

**Joint Village Strategic Planning
MEETING NOTES
Tuesday, February 22, 2022
10 AM MST
Zoom Videoconference and Telephone**

1. Call to Order

Brian Cole called the meeting to order at 10:11 am MST.

2. Self-introductions

Meeting attendees included Sarah Dallas, Andrew Gashwazra, Linda Honahni, Travis Hyer, Carl King, Le Roy Shingoitewa, Sam Shingoitewa, Robert Sumatzkuku, and Brian Cole.

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

Brian Cole indicated he had been in a meeting at Navajo and learned that President Nez is open to working with Hopi in advancing the funding request to Congress. Cole indicated he was very pleased to report this. Sarah Dallas emphasized the importance of diplomacy in working together. Le Roy Shingoitewa added that he is working to schedule a meeting with Hopi Vice Chairman Craig Andrews on this collaborative approach. Travis Hyer noted that it is important to continue to work through the Tribe on these funding requests.

4. Special Discussion: Prioritizing Potential ARPA Projects

Brian Cole indicated that it had been since May 2021 that the group reviewed the Projects and Budget Request in detail. Le Roy Shingoitewa emphasized the need for better cost estimating. Linda Honahni stated that this has been in the works for 10 years and Congress would be looking for a funding request from both tribes. Honahni stated she wanted a better understanding of how senior center improvements might fit with ARPA funding.

Brian Cole stated that he sees an opportunity to coordinate with ONHIR on these projects. Le Roy Shingoitewa indicated that the Hopi Tribe has not been pleased with the past performance of ONHIR. Cole noted that currently ONHIR does not have jurisdiction to support the Bennett Freeze Area but does have jurisdiction to support Yuwehloo Pahki Community. In general, YPC is not pleased with the services it has received from ONHIR.

Sarah Dallas indicated that she appreciated the outreach by the Hopi Utilities Corporation (HUC). It would be helpful if there were a letter sent to the Village of Moenkopi (Lower) Board to schedule a meeting to discuss infrastructure problems and solutions.

5. Reports from Villages/Community

a. Upper Moenkopi Village

No report.

b. Village of Moenkopi (Lower)

No report.

c. Yuwehloo Pahki Community

No report.

6. Other Business

Le Roy Shingoitewa recommended that 250 copies of the Project pamphlet be printed for distribution in March. Brian Cole indicated he would bring these copies with him during his March 9-17 trip.

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 1 at 10 am MST.

8. Adjourn

Brian Cole adjourned the meeting at 11:00 am MST.