

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

**1. Call to Order**

Brian Cole called the meeting to order at 10:19 am MST.

**2. Self-introductions**

Meeting attendees included Sarah Dallas, Linda Honahni, Travis Hyer, Dale Lucero, Fred Shupla, Le Roy Shingoitewa, Sam Shingoitewa, Kathleen Sumatzkuku, and Brian Cole.

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

- a. Brian Cole opened the meeting by indicating he was looking forward to 2022. He noted that “JVSP has spent years planning, 2022 should be the year that we start building, inclusive of the needed water system for Moenkopi and road improvements at Yuwehloo Pahki Community.”

Sarah Dallas indicated that she was appreciative of the JVSP effort, and this was the first time she has been able to join the meeting. She remains active with the Housing & Lot Committee and appreciates the effort by JVSP to coordinate with Dyron Murphy Architects related to improvements in the area.

Le Roy Shingoitewa noted that with the recent funding of the Hopi Utilities Corporation (HUC) on the Build Back Better Regional Challenge, there may be some planning and potential solar energy development at Hopi. Shingoitewa indicated it would be beneficial to see this type of development in the Hollow Mesa area.

Shingoitewa then made reference to the legislation being introduced by Tom O’Halloran related to the Navajo Hopi Settlement Act. Shingoitewa also emphasized the importance of hearing back from Navajo on a coordinated approach for Congressional funding. Brian Cole stated he would be in touch with the Navajo Hopi Land Commission (NHLC) on this matter.

Travis Hyer updated the group that all of the elections and selections of Hopi Tribal Council Members have taken place but it would probably not be until early January that the Committee assignments would be determined. The group noted that the Water & Energy Committee and the Hopi Land Committee are very important committees relevant to the JVSP work and recommendations.

Le Roy Shingoitewa recommended that an in-person meeting take place in order to maintain the momentum of the JVSP effort. Brian Cole recommended either January 19 or January 20 for such an in-person meeting. The group agreed on Wednesday, January 19. Brian Cole stated that he would have his office reach out to the Legacy Inn as a potential location for the meeting. Cole indicated that Building Communities would be willing to host a lunch meeting if that would result in improved attendance. The group concurred that it would stimulate improved attendance, potentially also for some of the Hopi Tribal Council members.

**4. Reports from Villages/Community**

**a. Upper Moenkopi Village**

Dale Lucero reported that the elections for Upper Moenkopi Village have been held and the new UMV board, inclusive of the Hopi Tribal Council Members, has been identified. He indicated the following people would be sworn in at noon on December 21: Dale Lucero and Kathleen Sumatzkuku would be on the UMV Board. In addition, the following individuals will be both on the UMV Board and serve as Hopi Tribal Council Members: Danny Humetewa, Sr., Michael Elmer, Le Roy Sumatzkuku, and William Charley. It was noted that the Governor position for UMV is vacant.

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

Sarah Dallas reported that although she is off of the VML board, she noted that the VML board is comprised of four active individuals. Dallas indicated that she remains active with the VML Housing & Lot Committee for VML. Dallas reported that VML was still seeking to fill one vacant seat on the VML board.

**c. Yuwehloo Pahki Community**

No report.

**5. Other Business**

No other business.

**6. Next Meeting**

The group agreed to cancel the December 28 meeting so the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at 10 am MST.

**7. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am MST.