

Black Mesa Chapter
Planning Meeting Minutes
November 4, 2016

- I. Meeting Called to Order by Larry Biltah @ 1:22 pm.
 - A. Invocation provided by Caroline Bemore.
 - B. Reading & Approval of Meeting Minutes of September 6, 2016 and October 07, 2016
Motioned by: Caroline Bemore
Seconded by: Marlene Biltah
VOTE: 04-00-00
 - C. Adoption of Agenda:
Motioned by: Caroline Bemore
Seconded by: Dwight Witherspoon
VOTE: 04-00-00
 - D. Announcements:
 1. 11/3-7/16 – Moving Wall display at Chinle
 2. 11/6/16 – Training on Fire Wood Stove Safety and Water Testing at Hardrock Chapter, 10am
 3. 11/8/16 – General Elections
 4. 11/9/16 – RDC Meeting with Grazing Officials @ Twin Arrows AZ
 5. 11/9/16 – CLUPC Meeting with Navajo County @ Holbrook AZ, 10am
 6. 11/10/16 – NABI of NCC Meeting @ Twin Arrows AZ
 7. 11/11/16 – Veterans Event/Activities by Veterans Organizations of Dzilyijiin Chapters @ Pinon
 8. 11/14/16 – Roads Meeting@ Low Mountain Chapter, 10am
 9. 11/16/16 – Navajo Hopi Land Commission Meeting @ Forest Lake Chapter, 10am
 10. 11/17/16 – NABI of NCC Meeting @ Twin Arrows AZ
 11. 11/18/16 – Chinle Agency Grazing Committee Meeting @ Pinon, 9am
 12. 11/18/16 – Turkey Trot Event @ BM Chapter, 10am
 13. 11/26-27/16 – Water Testing Presentation @ Whippoorwill Chapter
 14. 11/28/16 – Forest Lake Roads Meeting, 10am
 15. 11/29/16 – Pinon CLUPC Meeting on College Establishment, 8-4pm
 16. 12/7/16 – District Grazing Committee Meeting @ Whippoorwill Chapter, 9am
- II. Brief Reports/Introduction of Resolutions:
 - A. Council Delegate, Dwight Witherspoon
 1. He distributed his monthly reports and briefly went over on some items –
 - a) Community College Forum with Dine College on November 29th @ PUSD; initiative to establish college campus for Dzilyijiin Region.
 - b) Dzilyijiin Regional Council had their quarterly meeting on October 6th @ Whippoorwill Chapter
 - c) NHLC Meeting on October 27th.
 - d) Budget and Finance Committee of NNC had their meetings on October 4th, 12th, 13th, 25th (work session), and 27th.
 2. NN Council Fall Session on October 17-19th, 27th (special session)
 - a) Sihasin Fund for Chinle Nursing Home Community Development – failed; need 2/3 votes

- b) Sihasin Fund for Navajo Community and Economic Development - failed; need 2/3 votes
 - c) Appropriating \$5,000,000 (emergency) from Sihasin Fund to address the house burn-out situations on Navajo Nation – failed; needs 2/3 votes
 - d) Amending NN Code relating to Navajo Business Opportunity Act to classify NECA as a Priority One Navajo Nation Owned Business – approved.
 - e) Confirmation of Charlotte Begay to Commission on Navajo Government Development.
 - f) Amending NN Code relating to Grazing Officials, removing language “subject to availability of funds” – approved.
 - g) Amending CAP-26-16 by approving thirty (30) additional days for NPL Chapters to make proposed alignments for Range Unit but amended to Sixty (60) days – approved.
 - h) Establishing the NN Permanent Fund Five-Year Contingency Fund of \$22 Million from the Permanent Fund Income – approved.
 - i) Supplemental Funding of \$510,616 from UUFB for Navajo Election Administration – approved.
 - j) Referendum measure on NN Transportation Stimulus Plan, \$216 Million for six years – approved.
 - k) Appropriating \$25,000,000 from Sihasin Fund to NTUA to address the reservation-wide need for electrical power, directing NTUA to seek matching funds to leverage the allocation – failed; needs 2/3 votes; sponsor did not submit the request to Sihasin Committee and not following the proper procedures .
3. Legislation 0346-16: directing Navajo Division of Public Safety to establish a Dziljiiin Police District. It was tabled to November with have chief of Police to submit a plan to the Law & Order Committee.
 4. NN Council is challenging the Navajo President’s veto on 17 budget line items. They are meeting with him Sunday.
 5. A request was made if there are any mediator available for NPL Range Unit boundary line negotiations and agreements.

Comments by Chapter Officials:

1. Request to include Chapter’s road improvement in NN Transportation Stimulus Plan.
2. Questions on Charlotte Begay’s confirmation as commissioner to Navajo Government Development.
3. Commendations about his support for grazing officials’ funding by having the funds allocated on annual basis with the chapter funds.
4. Request to the Council Delegate to check on \$1500 contribution by NTUA for projects because chinle Agency Council approved a resolution to increase the amount to \$2500.
5. Robert Begay is pressuring the chapters to sign up with Wells Fargo On-line Services which is not right. He was told by RDC to work the chapters. Chinle Agency Council scheduled a meeting with him on October 29th but he said he was unavailable so the meeting has been cancelled. The BM Chapter Administration is doing just fine on financial reports to IRS and State.

ABenallie expressed his opposition on Wells Fargo on-line Services to the chapters. Fees are costly. AMS should be properly trained for managing chapter funds.

B. Grazing Committee Member, Francis Honie

1. He attended a grazing meeting at Blue Gap Chapter; mostly concentration on land and grazing disputes including permits.
2. Meeting on Range Unit 303 at Hardrock Chapter was tabled due to additional information needed and a special meeting has been scheduled on December 7th at Whippoorwill Chapter.

3. He talked about development of Range Unit Plans; consideration of 40% for wildlife has to be included.
4. Grazing Permits cannot be split into 2 or more; it has to have only one name. When living permittee decided to transfer to a son or daughter, a meeting with all children needs to take place and come to agreement with consent from everyone.
5. He completed the tally count; NPL Office and Navajo Agriculture are requesting for paper work but refused to submit because they have always misplace or lose the documents; he has been submitting for the last three years but this year, he is keeping them in his file; he considered these documents are classified.
6. Grazing permits has to stay within NPL and, transfer to biological children and to be use in local NPL area. These permits cannot be taken off the NPL.

C. CSC, Albert Lee

1. He received 100 coal cards for local elders and some restrictions apply.
2. The Chapter Administration Office will be closed on Tuesday, 11/08, for election and 11/11 for Veteran's Day Holiday.
3. A brief updates on Head Start building and North Power Line Extension Project.
4. He and AMS attended Roles and Responsibility work shop at Tsaille.
5. A group of PEP workers will start Monday, November 28th.
6. Financial Reports – a bank service fees and internet fees became short on the report but will be correcting them.
7. The Navajo Wind System has been down in Window Rock for several weeks; finally conducted carry over transaction yesterday.
8. When asked about the heavy equipment operator, he informed the chapter officials that there is no one available. There is no date scheduled on the training for operators yet.
9. A brief on the status of chapter kitchen – lights covers needs to be replaced and installed sink needs to be hook up.
10. The Chapter needs to cover the cost of the financial audit if requested.
11. He has been trying to get the cost estimates for landfill clean up.

Comments by chapter Officials:

1. Francis Honie suggested using PEP worker to assist community elders with wood chopping.
2. Larry Biltah also suggested contacting GA office for a list of people who can also assist the elders.
3. Marlene Biltah talked about an operator of Forest Lake Chapter and if he is available to assist with blading.
4. Caroline Bemore mentioned about restriction usage on the chapter carry-over funds.
5. Mr. Witherspoon suggested creating a CD investment for unused funds to bring in interest for the chapter.
6. Mr. Witherspoon reminded the chapter officials and administration to submit a grant proposal to First things First Program for solar panels and playgrounds equipment.

D. Call to the Public – Requests for chapter assistances.

E. CLUPC – Absent.

F. CHR, Tammy Rock – Absent.

- G. BM Veterans Organization, Richard Claw – Absent.
- H. BM Review Board, Andrew Benallie
- I. Dzilyjiin Regional Community Development Commission, Jimmy Yellowhair – Absent.
- J. Chapter Officers – All three officers participated in discussion of resolutions and the reports of Council Delegate, CSC, Grazing official and BM Review Board member, including the updates of chapter projects.
- K. LCRWSCA – Absent.
- L. BMCS and RRCS School Board – None.
- M. Others – None.

III. Updates on Chapter On-going Projects:

- A. N8066 Road Construction, Phase III & Permanent Bridge
 1. The chapter officers met with Delegate Pete on the progress of the paperwork and received additional information on Transportation Stimulus Plan.
 2. A future meeting needs to be plan with BIA Regional Road Dept. and NDOT.
- B. N8065 Low Water Crossing Project
- C. North Valley Power Line Extension Project
 1. NTUA has been staking out the Right-of-Way.
 2. CSC will contact Lemanual of NTUA on the status of the progress.
- D. Black Mesa Head Start Building
 1. The Constructors have completed the ground work and poured cement today.
 2. Harrison Martin of DES made a site visited on Wednesday (11/02) and conducted a brief inspection of the foundation work. He estimated for completion of Head Start building by March 2017.
 3. The construction workers request to use the chapter House for their lodging during the week due to distance of travel on daily basis.
- E. Frontier Telecommunications

IV. Resolutions:

- A. BMC-17-11-016: Request to change Job Descriptions for Accounts Maintenance Specialist Position
- B. BMC-17-11-017: Approve Housing Discretionary Assistances for Agatha Todechine, Caroline Grey, Ruby Todechine, Ned Todechine, Josephine Watchman, Irene Joe, Leslie Joe, Dorothy R Yazzie, Anna Redhair, and Roger Hadley Jr.
- C. BMC-17-11-018: Approve Medical Assistance for Jane Baloo and Nona Yazzie.

- D. BMC-17-11-019: Approve Chapter Scholarship for Yasmine Joe.
- E. BMC-17-11-020: Request to Chinle Agency Aging Program and Forest Lake Senior Citizens Program to continue food delivery services to clients of Black Mesa Chapter
- F. BMC-17-11-021: Approve and Authorize BIA Roads Dept. and NDOT Grant of Entry to Black Mesa Chapter to Conduct Survey of the Parking Lot

Motioned to Forward All Resolutions to Regular Chapter Meeting by: Marlene Biltah

Seconded by: Caroline Bemore

VOTE: 05-00-00

- V. The Meeting Adjourned at 5:01 pm.

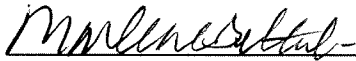
Motioned by: Albert Lee

Seconded by: Marlene Biltah

VOTE: 05-00-00

Next Chapter Meeting: Friday, November 18, 2016 @ 1:00 pm

Next Planning Meeting: Monday, December 05, 2016 @ 2:00 pm



Marlene Biltah, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer