

Black Mesa Chapter
Planning Meeting Minutes
September 4, 2015

- I. Meeting Called to Order by Larry Biltah @ 1:48pm.
- A. Invocation provided by Honorable Robert Black Jr, Navajo County Supervisor.
- B. Reading and Approval of Meeting Minutes of August 10, 2015
Motioned by: Caroine Bemore
Seconded by: Francis HOnie
VOTE: 03-00-00
- C. Adoption of Agenda:
Motioned by: Francis Honie
Seconded by: Caroline Bemore
VOTE: 03-00-00
- D. 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
- II. Brief Reports and Introductions of Resolutions:
- A. Navajo County Supervisor, Robert Black Jr.
1. He is originally from Shonto, AZ. He was a Chapter Manager for 9 years till he was appointed to Navajo County Supervisor position by Jonathan Nez when he took office of NN Vice President on May 10, 2015.
 2. He and Evelyn Meadows were appointed to assist Mr. Nez with issues within the northern Navajo County. Wind turbines and medicine marijuana among other topics were discussed.
 3. Mechanic from Navajo County will work with Chapter Administration to fix and repair heavy equipment.
 4. Red Dog Gravel Projects
 - a. \$280,000 Navajo County
 - b. \$250,000 Navajo Dept of Transportation
 - c. \$100,00 10 Chapters (\$10,000 each)
 - d. Discussion of purchasing gravel crusher for the project
 5. He is willing to collaborate and assist the chapters with their needs, including community programs and activities.
 6. He will be attending AZ County Supervisors Meeting in Phoenix AZ on September 17, 2015.
 7. Tax money collected from Pinetop to NN reservation boundary is about \$89 Million and ½ of the funds goes to Navajo County Sheriff Office. No taxes are collected on Navajo Reservation.

8. Navajo County do not have jurisdiction on roads, only BIA and NDOT. Navajo County can assist with maintaining the heavy equipment for chapters. The County has assigned an operator to assist with blading the roads within the region.
9. He announced a meeting has been scheduled on September 10, 2015 at Dilcon on emergency responses.

Comments and Concerns expressed by Chapter Officers:

1. Requested for funding for Black Mesa CLUPC to update the manual and expenses for Rural Addressing.
2. Invite him to a regular chapter meeting to introduction to the community members, including the rest of his staff.
3. Expressed deep concerns on washouts of crossing and roads.
4. Requested for a full time heavy equipment operator for Dzilyijjin Region.
5. There should be a county roads department in the northern Navajo County like Apache County.
6. There are two people available to be trained by Navajo County for obtaining CLD to operate heavy equipment for BM Chapter.

B. Council Delegate, Dwight Witherspoon

1. He advised the Chapter officers to contact Harry Shirley to schedule a meeting with NN President regarding BM Head Start Building project. The project has been approved at the Special Council Session and will be approved or veto by the NN President.
2. He has talked with Mr. Pete of RDC about proposing to include the low water crossing as part of the Navajo Transportation Stimulus Act.
3. He questioned on the status of the North Valley Power Line Extension Project. He was informed the cost estimates has been received but there a request to change the main trunk line due to cost affective.

C. Grazing Committee Member, Francis Honie

1. He attended 3-day training with NN Dept of Agriculture, NN Land Dept and NN Wildlife and Fish on regulations, resolutions, land clearance policies and procedures for home site lease, and process procedures for power line extension and business site leases.
2. Grazing Permits
 - a. Grazing officials will be involved in redistribution of permits.
 - b. All grazing officials will be enforcing the regulations on livestock management.
3. GCM meeting at Forest Lake Chapter on Wednesday where NN Dept of Agriculture will deliver their reports.
4. NPL meeting on August 11th
 - a. The Hopi tribe is claiming Navajo residents living in HPL are trespassing and cutting fences.
 - b. NPL Office is requesting to cooperate on resolving the issues.
 - c. 16 windmills will be repair soon.
 - d. Wildlife will be considered for the process of fencing the range units.
 - e. A survey will be conducted whether the BIA or Navajo Nation to reissue the grazing permits. It is being discussed if it should be on referendum. Navajo Nation has more stimulations then BIA.
5. Livestock are being stolen and encouraged all to look out for any strange and illegal activities; take vehicle license if possible and report immediately.
6. Updates on Horse Roundup – Half of the Council Delegates are supporting, including the NN President and Vice President. NN President is opposing the roundup.

D. CSC, Albert Lee

1. He completed the monthly reconciliation and financial reports.
2. Deadline for Chapter's financial transaction is on September 18, 2015. Afterwards, he and AMS will start working the carry over funds. A work session is being scheduled on September 14-15 or 16-17 at Twin Arrows by NN on carry over funds.
3. He distributed proposed FY 2016 Budget to chapter officers for review.
4. Upon request for status on Audit Corrective Action and LGA Certification, after submission of corrective action plans to NN Auditor General, there are no responses yet.
5. He made a brief update on BM Solar Energy Project.
6. He deposited \$1,063.57 today. Funds are from selling water and hay, also cost for shower.
7. Marlene Hoskie, Agency Planner, will assist with getting 1" gap for the kitchen.

E. Call to the Public

1. Annie Remiro expressed opposition on the CLUP Committee's plan for proposed NHA housing near Kitsillie hill. The current NHA has brought tenants from elsewhere and disposing their trashes at local land fill which is a nuisance and unhealthy to the public and livestock.
2. A request to the Chapter Officials to invite Navajo Nation President and Vice President to a chapter meeting. Submit a resolution if need to.

Chapter officers explained it has not been finalized yet. Before it's approved, it will be brought to the public for comments.

F. CHR, Lynn Dean

1. She announced that she has been promoted to Forest Lake but will still cover Black Mesa Chapter area.
2. She will be updating the elders for the chapters.
3. Forest Lake and Black Mesa Chapter are being considered to be combine for elderly services

The chapter officers expressed interests on updating the high risks community members with Chapter Administration, mainly to be used during the emergency declarations for the Chapter.

G. BM Veteran's Organization – Absent.

H. CLUPC – Absent.

I. BM Review Board – Absent.

J. Dzilyijiin Regional Community Development Corp. – Absent.

K. Chapter Officers

1. A request to Black Mesa Chapter's Veteran Organization, Review Board member, DRC Development Corp. member to attend the monthly planning and chapter meeting for updates on their organizations.
2. UUFB funds are limited because there are other Navajo Nation organization and chapters requesting for funds for their projects.

III. Updates on Chapter Projects:

- 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
 - 1. \$400,000 from UUFB has been approved at the Special Council Session, to be forward to Judicial Branch, then to Navajo Nation President for approval or veto.
 - 2. There were concerns from Council Delegates on qualified teachers and bus drivers for the program.
 - 3. The chapter Officers to contact NN President's Office to schedule a meeting for support.
- E. BM Solar Energy Phase II
 - 1. 38 microwaves will be distributed to recipients.
- F. North Valley Power Line Extension Program
 - 1. Another resolution has been submitted to NTUA for a request to redo the cost estimates for two areas. One line to come from Peabody to Oakridge area and another one from Kitsillie to Honie's residents. This cost should be less than the current cost for feasibility studies.
- G. Telecommunication – Frontier

IV. Resolutions:

- A. BMC-15-09-151: Support Navajo Nation Transportation Stimulus Plan
- B. BMC-15-09-152: Support Dzilyjiiin Regional in establishment of Dzilyjiiin Community College
- C. BMC-15-09-153: Approve Chapter Scholarship Assistance for Arlissia Sells and Peyton Sage
- D. BMC-15-09-154: Approve Medical Assistance for Priscilla Yellowhair

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

Seconded by: Marlene Biltah

VOTE: 04-00-01

V. The meeting adjourned at 4:42pm.

Motioned by: Francis Honie

Seconded by: Caroline Bemore

VOTE: 04-00-00

Next Chapter Meeting: Wednesday, September 09, 2015 @ 3:00 pm

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



Marlene Biltah, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer