

**BLACK MESA REVIEW BOARD REGULAR MEETING**  
**July 7, 2009 – 1:00 PM**  
**Black Mesa Review Board Office**  
**Black Mesa, Arizona**

Meeting was called to order by Irene Begay, BMRB Chairperson at 12:53 PM.

**I. Invocation:** Mr. Jones Begay gave the invocation.

**II. Preliminaries:**

**A. Roll Call:** Roll call done by Kee Yazzie. Present were: Harry Brown, Kee Yazzie, Jones Begay, Jonathan Hale and Irene Begay.

1. Angela Cody not present so Chair appointed Kee Yazzie to take notes for the meeting.

**B. Adoption of Agenda:** Jonathan Hale made motion to accept the agenda. Jones Begay seconds the motion. Agenda was accepted with a 4-0-0 vote.

**C. Adoption of Last Meeting Notes:** Reading of last meeting notes was deferred to next meeting. Jonathan Hale made motion to defer reading of last meeting notes to next meeting. Jones Begay seconds the motion. Reading of last meeting notes was deferred to next meeting with 4-0-0 vote.

**D. Announcements/ Reports:**

1. **Jones Begay:** Black Mesa Chapter Meeting is scheduled on Friday, July 10, 2009. Sand Springs Sector meeting is set on July 13, 2009. Harry and I attended budget meeting at Window Rock. I attended the White Grass Sector meeting. The White Grass Sector is reading and reviewing the draft Articles of Incorporation and By Laws. They are working on 501 (C) (3) Organization. Mostly elderly folks are meeting. The highest priority for the White Grass Sector is to pave the road from N41 to White Grass. They are also working on development of a multi-use building. They have two sites available for review. The White Grass Sector is working on a land use plan and placing them on a map.

At Black Mesa Chapter meeting, Navajo County stated they want County Offices on Black Mesa. There will be great improvement for emergency response. Need for housing development was discussed. The County offices can be located at the same location. I made a report to the Chapter. The Chapter discussed the budget. I asked the Council Delegate to push the budget.

Navajo Department of Transportation did a road tour within Chinle Agency and Peabody Western Coal Company (PWCC) lease area. A tour of roads within Western Agency and PWCC lease area was scheduled but was cancelled and rescheduled on July 29<sup>th</sup>. The problem is Walter Begay will not be available on July 29<sup>th</sup>.

**2. Kee Yazzie:** Yellow Water Sector meeting is scheduled on June 6, 2009. Not enough people showed so meeting was canceled and will be rescheduled. A special BMRB meeting was called on June 12, 2009. I met with Navajo Nation Land Department on June 19, 2009. There are ongoing meetings to discuss HPL, NPL, trespassing, grazing management plans and other issues related to reclaimed lands. I met with partners working on AML application for Many Mules Waterline project on June 22, 2009 at Window Rock. We completed the AML application and submitted it at Window Rock. I attended Sand Springs Sector meeting on July 6, 2009. Our application for Road Funds was reviewed by the Ad Hoc Committee. At this time we are awaiting TCDC to approve the projects selected by the committee.

**3. Jonathan Hale:** The Navajo Nation Council passed resolution to reduce the number of Council Delegates from 88 to 24. This will allow the people to vote on the initiative. The Speaker called a staff meeting to discuss the changes this will make and to prepare for what may come if voters choose to reduce the number of Council Delegates. Mr. Hale advised that we inform the Chapters. The Chapters need to be prepared for what may come.

**4. Irene Begay:** Forest Lake Chapter Meeting is scheduled on July 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM. The next Chapter Planning meeting is scheduled on August 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM. I attended grazing meeting and made a report

**5. Harry Brown:** Shonto Chapter meeting is on July 13, 2009 at 1:00 PM. veterans meeting is also scheduled on July 13, 2009. Rodeo is scheduled on July 18 -19, 2009. I attended budget meeting with Jones Begay at Window Rock.

#### **F. BMRB Liaison Report:**

1. Many Mules Waterline project: Completed project assessment for AML application with Walter Begay. Kayenta Chapter did not complete their assessment. They need to go back out to complete it. Shonto Chapter completed their assessment. There is a question as to who should manage the project. The Board may have the authority to manage the project. Forest Lake will update their list. They are very near completing their assessment. There are people who live on Black Mesa who are renting. The homes that get water are the ones that have home site lease. All homes need to have a name and a home site lease. We are thinking of ways to make this easier. Maybe we can hold training on how to apply for home site lease. Some people have been relocated who do not have home site leases. Home site leases also need to be environmentally cleared. Chilchinbeto and Black Mesa Chapters still need to complete project assessments. If we go into the next cycle for AML funding, we will be more prepared.

We have been meeting with PWCC. PWCC is willing to work with us and they may fund projects are share cost or do in kind services if projects are worth while.

We made presentation of the Many Mules Waterline project to NTUA. This is the first they heard about the waterline project as being a regional project. NTUA may use the Black Mesa Pipeline facilities to pump water to other parts of the Navajo Nation. NTUA wants to know if the people support this project and the regional project concept. We told NTUA that people support this project. The waterline will follow the N41 alignment. We asked PWCC to give us the right-of-way for N41 and the waterline. At this time NTUA is not set up for septic tank services. These services are contracted out. But, in this area there are no place set up to dump the sludge. This is another project that the Board needs to take on. There are strict laws for cleaning and disposing of septic tank sludge. In the mining and reclaimed areas a waterline can not be constructed due to unsettled earth.

Board members, quarterly reports are due today.

Road inventory is scheduled on July 29, 2009.

I have been working on the budget. We are short on funds and will not have any funds from now to end of fiscal year. We will make a request to Navajo County to see if they will help with funding for meetings to the end of the year. We need to schedule a special meeting to discuss the budget.

### **III. New Business**

- A. Many Mules Waterline Project Chapter support for funding: The Board discussed who will receive AML funds and manage the waterline project. After a lengthy discussion the Board voted to go with either the BMRB or Forest Lake.**

**Motion by Kee Yazzie**

**2<sup>nd</sup> by Jones Begay**

**Motion passed with 4-0-0 vote.**

- B. Additional Board Stipend Funding: FY 2010 Budget will be less then what was approved for FY 2009. The Board discussed what the Board should do to meet the FY 2010 budget or to seek additional funding from other sources to make up the shortage. Discussed cutting back on number of meetings and reducing Board member attendance, or request funding from Navajo County and/ or the Chapters. The Board decided to request funds from Navajo County and the Chapters. If still no additional funding the Board will cut back on meetings and limit the number of Board members attending meetings.**

**Motion by Kee Yazzie**

**2<sup>nd</sup> by Jones Begay**

**Motion passed with 3-0-1 vote.**

- C. David Shondee's Membership: The Board decided to write a letter to the Chapter requesting the Chapter to remove Mr. Shondee from the BMRB. The reason will be that there is lack of funding and that Mr. Shondee missed**

**three meetings in a row without just cause. The Board will recommend that Mr. Shondee's removal be made effective end of October 2009.**

**Motion by Harry Brown                      2<sup>nd</sup> by Jonathan Hale**

**Questions/ Comments:**

**Jonathan Hale:** Mr. Shondee is aware of what is happening and is willing to step down, but his Chapter does not want him to replace him.

**Rose Yazzie:** Recommended that the Board request for a resignation letter from Mr. Shondee. Irene said a request for resignation letter will be included in the letter.

**Motion passed with 4-0-0 vote.**

**D. Year End Stipend: The Board is out of funds for FY 2009. As a result the Board decided to not have any more Board meetings to the end of the fiscal year. The Board will keep and attend all scheduled meetings to the end of the year on their own time. There will be no pay for mileage to the end of the year. There are nine meetings scheduled from now to October.**

**Motion by Kee Yazzie:                      2<sup>nd</sup> by Harry Brown**  
**Motion passed with 4-0-0 vote.**

**IV. Old Business**

**A. Budget Plan 2010:**

Type	Project	Assigned	Comments	#	# of Meetings meetings	Amount	Total Amount
Quarterly	Regular Meeting	All Members		7	4	200	5600
Quarterly	Many Mules Water Line			2	4	100	800
Quarterly	Regional Road			2	4	100	800
Quarterly	PWCC	All Members		7	4	100	2800
Quarterly	Land Use Plan			2	4	100	800
Quarterly	Ned Yazzie Community Development	KT Yazzie		1	4	100	400
Quarterly	Land Dept			2	4	100	800
Bi Monthly	NDOT Road Systems *			2	6	100	1200
Monthly	N 41 Road	KT Yazzie	If awarded	1	12	100	1200
Bi Monthly	Scatter Power line Project			2	6	100	1200

\*\*\* 100 for mileage set  
rate

<b>Net Amounts</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>15600</b>
Budget Amount				7000
<b>Lacking Amount</b>				<b>8600</b>
allocated mileage				1400
<b>REQUESTING AMT</b>				<b>8600</b>

## V. Public Comments

1. None.

## VI. Next Meeting:

1. Next meeting will be in October.

**Motion to adjourn the meeting by Kee Yazzie 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jonathan Hale**  
**Motion passed with vote of 4-0-0.**

**Meeting was adjourned at 3:43 PM.**