

**Joint Village Strategic Planning
MEETING NOTES
Tuesday, April 26, 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, Martina Honie, Travis Hyer, Luther Lee, Le Roy Shingoitewa, Sam Shingoitewa, Fred Shupla, Robert Sumatzkuku, Cathy Wright, Neil Yazzie and Brian Cole.

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

Brian Cole opened the meeting by indicating there were three priority discussions: 1) responding to the immediate Congressional funding opportunity, 2) an update on the outreach to Congress, and 3) telecommunications.

Cole reported that he has collected about 10 letters of support for the Congressional funding request. He was still anticipating receiving information from Neil Yazzie of MUA and Andrew Larson of IHS. He was hoping to package all of the information for distribution on the following day.

Cole inquired as to whether or not anyone had received a response to the memo that was sent to the Hopi Tribal Housing Authority. There had not been a response yet.

With respect to the approach to Congress, Le Roy Shingoitewa reported on a dinner meeting that he had had with three Navajo Nation Council Delegates and the Executive Director of the Navajo Hopi Land Commission Office. He was anticipating an invitation from Navajo to Hopi to collaborate.

4. Telecommunications Report

With respect to telecommunications, Sam Shingoitewa emphasized that he was looking to put together a project involving Starlink technology. Neil Yazzie noted that many of the homes are utilizing Starlink and he himself was on the waitlist. Sam Shingoitewa stated he wanted to access a Business Satellite account that could serve between 6-10 houses at a time.

5. Reports from Villages/Community

a. Upper Moenkopi Village

No additional report.

b. Village of Moencopi (Lower)

No additional report.

c. Yuwehloo Pahki Community

Cathy Wright reported progress on some of the gardening enterprises activities.

6. Other Business

Fred Shupla noted that the Hopi Utility Corporation (HUC) is working to develop a solar farm north of Hotevilla. That project would ideally tie into the 500 kV line which would be a substantial upgrade from the 69 kV line coming from the Choilla plant near I-40 from the south. They might be reaching out to get business support letters. The contact person is Fletcher Wilkinson.

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 3 at 10 am MST.

8. Adjourn

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