Black Mesa Chapter

Chapter Meeting Agenda

March 20, 2023

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Invocation
3. Reading & Approval of Meeting Minutes of February 14, 2022
4. Adoption of Agenda
5. Announcements:
6. COVID-19 vaccinations continue at I.H.S. Clinics
7. 3/20/2023 – Roads Meeting at Pinon NDOT, 10a
8. Introductions of Resolutions and Brief Reports:
9. Council Delegate, Germaine Simonson
10. Grazing Official, Francis Honie
11. CSC, Albert Lee
12. BM Veteran’s Organization, Richard Claw
13. CLUPC, Dorothy R Yazzie
14. Chapter Officers
15. Others: Fern Benally, Navajo County Supervisor
16. Updates on Chapter Ongoing Chapter Projects: Information only.
17. N8066 Road Construction Phase III & Permanent Bridges –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 is yet to complete a separate EA report for new bridge and addendum to original EA report, and 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.

Cultural Resources Narrative Report (survey for easements, 5 staging areas, chapter area and access road, and N8065 bridge) was submitted to Navajo HHPD in 2022 and still waiting to receive compliance.

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.

1. Black Mesa East Valley-Yale Point Waterline Extension – The Chapter needs to work on bathroom additions for some homes as priority.
2. Black Mesa North Valley Waterline Extension – Same Information from Item B.
3. N8065 Low Water Crossing –The total construction funds available is $1,793,515.23. Currently contractor has started working on the crossing.
4. Black Mesa Veterans Building – Approved allocations of $144,000 from Sihasin Funds for Planning/ Predesigning, groundwork, and Architecture/Engineering and $480,000 for construction. Still need additional $1,400,000 for construction.
5. 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. Mr. Miles Begay will scheduled a joint meeting with BIA, NDOT and Navajo County for further discussion because NDOT does not have this project as priority.
6. Resolutions:
7. BMC-23-03-039: Approve and authorize the Navajo Sales Tax Funds of $62,812.00.
8. BMC-23-03-040: Approve and authorize the Unhealthy Food Tax Fund of $18,300.00.
9. BMC-23-03-041: Approve and authorize the Carryover Gaming Fund of $82.69.
10. BMC-23-03-042: Approve and authorize General Fund of $3,165.41.
11. BMC-23-03-043: Approving Housing Discretionary Assistance for Minnie Davis.
12. BMC-23-03-044: Approving Chapter Scholarship Assistance for Gary Nez Jr.
13. BMC-23-03-045: Supporting and improving the healthy coalition and Navajo tax increase on all commercial tobacco products.
14. BMC-23-03-046: Request to NHLC to add on Irene Nez to 2nd Generation Housing Assistance.
15. BMC-23-03-047: Request to RDC for renewal of 5-year red gravel project.
16. BMC-23-03-048: Request to BIA Roads, NDOT and RDC to collaborate, assist and give consent to Navajo County for drainage analysis and other preliminaries for N8065 S-Curve Wash Crossing.
17. Adjournment

TENTATIVE: Next Planning Meeting: Monday, April 03 2023 @ 3:00 pm

 Next Chapter Meeting: Monday, April 10 2023 @ 3:00 m