

Black Mesa Chapter
Planning Meeting Minutes
November 7, 2014

- I. Meeting Called to Order by Larry Biltah @ 5:18pm
 - A. Invocation provided by Francis Honie.

 - B. Reading & Approval of Meeting Minutes of 10/3-5/14
 - Motioned by: Caroline Bemore
 - Seconded by: Dwight Witherspoon
 - VOTE: 05-00-00

 - C. Adoption of Agenda
 - Motioned by: Caroline Bemore
 - Seconded by: Francis Honie
 - VOTE: 05-00-00

 - D. Announcements:
 - 1. 11/9/14 – BM Veterans Organization Meeting & Thanksgiving Dinner, 12pm
 - 2. 11/10//14 – Precinct II GCM Meeting at Whitecone Chapter, 9am
 - 3. 11/12/14 – AZ Senator John McCain will visit Whipporwill Spring Chapter
 - 4. 11/13/14 – Red Dog Gravel Meeting @ Low Mountain Chapter
 - 5. 11/13-14/14 – NNC Special Session @ Window Rock
 - 6. 11/14/14 – Sheep/Goad Management & Vaccination Workshop at NTU, Crownpoint NM
 - 7. 11/14/14 – Veterans Parade and Guard Dance @ Low Mountain Chapter/School
 - 8. 11/15/14 – BM Community Thanksgiving Dinner, 1pm
 - 9. 11/17/15 – Turkey Trot @ BM Community School, 1pm

- II. Brief Reports/Introduction of Resolutions:
 - A. Council Delegate, Dwight Witherspoon
 - 1. Issues on HPL Residents:
 - a. 3 families have their sheep impounded early morning at 5:00 am on different dates.
 - b. 6 people were detained for interferences for 6 hours.
 - c. Sent letters to Navajo Hopi Land Commission- Mr. Max and Hopi BIA.
 - d. About 75 HPL residents came to NNC Chamber and met with Mr. President Shelly.
 - e. A meeting has been scheduled with Hopi Tribal Chairman about the issues.
 - f. Their targets are to people with exceeding sheep units. The people are given advance notices before impoundment begins.
 - g. NPL is managed by BIA NPL Office and HPL is managed as PL 97-638 contract by Hopi Tribe.
 - h. There should be a better communication from Hopi Tribe.
 - 2. Navajo Dept. of Health development – Legal inputs recommended by Mr. Mitchell, Chief of Staff.
 - 3. There will be new delegates on RDC and LOC and will need to be educated on chapter projects.
 - 4. Brief updates on BM Head Start Building, N8065 Low Water Crossing Project and N8066 Road Construction.

5. Requesting to invite Andrea Chase of NHA to conduct presentation on scattered homes, VA housings and proposals for housing needs. NHA has planning grants to assist chapters with housing projects. Request for technical assistance through resolution for land withdrawal, clearances, and feasibility studies.
6. A new legislation will change election laws; he is being mutual and not for one individual's benefit; he would support the legislation if it is for future elections without retroaction language.

B. Grazing Committee Member, Francis Honie

1. He attended a meeting at Whippoorwill Spring Chapter on 11/5/14. BIA NPL and Natural Resource personnel also attended the meeting and addressed some concerns and comments on weed control, rangeland assessments, grazing permit reissuance, horse roundup activities given back to BIA Natural Resource, wood hauling and fire wood safety, state brand and fencing the rangelands. Present were Ben Begay, Wilbert Bitt, Amos Johnson, and Edison Yabani.
2. Encouraged livestock owners to reduce by selling their livestock to meet the sheep units requirement.
3. Some windmills were repaired in NPL area with funds received by NPL Office. Damaged windmills that have been vandalized will be delayed.
4. Free Castration Workshop at Chinle Vetinary clinic, including neuter and spade.
5. Encourages all community members that are neighbors to come to an agreement on rangeland usage.
6. Quite Title – Grazing permit of a deceased owner after 5 year period.
7. Navajo means "thief" in Spanish (Mexican).

Community Concerns and Comments:

1. Request to Mr. Witherspoon to support BM Chapter projects such as roads, head start building, new chapter house, veteran and senior citizen centers, and maybe nursing homes.
2. All senior citizen centers on the NN should accommodate all eligible Navajo people no matter if one is not from that chapter.
3. Still requesting for horse roundup at Black Mesa Chapter community. A better plan should be develop.

C. CSC, Albert Lee

1. Chapter assistance requests by several community members and students.
2. 336 bales of hay will be delivered soon and will be at \$15/bale; 10 per bales per BM registered voters.
3. Housing discretionary funds is depleting fast.
4. 2014 Carry Over fund budget has been approved; it's in the Wind System and MIP Accounting System.

D. Call to the Public

1. Otis Nalwood - Rangeland management plan is being developed by the residents of Upper Wepo Wash Valley area; elderlies living in this area are being run over by wood haulers and they are scared for their lives; wood haulers are leaving their trashes behind.
2. Everyone agreed with Mr. Nalwood regarding about the issues with wood haulers.

E. CLUPC – Absent.

- F. CHR - Vacant
- G. BM Veterans Organization, Richard Claw
 1. No plans for Veteran's Day by BM Veterans Organization, but mentioned several events happening in local areas.
 2. Requesting Mr. Witherspoon to attend District 4 Veterans Meeting at Whippoorwill Spring Chapter where AZ Senator John McCain will be present.
 3. Met with BM CLUP Committee about a site within BM Chapter area for Veteran Center building.
 4. Encouraged community members to thank and appreciated all veterans of NN and US for their selfless act of defending the freedom we enjoy.

Comments by Chapter Officers:

1. Request to Mr. Claw to conduct monthly VA reports, including the number of assistances given.
2. Request to submit the monthly meeting minutes to the Chapter Administration with sign-in sheets for documentations.
3. Explanation made on amending budget after by chapter membership at the regular chapter meetings.
4. Explained all registered voters who are veterans of Black Mesa Chapter are eligible for Veterans assistances received by Chapter and Chinle Agency Veteran Office.

H. BM Review Board, Jones Begay – Absent.

I. Chapter Officers – They all participated in discussion on the agenda items, resolution and chapter projects.

J. Others – None.

III. Updates on Chapter On-going Projects:

- A. N8066 Road Construction, Phase III & Permanent Bridge
 1. Will schedule a meeting with RDC in January 2015 and deliver presentation.
 2. The past committee developed a 5-year plan and could be change with new delegates.
 3. Interests earned from \$554 Million Settlement Funds should be made available for road projects.
- B. N8065 Low Water Crossing Project
 1. Schedule a meeting with NDOT on the status of the project.
 2. According to Marco Sells of NDOT an outside contractor will conduct drainage study.
- C. North Valley Power Line Extension Project
- D. East Valley (Yale Point) Waterline Extension Project
- E. Black Mesa Head Start Building
 1. RDC and LOC reallocate some funds for Ramah Correctional Center.
 2. Need to schedule a meeting with RDC and LOC regarding the continuation of the project.

3. Chapter officials and administration would like to stay with the current cost estimate and not to be rebid again. Cost will increase.

F. BM Solar Energy, Phase II

G. Telecommunications:

1. Frontier

IV. Requisitions:

- A. \$500.00 for BM Chapter Community Thanksgiving Dinner on 11/15/14
- B. \$500.00 for BM Chapter Community Christmas Dinner on 12/13/14

V. Resolutions:

- A. BmC-15-11-015: Request to increase the sheep units for HPL Residents
- B. BMC-15-11-016: Approve Housing Discretionary Assistance for Ronald Kaye, Susie Yazzie, Ruby Todechine, Ned Todechine, Jane Baloo, Ernestine Yazzie, Roselala Lee, Anthony Lee, Delany Montoya, Matthew Lee, Darnell Tsosie, Brenda Benally, Emerson Teller, Rose T Begay, Ella T Begay, Marietta Dick, Otis Nalwood, Josephine Watchman, Rose G Chee, Katie Watchman, and Terrill Yazzie.
- C. BMC-15-11-017: Approve Chapter Scholarship Assistance for Augustine Sells Jr, Arleesha Sells, Leslie Joe, Shawna Mitchell, and Howard Keyonni .
- D. BMC-15-11-018: Request NN Council to Amend NN Sales Tax Revenue Fund Plan of Operation related to Allowable and Disallowable Expenditures – move Purchasing of agricultural products, Training and instructional expenses, and Purchasing of motor vehicles and heavy equipment from disallowable to allowable expenditures.
- E. BMC-15-11-019: Approve Travel Authorization for Accounts Maintenance Specialist to attend MIP Fund Accounting Workshop at Farmington NM on 11/17-20/14.
- F. BMC-15-11-020: Emergency Medical Assistance for Debbie Teller.
- G. BMC-15-11-021: Request and Approve the Initiation of providing potable water to residents of Upper Wepo Wash area.
- H. BMC-15-11-022: Requesting a Study and Assessment of Damages to Timberlands located in Upper Wepo Wash Valley, Peak and Plateaus by Northern AZ University Forestry Dept. or other similar Institution.
- I. BMC-15-11-023: Approve Road Ordinances on Routes N8066 and N8034 for Red Dog Gravel Project.
- J. BMC-15-11-024: Approve \$500.00 for Black Mesa Community Thanksgiving Dinner on November 15, 2014
- K. BMC-15-11-025: Approve \$500.00 for Black Mesa Community Christmas Dinner on December 13, 2014

Motioned to Approved and to be Consider for Regular Chapter Meeting: Dwight Witherspoon

Seconded by: Caroline Bemore

VOTE: 05-00-00

VI. The meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm

Motioned by: Caroline Bemore

Seconded by: Francis Honie

VOTE: 03-00-00

Next Chapter Meeting: Saturday, November 15, 2014 @ 1:00 pm

Next Planning Meeting: Sunday, December 07, 2014 @ 8:00 am



Marlene Biltah, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer