

Black Mesa Chapter
Planning Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2017

- I. Meeting Called to Order by Marvin Yellowhair at 10:40 am.
 - A. Invocation provided by Albert Lee.
 - B. Reading & Approval of Meeting Minutes of January 6, 2017 – Motioned by Caroline Bemore and Seconded by Francis Honie. VOTE: 04-00-00
 - C. Adoption of Agenda – Motioned by Caroline Bemore and Seconded by Francis Honie. VOTE: 04-00-00
 - D. Announcements
 - 1. 2/16/17 – Red Dog Gravel Meeting at Pinon NDOT, 10am
 - 2. 2/27-3/1/17 – NN Grazing Committee Orientation/Training at Albuquerque NM
 - 3. 2/27-3/2/17 – NN Chapter Officers/CSC/AMS Orientation at Albuquerque NM
 - 4. 3/6/17 – Dist. 4 GCM Meeting at Pinon, 9am
 - 5. 3/13/17 – N8066 Road Construction Update Meeting at BM Chapter, 10am
 - 6. 3/13/17 – Home site Lease Meeting at Albuquerque NM
 - 7. 3/13/17 – RDC Meeting with GCM at Twin Arrows on NPL grazing permits/sheep units
 - 8. 3/14/17 – Inspection Meeting for GCM in Window Rock
 - 9. 3/17/17 – Dist. 4 GCM Meeting on Modification on Boundary Lines in Range Unit 305 in Hardrock

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

 - B. Grazing Committee Member, Francis Honie
 - 1. Meeting on 2/1/17 at Pinon for Dist. 4 GCM
 - a. NN priority is redistribution of grazing permits but procrastinating with their actions.
 - b. 25 CFR 161 will be follow by the NN but actions, yet.
 - c. Living permittees will be first to receive their permits, then assigned person for cancelled permits
 - d. Sheep units and carry capacities will b considered
 - e. 1940 – 1453 permits were issued
Currently – 30,000 permits are issued
 - 2. Hopi, Ute and Apache tribes are complaining on trashes, fence cuttings, and trespassing every year and NN is paying around \$20 millions to these tribes for all the wrong doings of the Navajo people.
 - 3. NN will meet with the Hopi Tribe on February 14, 2017
 - 4. BIA of Washington DC needs the NN to comply with 25 CFR 161 but the NN is slow with the process.

 - C. CSC, Albert Lee
 - 1. He has attended emergency meetings for plans, reports and allowable reimbursements from FEMA.
 - a. An operator has been clearing the roads constantly
 - b. Hay available for \$10 per bale and 10 limit for registered voter of BM Chapter
 - c. He made home visits with CHR and found that majority of coal cards have not been used yet.
The cards need to be used soon or Peabody Coal Company might deny our request for next fall.
 - 2. Propane was delivered recently for amount of \$4,000
 - 3. No funds for Scholarships and \$700 balances for Housing Discretionary fund.
 - 4. Wild animals are roaming the grazing areas and going into corrals

Comments:

1. MYellowhair – NN President vetoed the legislation for Emergency Funds. He asked “where are all the rest of the other chapters?”
2. FHonie – Already reported to NN Fish & Wildlife and Rangers on wildlife animals. He will report it again on coyotes, bears and cougars.
3. DYazzie – She observed that NN workers are just sitting in their NN assigned trucks when monitoring the areas for wildlife animals. They need to actually walk and conduct the tracking activities.
4. JBaloo – Chapter administration needs to maintain the heavy equipment on regularly basis and have them ready for winter and/or during emergencies. The people do not have to hear certain equipment is inoperable when needs arise.

D. Call to the Public:

1. Some complaints on recent blading of roads to residents and questions on qualifications of equipment operator. Ronald Kaye requested to have his road not be bladed. The operator needs to be cautious on the waterlines near the homes.
2. Requests for housing discretionary and medical assistances

E. CLUPC, Dorothy R Yazzie

1. She explained that two more members needed and not having any meetings due to only two members which is lack of quorum. Larry Biltah agreed to become a member and would like to have appointment be approved at the chapter meeting.
2. Activities with Rural Addressing and CLUP manual-update will resume once a new member is approved.
3. Feral and stray horses are still a problem and request for actions for control. Dept. of Agriculture and BIA NPL offices have available resources to assist. Use the PEP Funds for labor cost. Round up these horses and take them to Window Rock. NN President Begaye is against the round-ups but it is a big problem. We are being told about the overgrazing and readily to reduce our livestock. Actions need to be made to control the feral and stray horses.

MYellowhair explained feral horse is a nationwide problem and no operation funds. New Mexico has plans to construct and operate a slaughter house for horses.

F. CHR, Tammy Rock – Absent.

G. BM Veterans Organization, Richard Claw

1. The organization has monthly meeting on the 2nd Sunday of each month; they rescheduled and held a meeting on January 29th due to inclement.
2. He submits funding ledger to Chapter Administration for Chapter Secretary/Treasurer.
3. DYazzie is assisting the Organization with grant proposal for veteran building.
4. BM veterans received funds from BM Chapter and Chinle Agency Veterans Office for emergency and housing assistances.
5. A request was made for additional key to Chapter House for their meetings
6. A proposed by the NN is to uniform all policies and procedures for NN veteran organizations

Comments:

JBaloo – Unfair treatment by the Chapter Administration to use the chapter house is uncalled for. What happened to US Flag?

DYazzie – Chapter house key is being misused by AMS; if there is a restriction, it should be kept that way.

FHonie – A highest respect should be honor for our veterans because of freedom of speech, freedom of religion and freedom to do anything a person wants to do. This is includes who are currently serving in armed services.

CBEmore and Alee – Because of missing items from the chapter house and leaving trashes behind, the use of restriction for chapter house key is in place.

H. BM Review Board, Andrew Benallie – Absent.

I. Chapter Officers

1. CBEmore briefly update the current status of Black Mesa Head Start Building.
2. MYellowhair explained the initiatives of the NN DODE taking over the BIE operated and grant/contract schools. US Secretary of Education is in support of local control. He also talked about the heavy equipment training that Peabody Coal Company will provide for chapter this coming summer. All windmills need to be inspected for services and repairs, including earthen dams.
3. MBiltah explained AZ Senator McCain proposed to allow the funds follow the students that transfer from school to school.

J. LCRWSCA – Absent.

K. BMCS and RRCS School Board Members - None.

L. Others - Health Promotion Dept of Pinon Clinic

1. JMI events for 2017 will be a little different. One three chapters (Pinon, Blue Gap, Whippoorwill) will have the main events of JMI sponsored by Pinon Health Promotion.
2. The other chapters (Black Mesa, Forest Lake, Hardrock, Low Mountain) will sponsored their own with assistance of Pinon Health Promotion. It is being recommended to utilize their Unhealthy Food Tax Funds for the JMI. Pinon Health Promotion will provide T-Shirts to these chapters. Each chapter will create their own course makers.
3. Development of tool kits for these four chapters is in process and they will contain registration forms, numbers and T-Shirts. Each chapter will receive their packets when finalized. They need to start planning for these events.
4. The chapters can use their Unhealthy Food Tax Fund to bring health presenters for the public.

DYazzie talk about the organic food presentations and promotions; it is sad to see our own people purchasing junk food; the local grocer, Basha store, is selling a lot of food that have high cholesterol and fat, and energy drinks.

III. Updates on Chapter On-going Projects:

A. N8066 Road Construction Phase III & Permanent Bridges

B. N8065 Low Water Crossing Project

- C. North Valley Power Line Extension Project
- D. Black Mesa Head Start Building
 - 1. CBemore checked with First Things First program about funding the solar for the head start. She was told that all funds are already allocated for this fiscal year.
 - 2. The update project meeting is on February 21, 2017 at BM Chapter at 11:00 am.
- E. Frontier Telecommunications

IV. Resolutions:

- A. BMC-17-02-046: Approve Travel Authorization for Francis Honie to attend Dept. of Agriculture Orientation for GC Members, Land Board Members and Farm Board Members on February 27-March 01, 2017 at Albuquerque NM
- B. BMC-17-02-047: Approve FY 2017 Unhealthy Food Tax Budget
- C. BMC-17-02-048: Accept and Authorize FY 2016 Carry Forward Gaming Fund of \$16,462.92
- D. BMC-17-02-049: Supporting Pinon Community School for Reauthorization
- E. BMC-17-02-050: Approve Housing Discretionary Assistance for Peter Nez and Marie Lee
- F. BMC-17-02-051: Request to Dept. of Community Development, NN Budget/Finance Committee and NN Council to Direct the Office of Accounts Payable to be consistent on payment for chapter
- G. BMC-17-02-052: Approve Medical Assistance for Nona Yazzie and Priscilla Yellowhair
- H. BMC-17-02-053: Request to Chinle Agency Veterans to assist Roger Honie with Stove Purchase
- I. BMC-17-02-054: Approve an appointment of Larry Biltah to Black Mesa CLUPC as representative for N8034/North Valley
- J. BMC-17-02-155: Request for immediate installation of culverts at Daws Crossing on N8065
- K. BMC-17-02-156: Request for immediate action for low water crossing installation at Oraibi Wash on N8065
- L. BMC-17-02-157: Request to NN Dept of Agriculture and BIA NPL for immediate action on feral and stray horses within BM Chapter community
- M. BMC-17-02-158: Request to NN Fish & Wildlife to conduct tracking and control wildlife animals that are killing livestock within Black Mesa Chapter community
- N. BMC-17-02-159: Oppose NBOE Resolution #NNBESE-351 that approve to transfer authority of 32 BIE operated schools to the NN and to contract functions currently performed by the BIE thru PL 93-638

and support the operation of all BIE funded schools to remain govern by local elected school board and to maintain the school board apportionment plan currently in place

- O. BMC-17-02-160: Request to BIA NPL Office and NN Dept of Agriculture for windmills inspection, services and repairs within BM Chapter community
- P. BMC-17-02-161: Request to BIA NPL Office and Apache County for restoration and repairs of earthen dams within BM Chapter community

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

Seconded by: Caroline Bemore

VOTE: 04-00-00

V. The meeting adjourned at 1:25 pm.


Motioned by: Caroline Bemore

Seconded by: Marlene Biltah

VOTE: 04-00-00

Next Chapter Meeting: Friday, February 17, 2017 @ 4:00 pm

Next Planning Meeting: Saturday, March 12, 2017 @ 10:00 am



Marlene Biltah, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer