

Black Mesa Chapter  
Regular Chapter Meeting *Minutes*  
May 13, 2016

- I. Meeting Called to Order by Larry Biltah @ 1:56 pm.
  - A. Invocation provided by Dorothy R Yazzie.
  - B. Reading & Approval of Meeting Minutes of 4-15-16  
Motioned by: Albert Lee  
Seconded by: Victor Yellowhair  
VOTE: 12-00-03
  - C. Adoption of Agenda  
Motioned by: Victor Yellowhair  
Seconded by: Albert Lee  
VOTE: 13-00-03  
  
Motioned for Add Items #G-Q under Resolution by: Victor Yellowhair  
Seconded by: Dorothy R Yazzie  
VOTE: 13-00-03  
  
Motioned to Suspend the Rules by: Dorothy R Yazzie  
Seconded by: Daisy Kiyaani  
VOTE: 12-00-04
- II. Old Business:
  - A. BLAC-16-04-073: Authorize and Approve the Selection of Francis Honie as Alternate LCRWCA Steering Committee Member  
Motioned by: Dorothy R Yazzie  
Seconded by: Albert Lee  
VOTE: 12-00-03
- III. Resolutions:
  - A. BLAC-16-05-082: Request for Power Line Extension Cost Estimates for Espen Valley, North of BM Chapter House  
Motioned by: Victor Yellowhair  
Seconded by: Dorothy R Yazzie  
VOTE: 12-00-04
  - B. BLAC-16-05-083: Approve Travel Authorization for Chapter Officers and Grazing Committee Member to attend CLUPC meeting with Navajo County in Holbrook AZ on May 19, 2016  
Motioned by: Victor Yellowhair  
Seconded by: Dorothy R Yazzie  
VOTE: 10-00-05

- C. BLAC-16-05-084: Request and Authorize \$500.00 for food purchasing for RDC meeting on May 26, 2016 at BM Chapter on N8066 Road Construction Phase III  
Motioned by: Dorothy R Yazzie  
Seconded by: Daisy Kiyaani  
VOTE: 12-00-04
- D. BLAC-16-05-085: Request and Authorize to Hire 2 Cooks Using BM Chapter's PEP Funds  
Motioned by: Dorothy R Yazzie  
Seconded by: Daisy Kiyaani  
VOTE: 12-00-04
- E. BLAC-16-05-086: Requesting NN President, NNC and Attorney General to do All Things Necessary Proper and Appropriate to Ensure Peabody Coal Mine provide Sufficient Funds for the Purpose of Clean up  
Motioned by: Dorothy R Yazzie  
Seconded by: Daisy Kiyaani  
VOTE: 12-00-04
- F. BLAC-16-05-087: Requesting the NN President, NNC and NN Little Colorado River Negotiation Team to fully Respect and Honor the Voices of the Dine The People as They Negotiate the Settlement of Little Colorado River Water Rights  
Motioned by: Dorothy R Yazzie  
Seconded by: Victor Yellowhair  
VOTE: 15-00-04
- G. BLAC-16-05-088: Oppose NTUA Proposed Adjustment/Increase Rates on Water and Wastewater  
Motioned by: Dorothy R Yazzie  
Seconded by: Victor Yellowhair  
VOTE: 15-00-05
- H. BLAC-16-05-089: Approve the Updated BMC Essential Capital Improvement Projects and Projects Priority Listing for Continuous Community Development to Sustain the Health, Safety, Education, Social and Economic Well-being of the BM Community  
Motioned by: Victor Yellowhair  
Seconded by: Daisy Kiyaani  
VOTE: 12-00-08
- I. BLAC-16-05-090: Join LCRWCA as a Signatory to Inter-Governmental Partnership Agreement  
Motioned by: Daisy Kiyaani  
Seconded by: Victor Yellowhair  
VOTE: 15-00-06
- J. BLAC-16-05-091: Authorize and Approve Bernice Morrison-Sunrising, Victor Yellowhair and Jennifer lake as Black Mesa Poll Officials for Navajo Nation Election  
Motioned by: Jane Baloo  
Seconded by: Daisy Kiyaani  
VOTE: 15-00-06

K. BLAC-16-05-092: Approve Chapter Scholarship Assistance for Colin Whitehair

Motioned by: Alice Bahe

Seconded by: Daisy Kiyaani

VOTE: 15-00-06

L. BLAC-16-05-093: Request and Authorize to BIA Roads Dept and Navajo Dept of Transportation to Conduct Feasibility Studies and Right-of-Way for Permanent Bridge Construction on Route N8066

Motioned by: Dorothy R Yazzie

Seconded by: Victor Yellowhair

VOTE: 15-01-05

M. BLAC-16-05-094: Requesting NN President, NN Council and NN LCR Negotiating Team to Ensure the People of BM Chapter and of all Dine Chapters whose Survival and Well-being are Determine forever by the LCR Water Rights Settlement Agreement

Motioned by: Jane Baloo

Seconded by: Annie Lawrence

VOTE: 12-00-06

N. BLAC-16-05-095: Approve and Authorize BM Chapter Summer Youth Employment Program Using SYETP Funds

Motioned by: Jane Baloo

Seconded by: Annie Lawrence

VOTE: 12-00-06

O. BLAC-16-05-096: Approve and Authorize to Hire Livestock Branding Helpers Using PEP Funds to Assist BMC Grazing Committee Member

Motioned by: Victor Yellowhair

Seconded by: Jane Baloo

VOTE: 13-00-03

Motioned for Amendment for Add-ons by: Dorothy R Yazzie

Seconded by: Victor Yellowhair

VOTE: 13-00-03

P. BLAC-16-05-097: Request to NN President and NN Council for Supplemental Funds for Summer Youth Employment Training Program

Motioned b: Dorothy R Yazzie

Seconded by: Victor Yellowhair

VOTE: 15-00-03

Q. BLAC-16-05-098: Request NN Resource Development Committee to Change N8031 from All-Purpose Road to Paved Road

Motioned by: Victor Yellowhair

Seconded by: Albert Lee

VOTE: 12-00-09

Motioned for Amendment for Add-on by: Dorothy R Yazzie

Seconded by: Daisy Kiyaani

VOTE: 15-00-05

R. BLAC-16-05-099: Approve and Authorize to Purchase Food using General Funds for Chinle Law Enforcement and Corrections' Grand Opening Celebration on August 19, 2016

Motioned by: Dorothy R Yazzie

Seconded by: Daisy Kiyaani

VOTE: 14-00-05

#### IV. Announcements

1. 5/14/16 – Veterans Blue Star Mother Dinner @ BM Chapter, 10a
2. 5/14/15 – NPL Permittee Meeting @ BMC
3. 5/16/16 – Chinle Agency Grazing Committee Meeting @ Many Farms, 9am
4. 5/16/16 – Little Colorado River Meeting @ Pinon, 10am
5. 5/17/16 – NPL District 4 Land Dispute Meeting @ Pinon
6. 5/17/16 – AZ State Special Election
7. 5/19/16 – CLUPC @ Holbrook AZ, 9am
8. 5/24/16 – LCRWCA Steering Committee Meeting @ Forest Lake, 10am
9. 5/26/16 – RDC Meeting @ BMC, 9am
10. 6/1/16 – District 4 GMC Meeting @ Whippoorwill Chapter, 9am
11. 6/6/16 – NPL Precinct I-III Meeting @ Pinon, 9am
12. 7/12-18/16 – 4<sup>th</sup> Annual 2016 Sih Hasin Bike Riding from Twin Arrows to Window Rock

A group of young college students, employees and Professor of State of Ohio participated, briefly, as visitors to the BM Community. They will learn and participate in butchering and shearing.

#### V. Report:

A. Doris Clark of Indian Wells AZ, a Democrat Candidate for Navajo County Recorder

1. She has 15 years of experience working at and with Navajo County Election Office in Holbrook AZ.
2. Currently, she is Oral Health Educator of Navajo County.
3. She will listen and work with all people of the Navajo County communities.

DRYazzie expressed her concern on voting power of the Navajo people. There is dire need to provide public education on registration procedures and promote to public on registering as Democrat party.

B. Lenora Walker, Dept of Law Enforcement and Judicial Courts of Chinle District

1. She requesting donation for Chinle District's opening celebration in August 2016.
2. Chinle Justice Center is 100% completed and has three departments of Corrections, Judicial courts, and Police office.
3. She plans to go all 16 chapters within Chinle Agency for donation requests.

C. Council Delegate, Dwight Witherspoon

1. He distributed his monthly written reports and legislative newspaper
2. Some of the highlights from his written report and newspaper:

- a. NHLC has a Transition Team who are working with BIA, Land Dept, Dept of Agriculture on transferring authority and responsibilities due to intention of closing the office in 2018.
  - b. There were four resolutions passed at Dzilyjiin Regional Council Meeting held at Hardrock Chapter on April 7<sup>th</sup>.
  - c. Budget & Finance Committee approved the amendment to NN Gaming Revenues Fund Management. Some chapter has difficult times get their utilities paid and almost turn off by NTUA.
  - d. Naa'biik'iyati Committee approved amendment to Personnel Management Plan of Operation, making the position of Personnel Director at-will position; and adopted & confirming the Range Unit Boundaries and Grazing Districts with amendments. Pinon Chapter opposed the amendments.
  - e. 2016 Spring Council Session – Legislations on Supplemental funding to rebuilt 27 homes destroyed by fire at Asayi Lake and creation of NN business courts were tabled. Legislation on \$270,000 for Tiis Tsoh Sikaad fencing projects was approved but veto by NN President.
  - f. Permanent Trust Fund – Five Year Plan \$150 Million Expenditure was approved by NN Council for water, economic and agriculture projects. The fund will be from the interests, not from the principal. Most projects within Chinle Agency than other agencies.
3. He advised the chapter officials that bring RDC Meeting to Black Mesa is a great idea for advocating for road improvement.
  - 4.

AJohnson invited community to participate in the demonstration of butchering by Rose Lee tomorrow. He briefly indicated that NN Council's directive on Legislation 0093-16 implementation needs fund.

VYellowhair expressed his concerns on grazing regulations:

1. NN Council has approved the NPL grazing regulations. Navajo Dept of Agriculture needs to follow the regulations with grazing officials. BIA needs to support the legislation.
2. Navajo grazing officials need funds to carry out their duties and responsibilities. They are elected officials and should have funds set aside for them annually. Currently, they needs are being ignored by the NN Council and Dept of Agriculture.

RGilmore expressed his frustrations on:

1. Funds for 5-Year Plan Expenditure; isolated chapters should have been on the list because there are needs such as fire station, road improvements, and others.
2. He is disappointed during the RDC meeting at BM Chapter, only N8066 road construction will be presented and discuss. There are other projects that need the attention of RDC.
3. The Chapter needs support form Council Delegate and advised him to talk with RDC Chairperson.

VYellowhair feels that begging the RDC is ridiculous and think that council delegates should know the needs of road improvement.

DRYazzie explained that no one is begging but to be humble when presenting the issues and reasons to get N8066 Road Construction move up on priority list which RDC is approving committee according to BIA Roads Dept and NDOT. Everyone needs to support the road project. There will be elders and students on the agenda.

Francis Honie advised a team work should be considered for everyone involved with the RDC meeting.

D. Grazing Committee Member, Francis Honie

1. He planning to start branding and tally counts this Sunday; 6 month old calf and colt should be branded; any vaccination will be conducted by owners or bring in a certified veterinarian.
2. There's a plan to count by range unit.
3. Excess livestock can be transported to outside ranches in Arizona and New Mexico (information from Ray Costillo of Agriculture). Permits are not required.
4. He is very concern there are livestock in Right-of-Way fences even after informing the owners. Plans are any livestock inside the fence will be picked up by BIA and Navajo Rangers.
5. He warned about the sheep lice which are dangerous. If beaten, sore develops and must be treated immediately.
6. BIA NPL Office and Navajo Nation will be responsible to redistributing the permits. Grazing officials will be involved when there's dispute.
7. There are five living permit holders within Black Mesa Chapter area.
8. Precinct I and III are ready for permits but Precinct II is not (Forest Lake, Black Mesa, Hardrock, Pinon and Whippoorwill chapters).
9. Legislations with Navajo Nation is flexible than BIA's CFRs.
10. He will deliver more information at tomorrow's meeting.

DRYazzie questioned on rotation plan for Range Unit Management and believed it will not work and impossible. Each livestock owner will not allow someone's livestock graze on their portion of grazing area. To take your livestock to ranches required to be part of an organization. Grazing officials, not BIA or Dept of Agriculture, should identify the individuals who abides by the regulations.

RGilmore asked how many are getting their permits. The carry capacities and local reservoirs should be considered.

MBiltah feels that the residents of NPL area are being targeted to control and reduce their livestock. She questioned if the same is being conducted outside the NPL (Big Navajo). Is the NN monitoring and evaluating the livestock and/or overgrazing issues in those areas? Most of the grazing areas are dried with hardly any moisture within the Navajo Nation.

VYellowhair recommends that NN Council and Dept of Agriculture to support and respect all grazing officials.

- E. CSC, Albert Lee - No report due to adjournment of meeting (lack of quorum).
- F. CLUPC, Dorothy R Yazzie – No reports due to adjournment of meeting (lack of quorum).
- G. CHR – A lady from Kayenta has been hired but currently in training
- H. BM Veterans Organization, Richard Claw – Absent.
- I. BM Review Board, Andrew Benallie – Absent.

- J. Dzilyijiin Regional Community Development Commission, Jimmy Yellowhair - Absent.
  - K. Chapter Officers – participated in the discussions of chapter resolutions and reports by Council Delegates and Grazing official.
  - L. LCRWSCA, Evalena Claw – present but left.
  - M. BMCS and RRCS School Board - None
  - N. Other, Marlene Hoskie of ASC – present but left.
- VI. Updates on Chapter On-going Projects:
- 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 Building
  - E. Frontier Telecommunications
- VII. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm due to lack of quorum.

Next Planning Meeting: Friday, June 10, 2016 @ 1:00 pm

Next Chapter Meeting: Friday, June 17, 2016 @ 1:00 pm



Marlene Biltah, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer