

Black Mesa Chapter
Planning Meeting Minutes
October 7, 2016

- I. Meeting Called to Order by Larry Biltah @ 1:38pm.
 - A. Invocation provided by Larry Biltah.
 - B. Reading & Approval of Meeting Minutes of September 6, 2016 – Deferred to next planning meeting.
Motioned by: Caroline Bemore
Seconded by: Marlene Biltah
VOTE: 03-00-00
 - C. Adoption of Agenda
Motioned by: Marlene Biltah
Seconded by: Caroline Bemore
VOTE: 03-00-00
 - D. Announcements:
 1. 10/8/16 – Chinle Agency Council Meeting @ Low Mountain Chapter, 9am
 2. 10/11/16 – RDC Meeting @ Chinle, 9am (Wells Fargo Online Banking Services)
 3. 10/12/16 – N8066 Road Construction Meeting, 10am
 4. 10/13/16 – Flu Shots @ BMCS
 5. 10/14/16 – Chinle Agency Grazing Committee Meeting @ Many Farms, 9am
 6. 10/14/16 – Meeting with Army Corp. Engineer @ Hardrock, 9am
 7. 10/19/16 – CLUPC Meeting @ BMC, 10am
 8. 10/20/16 – Red Dog Gravel Meeting @ Pinon NDOT, 10am
 9. 10/20/16 – Flu Shots @ BM Chapter
 10. 10/24/16 – NPL Mediation Meeting (Trespassing/State Brands) @ Pinon NPL, 9am
 11. 10/28/16 – H60 Road Meeting with Hopi @ Low Mountain, 9am
 12. 11/2/16 – District 4 Grazing Committee Meeting @ Whippoorwill, 9am
- II. Brief Reports/Introduction of Resolutions:
 - A. Council Delegate, Dwight Witherspoon
 1. The meeting with Army Corp Engineer at Hardrock Chapter on October 14th
 - Request to the Chapter Officials to identify the locations of check-dams, tributaries, etc.
 - Local visitations: 8-11am at Forest Lake Chapter 11-1pm at Black Mesa Chapter
 2. Water Rights Negotiation Team is standstill with the Hopi Tribe.
 3. Dzilyijiin Region Police District meeting at Window Rock on October 24th; Support is needed from all Dzilyijiin chapters.
 4. A concern expressed by Chapter Administration on Gaming Revenues; the payment to NTUA was very slow and a few times, the utilities were almost shut off; need a better procedures in place for payments made with Gaming Revenues. Mr. Witherspoon recommends purchasing solar panels for the chapter house and recommending having assessment be conducted.
 5. He received updates from the Chapter Officers on North Valley Power Line Extension Project.
 6. Council Fall Session starts on October 17th.

Comments and Concerns made by Chapter Officers:

1. Wells Fargo Online Banking Services – DCD and auditor general demands and not treating chapters as local governments. The chapters that owe large amounts to IRS should be the ones signing up with Wells Fargo. Forest Lake Chapter is already experiencing discrepancies with the funding reports.
 2. Funds from Peabody Western Coal Company – Black Mesa Chapter are utilizing the funds for power line extension project and would like to continue receiving funds to complete the projects. Oak Ridge is in Phase IV of the Manymules Waterline Extension Project and the people will not see it happened. All funds will be depleted before Phase IV.
 3. He recommends to request to RDC for funding.
- B. Grazing Committee Member, Francis Honie – No reports but made some meeting announcements.
- C. CSC, Albert Lee – No reports but submit a list of people requesting for chapter assistances; He made deposit of FY 2017 funds.
- D. Call to the Public – Majority requested for chapter’s housing discretionary assistances, scholarships, and medical assistances.
- E. CLUPC - Absent.
- F. CHR, Tammy Rock
1. She conduct home visit to her clients for 4 days per week.
 2. The assigned tribal vehicle is out of service and is at shop for repairs and services. She is using her own vehicle and does not get reimbursement for mileage. She spends most of her time in the office doing her paper work.
 3. She was requested to submit the list and number of community members who are high risk and elders. The purpose is for community emergency preparation and readiness.
 4. She was informed that she can request to NDOT and/or BIA Road Maintenance for road improvements for her clients and elders.
- G. BM Veterans Organization, Richard Claw – Absent.
- H. BM Review Board, Andrew Benallie
1. He informed the community members that public coal will be open on October 24, 2016.
 2. Jarvis Williams of Peabody Coal Company was planning to attend the chapter meeting but will now need to inform him of reschedule of the meeting.
 3. He will not be available and will be traveling from October 17-20, 2016
 4. Coal Card issue – One person living in mine lease area objects to issue coal cards to people living outside the lease area which is not right and unfair.
- I. Dzilyijiin Regional Community Development Commission, Jimmy Yellowhair – Absent. The Commissioners are inactive.

- J. Chapter Officers – All three officers participated and provided their inputs during the introduction of resolutions and discussions of agenda items.
- 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. Tentative meeting with Delegate Leonard Pete and Sharon Yazzie for updates on the progress is scheduled on October 12, 2016.
- B. N8065 Low Water Crossing Project
- C. North Valley Power Line Extension Project
 - 1. NTUA are staking out the lines for main trunk lines for the project.
 - 2. Updating the documents with the budget need to be continued.
- D. Black Mesa Head Start Building
 - 1. A pre-construction meeting was held on Tuesday, 10/4/16 at the BM Chapter.
 - 2. The construction is projected to cost about \$1.6 million. The building will contain two classroom.
 - 3. There were about 20 people from different entities such as Navajo DES, Navajo EPA, Arviso Contractors and their subcontractors, LAM Corporations, Navajo OSHA, Navajo Water Code Office, and NTUA.
 - 4. A walk through of the site was conducted to determine the location of office and fencing with entrance.
 - 5. Part of the dirt on the North of the Chapter House is being considered for hauling to fill the ground work on site of the head start building. The concrete slabs might be used but will be tested for asbestos. Trash dumpster needs to be relocated to the South of the Chapter House.
 - 6. Local dam water, chapter water and sewer lagoons are being considered to be used for construction. Approval of letter or chapter resolutions is need.
 - 7. The cost of extension/transfer of electricity from a pole to head start building will be paid by the Chapter Administration. The cost might be up to \$19,000.
 - 8. NN OSHA gave information about the regulations and compliances relating to construction. Proper PEP is required within the construction zone. They can provide training.
 - 9. Ground work will start on Monday; putting up fences; and Northwest entrance will be closed.
- E. Frontier Telecommunications

IV. Old Business:

- A. BMC-16-09-150: Supporting Funding Grant Proposal for LCRWCA for Watershed Projects.

V. Resolutions:

- A. BMC-17-10-001: Approve Chapter Housing Discretionary Assistancess for Rose B Begay, Jolynn Yellowhorse, Justin Dalton, Zoey Yazzie, Martha B Ten, Adrienne Greyeagle, Lynn Dean, Josephine Watchman, Stella Begay, Joanie Yazzie, Annie Remiro, Sarah Begay, Susie Begay, Fred J Benally, Louise Claw, Emery Mose, Valentino Mose, Louise N Begay, Dorothy D Yazzie, Lorena Begay, Carlos Begay Jr., Brenda Scott, Marlinda Elthie, Ida Begay, Mary Frazier, Murphy Joe and Bessie Begay.

The chapter officers explained about the 20% funding cuts for all 110 chapters including chapter assistance programs and chapter officer stipend. Navajo Nation President Begaye line-item vetoed about 17 items. NN Council is now questioning the valid of his veto power since he was in Washington DC when he signed the documents. The Navajo Law requires that NN President has to be on Navajo Nation to use his veto power.

- B. BMC-17-10-002: Approve Chapter Scholarship Assistancess for Monica Jones, Andrew Charley, Carmyn Mailboy, Leslie Joe, and Arlyssia Sells.
- C. BMC-17-10-003: Approve and Accept FY 2016 Carry Over Funds of \$641,362.19
- D. BMC-17-10-004: Approve Medical Assistancess for Ronald Kaye and Brenda Scott
- E. BMC-17-10-005: Request to BIA Roads Maintenance to repair erosion at the crossing on N8066 near Daisy Kiyaani's Resident.
- F. BMC-17-10-006: Requesting Navajo President Russell Begaye, Vice President Jonathan Nez, and NN Council to demand US Congress to Conduct field tour and field hearing on NPL prior to taken any action making major Amendments to PL 93-531, as amended.
- G. BMC-17-10-007: Approve and Accept the Gaming Revenue's Carry Over Funds of \$13,159.22
- H. BMC-17-10-008: Approve and Allow Arviso Construction Company to utilize the water pond by Windmill #311 for BM Head Start Building Construction
- I. BMC-17-10-009: Request to NTUA to Conduct Cost Estimates to Transfer Electricity to BM Head Start Building
- J. BMC-17-10-110: Approve to Change Oraibi Wash to Tse' Binaa'yo'li Wash
- K. BMC-17-10-111: Approve the Establishment of Dzilyijiin Police District
- L. BMC-17-10-112: Opposing the Wells Fargo Online Banking Services for all Chapters
- M. BMC-17-10-113: Request to Navajo OEH to Conduct Cost Estimates for Waterline Extension from Katie Watchman's resident towards Southeast to the Residents of Arlene Etsitty, Matilda Watchman and Albert Watchman
- N. BMC-17-10-114: Approve \$400.00 for BM Chapter Community Thanksgiving Dinner in November

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

- VI. The Meeting adjourned @ 5:24pm.
Motioned by: Marlene Biltah
Seconded by: Caroline Bemore
VOTE: 04-00-00

Next Chapter Meeting: Friday, October 21, 2016 @ 3:00 pm
Next Planning Meeting: Friday, November 04, 2016 @ 1:00 pm



Marlene Biltah, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer