

**Joint Village Strategic Planning
MEETING NOTES
Tuesday, February 1, 2022
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 Andrew Gashwazra, Travis Hyer, Carl King, Dale Lucero, Le Roy Shingoitewa, Sam Shingoitewa, Fred Shupla, Kathleen Sumatzkuku, Roberta Sequi, Philton Talahyewa, and Brian Cole.

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

Brian Cole welcomed everybody to the meeting and expressed his optimism based upon the attendance and dialogue at the in-person meeting that took place on January 19, 2022 at the Legacy. He thanked Carl King for the information that HUC is able to provide.

Carl King indicated that the Hopi Utilities Corporation continues to be very interested in working with Moenkopi to solve the long-term water supply problem. He has been briefing his board on recent developments. King indicated that the most pressing decision relates to the alignment of the right-of-way between the new wells at Range Unit 251 and Moenkopi (either along the highway or utilizing the Questar right-of-way). As noted from the in-person meeting, the committee prefers to use the Questar alignment which could benefit the Poosiwlelena project. Brian Cole indicated he would email the Poosiwlelena documentation to Carl.

Philton Talahyewa referenced a potential new organization called the Pandemic Recovery Committee which might be being formulated by the Hopi Tribal Council in response to ARPA. Talahyewa said that this would convene one person from each of the Villages. Talahyewa is reaching out to the Hopi Tribal Council Secretary to better understand these discussions and what organizational activity is underway to address ARPA.

Talahyewa also spoke of a letter from Upper Moenkopi Village that was sent to HUC expressing support for their activity on water improvement solutions for Moenkopi. He also noted the need for a second storage tank that would be focused upon water from Pasture Canyon. Carl King said he would look for the letter. Brian Cole also indicated he would do some digging.

Talahyewa stressed the need for improved communications with the Moenkopi Developers Corporation and to have an MDC Board Member involved with JVSP in addition to the support being provided by James Surveyor.

Carl King indicated that a booster pump and tanks would be needed at Moenkopi. King then directed everyone's attention to a website being managed by IHS that itemizes many of the projects that are in consideration. King then referenced work on the Hopi Arsenic Mitigation Project (HAMP).

King asked Roberta Sequi about the provision of water services at YPC. Sequi responded that water infrastructure is provided by NTUA. In general, YPC is satisfied with the service that they get from NTUA.

4. Reports from Villages/Community

a. Upper Moenkopi Village

No report.

b. Village of Moencopi (Lower)

No report.

c. Yuwehloo Pahki Community

Roberta Sequi updated the group on current activities at YPC. She mentioned the gravel improvements to the road system (but, unfortunately, recent road grading has negated much of those improvements). The long-term solution is paving roads at YPC.

5. Other Business

Sam Shingoitewa indicated that he was participating in this Zoom meeting utilizing his new Starlink technology. Sam Shingoitewa indicated he is very pleased with the service, and he is receiving 130-200 MB download speed.

Talahyewa indicated that he, Yolanda Baca, and Dale Lucero would participate in the MDC Strategic Planning Session later in the month.

6. Next Meeting

The next regular JVSP meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 8 at 10 am MST.

7. Adjourn

Brian Cole adjourned the meeting at 11:07 pm MST.

JOINT VILLAGE STRATEGIC PLANNING

Project Update/Summary

February 2022

What is JVSP?

Upper Moenkopi Village has partnered with the Village of Moencopi (Lower) and Yuwehloo Pahki Community to finally address the impacts of the Bennett Freeze and Forced Relocation.

The Bennett Freeze and Forced Relocation are two separate periods of Hopi history in which federal policy has negatively impacted the lives of the Hopi people. In some cases, promises were made by the federal government to provide public facilities, roads, infrastructure and other benefits. Those promises have gone unfulfilled.

What is Being Done About it?

Beginning in early 2018, each of the three participating Communities completed a community-based economic development strategic plan that identifies a positive future for the Hopi people. These plans include specific strategies and projects to create jobs and improve local quality of life.

Where can I Read These Plans?

A new website, www.hopiresilience.org, profiles the JVSP work under the “Current Projects” tab.

The website also provides an overview of many other community and economic development efforts underway at Hopi to address the impacts of the pandemic, the closure of the Peabody mine, and other economic and community development challenges.

Does the Hopi Tribe Support This Process?

Yes. In June 2021, the Hopi Tribal Council voted unanimously to support efforts by all three communities to seek federal funding to implement the plans.

Who is Doing This Work?

Building Communities has supported weekly meetings for over two years involving all three of the communities.

Each of the communities have been active at their respective board and committee levels.

When can we Expect Results?

The timing of this planning has been perfect. All the plans were completed at the time many federal agencies have increased budgets for water infrastructure, sewer, housing, telecommunications and other improvements. Grant applications are now being developed to bring the projects into reality.

What is the Role of the United States Government?

The grand vision for JVSP is to receive \$1.2 billion in federal funding to address the impacts of poor federal policy. Hopi leaders are regularly in contact with members of the Arizona Congressional Delegation and the Biden Administration to seek funding.



It is time to bring 21st century water distribution technology to Moenkopi

Who are the Local Leaders at UMV?

UMV has established an active Steering Committee to advocate for priority projects.

The leadership and staff of the JVSP effort is always available to make presentations and to update groups and Villages on the ongoing efforts of this initiative.

<https://hopiresilience.org/jvsp/>