delegate
 1. Navajo Hopi Land Commission on 2/12-13/16 – topics that were covered land selections, NPL and HPL issues, and general discussion on Relocatee Fund Management Plan which will be closing in September 2018.
 2. Sacred Site – stolen Native artifacts and being sold or being taken out of the country.
 3. Tammy Monrango reported home robberies that's occurring consistently and requesting for more local patrols. It seems the robbers are young local community members.
 4. He made a brief update on BM Head Start Building
- B. Francis Honie, Grazing Committee Member
 1. Grazing permit redistributions has become more priority and more meeting taken placed on it.
 2. The chapter officers of District 4 have come forward to assist the grazing officials on making permit redistribution become active with RDC of NN Council and Dept. of Agriculture.
 3. Supplemental funding has been approved for NN grazing officials, farm board and land board. The payment of stipend will be made for attending grazing committee meetings with NPL office and Division of Natural Resource, not monthly chapter's planning and regular meeting.
 4. Branding and tally count:
 - a) 6 months old calf or horse is required to be branded
 - b) Unbranded newborn after the branding season becomes the property of Navajo Nation
 - c) He will start scheduling both activities starting in May 2016.

Marlene Biltah talked about the meeting on NPL Grazing Permits held with RDC on March 18th at Tse Bonito, NM.

1. There were 2015 tally count reports of submitted by Navajo Dept. of Agricultural with total livestock count from each grazing officers of 14 chapters. There were no reports from Black Mesa and Forest Lake grazing officials.
2. Majority of the meeting was on eligibility criteria for redistributions of grazing permits.
3. BIA NPL and Natural Resources were directed to conduct vegetation surveys and report the outcomes to RDC within 45 days.

Caroline Bemore also attended the meeting with RDC and mentioned all livestock owners need to start selling their livestock to reduce to the number of sheep unit on their grazing permits.

Amos Johnson of NPL office said they meeting with RDC on quarterly to make their reports. NN has tried to get 93-638 contract but had failed. Eligibility criteria for redistribution permits to be submitted by grazing officials. Contractor from Flagstaff will conduct vegetation survey this summer and will cost \$110,000. There's land tracts available by Winslow and Big Bo Ranch for livestock owners to use.

C. Albert Lee, CSC

1. Still updating addresses of people for Rural Addressing project
2. The Administration is working on gaming revenues. The main office of Window Rock has requested for direct payment but still on hold. The electricity got almost turned off but had to pay with other funding. The propane finally got delivered but the pilot light will not turn on.
3. Still searching for fencing company to construct fence for heavy equipment trucks. Need assistance to designate a location on site. It is very difficult due to limited space on chapter premises.
4. He also attended NDOT meeting on Low Water Crossing project.

D. CLUPC – Absent due to attending Natural Resource Conference in Twin Arrows, AZ.

D. CHR – Vacant.

E. Richard Sage, BM Veterans Organization

1. As an Army veteran, he supports the local organization and served as liaison.
2. He still learning to become a good public speaker.
3. The veteran organization has conducting monthly meetings, even though they, sometimes, don't meet the quorum.
4. There are 32 members of BM Veterans Organization.
5. They talked about finance accounts, home improvements and planning a recognition dinner for all local veterans.
6. They conduct posting of colors when they get invited to local and surrounding events and activities.
7. April 4, 2016 – Dzilyijiin Region Justice Day at Pinon.
8. They are working with BM CLLUPC on veteran building and received support from chapter officials.

F. Andrew Benallie, BM Review Board – Absent due to conflict of scheduled meetings.

G. Jimmy Yellowhair, Dzilyijiin Regional Community Development Corp. – Absent.

H. Chapter Officers

1. Caroline Bemore – Planning and organizing to conduct presentation on N8066 Road Construction to RDC of NN Council. The meeting will take place at BM Chapter.
2. Marlene Biltah
 - a) Red Dog Gravel Meeting on March 25, 2016 at Pinon
 - PUSD being used for BIA Force Acct Workers; they are hauling gravel to designated routes.
 - The start date for BM Chapter might be in May 2016
 - There are four chapters that still need their gravel hauled the current phase.
 - Apache County Dept. of Roads is trying to get back in the project but Navajo County kind of leaning back.
 - b) NDOT Meeting held on March 14, 2016 on N8065 Low Water Crossing
 - \$468,676 has been allocated for the project in 2006
 - \$30,160 has been paid to contractor to complete the preliminaries
 - \$433,515 balance for the construction
 - There are two cost estimates: straight crossing with a lot of ground work \$440,150
 - Existing curve \$260,530
 - NDOT will meet with BIA Roads of Chinle Agency for further discussion of the cost

3. Larry Biltah also attended the RDC Meeting in Tse Bonito NM and NDOT Meeting at BM Chapter. He briefly talked about the Low Water Crossing.

I. BMCS and RRCS School Board – None.

J. Others – LCRWSCA, Evalina Claw

1. She is working with 5 chapters of Dzilyijiin Region and there are 24 chapter involved with the water projects.
2. She will be working with CLUPC, Steering Committee, Grazing officials, chapter officers and local livestock owners for planning and organizing water shed projects this summer.
3. NN Funds have been allocated for the project planning and construction of water sheds.
4. Meeting on March 24th – watershed projects are being planned at each chapters, erosion prevention and each chapter to identify locations for the projects.
5. She will bring maps to the next meeting.

V. Updates on Chapter On-going Projects:

A. N8066 Road Construction, Phase III & Permanent Bridge

1. RDC of NN Council will have their meeting at BM Chapter on April 12, 2016
2. Chapter officials encouraging any interested individuals to attend the meeting.

B. N8065 Low Water Crossing Project

1. BM Chapter Officers and Administration met with NDOT on March 24, 2016 at BM Chapter.
2. More meeting to be scheduled between NDOT and BIA Roads of Chinle Agency.

C. East Valley (Yale Point) Waterline Extension Project

D. North Valley Power Line Extension Project

E. Black Mesa Head Start Building

F. Frontier Telecommunication

VI. The meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm

Motioned by: Dwight Witherspoon

Seconded by: Francis Honie

VOTE: 15-00-00

Next Planning Meeting: Friday, April 8 14, 2016 @ 1:00 pm

Next Planning Meeting: Friday, April 15, 2016 @ 1:00 pm



Marlene Biltah, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer