

**Joint Village Strategic Planning
MEETING NOTES
Tuesday, April 19, 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, Le Roy Shingoitewa, Sam Singoitewa, Fred Shupla, Cathy Wright, Neil Yazzie and Brian Cole.

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

Le Roy Shingoitewa updated the group on a dinner meeting that was hosted by Brian Cole in which he attended along with three Navajo Nation Delegates and the Executive Director of the Navajo Hopi Land Commission Office. The meeting ended with a future forthcoming invitation by Otto Tso, Chairman, Navajo Hopi Land Commission for a high-level meeting with Hopi leadership to discuss a joint approach for congressional funding.

Shingoitewa continued that Nick Matiella of Senator Kelly's Office was very informed and very helpful in identifying positive steps forward to support both nations. This effort would be inclusive of HPL, NPL, and the San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe.

Brian Cole then provided a summary report of his trip to Washington DC on March 28-31. Cole reported that he heard a very favorable invitation by both Senate Appropriation Staffers and House Appropriation Staffers that they would favorably receive a funding request if it was formally authorized by Congress. Cole stated they said that "we do not want the United States to make the same mistake it has made in the past by not supporting Hopi and Navajo housing, infrastructure and public facilities needs."

Cathy Wright inquired about the San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe. She asked if SJSP had been contacted. Cole indicated that efforts are being made to reach out to SJSP now.

Andrew Gashwazra reminded the group that JVSP should coordinate with the tribal attorneys. Le Roy Shingoitewa thanked Travis Hyer for his routine attendance and indicated he would be in contact with Fred Lomayesva of the Office of General Counsel. JVSP is making every effort to keep all parties informed of activity and progress. Travis Hyer reminded the meeting participants of how to coordinate with Hopi Tribal Committees such as the Land Committee and the Water Energy Team.

The conversation then shifted to the water infrastructure tour. Cole noted that the meeting that was originally scheduled for April 20 has been postponed. The group agreed to reschedule the tour to Wednesday, May 11. Cole indicated that Bailey Anderson in his office would develop outreach materials.

4. Telecommunications Report

No report.

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

Cathy Wright inquired as to the progress/response related to the request for federal funding in coordination with the Office of Congressman Tom O'Halleran and the Office of Senator Mark Kelly. Cole indicated that documentation had been completed and a response is being awaited.

There was also an inquiry about the letter that would go to the Hopi Tribal Housing Authority. Cole indicated he would look into this and make sure the letter was completed and sent.

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 26 at 10 am MST.

8. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 am Arizona Time.