

Black Mesa Chapter
Planning Meeting Minutes
September 06, 2016

- I. Meeting Called to Order by Larry Biltah @ 1:34 pm.
- A. Invocation provided by Jane Baloo.
- B. Reading & Approval of Meeting Minutes of August 05, 2016
Motioned by: Caroline Bemore
Seconded by: Marlene Biltah
VOTE: 04-00-00
- C. Adoption of Agenda
Motioned by: Marlene Biltah
Seconded by: Caroline Bemore
VOTE: 04-00-00
- D. Announcements:
1. 9/12/16 – ADT will be initiated at three sites on N8066
 2. 9/22/16 – Red Dog Gravel Project Meeting @ Pinon NDOT Building, 10am
 3. 9/26/16 – N8066 Road Construction Meeting @ BMC, 10am
 4. 10/6/16 – Dzilijiiin Regional Council Meeting @ Whippoorwill Spring Chapter, 9am
 5. 10/8/16 – Chinle Agency Council Meeting @ Low Mountain Chapter, 9am
 6. 10/13/16 – RDC Meeting @ Chinle Chapter, 9am
- II. Brief Reports/Introduction of Resolutions:
- A. Council Delegate, Dwight Witherspoon – Absent. Nicole Horseherder as LDA made a brief report on behalf of Mr. Witherspoon.
1. She is looking for office space to do her work.
 2. Legislation 0241-16 pertains to Permanent Trust Fund; \$182 million for 5-Year Plan is to be used for road improvement projects; 20 miles per Region.
 3. A brief update on BM Head Start Building.
 4. Legislation 0220-16 was vetoed by NN President and recommended to involve all Navajo people through public meetings. Council Delegates said they will make changes and resubmit to NN President.
- DRYazzie and LBiltah both expressed their opposition on the Legislation which is reduced the 110 chapter to 24 regions. Chapter officers will be reduced to 24 regions' commissioners. There are no accountabilities in tribal offices (Window Rock). There are a few chapters that have misused the chapter funds and involving the rest of the chapters. The local services will decrease and requests for assistances will have to be made at another chapter (possibly Pinon). Majority of our elders do not have transportation or none at all.
- B. Grazing Committee Member, Francis Honie – Absent
- C. CSC, Albert Lee

1. He talked about the development of walking & biking trail within the chapter premises. The Chapter might receive \$2500 for supplies and materials for this purpose.
2. He and AMS will be attending the NN Closeout workshop on FY 2015-2016 chapter budgets at Twin Arrows on September 8-9, 2016.
3. Last check transactions for payment on September 18th.
4. NN EPA inspected the chapter's septic tank and recommended to replace the old septic tank.
5. BM Solar Energy - Several reports on solar energy refrigerators are not cold anymore; a clean-out in the back with air compressor is recommended.

DKiyaani expressed her disappointment about the summer student workers and its funding issues. There were not enough watershed projects conducted and completed. There should be additional funds for SYETP and stretch the work days beyond two weeks.

CBemore recommend working with NN Work Force for youth workers.

D. Call to the Public

1. Justin Dalton requested for housing discretionary assistance. He was told funding has been depleted and applied for next fiscal year's funding. He also expressed his concern on the road condition from top of mountain to Rough Rock. This is a safety issue to the public transportation.
2. DKiyaani is deeply concern on trashes located down the mountain. These illegal dumping of trashes should be reported. Green trees are being cut down by outside people.

E. CLUPC , Dorothy R Yazzie

1. She is trying to schedule a meeting with Navajo County, including a public meeting on CLUP manual.
2. Street names and people addresses are being updated in Rural Addressing. When completed, the committee will be with MC Baldwin in October 2016.

NHorseherder recommends to Committee to include and identify the grazing areas. Wood hauling or tree cutting will be illegal on these grazing areas as identify in the manual. It is very sad to see trashes along the roads, washes, and all over.

F. CHR, Tammy Rock

1. Lynn Dean, Forest Lake CHR, introduced Mr. Rock. They did eight home visits introducing her to Black Mesa chapter community.
2. Flu shots are scheduled at BMCS on October 13th and at BM Chapter on October 26th, from 10am to 3 pm.
3. Presented brief information on plaques and Hantavirus.
4. Mobile Clinic is being planned for 2017.
5. She checks on 55 years and older on medications and appointments; she also educate the elder on cell phone usage.
6. Debra Whitewater, Education Advocate, of Pinon Clinic will be attending the chapter meetings.

Tammy Rock informed the public she's from Navajo Mountain/Copper Canyon and getting familiar with areas of Kitsillie, Hardrock and Forest Lake. They will be attending training in Farmington NM next week.

DRYazzie asked about elder visits and request for schedules for high risks patients. She also requested for emergency numbers to Pinon Clinic. People do not need to call Chinle IHS for ambulance services.

DKiyaani appreciated the previous CHR of Black Mesa. She used to conduct periodic visits to all elders, check their vital signs and assisted them with medical appointments.

CBemore requested for updated list on status of community elders and disabled persons for emergency purposes. CHRs should be able to conduct training on eligibility criteria for non-emergency medical transporters and make overall reports of services at the chapter meetings.

NHorseherder suggested using colored codes on emergency needs.

LBiltah suggested requesting to Navajo County to assist with fund to the chapters for road blading during emergency situations, including heavy equipment repairs.

G. BM Veterans Organization, Richard Claw – Absent.

H. BM Review Board, Andrew Benallie – Absent.

1. DRYazzie is still disappointed that BM Chapter being denied coal cards. Elders of the community should at least be considered.
2. CBemore suggested scheduling a meeting with Jarvis Williams of PWCC.

I. Dzilyijiin Regional Community Development Commission, Jimmy Yellowhair – Absent. The committee is inactive for a year now. 501(c)3 is completed but yet to be presented to Dzilyigiin Regional Council for approval. Their main duties were to seek outside grants for chapters' projects.

J. Chapter Officers

1. Caroline Bemore

- a. She gave information on Average Daily Traffic count to be installed on September 12th at three locations on route N8066 and near BM School. She suggested future development should be projected into the local traffic count.
- b. She talked about supporting resolutions for grants by LCR, Valarie Biakeddy.
- c. The chapters should request for restoration of chapter funds for FY 2016-2017.
- d. Chapter needs to oppose the Wells Fargo additional services on personnel payroll and stipend payments.
- e. Chinle IHS 638 Contract Initiative – Health Board is seeking approve resolutions from Chapters within Chinle Agency. Tuba City, Fort Defiance and Winslow are operating on 638 Contracts and all are doing well. Third party insurance payments will be collected by Chinle Hospital.

DRYazzie and DKiyaani on Chinle IHS 638 Contract:

- a. Need to hire better medical professionals who can stay for extended years.
- b. Offer of scholarships to youth who are pursuing medical fields, also offer internships.

2. Larry Biltah

1. He talked about the meeting on N8066 Road Construction in Tse Bonito NM on September 2, 2016. Another meeting has been scheduled on September 26, 2016 at BM Chapter House at 10:00 am on land issues between BM Community School and NHA.

2. A special meeting needs to take place with both BM Community School and NHA soon.

CBemore and LBiltah both agree to schedule a special meeting with BMCS and NHA on land issues, including landfill. CLUP manual needs to be submit to NDOT.

K. LCRWSCA – Caroline Bemore and Daisy Kiyaani, Steering Committee Members

Caroline Bemore:

1. Discussions and elaboration on new grant proposal submitted by LCR for watershed projects by CBemore, DKiyaani, LClaw, and DRYazzie.
2. Community people are requesting to Janine to present and explain the purpose, scope of work and chapter benefits at the next chapter meeting before approving the resolution.
3. Majority of attendees agree the answers are very vague and no straight forward information is given by LCR Administration.

NHorseherder explained that she assisted with grant writing to start the foundation of LCRWCA. She expressed her disappointment where it's going by current administration. Tsesi'ani Chapter manages the funds and operation of LCRWCA. Employee turnover is a big issue. They are deadest on how they are operating – no cooperation. Janine does not have good specific answers to any concerns expressed by participating chapters. A new management is needed with monthly reports to chapters on regular basis.

Daisy Kiyaani:

1. Resolution on Intergovernmental Agreement with LCRWCA will allow working directly with Tse'siani Chapter.
2. They are being told Steering Committee will be approving the budget and hiring of personnel.
3. Janine needs to be chapter meeting for more information on resolution.
4. The current grant proposal of \$10 million includes Ganado Chapter.
5. CIS position is being overworked and a big concern.
6. GIS mapping for BM Chapter is requested on terrains, washes, etc.

L. BMCS and RRCS School Board – None.

M. Others - Evalena Claw of Navajo County

1. Red Dog Gravel Project meeting on September 22, 2016 Pinon NDOT yard at 10am.
2. The project is going very slow due to water truck breakdown.
3. Archeological clearances are not completed on N8066 from the big wash near Chapter House to Navajo County line. NDOT will start conducting the services soon.
4. She will be collecting all bus routes per chapter, including roads to medical patients.
5. Retirement Appreciation Reception for Leo Sheppard is being planned, maybe at Dzilyijiin Regional Council Meeting on October 6th at Whippoorwill Chapter.
6. Heavy equipment operator training is being planned for chapters within Navajo County. The training will be open to 16-20 people. Each chapter needs to recommend 2-4 people. It is one-week training. The first day will include chapter officers and administration. List of names need to be submitted by September 20th to her and Danny. Potential list of names are Matthew Lee, Orlando Yellowhair, Mose Clark Jr, and Nathaniel Yellowhorse.

III. Updates on Chapter On-going Projects:

A. N8066 Road Construction, Phase III & Permanent Bridge

1. Biological Compliance Form is completed and will be renew every two years.
2. ADT (traffic counts) at three different locations has been scheduled on September 12th and for 7 days.
3. BM Community School needs to submit "Right of Entrance" to BIA. Survey plot of road within BMCS is needed, including land withdrawal documents.
4. The project is scheduled for year 2020 instead of 2019.
5. Both bridges are included in the project but not the parking lots.
6. Landfill (trash dump) is a big concern. The road might go through it and it needs to be clean up soon.

B. N8065 Low Water Crossing Project

C. North Valley Power Line Extension Project

D. Black Mesa Head Start Building

1. 164 number has been assigned to the project – Document #005951
2. A new K# associated with NN Head Start Dept. has been assigned.
3. Office of OMB is waiting from main department in Washington DC to approve funding to be used for construction. This is one-time approval.

E. Frontier Telecommunications

IV. Resolutions:

A. BMC-16-09-143: Approve Medical Assistance for Aiden Etsitty

B. BMC-16-09-144: Approve Chapter Scholarship Assistance for Mega Cummings

C. BMC-16-09-145: Accept and Approve Veterans Trust Funds and Budget of \$29,236.23

D. BMC-16-09-146: Request to NDOT, BIA Roads Dept and Apache County to blade Route N8066, top of the mountain to Rough Rock

E. BMC-16-09-147: Request to Navajo County for Emergency Funding

F. BMC-16-09-148: Impacted Chapters in NPL Area

G. BMC-16-09-149: Request to PWCC for coal cards for Black Mesa Chapter Community

H. BMC-16-09-150: Supporting Funding Grant for LCRWCA for Watershed projects

I. BMC-16-09-151: Request to Resource Development Committee of NNC for Restoration of Chapter Funds for FY 2016-2017

J. BMC-16-09-152: Opposing proposed Regionalization of Navajo Chapter Government

K. BMC-16-09-153: Request for NN FET for Black Mesa Chapter Parking Lot Improvement

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

Seconded by: Albert Lee

VOTE: 04-00-00

V. The meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm

Motioned by: Caroline Bemore

Seconded by: Albert Lee

VOTE: 04-00-00

Next Chapter Meeting: Friday, September 16, 2016 @ 1:00 pm

Next Planning Meeting: Friday, October 07, 2016 @ 1:00 pm



Marlene Biltah, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer