

**Joint Village Strategic Planning
MEETING NOTES
Tuesday, February 15, 2022
10 AM MST
Zoom Videoconference and Telephone**

1. Call to Order

Brian Cole called the meeting to order at 10:07 am MST.

2. Self-introductions

Meeting attendees included William Charley, Andrew Gashwazra, Linda Honahni, Travis Hyer, Sam Shingoitewa, Fred Shupla, Kathleen Sumatzkuku, Robert Sumatzkuku, Philton Talahyewa, and Brian Cole.

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

There was a discussion related to tracking down two letters that were developed by UMV in support of water system development for Moenkopi. The first was a November 3, 2020 letter in support of drilling the Range Unit 251 well. The second was a June 12, 2021 letter supporting transmission of the water from the new well(s) to Moenkopi. Robert Sumatzkuku stated that the Village of Moenkopi needs documentation from HUC on their water development plans. Sumatzkuku also stated that his Village could benefit from an update from Neil Yazzie at MUA.

Later in the meeting, Philton Talahyewa joined and provided a summary of the purpose of both of the letters. Talahyewa also made reference to the importance of the long-term water solution that might be provided by reusing the slurry line right-of-way.

Andrew Gashwazra reported that JVSP, notably himself and Brian Cole, had been included as a part of the Water/Energy Committee meeting for February 16. Gashwazra indicated that he would respond that neither he nor Brian Cole would be available for that meeting but would welcome an opportunity to be a part of a future agenda. It was also noted that it is important to keep Hopi Tribal Council Member Michael Elmer in the loop with all of this communication.

William Charley stated that he was compiling a list of priority projects for ARPA funding. Brian Cole recommended that the February 22 meeting primarily be a work session to review the overall (\$1.2 billion) budget with an eye toward projects that should be advanced for Hopi ARPA funding.

4. Reports from Villages/Community

a. Upper Moenkopi Village

This was the first meeting for William Charley and everyone welcomed him to the discussion.

The Village has not held Steering Committee meetings recently.

b. Village of Moenkopi (Lower)

One of the VML Board Members has resigned. VML is working to fill two vacancies on the Board.

Robert Sumatzkuku stated that he wanted to continue to reach out to Dyron Murphy and Associates related to the Poosiwlelena Development Project.

c. Yuwehloo Pahki Community

Brian Cole reported that he had attended the YPC Board Meeting and provided an update on the current activities of JVSP.

5. Other Business

Sam Shingoitewa provided a brief update on telecommunications capacity, including his use of Starlink for this meeting. Shingoitewa also reminded the group that Starlink Premium might be a terrific solution for the Villages. It was generally agreed that the telecommunications offerings from HTI are at capacity.

Robert Sumatzkuku stated that he had been approached by County Supervisor Lena Fowler requesting a letter of support for an NTU-related fiberoptics project.

6. Next Meeting

The next regular JVSP meeting will be a special meeting to brainstorm ARPA projects. People should plan on a two-hour timeframe for the discussion. This meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 22 at 10 am MST.

7. Adjourn

Brian Cole adjourned the meeting at 11:27 am MST.