

Black Mesa Chapter
Planning Meeting Minutes
October 07, 2015

I. Meeting Called to Order by Larry Biltah @ 3:57pm.

A. Invocation provided by Larry Biltah.

B. Reading & Approval of Meeting Minutes of 09-04-15

Motioned by: Caroline Bemore

Seconded by: Larry Biltah

VOTE: 03-00-00

C. Adoption of Agenda

Motioned by: Caroline Bemore

Seconded by: Marlene Biltah

VOTE: 03-00-00

D. Announcements

1. 10/8/15 – Red Dog Gravel Meeting @ Pinon, 10am
2. 10/9/15 – Dzilyjiin Regional Council Meeting @ Low Mountain, 9am
3. 10/10/15 – Chinle Agency Council Meeting @ Blue Gap, 9am
4. 10/13/15 – CLUPC Meeting with NHA & NN Land Dept at BMC, 9am
5. 10/14/15 – Agency GCM Meeting @ Chinle, 9am
6. 10/28/15 – NN Transportation Stimulus Plan Meeting @ NDOT Office, Tsebonito NM
7. 11/14/15 – District 4 GCM Meeting @ Blue Gap, 9am
8. 11/17/15 – Route N8066 Road Field Meeting, 9am

II. Brief Reports/Introduction of Resolutions:

A. Council Delegate, Dwight Witherspoon – Absent. Claudia Jackson, Legislative Assistance

1. Brief update on Black Mesa Head Start Building.
2. Mr. Witherspoon will attend Youth Summit at Pinon High School tomorrow, all day.
3. Marlene Hoskie, ASC Sr. Planner, announced there will be grant writing workshop at Twin Arrows on October 14-15, 2015 and open to chapter officials.
4. Legislation for Sihasin Funds will be introduced at Fall Session; mostly on water projects, then youth projects and economic developments.

B. Grazing Committee Member, Francis Honie

1. He attended a meeting on October 1st – BIA NPL and HPL Quarterly meeting.
2. Animal Trespassing within NPL
 - a. State branded livestock will be impounded by BIA NPL, starting with White Cone Chapter.
 - b. 48 have been already taken
3. Windmill Repairs - #310-2, #311-4 and #311-5 are being repair and in progress.
4. BIA NPL will review and re-issue grazing permits.
5. Precinct II Grazing representatives will work on range unit plans; BIA NPL will bring in their technicians to assist. It's been 40 years that Navajo Nation was allowed by BIA to work on range units, range management plans and develops regulations but to this day, but remains to be seen.
6. Navajo Nation Council is very slow to approve Navajo Nation Grazing Act and causing delays with redistribution of grazing permits.
7. Half of Council Delegates and NN Vice President supports the feral horse round up.

Marlene Biltah, Chapter Secretary, expressed the map of range units has not been brought before the community and has not been approved by the chapter membership. The boundaries on the map are proposed lines. A request through the chapter meeting to BIA NPL to conduct public education has been made but no definite date has been set yet. There are some disagreements on boundary lines that need to be met on.

C. CSC, Albert Lee

1. He made a deposited of \$20,824.33 (funds for BM Head Start Building).
2. Payments for Solar Energy Program
 - a. 12 recipients are up-to-date with their monthly payments. 38 are in deficiencies. He has sent out letters already but very slow with payments. 38 solar energy microwaves have been delivered and will be given to the people who are current with their payments.
3. He and AMS have worked on reconciliation of funds and budget. There are no discrepancies for September fund balance.
4. Bales of hay are still available.

When asked about the following, therefore his responses were:

5. Kitchen - NN Head Start Program is working on MOA to have their maintenance worker to assist the chapter with 1" gap for the kitchen.
6. LGA Certification
 - a. The process has been put on hold by the Navajo Nation since there are no more funds of \$160,000.
 - b. Edgerton Gene, Accountant, and Marlene Hoskie, Sr. Planner of Administrative Service Center are the persons to get more information.
 - c. The Chapter Officers are requesting to scheduled a meeting with ASC personnel to start preparing for transition process of LGA Certification.
7. Emery Mose, Front End Loader operator for the Chapter, has been working on some wash-outs on local roads to residents. He will continue again when all FY 2016 budgets are approved.
8. There is \$4,822.49 carryover for BM Veterans Organization.

D. Call to the Public – Requests for medical assistance and housing discretionary assistance.

E. CLUPC – Absent.

F. CHR, Lynn Dean – Absent.

G. BM Veterans Organization, Richard Claw

1. The Organization has been conducting their monthly meetings. He submits reports and meeting minutes to Chinle Agency Veterans Office.
2. He requested for chapter resolution approving the allocation of \$24,678 (Agency Veterans Trust Fund) for Fiscal Year 2016.
3. The Organization is planning to conduct a parade from BM Chapter to BMCS on November 11, 2015. The theme is "In Honor of Veterans – Defenders of Our Freedom". Grand Marshall is Harrison Honie, Vietnam Veteran. The funds from Veteran Trust Fund of Chinle Agency will be used for the event.
4. A response on NHA Veteran Housing Program:
 - a. Anderson Tulley as Chinle Agency Commander attend meeting with RDC on proposals.
 - b. No one from Black Mesa Chapter has applied.
 - c. Home site lease is required. No every veteran has this document.

Comments by Chapter Officers:

1. As officers for BM Veterans Organization, they should assist other veterans, especially elderlies, with applications and required documents for housing assistance including the process procedures.
2. This should be a group effort and team work when individual is requesting for assistances.

3. Let there be transparency within the Organization on all actions.
4. A gratitude expression made to local veterans on accomplishments with Organization and serving their country.

H. BM Review Board, Andrew Benallie – Absent.

I. Dzilyjiin Regional Community Development Corp., Jimmy Yellowhair – Absent.

J. Chapter Officers expressed concerns, and made comments and recommendations on the following topics:

1. A group and team efforts on all chapter projects that are pending.
2. An increase of chapter donation on red dog gravel project.
3. BM Chapter kitchen status – It's been more than three years.
4. NN Transportation Stimulus Plan
5. Develop goals on chapter projects
6. Chapter's Mission Statement update
7. NPL Range Unit and management plans with BM Grazing official
8. Navajo Hopi Land Commission/Relocation Trust Fund – encourage BMVO to request for assistance for their memorial day activities; assistance for three relocatees with housing infrastructures.
9. NN Permanent Trust Fund – 50% should be release for chapter infrastructure projects
10. NN Government Development Commission is proposing the eliminate chapter officers and create agency commissions.
11. Non-profit organization, 501(c)3 for BM Chapter when approved as LGA Certification
12. Schedule a work sessions on strategic planning and updating chapter's policies and procedures

K. BMCS and RRCS School Board – None.

L. Others – None

III. Updates on Chapter On-going Projects:

A. N8066 Road Construction, Phase III & Permanent Bridge

1. A field meeting is scheduled on November 17, 2015 with BIA Dept of Transportation and NDOT.

B. N8065 Low Water Crossing Project

C. East Valley (Yale Point) Waterline Extension Project

D. North Valley Power Line Extension Project

1. A 2nd chapter resolution has been hand-carried to NTUA Head Quarters in Ft. Defiance.
2. A new cost estimate will be completed and submit it to Chapter Administration within a month.

E. Black Mesa Head Start Building

1. Mr. Witherspoon met with DOJ recently.
2. He was told the project will be re-bid due to deep gap between some bidders.
3. The Chapter Officers met with Navajo Nation DES and requested not to be re-bid. Mr. Witherspoon supposed to meet with DOJ and request for waiver on bidding requirements.

F. BM Solar Energy, Phase II - Completed. Solar energy microwaves to be given to recipients of the project.

G. Frontier Telecommunication

IV. Resolutions:

- A. BMC-16-10-001: Approve Medical Assistance for Nona Yazzie
- B. BMC-16-10-002: Approve and Authorized Carry Over Funds of \$756,480.92
- C. BMC-16-10-003: Approve and Authorized Agency Veterans Trust Fund of \$24,678 Allocations
- D. BMC-16-10-004: Approve \$500.00 for Black Mesa Chapter Community Thanksgiving Dinner
- E. BMC-16-10-005: Approve Housing Discretionary Assistance for Karen Bahe and Roger Hadley Jr

Motioned to forward all resolutions to Regular Chapter Meeting by: Caroline Bemore

Seconded by: Francis Honie

VOTE: 04-00-00

V. The Meeting adjourned at 6:51 pm.

Motioned by: Caroline Bemore

Seconded by: Albert Lee

VOTE: 04-00-00

Next Chapter Meeting: Friday, October 16, 2015 @ 4:00 pm

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



Marlene Biltah, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer