

Joint Village Strategic Planning Meeting Notes
Tuesday, March 30, 2021
10 AM MST
Zoom Videoconference and Telephone

1. Call to Order—Cedric Kuwaninvaya, CSA, Upper Moenkopi Village

Cedric Kuwaninvaya called the meeting to order at 10:05 am MST.

2. Self-introductions

Meeting attendees included Mary Bradley, Andrew Gashwazra, Linda Honanie, Cedric Kuwaninvaya, Le Roy Shingoitewa, Sam Shingoitewa, Robert Sumatzkuku, James Surveyor, Neil Yazzie, and Brian Cole.

3. Approach to Hopi Tribal Council

Cedric Kuwaninvaya reported that he did receive a response from Trudy Ami indicating that she had received the DocuSign-based submittal and it was making its way through the system in order that the Hopi Tribal Council consider the resolution. Kuwaninvaya indicated the Vice Chairman has reviewed it and the next step is the General Counsel.

Le Roy Shingoitewa referenced a letter that he understood was submitted by Everett Calnimptewa. The letter went to the Hopi Chairman requesting that the Hopi Department of Natural Resources Acting Director assist UMV to identify the acreage and soil testing requirements for Range Unit 251.

There was some discussion about the need to have the UMV and YPC Council Reps on board in support of the resolution.

4. Reports from Villages/Community

a. Upper Moenkopi Village

Kuwaninvaya stated that he and others met with Norman Honie related to \$150,000 of funding that has now been approved by the US Department of Energy for feasibility analysis to extend the waterline from Peabody to the Moenkopi Villages.

Brian Cole reminded the group that the pursuit of funding for this analysis began with the UMV Strategic Planning discussions that were held in September 2020. Cole reported that the group decided to quickly meet a deadline for the Hopi CARES Act to fund the analysis. Cole stated that the Steering Committee directed him to work closely with Dyon Murphy to complete this work. Murphy brought in Bohannan Huston to help develop the proposal materials. Cole indicated he was extremely impressed with Murphy and Bohannan Huston (Tod Burt) in both the quality of their proposal and the timeliness of getting the paperwork to the Village in order that we could meet a CARES Act deadline. Cole indicated that although the CARES Act Committee denied the application, the result of the effort was successful in communicating with Norm Honie and eventually securing the funding. Cole recommended that UMV continue to communicate directly with Dyon Murphy and Tod Burt on the engineering project.

Shingoitewa noted that the UMV Steering Committee is formulated and functioning very well. The next step for the Steering Committee is to continue to review the Strategic Plan.

Neil Yazzie stressed the importance of quality, focused review of the UMV Strategic Plan.

b. Village of Moencopi (Lower)

Cole noted that the Village of Moencopi (Lower) had completed their Strategic Plan prior to the UMV plan. Cole would distribute a PDF copy of that plan with the meeting notes.

c. Yuwehloo Pahki Community

Cole noted that Cathy Wright reported she had a conflict for today's meeting. Cole mentioned that Cathy had forwarded information from ONHIR Related to their consultation process.

5. Village Resolutions of Support

No report.

6. Other Business/Next Meeting/Adjourn

Cole reminded the group of the important potential future role of the Office of Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation (ONHIR). Cole noted that YPC did receive an email from ONHIR asking for input prior to March 31 on the future operations and plans of ONHIR. The committee responded positively but noted that it was probably only YPC and the Hopi Tribal Council that had jurisdiction to provide feedback.