

Black Mesa Chapter  
Planning Meeting Minutes  
June 5, 2015

- I. Meeting Called to Order by Larry Biltah @ 3:43 pm.
- A. Invocation provided by Daisy Kiyaani.
- B. Reading and Approval of Meeting Minutes of May 06, 2015 – Deferred to next planning meeting in July 2015.  
Motioned by: Caroline Bemore  
Seconded by: Francis Honie  
VOTE: 04-00-00
- C. Adoption of Agenda  
Motioned by: Caroline Bemore  
Seconded by: Marlene Biltah  
VOTE: 04-00-00
- D. Announcements:
1. 6/2 – 7/10/15 – Summer Food Service Program @ BM Community School, Breakfast 830-930am and lunch 1230-130 pm, Monday to Friday
  2. 6/6-7/15 – NN Agriculture and Grazing Representative Conference @ Twin Arrows, AZ
  3. 6/8/15 – LCRWSCA training on GPS Setting for Projects/ AZ Conservation Visit
  4. 6/10/15 – Navajo President and Vice President Priority Meeting with Council Delegate
  5. 6/12/15 – Budget & Finance Committee Meeting on FY 2016 Operation Budget
  6. 6/13/15 – NHLC Meeting @ Twin Arrows, AZ, 9am
  7. 6/13/15 – Livestock Sale by Prescott
  8. 6/15/15 – Tentative Meeting with HPL @ Kikosmovie, AZ
  9. 6/15/15 – NPL Precinct I-III Meeting @ Pinon NPL Office
  10. 6/15-18/15 – Watershed Project training @ Pinon
  11. 6/18/15 – Rural Addressing @ Crownpoint, NM
  12. 6/25/15 – Annual Cactus Valley Meeting
  13. 6/25/15 – Watershed Hand-on Training @ Black Mesa Chapter
  14. 7/2/15 – Dzilyijiin Regional Council Meeting @ Forest Lake Chapter, 9am
  15. 7/11/15 – Chinle Agency Council Meeting @ Wheat Field Chapter, 9am
  16. 8/2015 – NPL & HPL Joint Quarterly Meeting @ Pinon NPL Office
  17. Mohair and Wool Sale @ Teec Nos Pos Trading Post
- II. Brief Reports and Introductions of Resolutions:
- A. Council Delegate, Dwight Witherspoon
1. He made a brief update on BM Head Start Building Project.
  2. Proposed NN Transportation Stimulus Act
    - a. The legislation has been tabled by NN Council due to some chapters not being on the list; one agency is not included.

- b. A recent meeting held with Navajo President and Vice President and some recommendations made are:
- Dirt road improvement with hard gravel, not red dog gravel.
  - Initial 60 miles of dirt roads but 100 miles is being recommended; might be 40 miles per agency.
  - Pave Projects in Chinle Agency are N8066, N8031 and N12 with the cost of \$176 Million.
  - Air ports improvement is included in the plan.
  - \$577 Million road projects projected for the whole NN.
  - Establishing gravel pits locally on NN is being recommended.
3. Permanent Trust Fund Interests
- a. The funds have been available since 1996, but have not been touched.
  - b. In the projected budgets are economic developments, chapter capital projects, scholarship assistance programs, and investment in housing for veterans.
  - c. Working housing investment for doctors, attorneys, police officers, etc.
4. When asked about the gaming revenues, he informed that about \$300 million from gaming revenues for chapters is being projected.

Comments by Chapter Officials:

1. Health concerns from graveled roads – too much dust.
  2. Advising to keep N8066 road project in the plan of Chinle Agency's Road Construction Priority List.
- B. Grazing Committee Member, Francis Honie
1. He made a brief reports on upcoming scheduled meetings and trainings for grazing representatives.
  2. He informed the community members about the livestock sales, including mohair/wool sales at Teec Nos Pos, AZ.
  3. When asked about the status of horse round up activity for BM Chapter community, he indicated each chapter will be responsible for the activities with assistance from NPL Office. Helicopter was recommended but it's too costly (\$500 per hour and purchasing fuel). Currently horse round up is being conducted in Greasewood chapter community.
  4. He gave more information on dispute settlement meetings by HPL and NPL. The Hopis filed a complaint with AZ state court in Flagstaff. They are alleging the Navajos are cutting fences, trespassing by humans and livestock, illegal dumping and vandalism on windmills. The court has no jurisdiction and advised both tribes to settle the dispute locally. Impoundment of livestock is limited to five days and if not retrieve by owners, the livestock become the property of Hopi Tribe.
- C. CSC – Absent.
- D. Call to the Public – Several requests for chapter scholarships and veterans housing assistances.
- E. CHR – Absent.
- F. BM Veteran's Organization – Absent.
- G. CLUPC, Daisy Kiyaani - Supposed to have a meeting today but no quorum.

H. BM Review Board – Absent. He has medical appointment.

I. Dzilyjiin Regional Community Development Corp. – Vacant. Ray Gilmore resigned due to many conflicts of schedules.

J. Chapter Officers

1. All chapter officers participated in discussions of resolutions, reports and chapter projects.
2. The next allocation from PWCC is being proposed for North Valley Waterline Extension Project and to be used for feasibility studies to make it project-ready.
3. A selection of chapter representative is needed for D.R. Community Development Corp. since Ray Gilmore resigned from the position. It was expressed to select someone that do not work and willing to be available to attend meetings. This also applies to other committees of the chapter.
4. Encouragement by chapter officers for participation in chapter's planning and regular chapter meeting on a monthly basis. All items on agenda are benefiting the community and its membership.

K. LCR Watershed Steering Committee

1. Daisy Kiyaani

- Chapters' watershed projects were discussed and put them in order at the May 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- The orientation is still scheduled on June 15-16 and the actual work will be June 22 for SYETP students.
- High school and college students are needed for the projects (4-week)
- 4 projects for East valley are at the residents of Victor Yellowhair, Fred J BEnally, Ned Todechine and Amos Redhair.
- She explained this projects are considered educational activities for youth and to be able understand about the taking care of mother earth.

2. Caroline Bemore

- Met with CSC and was informed only three high school students have applied, but still need more.
- Chapter – students will begin on June 15<sup>th</sup> and ending on July 10<sup>th</sup>. NN ODY will have the students being on June 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Explained the college students will be supervisors and work for 40 hours per week; high school students will work 32 hours per week.
- She informed that elected officials of AZ Government are indicating that Navajos have no knowledge on how to utilize the water.

L. Others – None.

III. Updates on Chapter Projects:

A. N8066 Road Construction/Permanent Bridge Project – This project is included in Chinle Agency's road construction listing of proposed NN Transportation Stimulus Act.

B. N8065 Low Water Crossing

C. East Valley Waterline Extension Project (Yale Point)

1. NTUA is in progress of re-fixing the water pump house.
  2. The water might be turn on in September 2015.
  3. Advising all homeowners to attend the orientation with I.H.S/OEH.
- D. BM Head Start Building
1. Recent meeting with Harrison Martin of CIP Office, Ms. Singer of NN Head Start Office and OMB.
  2. \$200,000 will be allocated by NN Head Start Program toward the project and still need additional \$200,000.
  3. \$150,000 is being recommended for playground.
  4. Harrison Martin is initiating a budget of \$300,000, forward for UUFB and be approve by the Council Delegates.
  5. If approved and signed, the construction will begin by April 2016.
- E. BM Solar Energy Phase II – Still in progress; majority of residents have received completed solar energy.
- F. North Valley Power Line Extension Project - BM Chapter will be utilizing the \$250,000 funds allocated by PWCC, mainly for feasibility studies to make it project-ready.
- G. Telecommunication – Frontier

IV. Resolutions:

- A. BMC-15-06-113: Approve Travel Authorization for Francis Honie to attend Grazing Committee Training at Twin Arrows, AZ based on availability of funds.
- B. BMC-15-06-114: Approve Veterans Home Improvement for Kyle Begay, Freddie Baloo, Lorena S Hudson, Lloyd Yazzie, Do Sage, Sherry Small and Richard Claw.

Comments and Concerns Expressed by Chapter Officers:

1. The BMVO Officers need to attend both planning and chapter meetings for updates, monthly meetings, and finances reports.
  2. Mr. Claw and Mr. Sage were informed, previously, not to exclude other veterans even if they do not attend the organizational monthly meetings. All members who are registered voters of BM Chapter are included in NN Fund Allocations and should be treated as such for funding spending.
- C. BMC-15-06-115: Approve \$200 for food and project materials for BM Watershed project based on availability of funds.
  - D. BMC-15-06-116: Approve Chapter Scholarship Assistance for Teshina Price and Wade Hadley
  - E. BMC-15-06-117: Approve land clearances for Chapter Watershed Projects.

Caroline Bemore motioned to forward all resolutions to the regular chapter meeting on June 12, 2015.

Seconded by: Dwight Witherspoon

VOTE: 04-00-00

V. The meeting adjourned at 6:08 pm.  
Moteded by: Caroline Bemore  
Secoded by: Marlene Biltah  
VOTE: 04-00-00

Next Chapter Meeting: Friday, June 12 10, 2015 @ 4:00 pm  
Next Planning Meeting: Monday, July 06, 2015 @ 3:00 pm



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Marlene Biltah, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer