

Black Mesa Chapter  
Planning Meeting Minutes  
October 5, 2014

- I. Meeting Called to Order by Larry Biltah @ 10:09 am.
- A. Invocation provided by Dwight Witherspoon.
- B. Reading & Approval of Meeting Minutes of 9/3/14  
Motioned by: Dwight Witherspoon  
Seconded by: Francis Honie  
VOTE: 04-00-000
- C. Adoption of Agenda  
Motioned by: Dwight Witherspoon  
Seconded by: Marlene Biltah  
VOTE: 04-00-00
- D. Announcements:
1. 10/6/14 – Public Hearing on \$554 Million Settlement Funds
  2. 10/7/14 – Grazing Permit Legislation at RDC Meeting @ Window Rock
  3. 10/7/14 – Rural Addressing Meeting @ Window Rock
  4. 10/11/14 – Chine Agency Council Meeting @ Pinon, 9am
  5. 10/12/14 – BMC Veterans Meeting, 1pm
  6. 10/13/14 – Precinct II GCM Meeting at Pinon NDOT, 9am
  7. 10/20/14 – Red Dog Gravel Meeting @ Pinon NDOT, 10am
  8. 10/20-24/14 – Fall Council Session @ Window Rock
  9. 10/28/14 – Dzilyijiin Judicial District Meeting @ Chinle NTUA
  10. 11/10/14 – SOS Coalition Conference @ Chinle Community Center, 10am
- II. Brief Reports/Introduction of Resolutions:
- A. Council Delegate, Dwight Witherspoon
1. Dzilyijiin Regional Council Meeting at Hardrock Chapter on 10/2/14
    - Proposed grazing permit legislation by Leonard Tsosie
    - Sales Tax Budget Instructional Manual on disallowable items
    - \$554 Million Settlement Public Hearing
  2. United Nations
    - 15 pages on different areas United States to address
    - International standards o matters that will affect the communities
    - Navajo Nation to use the same standards
  3. BM Head Start Building
    - The recommendation to transfer the funds by NN President was unknown to Delegate Russell Begay.
  4. Watershed Project
    - CSC should be key personnel for the project.
  5. N8066 Road Construction
  6. One Grant Concept Initiative

- Tommy Lewis is being recommended for Superintendent.
7. Legislative Administrative Assistant – The personnel might get funded up to January 2015.
  8. Question on the status of Regionalization - All LGCS office are closed down on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Offices in Whipoorwill and Round Rock are ready to be used.

Comments, Concerns and Recommendation by Chapter Officials and Community Members:

1. Need leadership's support for BM Chapter Projects, especially road projects on NDOT 's 5-Year Plan which was approved by RDC.
2. With new administration and new elected council delegates to take office in January 2015, the 5-Year Plan might change again.
3. Concerns on N8066 Road Construction being moved to 2019-2020.
4. Recommending meeting with RDC on N8066 Road Construction in January 2015.
5. Invite Mr. Paul Chaco to a chapter meeting on updates and reports.
6. Heard the NN is eliminating CLUPC; they committee is very important.
7. Recommendation to set a financial system for financial accountable for all NN programs, departments, organizations and grant schools.

B. Grazing Committee Member, Francis Honie

1. GCM Meeting at Pinon NPL Office
2. Grazing permits and NRIA are two separate issues. Grazing permits within NPL are cancelled permits and NRIA is a grazing regulations proposed by NN Dept of Agriculture.
3. He is still conducting interviews on grazing permit users; another scheduled date is on Friday, 10/10/14.
4. Horse Roundup - Only Hardrock Chapter did horse roundup this summer; there are still a lot of unanswered questions on the procedures and conducting horse roundups.
5. A request to NN Dept of Agriculture to assist the Grazing Committee Members on the issues of State Branded livestock but no action or response.
6. A resolution requesting for more funds for NN Grazing Committees so they can perform efficiently on their responsibilities.
7. There is new proposed legislation by Delegate Leonard Tsosie on reissue of grazing permits which all GCMs opposed. Recommendation to the public to attend RDC meeting on Tuesday in Window Rock.

Comments and Concerns:

1. Expression made by the community members is the GCMs are being treated as worthless by NN Dept of Agriculture. Their comments or recommendations are not being heard by the Dept.
2. The Dept is telling the people to abide by the regulations.

C. CSC, Albert Lee

1. Watershed Representative(s)
2. Housing Discretionary Assistances
3. Questions on LGA Certification status for the BM Chapter
  - Gave information that BM Chapter is almost being LGA certified.
  - One concern is there are no businesses within the chapter area compare to Pinon where they get sales tax funds.
  - The chapter will receive \$165,000 for operations when it becomes LGA certified which is not enough when chapter personnel are included.

4. Windmill #4T-399 on Route N8066 by Fred J Benally's resident. The Chapter will purchase materials for any repairs to windmills. NPL do not have any more funds.
5. BM Chapter was recognized as being the only chapter assisting their community people with chapter funds.

Comments by Community Members:

1. Financial reports should be disclosed to the public.
2. Recommendation for financial audit.
3. Filing system should be organized so copies of resolutions can be located immediately upon requests.
4. Anymore hay delivery?
5. Expressed to other community members not to rely so much on the Chapter to buy hay and sell them at low price. Recommendation is to have Chapter bring in a hay vendor for a day so community can purchase locally instead to travel out to border towns.

D. Call to the Public

1. Requesting for assistances under housing discretionary, chapter scholarship, and emergency medical.

E. CLUPC – Dorothy R Yazzie

1. Still requesting for consultant to assist the CLUPC with updating the manual.
2. Daisy Kiyanni attended two meetings on watershed projects.
3. Requesting Jones Begay and Daisy Kiyanni to be on Steering Committee for Lower Colorado River Watershed Project.

F. CHR - Vacant

G. BM Veterans Organization – Absent.

H. BM Review Board – Absent.

- I. Chapter Officers - They were involved in all discussion on items that were on agenda and introduced some resolutions for consideration at the regular chapter meetings.

J. Others – None.

III. Updates on Chapter On-going Projects:

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

1. Recommendation by NN President to transfer of funds was unknown to Delegate Russell Begay.
2. Unused funds from Tuba City correctional facilities could be used for Crownpoint Correction Center.

3. Concerns expressed about not being truthful by Leonard Chee of Division of Community Development on the funds already being taken for Crownpoint Correction Center.
4. Allocation of \$350,000 in still the BM Head Start Account.
5. Statement on not enough eligible children within Black Mesa chapter area will not dissuade and delay the project.
6. According to BMCS BabyFace Program, there is enough children that will be eligible for the program when an actual building is built.

E. BM Solar Energy, Phase II

F. Telecommunications:

1. Frontier

IV. Requisitions:

- A. None.

V. Resolutions:

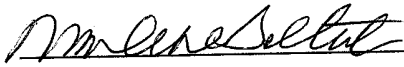
- A. BMC-15-10-001: Supporting Increase in Road Funding Formulas and Rural School Transportation Funding for Cost of Repairs/Maintenance for all School Buses at State and Federal Levels for Student Safety.
- B. BMC-15-10-002: Approve the Steering Committee Selection of Jones Begay and Daisy Kayonni for Lower Colorado River Watershed.
- C. BMC-15-10-003: Approve Housing Discretionary Assistance for Annie Remiro, Steven Remiro, Robert Remiro, Tammie Monrango, Louise N Begay, Bessie Yazzie, Susie Hoskie, Ruby Hoskie, Rose G Chee, Vina Hoskie, Leslie Joe, Murphy Joe, Irene Joe, Rhonda Sage, Leora Sage, Alice Z Bahe, Debbie Teller, Sandra Todecheenie, Daisy Keyonni, Dorothy R Yazzie, Sara Mailboy, Bessie Begay, Wesley Joe, Roger Honie, Wilson Honie, Josephine Watchman, and Lee Bedonie.
- D. BMC-15-10-004: Approve Chapter Scholarship Assistance for Betsy Yazzie, Carmyn Mailboy, Ray Yazzie Jr., Leroy Whitehair, Ilene K Benally, Deondrad Benally, and Jamie Yazzie.
- E. BMC-15-10-005: Approve Emergency Medical Assistance for Ronald Kaye, Roger Honie and Nona Yazzie.
- F. BMC-15-10-006: Approve Travel Authorization for BM CLUP Committee to attend a meeting with Rural Addressing authority and others on 10/7/14 in Window Rock, AZ
- G. BMC-15-10-007: Approve to Reinstate the Stipend of BM CLUP at \$100.00 per monthly meeting.
- H. BMC-15-10-008: Approve Travel Authorization for Chapter Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer to attend NAIHC and Navajo Nation's Grant Writing Training at Flagstaff AZ on 10/19-30/14.
- I. BMC-15-10-009: Approve to purchase materials for Windmill #4T-399 located in Black Mesa Chapter Area in the amount of \$2746.41

J. BMC-15-10-010: Requesting Navajo DOT for immediate action on Oraibi Wash Low Water Crossing Construction.

VI. The meeting adjourned at 1:37 pm.  
Motioned by: Dwight Witherspoon  
Seconded by: Francis Honie  
VOTE: 04-00-00

Next Chapter Meeting: Friday, October 10, 2014 @ 4:00 pm

Next Planning Meeting: Friday, November 07, 2014 @ 4:00 pm



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Marlene Biltah, Secretary/Treasurer