

# **HOPi TOURISM COHORT**

## **Tourism Strategic Plan Implementation**

### **MEETING NOTES**

**Thursday, June 9, 2022 | 2 pm MST**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**

#### **1. Call to Order – Brian Cole**

The meeting was called to order by Brian Cole at 2:15 pm MST.

#### **2. Self-introductions**

Attendees included Bailey Anderson, Andrew Gashwazra, Wendi Lewis, Berni Navakuku, and Brian Cole.

#### **3. Non-profit Organization Formation/Bylaws**

As there was only one Board Member of the Hopi Tourism Association (Wendi Lewis) in attendance, there was not any formal action taken in the meeting. The primary purpose of the meeting was to receive a report from Brian Cole following up on the request from the previous meeting to hear from the Moenkopi Developers Corporation (MDC) on two matters: 1) the status of the Registered Agent for HTA, and 2) efforts to close out the USDA RD grant.

Brian Cole reported that he had called Jeff Hunt, the accountant for MDC. Mr. Hunt indicated that the HTA could make the change of their Registered Agent with the State of Arizona without the involvement of MDC or the Registered Agent himself.

With respect to the closeout of the grant, it was recommended that we do not ask for another grant extension and that Building Communities develop reporting documentation showing the completion of all project activities.

Cole indicated that Building Communities is in conformance on the Federal Grant along with MDC, but it was important to launch the tourism website before September 30, 2022. Cole indicated that Building Communities was prepared to launch the website itself but has made the offer to HTA to do the website. Cole indicated that he would need to hear back relatively soon from HTA as to whether they were still going to advance the website.

Wendi Lewis indicated that she has received a letter of interest Kristy Honie to serve on the HTA Board. Brian Cole indicated that he had met Kristy and thought she would be an outstanding Board Member. Wendi Lewis stated that she and Iva would convene an HTA Board meeting to address the issue of the resignation of Marilyn Fredericks and the possible appointment of Kristy Honie.

Andrew Gashwazra stated that it would be helpful if Building Communities noted the importance of the establishment of HTA as a part of the overall grant – and even discussions prior to the issuance of the grant. Cole indicated this would be a part of their overall report to MDC and USDA Rural Development.

Berni Navakuku clarified that there would not be an upcoming meeting of the Hopi Tourism Cohort until the group had heard back from the Hopi Tourism Association related to the

composition of the Board. Wendi Lewis said that she would update Building Communities on such activities. At that time Building Communities would distribute a meeting notice/agenda/meeting notes for the next meeting.

**4. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:42 pm MST.