

Black Mesa Chapter
Planning Meeting Minutes
April 08, 2016

- I. Meeting Called to Order by Larry Biltah @ 1:33 pm.
 - A. Invocation: Francis Honie
 - B. Reading & Approval of Meeting Minutes of 03-04-16
Motioned by: Francis Honie
Seconded by: Marlene Biltah
VOTE: 03-00-00
 - C. Adoption of Agenda w/changes under the Reports
Motioned by: Francis Honie
Seconded by: Marlene Biltah
VOTE: 03-00-00
 - D. Announcements:
 1. 4/9/16 – Chinle Agency Council Meeting @ Cottonwood Chapter, 9am
 2. 4/11/16 – NN Economic Development, 9am
 3. 4/12/16 – RDC of NN Council Meeting @ BM Chapter
 4. 4/13/16 – LCRWSCA work shop @ Hardrock, 9am
 5. 4/14/16 – LCRWSCA Work Shop @ PUSD
 6. 4/15/16 – NPL Permittee Meeting @ BM Chapter, 9am
 7. 4/15/16 – Chinle Agency GCM Meeting @ Forest Lake, 9am
 8. 4/14/16 – 2016 Navajo Aging Meeting @ Lukachukai
 9. 4/16-17/16 – Horse Sale @ Pinon
 10. 4/18/16 – District 4 GCM Meeting @ NPL Office Pinon, 9am
 11. 4/20/16 – NDOT Regional Meeting @ Tse Bonito NM
 12. 4/20/16 – CLUPC Meeting @ Holbrook AZ, 9am
- II. Brief Reports/Introduction of Resolutions:
 - A. ASC, Edgerton Gene
 1. She is an accountant for oversee chapter finances for Dzilyjiin chapters, Luepp and Jedito chapters. She works with AMS on chapter financial reports, mainly Detailed & Combining Balance Sheet. She also provides hands-on training with CSC and AMS, including chapter officers upon requests which might take four hours. Assisting these chapters takes her on road on daily basis.
 2. She is working with Leticia Jodie with MIP in making entry corrections, from 4 years to up-to-date. There is no mismanagement or misused of funds, just entries are wrongly input in the accounting system.
 3. She advised chapter officers to start on planning the FY 2017 budget with Chapter Administration.
 4. She trains new employees on MIP Accounting which takes one whole day.
 5. She works with Navajo Nation Audit General and Worksmen Compensation offices.
 - B. ASC, Marlene Hoskie
 1. She is assisting and planning to update community land use plan for 9 chapters.
 2. BM Chapter's CLUP meeting with Navajo County in Holbrook on April 12th; Navajo County planners has been assisting the BM Chapter with their plan document; upon completion, it will be presented to community (public hearing) in July 2016; it needs to be certified by RDC of NN Council afterwards.
 - C. Council Delegate, Dwight Witherspoon – Absent.

D. Grazing Official, Francis Honie

1. As directive from NN Dept. of agriculture, he will be holding NPL Permittee Meetings at BM Chapter from March to September 2016; Public education on the process of redistributions of grazing permits and eligibility criteria on 6 requirements. All grazing officials will be conducting these meetings at their chapters.
2. As grazing officials of NPL chapters, they're going to stay with the timeline set by RDC.
3. He will be conducting both tally counts and branding on the same day for livestock owners this coming summer.
4. Horse Round Up Activities – Anyone can round up wild and feral horses using own equipment and corrals; contact Red Horse Ranch for pick up or schedule a date with them.

Marlene Biltah expressed her concerned on:

1. Grazing officials only goes along with NN Dept. of Agriculture's recommendations and not listening to their constituents regarding on NPL redistributions of permits and range units preparations.
2. Chapter officers get together with few community members and developed some recommendations as it pertains to the community members for grazing permit eligibility criteria which were submitted to RDC on March 18th.
3. At Dzilyijiin Regional Council Meeting held at Hardrock Chapter last week, there was a request to extend the timeline scheduled by RDC.
4. Grazing officials need to attend Dzilyijiin Regional Council meetings where more NPL concerns are discussed.

E. CSC, Albert lee

1. LCRWSCA is requesting for alternate Steering Committee member. There is a stipend of \$125 per meeting and mileage payment. They have monthly meetings.
2. Chapter Administrative will be making transfer of funds to cover the corrections of entries into MIP Accounting system.

Marlene Biltah explained there are no abuses or mismanagement of chapter funds. CSC always follows the procedures and guidelines that attached to each approved funds received from the Navajo Nation. AMS needs to make entries correction in the accounting system used by the Chapter Administration.

F. Call to the Public:

1. Daniel Begay requested to have a resolution on proposed range unit boundary lines that affects the residents of Oak Ridge area. The proposed lines are dividing the families and grazing areas. After numerous meetings, a detailed map has been submitted to Tony Robbins, Acting for NPL, July 2011 but has been misplaced or lost at BIA Office.
2. Francis Honie advised to schedule a meeting with neighbors and come to an agreement on boundary lines. Upon agreement, presented to District 4 grazing official meeting.

G. CLUPC , Dorothy R Yazzie

1. Meeting with Navajo County in Holbrook on April 22nd to review and finalize the plan document.

D. CHR – Vacant.

E. BM Veterans Organization, Richard Claw – Absent.

F. BM Review Board, Andrew Benallie – Absent.

G. Dzilyijiin Regional Community Development Corp., Jimmy Yellowhair – Absent.

H. Chapter Officers

1. Caroline Bemore

- a. RDC will not have their meeting at BM Chapter on April 12th. They're meeting with NTUA General Manager so need to reschedule our meeting with RDC. May 17th is recommended by chapter officials to meet with RDC on N8066 Road Construction Phase III. She is still requesting for more pictures of muddy roads during inclement weather.
- b. Senior Citizen Program – CSC being advised to get the part needed for Kitchen and have it corrected as required by OEH. A meeting with Chinle main office needs to be schedule and start a resolution requesting for funds for FY 2017.
- c. Rural Addressing is almost completed with updating mailing addressing of people. Need to start collecting cost of estimates for materials to be used for local road names. The chapter should request for funds from Navajo County for this project.
- d. Earth Day – From a discussion among the Chapter officers and Administration, it will be 2-week clean-up activity. Both Chapter and BMCS might join together to clean up the landfill. The signs to closed the landfill need to be posted.
- e. A brief updates on BM Head Start Building and \$250,000 funds received from Peabody Coal Mine Co.

Dorothy R Yazzie suggested requesting for donation of bags from Peabody Coal Co. and outside resources for community clean up on Earth Day. CLUPC can conduct a public education on illegal dumping of trashes. She recommends to advice Dwight Witherspoon to hold off on Legislation 0093-14 for further discussion with affected community members.

I. BMCS and RRCS School Board – NONE.

J. Others – LCRWSCA, Evalena Claw and Shane James

- 1. Water shed projects are being planned for 20 chapters this coming summer.
- 2. She and Mr. James will be attending chapter meetings to updates the community on projects.
- 3. Anyone can attend Steering Committee meetings; one scheduled on April 15th at Lupton Chapter.
- 4. Due to Child Labor Law, OSHA & NOSHA, only youth aged 18-35 will be hired to work on projects. There will be four employees per chapter.

Dorothy R Yazzie suggested to hired students that are motivated and willing to work outside.

Marlene Biltah explained that Child Labor Law requires youth aged from 14 to 17 years old are not allowed to work with power tools, heavy equipment, and work 32 hours per week. NN Dept of Youth (DOY) do not requires income verifications like NN Work Force. This Dept. requires low income students apply to work.

Francis Honie suggested the students sign agreement to perform minor or hard labor work. Child Labor Law poster needs to be posted.

III. Updates on Chapter On-going Projects:

A. N8066 Road Construction, Phase III & Permanent Bridge

- 1. Still need to schedule a meeting with RDC of NN Council in May 2016 to continued advocating for the project moved up on the priority list of NN Road Projects.

B. N8065 Low Water Crossing Project

C. East Valley (Yale Point) Waterline Extension Project

D. North Valley Power Line Extension Project

- 1. CSC was directed to follow up with NTUA on the payment for preliminaries studies.

E. Black Mesa Head Start Building

1. It finally got assigned Business Number and should be in Harrison Martin's office to start moving the project forward.
2. A follow up meeting will be schedule with Harrison Martin of NN Designing & Engineering Services.

F. Frontier Telecommunication

IV. Resolutions:

- A. BMC-16-04-073: Authorize and Approve the Selection of Alternate LCRWSA Steering Committee Member
- B. BMC-16-04-074: Supporting and Approving the Amendment to District Proposed Range Units 309, 310 and 311 Boundary Lines.
- C. BMC-16-04-075: Supporting and Approving the Amendment to District Proposed Range Units 308 and 311 Boundary Lines
- D. BMC-16-04-076: Approve to Rescind the Resolution #BMC-16-03-071 (Supporting Legislation 0093-16 on Range Unit Boundaries and Grazing District Established by BIA for NPL).
- E. BMC-16-04-077: Reaffirmed the Eligibility Criteria of NPL Grazing Permits
- F. BMC-16-04-078: Requesting Navajo Area Council on Aging to Establish and Fund the Senior Citizen Program at BM Chapter
- G. BMC-16-04-079: Supporting and Approve Veterans Housing Assistance for Billy K Biltah
- H. BMC-16-04-080: Supporting NNC's Directions to NN Board of Education and Department of Dine Education to abide by the NN Laws Regarding Local Control of Schools and to Ceased all Efforts to Overtake, Manage, and Operate All BIE Funded Schools.

Motioned to forward resolutions to regular chapter meeting by: Marlene Biltah

Seconded by: Caroline Bemore

VOTE: 03-00-01

V. The Meeting Adjourned at 4:48pm.

Motioned by: Caroline Bemore

Seconded by: Marlene Biltah

VOTE: 03-00-01

Next Chapter Meeting: Friday, April 15, 2016 @ 1:00 pm

Next Planning Meeting: Wednesday, May 4, 2016 @ 9:00 am



Marlene Biltah, Secretary/Treasurer