



BLACK MESA CHAPTER MEETING

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PLEASE FORWARD TO DELEGATE SIMONSON, LDA AND OTHERS.

THANK YOU SO MUCH.
MARLENE BILTAH
BM CHAPTER

MARLENE BILTAH is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

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Time: Feb 14, 2023 03:00 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

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Black Mesa Chapter
Chapter Meeting Agenda
February 14, 2023

- I. Meeting Called to Order
 - A. Invocation
 - B. Reading & Approval of Meeting Minutes of December 12, 2022 & January 19, 2023:
 - C. Adoption of Agenda
 - D. Announcements:
 - 1. COVID-19 vaccinations continue at I.H.S. Clinics
 - 2. 2/22/2023 – Black Mesa CLUPC Meeting @ Pinon, 10am
 - 3. 2/20/2023 – President’s Day Holiday

- II. Reports:
 - A. Council Delegate, Germaine Simonson
 - B. Grazing Official, Francis Honie
 - C. CSC, Albert Lee
 - D. BM Veteran’s Organization, Richard Claw
 - E. CLUPC, Dorothy R Yazzie
 - F. Chapter Officers
 - G. Others:
 - 1) Fern Benally, Navajo County Supervisor
 - 2) Marie Rose, Black Mesa Community School, briefly explained the purpose of resolution regarding the School Board Reapportionment Plan 6A.
 - a. The Plan 6A was not approved by the NN President, NNC and NN Board of Education.
 - b. It combined 27 grant school and created five regional school boards from each Agency and take away the local control of each community school and take over the operation of the educational programs.
 - c. The newly five created regional school boards are not established or recognized as a governing board and do not have their own Articles of Incorporation in place and do not have a grant agreement in place with the Federal Government to receive school operating funds.
 - d. HEHS Committee and DODE did not develop a transition plan or operating plan for newly created five regional school boards and there is confusion and unanswered questions with the implementation of Plan 6A.
 - e. The resolution is requesting the current HEHS Committee and NN Council to rescind the 2020-24 NN School Board Reapportionment Plan 6A.

- III. Updates on Chapter Ongoing Chapter Projects: Information only.
 - A. N8066 Road Construction Phase III & Permanent Bridges – Dibble Engineering is working on 100% plans and documents, including coordination with NTUA on waterline relocation design for the five waterline crossings and will need NTUA’s review and approval to finalize the 100% plans. Additional archaeology field work was completed, and cultural resources report is also completed. NDOT has completed their review and prepared a letter for FHWA to review, sign, and submit along with the revised report to Navajo HHPD for their review and compliance. NDOT will complete a separate EA

report for new bridge and addendum to original EA report. NDOT will submit EA report to BIA Regional Office once an addendum to CRCF (cultural report) is completed. Dibble Engineering draft ROW documents and needs completed EA and FONSI before submitting ROW package to BIA and Navajo Nation for approval.

Dept. of Project Management of NDOT conducted a cultural resources survey for 28 temporary construction easements, five staging areas, chapter area, chapter access road and N8065 bridge. Cultural Resources Narrative Report was submitted to Navajo HHPD in March 2022 and waiting to receive compliance by May 2022.

The N8065 road and bridge, chapter house turnout, and parking lot will need additional funding of \$7.75 million. Two bridges and chapter access road might become stand-alone projects if no additional funds are secured.

- B. Black Mesa East Valley-Yale Point Waterline Extension – The Chapter needs to work on bathroom additions for some homes as priority.
- C. Black Mesa North Valley Waterline Extension – Same Information from Item B.
- D. N8065 Low Water Crossing – NDOT requested additional Road Funds (Fuel Excise Tax) of \$1,360,000, which was approved by the Resources and Development Committee on August 3, 2021. The Business Unit was set up by NN Office of Management and Budget on November 15, 2021. The total construction funds available is \$1,793,515.23. Unfortunately, the Contractor was unable to hold their original bid of \$1,045,668.43 and submitted a revised cost of \$1,693,478.20. NDOT followed up with NN Business Regulatory and they advise to rebid the project. The project was advertised twice for re-bid.
- E. Black Mesa Veterans Building – Approved allocations of \$144,000 from Sihasin Funds for Planning/ Pre-designing, groundwork, and Architecture/Engineering and \$480,000 for construction. Still need additional \$1,400,000 for construction.
- F. N8065 Crossing (S-Curve) – NDOT has discussed with Navajo County on the possibility of the County funding both drainage study, including obtaining 401/404 permits and the purchase of recommended culverts. A partnership meeting between NDOT, Navajo County, BIA and the Black Mesa Chapter is pending to discuss the project.

IV. Resolutions:

- A. BMC-23-02-035: Approve and Authorize Emergency Funds of \$19,000
- B. BMC-23-02-036: Support and urges NN HEHSC and NNC to rescind 2020-2024 NN School Board Reapportionment Plan 6A.
- C. BMC-23-02-037: Support and urges NN HEHSC and NNC to rescind 2020-2024 NN School Board Reapportionment Plan 6A.

V. Adjournment

TENTATIVE: Next Planning Meeting: Monday, March 06 2023 @ 3:00 pm
Next Chapter Meeting: Monday, March 13, 2023 @ 3:00 pm