

Black Mesa Chapter
Chapter Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2015

- I. Meeting Called to Order by Larry Biltah at 4:25 pm.
- A. Invocation provided by Amos Johnson.
- B. Reading and Approval of Meeting Minutes of August 24, 2015 with corrections.
Motioned by: Nora Yazzie
Seconded by: Jane Baloo
VOTE: 14-00-02
- C. Adoption of Agenda:
Motioned by: Dorothy R Yazzie
Seconded by: Freddie Baloo
VOTE: 15-00-01
- Amendment for Add-ons Resolution #C, E-F:
Motioned by: Dorothy R Yazzie
Seconded by: Amos Johnson
VOTE: 14-00-02
- Motioned to Suspend the Rules to Go to Resolutions made by: Dorothy R Yazzie
Seconded by: Albert Lee
VOTE: 14-01-01

- II. Resolutions:
- A. BMC-15-09-151: Support Navajo Nation Transportation Stimulus Plan
Motioned by: Dorothy R Yazzie
Seconded by: Jane Baloo
VOTE: 18-00-01

Claudia Jackson, Legislative Assistant to Mr. Witherspoon explained the purposes:

1. NDOT administers transportation programs for NN to ensure safety and efficient operation, to promote improvement of the transportation system.
2. Plans of Operation amended to establish five departments:
 - Airport Management
 - Highway Safety
 - Road Project Management
 - Roads Maintenance Management
 - Transportation Planning
3. Plans and Estimates Projects include 7 road construction and 1 bridge replacement.
 - N12 – Navajo NM to Lukachukai AZ, 42 miles = \$65 million
 - N15 – Burnside Junction to Greasewood Spring, 21 miles = \$40 million
 - N27 – Nazlini to Chinle, 11 miles = \$25 million
 - N4/N8031 – Pinon to Hardrock, 15 miles = \$40 million

- N7119/Nn481 – Littlewater, 3 miles = \$6 million
 - N11 – Mariano Lake to N9, 13 miles = \$23 million
 - N8066 (3) – Black Mesa AZ, 7.5 miles = \$18 million
 - N6486 – Kayenta Bridge Replacement, 0.5 mile = \$7 million
- TOTAL COST: \$224 million

Motioned to Amend for Add-on to the Resolution made by: Amos Johnson

Seconded by: Dorothy R Yazzie

VOTE: 17-00-01

Recommended items to be include to Resolution:

1. Five bridges – N8034, N8065, N41, N8088 and Oraibi Wash
2. Reimbursements to Chapter for road improvements
3. Request NDOT to be transparent and improvement to the websites

B. BMC-15-09-152: Support Dzilyijiin Regional in establishment of Dzilyijiin Community College

Motioned by: Vina Hoskie

Seconded by: Lorena Begay

VOTE: 20-00-08

Information delivered by Claudia Jackson:

1. Meeting with NAU, DODE, DC, and NTU is scheduled tomorrow regarding extension of classes and the purposes of "We Grow Our Own".
2. Pinon Chapter is offering some empty buildings to be utilize for classes.
3. A site has been designated in Pinon according to their CLUP Manual .

Comments and Recommendations by Community Members:

1. Vocational technical courses should be considered since community colleges courses takes longer to earned degree, computer tech and other trades.
2. NTU should offer some their vocational courses for those that can earn certificates, such as heavy equipment operator.
3. 80% of high school graduates do not go to college and stay home. Writing and mathematics are very difficult to comprehend for high school students.

C. BMC-15-09-153: Approve Chapter Scholarship Assistance for Arlissia Sells and Peyton Sage; Add-on:

Taju Hudson

Motioned by: Amos Johnson

Seconded by: Tasha Yellowhair

VOTE: 21-00-09

D. BMC-15-09-154: Approve Medical Assistance for Priscilla Yellowhair

Motioned by: Annie Remiro

Seconded by: Lorena Begay

VOTE: 21-00-09

- E. BMC-15-09-155: Request to BIA Roads Dept and NDOT to \$500.00 Reimbursement to Sam Begay for Crossing Repair at Oraibi Wash, N8065
Motioned by: Helena Nelson
Seconded by: Dorothy R Yazzie
VOTE: 21-00-09
- F. BMC-15-09-156: Request Navajo Nation President Begay to sign Legislation for \$400,000 for BM Head Start Building Project
Motioned by: Jane Baloo
Seconded by: Helena Nelson
VOTE: 22-00-07

Motioned to Amendment for Add-on made by: Amos Johnson
Seconded by: Dorothy R Yazzie
VOTE: 17-00-07

III. Announcements:

1. 9/11/15 – Precinct I-II GCM Meeting @ Navajo Nation Museum in Window Rock, 9am
2. 9/11/15 – Chinle DCI Meeting, 9am
3. 9/11/15 – DNA Chapter Representative Meeting @ Window Rock, 9am
4. 9/17/15 – CLUPC Meeting with Navajo County @ Holbrook, 9am
5. 9/30/15 – Flu Shot @ BMCS, 10a-2p
6. 10/1/15 – Dzilyjiin Regional Council Meeting @ Low Mountain, 9am
7. 10/10/15 – Chinle Agency Council Meeting @ Blue Gap, 9am

IV. Brief Reports and Introductions of Resolutions:

A. Council Delegate, Dwight Witherspoon

1. Briefly explained on \$400,000 for BM Head Start Building Project. NNC questioned about the 5-year plan. According to ICIP, one project per chapter.

Comments by Chapter Officers:

1. Personnel of NN CIO and Former NN President Shelly disrupted the process of funds and they should be held accountable for it.
2. Head Start building should have been built last year if there were no interruptions by NN.
3. The construction cost has increase since.
4. Explanation to the community members on what happened to \$350,000.

B. Grazing Committee Member, Francis Honie

1. Distributed surveys for selecting either BIA NPL or Navajo Nation to re-issue grazing permits.

Amos Johnson of BIA NPL explained the reasons to select BIA:

- BIA is ready to re-issue the grazing permits since 25 CFR 161 is being used but still waiting for the NNC to approve Navajo Grazing Act. It has been 40 years and continued to wait.
- BIA should have re-issue permit back in 1974. Hopi Tribe already re-issued permits within three years.
- NN is very slow responding to dispute between Navajo and Hopi tribes.

- There is not livestock and grazing control by Navajos.
 - NN do not have 638 programs to take over NPL.
 - NPL office personnel have worked with Navajo Dept of Agriculture and no action on any issue relates to NPL.
 - There were about 1044 permit holders in 1950.
 - Chapters within District 4 are behind of getting their permit re-issued.
2. Will continue with his duties and responsibilities as grazing official for BM Chapter community.
 3. NN Grazing Act is still pending – no action yet by NNC.
 4. Funding for horse roundup activities is being discussed by NNC. The response by Navajo Rangers is limited due to lack of personnel. After horses, wild cattle are next to being roundup. Based on quantities on grazing permits, branded livestock will be return back to owners. Unclaimed will become the properties of NN.
 5. Cattle Rustler Activities being reported across NN; advised the public to report any suspicious activities right away.
 6. Upon being questioned on unbranded cattle or horses, he informed that anyone can claim and brand them. The timeframe to sell fresh branded livestock is 30 days.

C. CSC, Albert Lee

1. FY 2016 Budget – distributed for information.
2. September 18, 2015 is cut-off date for financial transaction.
3. He and AMS will work with ASC, Ms Gene, on carry over budget.
4. There are 37 microwaves available for recipients of BM Solar Energy Project. The complete of distribution will finalized of the project. There 17 people late with their monthly payment and 33 have not pay.
5. \$1064.57 deposited last week.
6. Mechanic from Navajo County fixed both chapter's grader and frontend loader.

Community Concerns and Comments:

1. Questions on the status of LGA certification.
2. Chapter website needs to be updates consistently so anyone can check on road projects, resolutions, etc.
3. Chapter administration should submit all approved resolutions and supporting documents to appropriate Navajo Nation departments and programs on a timely basis.

D. CHR, Lynn Dean – Absent.

E. BM Veteran's Organization – Absent.

F. CLUPC, Dorothy R Yazzie – No reports due to adjournment of the meeting.

G. BM Review Board – Excused due to illness/sick.

H. Dzilyjiin Regional Community Development Corp. – Absent.

I. Chapter Officers – Participated in discussions on resolutions and reports.

J. Others – None.

V. Updates on Chapter Projects: No updates due to adjournment of the meeting.

A. N8066 Road Construction/Permanent Bridge Project

B. N8065 Low Water Crossing

C. East Valley Waterline Extension Project (Yale Point)

D. BM Head Start Building

E. BM Solar Energy Phase II – Completed.

F. North Valley Power Line Extension Program

G. Telecommunication – Frontier

VI. The meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm due to lack of quorum.

Next Planning Meeting: Friday, October 09, 2015 @ 1:00 pm

Next Chapter Meeting: Friday, October 16, 2015 @ 3:00 pm



Marlene Biltah, Secretary/Treasurer