

Black Mesa Chapter
Planning Meeting Minutes
April 09, 2017

- I. Meeting Called to Order by Marvin Yellowhair at 11:00 am
 - A. Invocation provided by Francis Honie.
 - B. Reading & Approval of Meeting Minutes of March 12, 2017 – Motion to approved by Caroline Bemore and seconded by Francis Honie. VOTE: 05-00-00
 - C. Adoption of Agenda – Motioned to approved by Francis Honie and Seconded by Marlene Biltah. VOTE: 05-00-00
 - D. Announcements:
 1. 4/12/17 – Dist. 4 GCM Meeting with NN Fish/Wildlife @ Pinon, 10m
 2. 4/14/17 – NPL Conference @ Pinon NPL Office, 9am
 3. 4/14/17 – OHNIR Meeting @ Hardrock Chapter
 4. 4/17/17 – Chinle Agency Grazing Committee Meeting @ Rough Rock Chapter, 9am
 5. 4/18/17 – BM CLUP Public Hearing @ BM Chapter, 9am
 6. 4/19/17 – Navajo County Meeting with Dzilyijiin Chapters @ Pinon NDOT, 9am
 7. 4/20/17 – Red Dog Gravel Meeting @ Low Mountain Chapter, 9am
 8. 4/27-28/17 – NN Home Site Lease Training @ Flagstaff, AZ

- II. Brief Reports/Introduction of Resolutions:
 - A. Council Delegate, Dwight Witherspoon – Absent.

 - B. Grazing Committee Member, Francis Honie
 1. At recent grazing officials meeting, most discussions were on mountain lions killing livestock within the region. 13 sheep were killed recently at Amos Redhair and Pauline Begay. A news conference was held on Saturday. A request will be made for compensation from NN Fish & Wildlife.
 2. There's false reports that hunters will be hire to hunt and kill the wild horses within Black Mesa.
 3. NN Fish & Wildlife told that people are moving into wildlife habitat which is causing the mountain lions killing their livestock. This is not true. People have been living in these areas way back from 1940 and have been herding sheep since then.
 4. A question from Marvin Yellwohair on how to control and what's need to be done about it, Mr. Honie response some traps should be set up.
 5. District 4 Grazing Committee Meeting at Black Mesa Chapter – Some topics were on feral horses and redistributions of grazing permits. NN Dept of Agriculture developed 13 steps on reissuing permits and a new regulation is current being develop which will supersede the current 13 steps.
 6. The vegetation studies for Precinct II is being proposed to be completed by September 2017 which is too late. The Navajo Nation has scheduled to reissue the permits to the current living permittee but it has not started yet.
 7. CFR 161 ended on February 15, 2017 and given to Navajo Nation.

Comments:

1. Dorothy Yazzie stated at the recent Dzilyijiin Regional Council meeting held at Forest Lake Chapter, Ray Castillo of NN Dept of Agriculture told the leaders that BIA is still holding on to all documents. She noticed that majority of chapter officials are not responding to proposed 10 sheep units. Either it doesn't bother them or they do not own any livestock.

2. Victor Yellowhair admits that grazing officials have a big load of responsibilities with underfunded mandated regulations.
- C. CSC, Albert Lee
1. The installation cost of fencing for heavy equipment is \$7444.00
 2. Another load of hay will be delivered on Tuesday; there will be 336 bales of hay. The remaining of 26 bales of hay still available.
 3. He deposited \$1146.00 last week; \$240.00 from solar payment.
 4. He received new quotes for bathroom addition materials/supplies and will submit them to CIP Office to utilize \$16,000.
 1. He informed the chapter officials that Andy Thomas replaced Harrison Martin.
- D. Call to the Public:
1. Victor Yellowhair is still concerned on the Senior Citizen van that was donated by Navajo County. He asked about it and was told that it is being used by Hardrock Senior Citizen Center for food delivery. The Chapter needs to request for return of the van or replacement from NN Head Start Program. Majority of local senior citizens are from Black Mesa chapter community that are participating at Forest Lake Senior Citizen Center. They are being counted for funding for Forest Lake.
 2. Dorothy R Yazzie explained that Black Mesa is included with Forest Lake Senior Citizen Program. If a new van is purchased by Navajo Nation, it will be given to Forest Lake. She is recommending the proposed multi-purpose building for Black Mesa Chapter can contain youth center, veteran center and senior citizen center.
 3. Katie Watchman request for chapter's assistance to haul housing materials from Gallup NM due to lack of transportation. She also requests for PEP workers to work on her house. She likes to see CSC to communicate in Navajo with elders or have a translator available.
- E. CLUPC, Dorothy R Yazzie
1. The Team completed the manual with Navajo County and ready for public hearing which is scheduled on Tuesday, April 18, 2017.
 2. A request to Chapter Officers to be present and conduct welcome address to the community members. A brief statement is recommended.
- F. CHR, Lynn Dean – Absent.
- G. BM Veterans Organization, Richard Claw – Absent.
- H. BM Review Board, Andrew Benallie – Absent.
- I. Chapter Officers
1. Caroline Bemore briefly talked about the meeting with Delegate Pete and Sharon Yazzie on N8066 Road Construction which the other two officers also attended.
- J. LCRWSCA – None.
- K. BMCS School Board Member, Larry Biltah

1. They have attended a few trainings about the responsibilities; BIE Funds and Appropriation Work Session is scheduled in July 2017.
2. He is assigned as representative to Chinle Agency School Board and has attended their meetings.

L. RRCS School Board Members- None.

M. Others

III. Updates on Chapter On-going Projects:

A. N8066 Road Construction Phase III & Permanent Bridges

1. The three chapter officers met with Delegate Pete and his assistance on March 13th at BMCS.
2. There are still some actions that needs to happened like access roads to chapter and school.
3. Required clearances for both bridges.
4. A tentative meeting has been scheduled with NDOT and BIA Regionals Office on April 14, 2017.

B. N8065 Low Water Crossing Project

C. North Valley Power Line Extension Project

D. Black Mesa Head Start Building

1. NTUA might delay the progress of the construction due to procrastination of connecting the power line to the head start building. This is needed in order to inspect the working conditions of electricity's within the building.
2. A request to NN Head Start Program to fund the installations of voltaic and playground equipment.
3. Arviso Construction likes to complete the construction by May 2017.

E. Frontier Telecommunications

IV. Resolutions:

A. BMC-17-04-077: Request NN Fish & Wildlife to Compensate Livestock Owners for Livestock killed by Mountain Lions at Black Mesa Chapter Community

B. BMC-17-04-078: Support Legislation 0019-17 Enable Youth Advisory

C. BMC-17-04-079: Request NN Addressing Authority to Keep names and numbers for roads at Black Mesa Chapter Community

D. BMC-17-04-080: Request to NN AAA to purchase (replace) Senior Citizen Van that was donated by Navajo County

E. BMC-17-04-081: Approve and Authorize \$100.00 for Black Mesa CLUP Public Hearing on April 18, 2017

F. BMC-17-04-082: Request NDOT and BIA Roads Dept to Expedite Access Road to Black Mesa Chapter

G. BMC-17-04-083: Request NDOT and BIA Roads Dept to Repair Road Damages on N8066 Paved Road

- H. BMC-17-04-084: Request NTUA to Expedite Power Line Hook up for BM Head start Building
- I. BMC-17-04-085: Request 2017 Funds from NN Head Start Program to Install Voltaic (solar) Playground Equipment at BM Head Start.

Motioned to Forward All Resolutions to Regular Chapter Meeting by: Marlene Biltah

Seconded by: Albert Lee

VOTE: 05-00-00

- V. The Meeting Adjourned at 1:20 pm. Motioned by Albert Lee and Seconded by Marlene Biltah.
VOTE: 05-00-00

Next Chapter Meeting: Thursday, April 13, 2017 @ 4:00 pm

Next Planning Meeting: Sunday, May 07, 2017 @ 10:00 am



Marlene Biltah, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer