

Black Mesa Chapter
Chapter Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2016

- I. Meeting Called to Order by Larry Biltah @ 2:06 pm
- A. Invocation: Amos Johnson
 - B. Reading & Approval of Meeting Minutes of 01-22-16
Motioned by: Amos Johnson
Seconded by: Daisy Kiyaani
VOTE: 14-00—03
 - C. Adoption of Agenda with add-ons to Resolutions
Motioned by: Daisy Kiyaani
Seconded by: Amos Johnson
VOTE: 14-00-03
 - D. Announcements:
 - 1. 2/16/16 – Final Inspection on East Valley Water Line Extension Project
 - 2. 3/2/16 – District 4 GCM Meeting @ FL Chapter, 9am.
 - 3. 4/2/16 – NAPI Hay Sale @ Pinon
- II. Reports:
- A. Amos Johnson, NPL Office
 - 1. Grazing Permit Redistributions
 - a. Met with NN Dept of Agriculture and come to agreement to support each other at the Tuesday's meeting but they backed off.
 - b. NPL Office work with all entities of NPL issues
 - c. For more detail information, come to this office in Pinon
 - 2. Legislation by NNC on eligibility criteria
 - 3. BIA Recommendations
 - a. Request to RDC of NN Council to make reissuance of permits a priority
 - b. Request to NN Dept. of Agriculture pursue PL 93-638 Contract with BIA and USDA to obtain technical and financial assistances.
 - c. RDC, NN Council and NN President to lobby for additional funds for soil and water conservation practices.
 - d. NN DOA have alternative impact and mitigation plan, the one in Legislation 0034-16, want a positive impact mitigation plan for livestock that may be consider unauthorized.
 - e. Reinstate the Grazing officials to meet as a NPL Governing Body to discuss and approve home site and all other leases and make funding available for those meetings.
 - f. Request NN Council and appropriate department to conduct a internal audit of the NN Dept of Natural Resource and it's departments to determine if the depts. have the qualified staff and equipment to perform all program activities.
 - g. Request for waiver of all environmental compliance for a specific period to allow a faster implementation.
 - 4. Limited fund for Grazing Officials to conduct their duties and responsibilities; Legislation for increase of funds for grazing officials passed and now awaiting for NN President's signature to approve; Mr. Witherspoon opposed the legislation.
 - 5. Request to Sally Jewels, Secretary of Interior to waive compliance on clearances for fences and windmills.
 - 6. There a more land disputes cases among the families, relatives and neighbors which NN Council is not doing anything to resolve them.

Daisy Kiyaani expressed her concern on "enumeration". Young people or new generation are not on the list to qualify for grazing permits. She is working on position paper on it.

B. Ivalena Claw and Jessica Clitso, LCRWSCA

1. Introduced themselves and working as Planners for Dzilyijiin Regional and will be working with chapters on water projects (erosion controls projects).
2. They will attend CLUPC meeting and work with Chapter's Steering Committee members and Grazing officials on projects this coming summer.
3. The main office is at Tse'si'ani Chapter (Lupton).

Amos Johnson explained that water flows from this area, down to Hard Rock and Oraibi. He recommend for follow up plans for chapter water projects.

C. Francis Honie, Grazing Committee Member

1. He attended Chinle Agency Grazing Committee Meeting in Lukachukai on February 17th. District 4 Meeting will be held at Forest Lake Chapter on March 2, 2016.
2. The meeting at Pinon Chapter with RDC of NN Council on February 10th was attended by a lot of people. The main topic was redistribution of grazing permits and eligibility criteria. Another meeting has been scheduled with affected chapters to develop recommendations. RDC will meet with Dzilyijiin chapters within two months.
3. He will schedule and start conducting tally counts and branding. Both activities will be conducted the same day for all locations.
4. Upon a question on livestock impound, he told the people that is only hearsay (jini).
5. There is no actions by NN Council on horse round requests by chapters.
6. He likes to have NN to conduct redistribution of grazing permits.

Daisy Kiyaani questioned on a memo regarding on livestock impoundment and after permits are redistributed, will CFR 161 be enforced?

Larry Biltah explained that RDC requests to have all affected chapters be ready as a group for permit redistributions.

Motioned to Suspend the Rules made by: Lisa Chee

Seconded by: Iris Rockbridge

VOTE: 14-00-05

III. Resolutions:

- A. BMC-16-02-051: Approve the Appointment of Lee Kiyaani and Larry Biltah as Chapter Certified Peacemakers.

Motioned by: Daisy Kiyaani

Seconded by: Richard Sage

VOTE: 14-00-05

- B. BMC-16-02-052: Approve Chapter Scholarship Assistance for Marcus Whitehair (no Show or representative) and Shanaya Todechine. Add-on is Lisa Chee

Motioned by: Richard Sage

Seconded by: Iris Rockbridge

VOTE: 15-00-04

- C. BMC-16-02-053: Approve Chapter Housing Discretionary Assistance for Ruby Todechine, Edward Remiro, Robert Remiro, Leslie Joe, and Daisy Kiyaani. Add-on is Caroline Nez

Motioned by: Karen Bahe

Seconded by: Iris Rockbridge

VOTE: 16-00-04

- D. BMC-16-02-054: Approve Chapter Medical Assistance for Freddie Baloo, Ruby Todechine and Agatha Todechine.
Motoined by: Iris Rockbridge. Add-on is Roger Hadley Sr
Seconded by: Karen Bahe
VOTE: 16-00-04
- E. BMC-16-02-055: Approve Travel Authorization for Ray Gilmore and Dorothy R Yazzie to attend LCRWSCA Meeting at Tse'si'ani on February 18, 2016 based on availability of funds.
Motioned by: Daisy Kiyaani
Seconded by: Ruby Todechine
VOTE: 17-00-03

Add-ons:

- F. BMC-16-02-056: Supporting the AZ State Acquisition of \$3 Million for Route H60 Road Cosntruction
Motioned by: Daisy Kiyaani
Seconded by: Iris Rockbridge
VOTE: 18-00-02
- G. BMC-16-02-057: Request to RDS of NN Council to Move up N8066 Road Construction Phase III on Priority List and to Include Parking Lot for BM Chapter House
Motioned by: Daisy Kiyaani
Seconded by: Ruby Todechine
VOTE: 16-00-04
- H. BMC-16-02-058: Request to Speaker of NNC to Support \$250,000 Allocation Funds by PWCC be distributed to BM Chapter
Motioned by: Howard Yazzie
Seconded by: Iris Rockbridge
VOTE: 16-00-04

IV. Reports Continue:

- A. Dwight Witherspoon, Council Delegate
1. He distributed his monthly reports and Legislative Branch News.
 2. He briefly made an update on BM Head Start Building.
 3. Council Session –
 - a. Legislation on amendment to Sex Offender has been approved.
 - b. \$300,000 from UUFB for Supreme Court has been approved.
 4. There will be meeting on Navajo Veterans Administration at Twin Arrows.
 5. Legislation for Five-year Expenditure Plan using Perm. Trust Fund Interest Funds for water projects and economic development projects.
 6. Division Director approved – Jim Parris as NN Controller
 7. Meeting on NN Gaming funds was held on January 29th. \$20,421 appropriated for each chapter.
 8. Budget/Finance Committee meeting to be held at Shiprock NM next Tuesday, February 17th.
 9. Funds from PWCC for 6 affected chapters
 - a. 2012 - \$1.5 Million used for N41 road improvement and fuel for red dog gravel projects
 - b. 2013 - \$1.5 Million for Manymules Waterline Extension Project
 - c. 2014 - \$250,000 distributed to 6 chapters
 - d. 2015 - \$1.5 Million for Manymules Waterline Extension Project
 10. Chapter should already have Emergency Management Plan for emergency funds.

- a. Chapter needs to declared emergency for community
 - b. Purchased of gift cards (food) is prohibited according to Dept. of Justice. They called it fraud.
 - c. Legislation to be approved or veto by NN President.
11. Legislation on Funds for Grazing Officials has been approved.

Larry Biltah, President, explained that BM Chapter opposed the actions made by the Council Delegates on \$1.5 Million allocations by PWCC. The Chapter is planning to utilized the funds for their North Valley Power Line extension Projects. Residents of Oak Ridge are on Phase IV of the project and approving all of allocations towards Manymules Waterline Projects, the funds will be depleted before Phase IV.

Caroline Bemore, Vice President, on \$18 Million of Sihasin Funds for water projects – Manymules Waterline Project Phase II is number 2 and Phase III is 5 on the list. BM Chapter should be also on the list.

B. Navajo County Officials (brought food and water for evening meal)

1. Sheriff KC Clark expressed his appreciation for support; he works with FBI on chapter house fires; there is no tolerance for racism or mistreatment of minorities by Police within Navajo County. There is one deputy assigned and resides in Pinon school housing. Navajo County Sheriff has jurisdiction on non-Native people and has federal authority.
2. County Attorney Brad Carlyon works on substances abuse cases, intervention and rehabilitation programs and victim services. All consumer fraud should be reported to AZ Attorney General.
3. Judge Dale Nelson, Superior Court Judge has served for 20 years; he works with veterans on PTSD, substances abuse and other problems; there are treatments for veterans.
4. Judge Bob Hagen, Superior Court Judge, handled all criminal cases; any discrimination reports are handled by Sheriff Clark and NN Human Right commission conduct investigation; they rely on body cameras used by Police officers. Anyone being treated unfairly by Police within Navajo County should be reported to the office of Sheriff Clark and to his office.
5. Judge Hatch works at the lower court at the Navajo County complex.

Contact Information: Deputy Ray Lawrence in Pinon AZ
 Kayenta Justice Court, 928-697-3522
 Holbrook, 928-524-4050, Dispatcher will request for Ray Lawrence

Caroline Bemore talked about the lemon vehicle incident that happened in Holbrook. The business refused to communicate with their customer. Who do you report this kind of compliant to?

Francis Honie reported on a racism treatment by Police Officers in Holbrook AZ.

Marlene Biltah talked about home robberies and requested for more patrols and assistance by Navajo County deputies. There is housing available at BM Community School for NC deputy or NN Police Officer.

C. Albert Lee, CSC

1. There's still more hay available.
2. He attended the BIA Regional Meeting on N8066 Road Construction on Wednesday.
3. He made a brief update on North Valley Power Line Extension Project.
4. The final inspection on East Valley (Yale Point) Waterline Extension on Tuesday, February 16th, 9-12pm.
5. He recommended only one CLUPC member to attend meetings or training if it's not local.
6. There are LIHEAP applications available for interested community members.
7. HE explained that Gaming Funds will be used for chapter's utilities cost.

D. Andrew Benallie, BM Review Board

1. He opposed the regionalization of chapter government.
2. Council delegates needs to evaluate themselves and their responsibilities to the Navajo people. Their attendances at committee meetings are questionable.
3. He also attended Road Meeting held at BIA Regional Office on Wednesday.
4. He explained that coal cards issued to people are being misused meaning they sell the coal at Shiprock, Gallup and other locations and causes difficulties obtaining cards for community in Fall.

E. Daisy Kiyaani, CLUPC

F. Chapter Officers – They participated in discussion on resolutions, reports and chapter projects.

G. BM Veterans Organization – Absent.

H. Dzilyjiin Regional Communtiy Development Corp – Absent.

I. BM CHR – Vacant.

J. BMC and RRCS Board Members – Absent.

V. The meeting adjourned at 6:24 pm due to lack of quorum.

Next Planning Meeting: Friday, March 04, 2016 @ 1:00 pm

Next Chapter Meeting: Friday, March 11, 2016 @ 1:00 pm



Marlene Biltah, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer