

Black Mesa Chapter  
Chapter Meeting Agenda  
November 18, 2016

I. Meeting Called to Order by Larry Biltah.

A. Invocation provided by Dorothy R Yazzie

B. Reading & Approval of Meeting Minutes of October 07, 2016

Motioned by: Rose B Begay

Seconded by: Dorothy D Yazzie

VOTE: 29-00-05

C. Adoption of Agenda:

Motioned by: Ruby Todechine

Seconded by: Andrew Benallie

VOTE: 34-00-00

Motioned to Add on Items to Resolution #B, C, G, H, I, and J by Dorothy R Yazzie

Seconded by: Annie Remiro

VOTE: 32-00-00

Motioned to Suspend the Rules (Resolutions before Announcements) by: Dorothy R Yazzie

Seconded by: Alice Billy

VOTE: 34-00-00

II. Resolutions:

A. BMC-17-11-016: Request to Change Job Descriptions for Accounts Maintenance Specialist Position

Motioned by:

Seconded by:

VOTE:

B. BMC-17-11-017: Approving Housing Discretionary Assistancess for Agatha Todechine, Caroline Grey, Ruby Todechine, Ned Todechine, Josephine Watchman, Irene Joe, Leslie Joe, Dorothy R Yazzie, Anna Redhair, and Roger Hadley Jr. Add-ons: Kathie Watchman, Audrey Gray, Polly Deal, Tammy Monrego, Sarah Begay, Arlene Etsitty and Helena Nez-Hill.

Motioned by:

Seconded by:

VOTE:

C. BMC-17-11-018: Approve Medical Assistancess for Jane Baloo. Add-on: Tina Billy Nona Yazzie – Absent or non family representative.

Motioned by: Albert Lee

Seconded by: Audrey Gray

VOTE: 28-00-07

- D. BMC-17-11-019: Approve Chapter Scholarship for Yasmine Joe.  
Motioned by: Dorothy R Yazzie  
Seconded by: Frankie Begay  
VOTE: 27-00-08
- 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 Community.  
Motioned by: Dorothy R Yazzie  
Seconded by: Alice Billy  
VOTE: 35-00-05
- F. BMC-17-11-021: Approve and Authorize BIA Road Dept. and Navajo Dept. of Transportation Grant of Entry to Black Mesa Chapter to Conduct Survey of the Parking Lot.  
Motioned by: Dorothy R Yazzie  
Seconded by: Alice Billy  
VOTE: 32-00-08
- G. BMC-17-11-022: Approve Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with BIA Roads Dept and Navajo Dept. of Transportation to Allow Black Mesa Chapter Blade the BIA System Roads within Black Mesa Chapter Community.  
Motioned by: Dorothy R Yazzie  
Seconded by: Rose B Begay  
VOTE: 30-00-10
- H. BMC-17-11-023: Request to BIA Roads Dept. and Navajo Dept. of Transportation to Conduct Highway Striping and Crack Sealing on Routes N8066, N41 and N4; install road signs on BIA System Routes within the Black Mesa Chapter Community and to Conduct Mowing on Route N8066.  
Motioned by: Alice Billy  
Seconded by: Sara Mailboy  
VOTE: 28-00-08
- I. BMC-17-11-024: Request to Arviso Construction to Honor Local (Black Mesa Chapter) Reference for Black Mesa Head Start Building Construction  
Motioned by: Dorothy R Yazzie  
Seconded by: Daisy Kiyaani  
VOTE: 17-00-00
- J. BMC-17-11-025: Approve to Lower the Hay Price to \$8.00 per Bale  
Motioned by: Daisy Kiyaani  
Seconded by: Dorothy R Yazzie  
VOTE: 17-00-02

III. Announcements:

1. 11/18/16 – Chinle Agency Grazing Committee Meeting @ Pinon, 9am
2. 11/18/16 – Turkey Trot Event @ BM Chapter, 10am

3. 11/21/16 – NN Grazing Officials, Land Boards and Farm Boards Meeting @ Dilcon
4. 11/26-27/16 – Water Testing Presentation @ Whippoorwill Chapter
5. 11/28/16 – Forest Lake Roads Meeting, 10am
6. 11/29/16 – Pinon CLUPC Meeting on College Establishment, 8-4pm
7. 12/7/16 – District Grazing Committee Meeting @ Whippoorwill Chapter, 9am

IV. Report:

A. Council Delegate, Dwight Witherspoon

1. He distributed copies of Legislation Newspapers, monthly reports and college campus flyers.
2. Dine College Campus at Pinon – need 15 or more to register in order to have a college campus; distributing surveys and collect on how many are interested. He encouraged all, especially young people to apply. A meeting on proposal is scheduled on November 29, 2016 at Pinon School District gym, from 9am to 3pm.
3. 2016 Fall Council Session – Legislation Results:
  - a. Adopting Sihasin Fund Chinle Nursing Home Development and Housing – Failed (need 2/3 of votes or 16 supporting)
  - b. Adopting Sihasin Fund Navajo Community Development Financial Institution Economic development – Failed (need 2/3 vote)
  - c. \$3.8 Million from Sihasin Fund for Public Safety Dept. of Emergency Mgmt. for 911 System for Amber Alert – Referred to Standing Committee
  - d. \$5 Million from Sihasin Fund for Community Housing and Infrastructure development to address burn-out situations on NN – Failed (Need 2/3 vote). There were no specifics, guidelines or details on how assist.
  - e. Amending NN Code regarding Navajo Business Opportunity Act to classify NECA as priority one as Navajo owned business – Passed.
  - f. Confirmation of Charlotte Begay to Commission of Navajo Government Development – Passed.
  - g. Amending NN Code regarding Grazing Officials stipends and travel funds; changed language from available supplemental funds to annual chapter funds – Passed. Each grazing official will received \$800.00 for stipend and \$200.00 for travel on a monthly basis.
  - h. Amending CAP-26-16 by approving 60 additional days for NPL Realignment of Range Unit Lines – Passed. Signed on October 26, 2016 so deadline is on December 28, 2016.
  - i. Establishment of NN Permanent Trust Fund 5-year Contingency Fund for maintaining a reserve of funds designated from PTF income – Passed. (to covered the shortfall of NN Budgets)
  - j. Approved supplemental fund from UUFB for Navajo Election – Passed.
4. Navajo Transportation Stimulus Plan Referendum:
  - a. Voting on January 24, 2016
  - b. Need 2/3 votes of all Navajo registered voters to passed
  - c. \$260 Million for Six Years is being proposed and to be voted on. That is \$36 Million per year.
5. NN Law Enforcement:
  - a. There is a dire need for police officers across the Navajo Nation.
  - b. 37 positions are open currently.
  - c. The high school graduated cadets are not passing academic sections.
  - d. A recommendation to raise salaries for officers is being requested.
6. Strengthening Families for Dzilyijiin Region:

- a. Four types of Family Councils – Executive Family Council, General Family Council, Limited Family Council, and One-on-One Family Council.
- b. Executive Family Council – Couple discusses improving their relationship and needs/concerns of each child.
- c. General Family Council – All family members discuss finances, family schedules/trips, family activities, and support, including care for grandparents.
- d. Limited Family Council – Both parents and one child discuss bullying, grades, finances, addictions, health issues and just to listen.
- e. One-on-One Family Council – One parent and one child; informal set time to spend time with each child, maybe on a weekly basis; special time to discuss child's physical, social, mental, spiritual and emotional growth and challenges.

DKiyaani expressed her concerns and issues on funds for grazing officials. She recommends setting aside some funds for working with the people; there are no initiatives or plans for the local issues by grazing officials; a transparency is needed on all NPL issues.

DRYazzie is deeply concern on:

1. Failing to upgrade elder home facilities and proposed for additional facilities request by Chinle Elder Home Program. There should be more future plans for developing additional sites on the Navajo Nation instead of relocating the elders to outside entities.
2. NN Funds and Revenues are depleting every year; Shortfalls of Navajo departments and/or programs should not be bailed out every year. There are other needs at the chapter level such as Veteran Center. She is assisting the Black Mesa Veteran Organization with a grant proposal and its cost estimates are at \$3.1 Million.
3. NECA should not be the only one to be priority one as Navajo owned business. They are not accountable for their work; highways are falling apart.

ABenallie also agrees with DRYazzie on Chinle Elder Home. He rather likes to see himself at this site when he or his children are unable to take care of him, instead of being deported to outside entities. Non-profit organization only provides services, not fund the constructions. Chinle Valley School was going into bankruptcy when he got hired. He wrote grant proposals for the School. He did this for the love of and for the Native disabled children.

JDalton expressed his concern on the N8066 road from Rough Rock to top the Mountain and has been bring it up at chapter meetings. He has traveled on it several times and the shortest route to Kitsilie. There are so many bumps (boulders) the road. Are there any funds for each route? Should there be funds set aside for road improvements? Rough Rock and Black Mesa chapters need to develop a team work to address this road.

Mr. Witherspoon explained the funds for road constructions and road maintenance on the Navajo Nation. It cost approximately about \$18 Million for 4-5 miles and \$66 Million for road maintenance. Currently, priority for Black Mesa Chapter is N8066.

B. Grazing Committee Member, Francis Honie

1. Livestock care information – water change on a regular basis and checking for worms in hay.

2. NN Agriculture Office cannot conduct enforcements without funds, including animal trespassing activities and livestock reductions.
3. Grazing permit holders in Apache County within Black Mesa Chapter still need to submit documents for permit transfer transactions.

ABenallie is concerned on the hay that being delivered and sell to the public. He requested to grazing official to found out if certain hay are being allowed to sell in the AZ such as Colorado. There are some restrictions on hay that are selling to the public.

DRYazzie recommended lowering the price for hay that is being sold by the Chapter. There no access to the barn when Albert (CSC) is not available. Leticia told her she is limited to lifting hay. She recommends hiring someone to assist women or elders with hay upon purchase.

C. CSC, Albert Lee

1. He is in the process of obtaining cost estimates from hay vendors and considering NAPI.
2. He gave a warning to the public on a roaming of cougars in Kitsillie area.
3. He is very concerned about recent Navajo election. There are 581 registered with Black Mesa Chapter and only 241 voted. 340 people might be purged from the list and Chapter will get less funds now.
4. The WIND system is finally working again; it has been down since October 5<sup>th</sup>.
5. The water truck will moisten the road after the Thanksgiving holiday to settle the dust created by hauling trucks for red dog gravel project.
6. He received 100 coal cards and is, currently, giving out to elders and disabled community members. He explained that individual must be present and sign for it (enforcement by Community Liaison of Peabody Coal Company).

LBiltah explained the procedures of purging the people's names for not voting in the last two Navajo elections. He also talked about the absentee ballots.

D. CLUPC, Dorothy R Yazzie

1. Still working Navajo County on CLUP manual and almost completing it. The next meeting is on December 8, 2015 at Holbrook AZ, hopefully to finalize it and start conducting public hearing.
2. Rural Addressing – CSC is inputting resident addresses for the people that are living in Black Mesa Chapter community, including correcting the mailing addresses. The rural addresses will be use for emergencies. Next task is purchasing road signs and cost estimate is \$40,000.
3. Brief information on Little Colorado River Water Settlements and watershed projects in Black Mesa Chapter area such as dam and reservoirs restorations, gardens and corn fields.
4. November 21, 2016 meeting on conservation and rural addressing.

E. CHR, Tammy Rock – Absent.

F. BM Veterans Organization, Wilson Honie, Vice Commander

1. They have their monthly meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month. Very few attend and would like to see more involvements.
2. They participated in veteran activities at Pinon on November 11, 2016.

3. The Organization approved emergency and medical assistances for 6 veterans. The paperwork has been submitted to the Chapter Administration for process. The six are Fred Baloo, Billy Biltah, Roger Honie, Fred J Benallie, Wilson Honie, and Ray Yazzie.

G. BM Review Board, Andrew Benallie

1. He gave brief update on Manymules Waterline Extension Projects. Phase I is in progress now. Main waterline is being constructed.
2. He explained about the coal and water of Black Mesa and how it generates electricity to Phoenix and Tucson including how it's benefiting their lives. While that is happening in Southern Arizona, the Navajo people are lacking of waterline and electricity.
3. He wrote to Speaker of Navajo Nation Council about his concern and no reply from him.

H. Dzilyjiin Regional Community Development Commission, Jimmy Yellowhair – Absent.

I. Chapter Officers – They participated in explanation of each resolution, discussions on resolutions and reports of Council Delegate and CSC.

J. LCRWCA, Daisy Kiyaani

1. Carry-over funds are being used currently and watershed projects are all on hold.
2. She briefly talked about the gabions built by summer youth workers and commended their involvement with the projects.
3. Livestock care training to be held on November 28, 2016 at Forest Lake Chapter. Range management, conservation planning and livestock management are on agenda.

K. BMCS and RRCS School Board – None.

L. Others – None.

V. Updates on Chapter On-going Projects: There were no updates given. A motion to adjourn was made.

- 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

VI. The meeting adjourned at 5:17 pm.

Motioned by: Frankie Begay

Seconded by: Wilson Honie

VOTE: 17-00-00

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

Next Chapter Meeting: Monday, December 19, 2016 @ 1:00 pm



Marlene Biltah, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer