

Black Mesa Chapter
Chapter Meeting ~~Agenda~~ Minutes
May 15, 2015

- I. The Reports of GCM and CSC began at 1:33 pm. After meeting the quorum, the chapter meeting called to order by Larry Biltah @ 4:40 pm.
- A. Invocation provided by Jimmy Yellowhair.
- B. Reading and Approval of Meeting Minutes of April 16, 2015
Motioned to deferred the meeting minutes to next chapter meeting by: Jimmy Yellowhair
Seconded by: Albert Lee
VOTE: 15-00-00
- C. Adoption of Agenda
Motioned by: Jimmy Yellowhair
Seconded by: Albert Lee
VOTE: 15-00-00
- D. Announcements
1. 5/14/15 – Precinct I-III GCM Meeting @ Pinon NPL Office, 9am
 2. 5/14 & 28/15 – Naa'bik'iyati Committee Meeting
 3. 5/19/15 – NHPL Meeting @ Pinon NPL Office
 4. 5/19/15 – LCRWSCA Meeting @ Pinon USD, 10am
 5. 5/19/15 – Special Council Session @ Window Rock, 10am
 6. 6/3/15 – Dist. 4 GCM Meeting @ Whippoorwill Chapter
 7. 6/5/15 – CLUPC Meeting, 10am
 8. 6/15/15 – Precinct I-III GCM Meeting @ Pinon NPL Office, 9am
 9. 6/16-18/15 – Dept of Agricultural Annual Conference @ Twin Arrows, AZ
 10. 6/25/15 – Hopi Meeting with HPL Residents @ Cactus Valley
 11. 7/2/15 – Dzilyjiin Regional Council Meeting @ Forest Lake Chapter, 9am
- II. Reports began at 1:33 pm.
- A. Council Delegate, Dwight Witherspoon – Absent.
- B. Grazing Committee Member, Francis Honie
1. Meeting on May 13, 2015 in Pinon – Ray Costillo informed the Grazing Representatives the resolution on regulation enforcement request has moved forward to New Navajo President for signature.
 2. BIA waived the 25 CFR 161 and submitted to Navajo Nation. Range Unit plans are to be developed.
 3. Tally counts will be conducted for NN grazing permit holders this summer. They were advised to report any regulation violations such as overgrazing and trespassing. NRIA is still pending. State branded livestock are supposed to pen at all time or they are trespassing. The owners will be given citations.

4. Livestock branding will be scheduled this summer. He advised all livestock owners to have their own helpers for branding activities. Medicine will be purchased by owners and vaccinations will be conducted by certified veterinary.
5. Livestock ID tags are issued by Navajo Nation in Window Rock. The first 100 tags are free per permit.

Ray Gilmore explained new developed forms will be utilized for tally count activities. It has regulations cited at the bottom of the form. He will assist Mr. Honie to schedule a public education on Title III, Section 10 this summer.

C. CSC, Albert Lee

1. He made brief update on the BM Head Start Building, BM Solar Energy and North Valley Power Line Extension.
2. Senior Citizen Program – A part needs to be replaced under the kitchen sink to meet the regulations. He announced that Forest Lake Senior Citizen van has been vandalized so there no delivery to BM Chapter community.
3. Otis Nalwood is interested to be on committee for Soil & Water Conservation Dist..
4. All funds have been deposited this week.
5. There are 159 bales of hay still available to the community.
6. Apache County will be assisting the chapter to complete the Rural Addressing.
7. Four college students are needed by Office of Youth Dept for LCRWSCA projects.

D. CHR , Lynn Dean – Absent.

E. BM Veteran's Organization, Richard Claw – Absent.

F. CLUPC, Daisy Kiyaani

1. Planning grant funds will be used for the water shed projects this summer. There are 20 projects identified for BM Chapter Community.
2. She and Caroline Bemore are selected to be on Steering Committee.
3. AZ State officials and representatives are indicating that Navajo do not use water. They are promoting more water for southern Arizona.

Ray Gilmore:

1. He explained to the audience on the importance of water, soil, vegetation, and infrastructures on the Navajo Nation.
2. He announced his resignation from DR Community Development Corporation due to many commitments to NN Water Rights Commission, NN Board of Election, and his family.

G. BM Review Board, Andrew Benallie

1. He explained that Black Mesa is blessed with quality coal.
2. Any developments at Peabody Coal Mine have impacted the land and its people, environmentally, and culturally.
3. Billions of dollars is taking place with mine activities but local people are impacted with their wellbeing and health. There are no waterline or power line infrastructures for these people.

4. An agreement made by PWCC to six impacted chapters is \$15 million allocations for 10 years which are to be used for infrastructures. There are three council delegates and two PWCC representatives that make decision on how to use these allocations on annual basis. BM Review Board members requesting to be part of the committee to make the decision on the funds. They are selected by their chapters and know very well of their community needs.
- H. Dzilyijiin Regional Community Development Corp, Ray Gilmore – Announced his resignation due to commitments to NN Board of Election, NN Water Rights Commission, and other committee he is currently representing.
- I. Chapter Officers
1. Caroline Bemore made a brief report on BM Head Start Building Project.
 2. All three chapter officers participated in discussion of resolutions, project updates and reports.
- J. Others:
1. Marla Muzzie, Pinon I.H.S.
 - a. Chapter administration and officials are needed to assist with JMI activities on July 23, 2015 such as MC and helpers.
 - b. Health Fair at Pinon on May 29, 2015 from 9am to 2pm.
 - c. Sport Physical Exam and vaccination are scheduled at Pinon Clinic for students.
 2. Amos Johnson, BIA NPL Office
 - a. NN Council approved the resolution on giving more authority for enforcement by Grazing Representatives and awaiting Navajo President's signature.
 - b. Resource Committee and NHLC will have annual meeting at Twin Arrows, AZ. Some items on agenda are:
 - 25 CFR 161 – Eligibility Criteria (5 sections)
 - Probates
 - Full time residence – home site lease and using NTUA statement for resident verification
 - Grazing of livestock by relocatees
 - c. A survey will be conducted for proposed fencing. Studies will be on wildlife, archeological sites and other endangered species.
 - d. May 19, 2015 meeting at NPL Office – combined meeting by Hopi officials and BIA NPL officials

Ray Gilmore explained about Self Determination Act. Example is: Criminal crime jurisdiction over non-Indian committed on reservations is being recommended by all Native American Tribes. Navajo do have jurisdiction over non-Navajo when committed on Navajo Nation.

Jimmy Yellowhair talked that Navajo laws and regulations being different from council delegates to Navajo President, dept to dept, etc. They should be uniform.

Larry Biltah explained there are some non-Navajo in-laws that came together and requesting to be allowed to vote in Navajo elections.

III. 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
 1. A project meeting has been scheduled on May 27, 2015 at 11am in Window Rock.
 2. \$400,000 is needed but only \$200,000 will be allocated by NN Head Start Dept.
 3. Council Delegate recommended submitting proposal to UUFB. Harrison Martin suggested requesting for more than \$200,000.
 4. The construction of the building has been revised to include early childhood students. Architect Loren Miller is using the guidelines for early childhood.
 5. One classroom will accommodate 4-5 years old students and the other one will be for 2-3 years old students.
- E. BM Solar Energy Phase II –Thirteen new units will be installing with one upgrade. The project is almost completed.
- F. North Valley Power Line Extension Program – CSC has tried several to contact Lemanual James of NTUA but no responses. He even stopped to visit but he was not available.
- G. Telecommunication – Frontier

IV. Resolutions:

- A. BMC-15-05-105: Request Technical Assistance from NHA for Feasibility Planner
Motioned by: Ray Gilmore
Seconded by: Jimmy Yellowhair
VOTE: 15-00-00
- B. BMC-15-05-106: Request for 2015 Allocation from Peabody Western Coal Company for North Valley Waterline Extension Project and utilizing for feasibility studies, required clearances, ROW, bathroom additions, etc.
Motioned by: Ray Gilmore
Seconded by: Jimmy Yellowhair
VOTE: 15-00-00
- C. BMC-15-05-107: Approve \$75.00 for Just Move It activity at BM Chapter in July 23, 2015.
Motioned by: Jimmy Yellowhair
Seconded by: Annie Remiro
VOTE: 16-00-00
- D. BMC-15-05-108: Request to NN Dept. of Justice to include BMRB to be part of infrastructure Committee for Peabody Western Coal Company's Allocations to Affected Chapters.
Motioned by: Jimmy Yellowhair
Seconded by: Annie Remiro
VOTE: 16-00-00

E. BMC-15-05-109: Approve the obligation of BM Chapter's SYEPT Funds to implement the LCRWSCA projects and to purchase supplies for the projects.

Motioned by: Daisy Kiyaani

Seconded by: Ray Gilmore

VOTE: 15-00-00

F. BMC-15-05-110: Approve \$1,000 of the PWCC Allocation \$250,000 for Power Line Extension

Motioned by: Jimmy Yellowhair

Seconded by: Andrew Benallie

VOTE: 15-00-00

Motioned for Amendment by: Amos Johnson

Seconded by: Jimmy Yellowhair

VOTE: 15-00-00

G. BMC-15-05-111: Approve an appointment of Otis Nalwood to Navajo Water and Soil Conservation

Motioned by: Jimmy Yellowhair

Seconded by: Daisy Kiyaani

VOTE: 15-00-00

H. BMC-15-05-112: Approve Request to submit funding proposal to appropriate \$300,000 for NN Undesignated Unreserved Fund Balance for BM Head Start Building Project.

Motioned by: Jimmy Yellowhair

Seconded by: Amos Johnosn

VOTE: 15-00-000

V. The meeting adjourned at 5:51 pm.

Motioned by: Ray Gilmore

Seconded by: Jimmy Yellowhair

VOTE: 15-00-00

Next Planning Meeting: Friday, June 05, 2015 @ 3:00 pm

Next Chapter Meeting: Friday June 12, 2015 @ 4:00 pm



Marlene Biltah, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer