

**Joint Village Strategic Planning  
MEETING NOTES  
Tuesday, September 21, 2021  
10 AM MST  
Zoom Videoconference and Telephone**

**1. Call to Order**

Brian Cole called the meeting to order at 10:10 am MST.

**2. Self-introductions**

Meeting attendees included Bailey Anderson, Mary Bradley, Andrew Gashwazra, Linda Honahni, Leroy Shingoitewa, Sam Shingoitewa, Kathleen Sumatzkuku, Robert Sumatzkuku, James Surveyor, Cathy Wright, Neil Yazzie and Brian Cole.

**3. Efforts to Refine Projects and Budgets and Seek Federal Funding**

Le Roy Shingoitewa reported that he and Brian Cole are coordinating outreach with Navajo leaders to explore the benefits of Hopi and Navajo jointly sending their planning and requests to Congress. Shingoitewa also noted that they are trying to work with the Hopi Learning Center project. Shingoitewa hasn't heard anything from the museum to see what they are doing.

Shingoitewa gave an update on the water system and that they are still pursuing water. He also reported on the Low Mountain Road which has been trying to get paved for years.

Brian gave an update on his travels and the focus of his trip. Cole noted the new grant is a big opportunity for all the tribes. Phase One would be \$500,000 and Phase Two would be up to \$100 million. This grant would allow us to extend the water both from the Siderock Well and from Pasture Canyon. Brian asked Neil to pass along any supporting documentation that may help support this grant.

Neil Yazzie noted that he has signed off blueprints back in March 2020 for Pasture Canyon. He noted this is a shovel-ready project and all parties have signed off on it. Yazzie then provided a brief background on the project. The unique thing is that it supplies the main and traditional parts of the village but will also supply to the HUD homes.

Brian stated that the grant proposal could develop as many as eight projects benefitting four tribes. He noted that if anyone has connections with the Havasupai Tribe, to send them his way as this will help advance the BBB RC grant proposal. Le Roy Shingoitewa noted that he has contact with Carletta Tilousi, a Havasupai Board Member, and will give her a call to try and make the introduction with Cole.

Brian expressed that we need to stress that we have been waiting for this funding for 10 or more years, so the more background documentation the better.

Andrew touched on the water project at Moenkopi by noting that the water system and management needs to be considered as we will be dealing with federal funds. He noted that we need to think about the long-term management that would be involved with this grant.

Brian introduced Bailey Anderson as the one behind the scenes to help with meeting notes and meeting notices.

Brian noted the development of the Hopi website that is in progress. He stated that this website will have all of the meeting notes from past JVSP meetings.

Brian provided an update on his connection with Wally Youvella, Jr. Wally emphasized the Low Mountain Project. This would run north of HWY 264 and might become the eighth project for the BBB RC grant. This would allow us to connect to a lot of places, and is also a large priority for Hopi and Navajo in hopes to develop better roads. Cole noted that he would have more of this on paper in the future.

Le Roy noted that Andrew might want to go to Mr. Lomayaktewa at the Department of Transportation as he would have an estimate for the Low Mountain Road Project.

Brian stated that on Friday he attended a Zoom meeting to brief the Congressional Aides on this project. Paul Babbitt and Jack Jackson, Jr. as well as Luther Lee were in attendance at this meeting. Brian noted during that meeting that the Hopi Tribal Council did unanimously pass a resolution in support of JVSP. Cole noted that they said they hear us and are paying attention to us. President Nez came into the meeting late, and now President Nez knows about the effort as well. Cole emphasized that we need to press for the money and be aggressive.

James Surveyor and Brian had a call about the potential future roll of MDC supporting many of these project. Cole will attend the October MDC Board Meeting.

#### **4. Reports from Villages/Community**

##### **a. Upper Moenkopi Village**

Leroy Shingoitewa noted that they met last week and went over the budget. They prioritized all of the projects as either "Priority One" or "Priority Two." They did some prioritizing on the irrigation system. Leroy stated that they will send a copy to Robert and Brian.

Brian noted that he is willing to help Sam in anyway with his connection to Starlink.

##### **b. Village of Moencopi (Lower)**

Robert noted that the board still needs to be updated. The board is not up to date, and if we have a resolution template that is available to give to the board so that they can get up to speed now.

Brian noted that he would send out draft Village Resolutions of Support to all three Villages.

##### **c. Yuwehloo Pahki Community**

Cathy Wright gave a brief update that they reprioritized the projects that they would like to see from JVSP. She noted that she would email that document to Brian. The board needs to think about what they need to update in the budget. The board would like to put in a contingency item. They would like to get the road paved.

#### **5. Other Business**

No other business.

#### **6. Next Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday, October 14 at 10 am MST.

**7. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am MST.