

Black Mesa Chapter
Planning Meeting Minutes
May 04, 2016

- I. Meeting Called to Order by Larry Biltah @ 9:17 am
 - A. Invocation provided by Larry Biltah.

 - B. Reading & Approval of Meeting Minutes of 4-8-16
Motioned by: Caroline Bemore
Seconded by: Marlene Biltah
VOTE: 03-00-01

 - C. Adoption of Agenda
Motioned by: Caroline Bemore
Seconded by: Marlene Biltah
VOTE: 03-00-01

 - D. Announcements
 - 1. 5/11/16 – Chinle Agency Health Board Meeting on PL 93-638 Contract
 - 2. 5/12/16 – IHS Policy/Bylaws Work Sessions at Chinle IHS
 - 3. 5/12/16 – Red Dog Gravel Meeting @ Pinon, 10am
 - 4. 5/14/16 – Veterans Blue Star Mother Dinner @ BM Chapter, 10a
 - 5. 5/17/16 – AZ State Special Election
 - 6. 5/19/16 – CLUPC @ Holbrook AZ, 9am
 - 7. 5/24/16 – LCRWSCA Meeting @ Forest Lake, 9am
 - 8. 5/26/16 – RDC Meeting @ BMC, 9am

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

 - B. Grazing Committee Member, Francis Honie – Absent.

 - C. CSC, Albert Lee
 - 1. He received a hoax call from a person claiming to be working with IRS and the BM Chapter owes \$5963.00. She was requesting for account numbers for levy purposes. He contacted local IRS office and was informed they never asked for bank account numbers.
 - 2. The NTUA almost shut off the electricity again but NN OMB finally made a payment for BM Chapter using Gaming Funds. These chapter funds are dispersed from Window Rock to vendors.
 - 3. He has received three quotes for fencing construction. It's a 100'x30' for chapter equipment.
 - 4. Leticia Jodie, recently, attended MIP training in Albuquerque NM on fixed assets and depreciation.
 - 5. He talked with MC Baldwin on Rural Addressing and was informed he needs centerline of main roads. There will be 2-3 days of training with LRAC.
 - 6. The chapter received two trash bins from Navajo County for community clean-up activities.
 - 7. Christopher Todechine, chapter equipment operator, has completed blading the resident roads.
 - 8. He works with Robert Jumbo of Auditor General Office on recent audit including corrective action (CA) items. If chapter needs another audit, it will be at the expense of the chapter. Mr. Jumbo has not returned his recent call regarding on CA.

9. No housing discretionary funds.
10. Scholarship Funds - \$6800 from General fund and \$1957 from Land Claims fund

D. Call to the Public

E. CLUPC, Dorothy R Yazzie – Absent.

F. CHR – A woman from Kayenta has been hired but currently in training.

G. BM Veterans Organization, Richard Claw – Absent.

H. BM Review Board, Andrew Benallie – Absent.

I. Dzilyijiin Regional Community Development Commission, Jimmy Yellowhair – Absent.

J. Chapter Officers – Group discussions:

1. RDC Meeting on May 26, 2016 at BM Chapter
 - Need to hire two cooks using PEP funds
 - Development of tentative agenda
 - Developed a menu for 20 people
 - Two BMC students will do presentation on missing schools due to impassable roads.
 - Need a least two local veterans and elders to present a need for road construction for the BM community.
2. ASC employees' day of work is on May 27, 2016 due to lack of funding for continuation.
3. Chapter Administration needs to check on bathroom additions and advertise office aide position.
4. Solar Systems
 - V. Mose has removed the solar panels from Curtis Smith's resident and installed at his resident.
 - Elders and veterans should be first priority to receive the transferred systems.
 - CSC needs to start the process of removing the solar system from those that are far behind on their payments.
 - Mr. Colvin of Chnle DCI needs to submit the project close-out report. The chapter will submit a letter requesting to Mr. colvin.
5. Using the balance of \$250,000, power line extension for Espen Valley will be requested to NTUA for cost estimates.
6. Directive to CSC:
 - Purchase a reliable copy machine – plan for FY 2017
 - Consensus approval by chapter officers and administration on any major purchases, chapter projects, major changes regarding BM Chapter operations and local events.
 - Community Clean Up – schedule a day for all community participation with lunch and activities.
 - Assist and support the chapter officers with constant follow ups on chapter projects (bathroom additions, kitchen prep, NV Power line ext., head start building, East Valley waterline ext., fencing for heavy equipment, progress for rural addressing and road signs costs)
 - Get the names of poll workers for special election
 - Immediate advertisement for office aide position; a reliable and trusted individual is needed to assist the chapter administration.

K. LCRWSCA, Evalena Claw – Absent.

L. BMCS and RRCS School Board – None.

M. Others

III. Updates on Chapter On-going Projects:

A. N8066 Road Construction, Phase III & Permanent Bridge

B. N8065 Low Water Crossing Project

C. North Valley Power Line Extension Project

1. Both Chapter President and Secretary met with Ethelyn John and Avis Jim on April 20th. The RFP is being advertised in Navajo Times. Award of Contract is scheduled on June 01, 2016.
2. Constructor has 30 days to start the ground work.

D. Black Mesa Head Start Building

1. Chapter officers attended a meeting with Harrison Martin of Designing and Engineering Service on May 02, 2016 in Window Rock.

E. Frontier Telecommunications

IV. Resolutions:

A. BLAC-16-05-082: Request for Power Line Extension Cost Estimates for Espen Valley, North of BM Chapter House

B. BLAC-16-05-083: Approve Travel Authorization for Chapter Officers to attend CLUPC meeting with Navajo County in Holbrook AZ on May 17, 2016

C. BLAC-16-05-084: Request and Authorize \$500.00 for food purchasing for RDC meeting on May 26, 2016 at BM Chapter on N8066 Road Construction Phase III

D. BLAC-16-05-085: Request and Authorize to Hire 2 Cooks Using BM Chapter's PEP Funds

E. BLAC-16-05-086: Requesting NN President, NNC and Attorney General to do All Things Necessary Proper and Appropriate to Ensure Peabody Coal Mine provide Sufficient Funds for the Purpose of Clean up.

F. BLAC-16-05-087: Requesting the NN President, NNC and NN Little Colorado River Negotiation Team to fully Respect and Honor the Voices of the Dine The People as They Negotiate the Settlement of Little Colorado River Water Rights.

Motioned to Forward All Resolutions to Regular Chapter Meeting by: Caroline Bemore

Seconded by: Marlene Biltah

VOTE: 03-00-01

V. The Meeting Adjourned at 11:56 am
Motioned by: Caroline Bemore
Seconded by: Marlene Biltah
VOTE: 03-00-01

Next Chapter Meeting: Friday, May 13, 2016 @ 1:00 pm
Next Planning Meeting: Friday, June 10, 2016 @ 1:00 pm



Marlene Biltah, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer