

Black Mesa Chapter  
Planning Meeting Minutes  
May 6, 2015

- I. Meeting Called to Order by Larry Biltah @ 4:27 pm.
- A. Invocation provided by Darlene Chee
- B. Reading and Approval of Meeting Minutes of April 03, 2015  
Motioned by: Caroline Bemore  
Seconded by: Francis Honie  
VOTE: 03-00-00
- C. Adoption of Agenda  
Motioned by: Dwight Witherspoon  
Seconded by: Francis Honie  
VOTE: 05-00-00
- D. Announcements
1. 5/7/15 – District 4 GCM meeting @ Blue Gap Chapter, 1pm
  2. 5/12/15 – NN Inauguration @ Window Rock, 10am
  3. 5/14/15 – Precinct I-III GCM Meeting @ Pinon NPL Office, 9am
  4. 5/14 & 28/15 – Naa’bik’iyati Committee Meeting
  5. 5/15/15 – LCRWSCA Meeting @ Pinon USD, 10am
  6. 5/19/15 – Special Council Session @ Window Rock, 10am
  7. 6/5/15 – CLUPC Meeting, 10am
  8. 6/25/15 – Hopi Meeting with HPL Residents @ Cactus Valley
  9. 7/2/15 – Dzilyijiin Regional Council Meeting @ Forest Lake Chapter, 9am
- II. Brief Reports and Introductions of Resolutions:
- A. Council Delegate, Dwight Witherspoon
1. NHLC Approved 2 Resolutions
    - a. Supporting the transfer of \$10 Million from the NN Land Acquisition Trust Fund for the benefit of Navajo Relocates and Communities.
    - b. Supporting amendments to Navajo Hopi Settlement Act and other appropriate federal laws and/or regulations.
  2. NNC Budget & Finance Committee
    - a. Accepting follow-up review of Teecnospos Chapter and NN Fair’s Corrective Plans implementation and imposing sanctions.
    - b. Accepting Land Buyback Program for Tribal Nations award to NN Eastern Land Commission.
    - c. Approved and amending Title 12 to requiring NN Comptroller to be Certified Public Accountant.
  3. NNC Spring Session
    - a. Approved amendments to 2 NNC 3580 to create Dine Uranium Remediation Advisory Committee.
  4. He attended Manymules Waterline Project Meeting at Kayenta
    - a. Phase I - \$200,00 short
    - b. Phase II - \$1.4 Million

- c. Phase III - \$6.7 Million
- d. Three council delegates approve the project using allocations from PWCC.
  - 2012 Allocations used for N41 Road Improvement
  - 2013 Allocations used for Manymules Waterline Project
  - 2014 Allocations distributed to 6 chapters for their infrastructures
  - 2015 Allocations is being recommended for Manymules Waterline Project
- 5. He made a brief update on BM Head Start Building project.
- 6. NN Transportation Stimulus Act might be recommended for referendum.

Ms. Bemore suggested submitting a Head Start Building Project proposal to utilize UUFB and possibly North Valley Power Line Extension. She will request for guidelines from Harrison Martin.

Mr. Biltah recommended to have NN matched \$1.5 Millions towards Manymules Waterline Extension Projects.

Mr. Benally suggested BMRB members should be part of Infrastructure Committee for PWCC Allocations. Manymules Waterline Projects should be combined big project. Navajo Nation and I.H.S. OEH should also contribute towards the projects.

Ms. Biltah recommended to let BM Chapter receives 2014 and 2015 allocations for North Valley Power Line Extension and North Valley Waterline Extension. Both projects will be considered project-ready utilizing these funds for feasibility studies, ROW, etc. BM Chapter can seek other grants to complete both projects.

B. Grazing Committee Member, Francis Honie

- 1. Enforcement of grazing regulations by grazing representatives is still pending.
- 2. He still conducting interview on cancelled permits on monthly basis.
- 3. Windmills by chapter house and at Rose Chee's will be repair.
- 4. Horse Round up Activities
  - a. Unbranded horses will be haul off by NN
  - b. Scheduling at BM Chapter community is pending
- 5. He advised community people to report fence cutting and other violations to NPL Office.

C. CSC, Albert Lee

- 1. He submitted chapter resolution to NTUA for North Valley Power Line Extension. There are 26 people on the list. Lemanual of NTUA informed him GPS is almost completed for each home. He will submit the cost estimates.
- 2. There are some people behind payments for solar energy projects. He is being advised to submit notices of letters for delinquents.
- 3. 198 bales of hay still available.
- 4. AMS conducted and completed April Finance Reports – statement of revenues, combining balance sheet, detail/budget/actual transaction, and bank reconciliation.
- 5. 1" gap parts for kitchen sink needs to be replaced according to Many Farms OEH reports in order to start Senior Citizen Program.
- 6. Americorp will assist the chapter with Rural Addressing activities.

D. Call to the Public

1. Concerns were expressed on trashes, herding sheep inside the ROW fence, cutting fences along Hwy N8066.

E. CHR – Absent.

F. BM Veteran's Organization – Absent.

G. CLUPC, Ella Tallis

1. April 30<sup>th</sup> meeting
  - a. Preliminary planning
  - b. 20 projects identified for erosion controls
  - c. Vision statement has been established and to be finalized soon.
  - d. Inviting grazing representatives at their next meeting
  - e. Learn to use GPS equipment
  - f. Invite young people to participate in projects
  - g. FEMA can assist with dam restorations
2. Revive traditional farming/cornfields

H. BM Review Board, Andrew Benallie

1. He attended the meeting at Kayenta on May 4, 2015 on Manymules Waterline Projects and \$1.5 million annual allocations.
  - a. Phase I will start in August 2015.
  - b. 2015 allocation is being recommended to be used for waterline projects.
2. Reclaimed land used by people for their livestock.
  - a. Survey has been conducted and it is determined to be overgrazing.
  - b. BMRB will assist with public education on grazing permit regulations.
  - c. Meeting to be held on May 15<sup>th</sup> at NN Museum on reclaimed lands.
3. Proposed community development with Peabody Mine area is 2 acres and is not enough for proposed facilities.
4. Trashes are being dumped all over (down the mountains, washes, etc.). The underground water is being contaminated. He is recommending if a big dumpster can be brought to the chapter house.
5. There will be a questionnaire survey to be conducted with impacted chapters' residents.
6. Coal mine extension is being discussed now.
7. Shonto Chapter President Stanley Yazzie is recommending to include BMRB members be part of Infrastructure Committee.

I. Dzilyijiin Regional Community Development Corp. – Absent.

J. Chapter Officers

1. All chapter officers were involved in discussions of resolutions, chapter projects, and reports.
2. Caroline Bemore, LCRWSCA Steering Committee
  - a. There are five chapters within Dzilyijiin Regional – Black Mesa, Forest Lake, Hardrock, Pinon, and Whippoorwill. Nathaniel Tom and Gloria Johns are representing the Dzilyijiin Regional.
  - b. 20 Gabion projects identified for Black Mesa Chapter. Student workers will be doing the projects this summer.

- 17 high school student and 5 college students will be hired utilizing SYETP funds.
  - There will two groups from June 15 to July 10, 2015.
- c. Learning experiences for youth.
  - d. Ray Gilmore is to contact NN Water Resource to borrow heavy equipment for the projects.
  - e. The Steering Committee will seek for more funds for continuation of future projects for each chapter.

Mr. Honie suggested informing the community people about the projects.

K. Others

1. Darlene Chee of Pinon Clinic – Left.

III. Updates on Chapter Projects:

A. N8066 Road Construction/Permanent Bridge Project

B. N8065 Low Water Crossing

C. East Valley Waterline Extension Project (Yale Point)

D. BM Head Start Building

1. Funds have not been moved to line item.
2. \$400,000 to start the project.

E. BM Solar Energy Phase II

1. The installation of solar units is still in progress and should be completed by August 2015.

F. North Valley Power Line Extension Program

1. Resolution with list of participated has been submitted to NTUA.
2. The cost estimated will be submitted upon the completion of GPS.

G. Telecommunication – Frontier

IV. Resolutions:

A. BMC-15-05-105: Request Technical Assistance from NHA for Feasibility Planner

B. BMC-15-05-106: Request for 2015 Allocation from Peabody Western Coal Company for North Valley Waterline Extension Project

C. BMC-15-05-107: Approve \$75.00 for Just Move It activity at BM Chapter in July 2015.

D. BMC-15-05-108: Request to NN DOJ to include BMRB to be part of infrastructure Committee for Peabody Western Coal Company.

E. BMC-15-05-109: Approve the obligation of BM Chapter's SYEPT Funds to implement the LCRWSCA projects and to purchase supplies for the projects.

F. BMC-15-05-110: Approve \$1,000 of the PWCC Allocation \$250,000 for Power Line Extension

Marlene Biltah motioned to forward all resolutions under Old Business to the regular chapter meeting on May 15, 2015.

Seconded by: Francis Honie

VOTE: 04-00-00

V. The Meeting Adjourned at 7:55pm.

Motioned by: Marlene Biltah

Seconded by: Caroline Bemore

VOTE: 04-00-00

Next Planning Meeting: Friday, June 05, 2015 @ 3:00 pm

Next Chapter Meeting: Friday 12, 2015 @ 4:00 pm

