

Black Mesa Chapter
Meeting Minutes
October 16, 2015

- I. Meeting Called to Order by Larry Biltah at 5:30 pm.
- A. Invocation provide by Roy Gilmore.
- B. Reading & Approval of Meeting Minutes of 09-09-15 with corrections.
Motioned by: Freddie Baloo
Seconded by: Dorothy R Yazzie
VOTE: 11-00-06
- C. Adoption of Agenda
Motioned by: Jane Baloo
Seconded by: Louise N Begay
VOTE: 14-00-05
- Motioned for Add-ons to Resolutions by: Freddie Baloo
Seconded by: Dorothy R Yazzie
VOTE: 17-00-02
- Motioned to Suspend the Rules (Resolutions before Announcements) by: Dorothy R Yazzie
Seconded by: Jane Baloo
VOTE: 14-00-04
- II. Resolutions:
- A. BMC-16-10-001: Approve Medical Assistance for Nona Yazzie-Absent. Add-on: Ronald Kaye
Motioned by: Dorothy R Yazzie
Seconded by: Vina Hoskie
VOTE: 15-00-03
- B. BMC-16-10-002: Approve and Authorized Carry Over Funds of \$756,480.92
Motioned by: Dorothy R Yazzie
Seconded by: Jane Baloo
VOTE: 15-00-03
- C. BMC-16-10-003: Approve and Authorized Agency Veterans Trust Fund of \$24,678 Allocations
Motioned by: Dorothy R Yazzie
Seconded by: Jane Baloo
VOTE: 15-00-03
- D. Approve \$500.00 for Black Mesa Chapter Community Thanksgiving Dinner
Motioned by: Dorothy R Yazzie
Seconded by: Jane Baloo
VOTE: 13-00-05
- E. BMC-16-10-005: Approve Housing Discretionary Assistance for Karen Bahe and Roger Hadley Jr. Add-ons: Louise N. Begay, Bessie Yazzie, Dorothy R Yazzie, Anna Redhair, Vina Hoskie, Alta Hoskie, Susie Hoskie, Richard Sage, Laverne Nakie, Ronald Kaye, Jane Baloo and Lorraine Sage.
Motioned by: Freddie Baloo
Seconded by: Peyton Sage

VOTE: 15-00-03

- F. BMC-16-10-006: Approve Chapter Scholarship Assistance for Rayanna Yazzie, Ray Yazzie Jr, and Peyton Sage
Motioned by: Vina Hoskie
Seconded by: Lorraine Sage
VOTE: 14-00-04

Motioned for Add-ons by: Freddie Baloo
Seconded by: Bessie Yazzie
VOTE: 15-00-01

- G. BMC-16-10-007: Approve chapter Housing Discretionary Assistance for Lynn Dean and Helen Nelson
Motioned by: Freddie Baloo
Seconded by: Bessie Yazzie
VOTE: 15-00-01

- H. BMC-16-10-008: Approve Travel Authorization for Caroline Bemore to attend NN Grant Writing Workshop at Twin Arrows on October 14-15, 2015.
Motioned by: Helena Nelson
Seconded by: Jane Baloo
VOTE: 15-00-01

III. Announcements:

1. 10/27/15 – LCR Conservation Meeting @ Hardrock Chapter, 9am
2. 10/28/15 – NN Transportation Stimulus Plan Work Sessions @ NDOT Office, Tse Bonito NM
3. 11/14/15 – District 4 GCM Meeting @ Blue Gap, 9am
4. 11/17/15 – Route N8066 Road Field Meeting, 9am

IV. Reports:

- A. Council Delegate, Dwight Witherspoon- Absent. Ms. Claudia Jackson, Administrative Legislative Assistant made a brief report for Mr. Witherspoon
1. She announced that Mr. Witherspoon is attending Community College Conference in San Diego, CA.
 2. She briefly went over the written report made by Mr. Witherspoon.
 3. Council Fall Sessions is scheduled during the week of October 19th.
 4. BIA Roads Dept., NDOT and Navajo County officials are planning the meet on heavy equipment operator training for Dzilyijiin chapters. One operator will be recommended by each chapter.
 5. Dzilyijiin Youth Summit was held on October 18th at Pinon High School. It was a good turn-out for everyone.
 6. Upon request on the status of Navajo Gaming Revenue, the following information were given:
 - a. Hosting chapters will receive \$72,000 and other chapters will get \$20,241.50. Hosting chapter is located where the Navajo Casino is located, ex: Twin Arrows Casino is in Leupp Chapter and Fire Rock Casino is in Rock Springs Chapter.
 - b. The funds will be used for chapter house improvement or utilities for the chapter house.
 - c. Each chapter will submit utility invoices to Window Rock tribal office and payment will be made directly to vendors. Chapters will not receive the funds. All funds will be management by Tribal Office of Window Rock. Chapter will submit proposal for chapter house improvement projects.

DRYazzie totally disagreed with the procedures and makes the chapter administrations not being trustful. She requested to Ms. Jackson to distributed copies of the state gaming policies.

LBiltah called the process is not fair to all chapters that will receive only \$25,000. Hosting chapters for BM Coal Mine revenues were not considered and not treated as such. All revenues were given to Navajo Tribe in Window Rock.

B. Grazing Committee Member, Francis Honie – Absent.

C. CSC, Albert Lee

1. He worked and submitted the FY 2015 carryover funds and budget.
 - a. Head Start Building Project \$189,179
 - b. North Valley Power Line Project \$250,000
 - c. No budgets for burial expenses since Navajo Nation General Assistance provide the services.
2. He received the FY 2016 Funds and deposited today.
3. BM Senior Citizen Program - Still waiting for the "gap" part to be install on the kitchen sink.
 - a. There is a shortfall of funds for FY 2016 budget for the NN Senior Citizen Programs.
 - b. Chinle Agency has cut working hours to 32 per week for all workers at the local sites.

D. CLUPC, Dorothy R Yazzie – no reports.

E. CHR, Lynn Dean – Absent.

F. BM Veterans Organization, Richard Claw

G. BM Review Board, Andrew Benallie – Absent.

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

I. Chapter Officers – all participated in reports, resolutions and chapter projects.

1. Red Dog Gravel Projects has restarted this month. They had a shut-down for about three months.
 - a. Schedules:
 - October 19 – Kayenta
 - October 16 – Hardrock and Shonto
 - November 16 – Black Mesa
 - January 25 – Blue Gap
 - January 4 – Whipporwill
 - b. Project Cost:
 - 10 Chapters contributed \$100,000
 - Navajo County - \$324,000
 - NDOT - \$500,000
 - Peabody - \$244,000
 - c. Chapter's contribution of \$10,000 might be increase to \$15,000 for FY 2016.

J. BMCS and RRCS School Board – None.

K. Others – None.

V. Updates on Chapter On-going Projects:

A. N8066 Road Construction, Phase III & Permanent Bridge.

1. A field meeting is scheduled on November 16, 2015 at 9am.
2. According to Mr. Witherspoon, the project is included in NN Transportation Stimulus Plan.

B. N8065 Low Water Crossing Project

1. NDOT tried to eliminate the project since a permanent bridge will be included in the N8066 Road Construction Project.
2. The BM Chapter officers have previously requested to keep the project as is and not to combined it with Road Construction.

C. East Valley (Yale Point) Waterline Extension Project

1. NECA needs to work more on local pump house to meet the NTUA's specifications before it is certified.
2. It's going to be until this coming summer to turn on the water for recipients of the project.

D. North Valley Power Line Extension Project

1. The current approved chapter Resolution to separate the main trunk line was hand-carried to Project Administrators in Ft. Defiance's NTUA office. They were informed to expedite the process of developing new cost estimates since there are funds available.
2. The cost estimates will be completed within 30 days after the delivery of the resolution.
3. The two main trunk lines from Peabody to Oak Ridge and Kitsilile to Honie's will cost less than one main trunk line from Kitsilile to Oak Ridge area. There's about six miles of no housing unit between two areas.

E. Black Mesa Head Start Building

1. \$400,000 has been approved by the Navajo President.
2. Navajo Designing & Engineer and LAM Corporation held a meeting in Gallup with the Contractor.
3. Mr. Witherspoon met with Navajo DOJ and DES regarding on waiving the procedures for rebidding. There is questionable item on cost estimated on 5% of Architect and bidder's cost.

F. Frontier Telecommunication

VI. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm due to lack of quorum.

Next Planning Meeting: Friday, November 6, 2015 @ 3:00 pm

Next Chapter Meeting: Friday, November 13, 2015 @ 3:00 pm



Marlene Biltah, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer