1. **Call to Order**
Brian Cole called the meeting to order at 10:13 am MST.

2. **Self-introductions**
Meeting attendees included William Charley, Andrew Gashwazra, Linda Honahni, Travis Hyer, Sam Shingoitewa, Leroy Sumatzkuku, Robert Sumatzkuku, and Brian Cole.

3. **Efforts to Refine Projects and Budgets and Seek Federal Funding**
   With new attendance by William Charley and Leroy Sumatzkuku, Brian Cole provided a deeper background on the activities of JVSP over the past three years.

   Leroy Sumatzkuku stated his support for the effort and asked about the engagement with VML and YPC. Robert Sumatzkuku indicated that he was keeping his Board up to date on the efforts of JVSP. Brian Cole stated that it would be important to keep YPC involved, especially with the recent resignation of Cathy Wright as their CSA. Cathy Wright was very involved and helpful with the JVSP effort.

   Brian Cole noted that one of the priority efforts of JVSP is to work in cooperation with the Navajo Nation in seeking funding. Leroy Sumatzkuku responded that he understood the importance of working with Navajo and supported the joint effort.

   Brian Cole then provided an additional summary of what he learned when he was in Washington DC March 28-31, 2022. Cole stated that cooperation between Hopi and Navajo was deemed as very important and beneficial.

   Linda Honahni asked if it was necessary for JVSP to ask the Hopi Tribal Council to renew their resolution. Travis Hyer noted that the approved resolution spoke only of the effort to pursue the federal funding. Hyer noted that if federal funding were successfully received by Hopi, the Hopi Tribal Council would need to consider an additional resolution in order to accept such funding.

   Leroy Sumatzkuku stated that securing a long-term source of water was of greatest importance to UMV. Everyone responded that this was well understood and supported by JVSP.

   Leroy Sumatzkuku then asked about the three separate water project pursuits: 1) Pasture Canyon Well/Transmission/Storage, 2) Side Rock Well/Transmission, and 3) Water Well #9 (Black Mesa). Cole noted that JVSP was familiar with all three efforts. Cole stated that JVSP believes there is an immediate possibility of addressing the water supply crisis for UMV and VLM through the Pasture Canyon Well Project. There was a midterm opportunity to address the water supply needs through the Side Rock Well Project. Cole emphasized that JVSP supports
both of those efforts. Cole also noted that the Water Well #9 option is considered important for the longer term.

Cole indicated he would email a copy of the UMV Economic Development Strategic Plan to Leroy Sumatzkuku.

Leroy Sumatzkuku indicated that, as a Hopi Tribal Council Member, he is serving on the Health and Education Committee, the Task Team related to the NGS Closure, on Rules & Order, and on Headstart. William Charley indicated that he is serving on the Investment Committee, Gaming, Task Team #2 (Revenue Enhancement), and Goals & Objectives.

It was noted that Michael Elmer is serving on the Water and Energy Committee. Cole indicated it would be very helpful to have greater involvement by both Michael Elmer and Robert Charley. William Charley and Leroy Sumatzkuku indicated they would help with that inclusion.

Brian Cole noted that there has been some discussion at the Hopi Tribal Council level about concerns about Building Communities. Leroy Sumatzkuku indicated that he was optimistic that this would fully be addressed positively. Brian Cole stated that he had developed a one-page update to the Hopi Tribal Council which is attached as Attachment A.

William Charley then asked about the timeframe on possibly receiving $1.5 million from Congress for the water improvements. Brian Cole replied that he was uncertain about the timeline on learning of possibly being awarded these funds and the process that would be in place to receive such funding. Cole stated he was optimistic that efforts by Andrew Gashwazra and JVSP could pay off positively for Moenkopi. Cole indicated that he would email the information that was compiled in support of the $1.5 million request to Leroy Sumatzkuku and William Charley. In addition, such documentation is attached as Attachment B.

The group then revisited the issue of coordinating the Moenkopi Water Tour. Brian Cole indicated that he probably could be available if we wanted to schedule the tour on June 1 or June 3. William Charley would get back to Brian Cole with their preferred date.

Robert Sumatzkuku noted that there is a meeting on June 23 at 6 pm between IHS and HUC related to the IHS SDS. The meeting would be at Sipaulovi. William Charley noted that he had forwarded that information to leadership at UMV.

4. Telecommunications Report
No report.

5. Reports from Villages/Community
   a. Upper Moenkopi Village
      No report.
   b. Village of Moencopi (Lower)
      No report.
c. Yuwehloo Pahki Community
   No report.

6. Other Business
   There was no other business to be reported.

7. Next Meeting
   The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 24 at 10 am MST.

8. Adjourn
   The meeting was adjourned at 11:14 am Arizona Time.
About Building Communities
Building Communities is a community and economic development strategic planning firm with expertise in grant writing and project advancement. Building Communities has been providing these services to Hopi villages and non-profits since 2011 and to the Tribe and Villages since 2017.

Previous Presentation to the Hopi Tribal Council
Building Communities presented one of the project priorities before the Hopi Tribal Council in June 2021. This project, Joint Village Strategic Planning, is an effort to assist three villages – Upper Moenkopi Village, the Village of Moencopi (Lower) and Yuwehlooh Pahki Community – to address the impacts of the Bennett Freeze and Forced Relocation. The result of the presentation and discussion was an approved resolution of support for the efforts by the three villages for federal funding for needed housing, infrastructure, public facilities, and economic development.

Website Showing Economic Development Projects
The Hopi Office of Community Planning and Economic Development (OCPED) receives federal grant funding from the US Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA). The purpose of most of the EDA funding is to create jobs and improve the standard of living for the Hopi people. In an effort to promote transparency and explain the efforts that the Hopi Tribe is making to address the impacts of the pandemic and the closure of the Peabody mine, a website, www.hopiresilience.org, was launched. A summary of the meeting activity and deliverables from various economic development projects is posted on that website.

Addressing any Concerns of the Hopi Tribal Council
It has come to the attention of Building Communities that there may be some concern that Building Communities is providing somewhat similar services to the Navajo Nation. Building Communities is transparent with all of its efforts, and is active supporting planning and development projects and priorities for the Navajo Nation. Much of this activity and the associated deliverables can be found at www.navajothaw.com.

Building Communities does recognize that there is sensitivity – and sensitive issues – associated with the long-standing Navajo-Hopi Land Dispute. Building Communities is very careful not to become involved with planning or activities that could be viewed as compromising to the Hopi Tribe or the Navajo Nation. In particular, Building Communities does not become involved with water rights or land dispute issues. On the contrary, Building Communities believes that it is through cooperation and collaboration between the two tribal nations that the greatest advancements can be made.

Funding Source for Projects
Most of the services of Building Communities come at no expense to the Hopi Tribe as Building Communities provides grant writing services to non-profits and local governmental units.
Congressman Tom O’Halleran  
318 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

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Building Communities
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516 Hart Senate Office Building  
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This project proposes the drilling and connection of a second well in Pasture Canyon (Pasture Canyon Well #2) that supplies an additional 30-40 GMP to address the deficit of 6 GPM that is estimated to exist after Pasture Canyon Well #1 has been connected.

MUA has been working closely with Indian Health Services (IHS) in terms of the Upper Moenkopi N-Aquifer Well Construction project that is active with IHS, the Pasture Canyon Well #1 has been drilled and needs to be connected. This brings the Moenkopi supply deficit from 45 GPM to 6 GPM based on a demand study done in 2019. IHS is also working on finalizing plans and bid documents for the Hopi Tribe to review.

Please consider this letter of support from MUA for your efforts to support this project. We appreciate all the work and heartfelt effort you are providing to move this project forward.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Neil Yazzie, Operations Manager  
Moenkopi Utility Authority
Joint Village Strategic Planning
A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT BETWEEN UPPER MOENKOPI VILLAGE, THE VILLAGE OF MOENCOPI (LOWER) AND YUWEHLOO PAHKI COMMUNITY

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Washington, DC 20515

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The top priority project for the Moenkopi area is the waterline project. The project consists of a new well near Pasture Canyon and the necessary transmission line to bring the water to the village. In addition, we understand that a water storage tank may need to be constructed and utilized.

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Sincerely,

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Le Roy Shingoitewa, Chairman
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Sincerely,

Le Roy Shingolfiwea, Chairman
Joint Village Strategic Planning
VILLAGE OF MOENCOPI LOWER  
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Senator Mark Kelly  
516 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Kelly:

This letter is to express the strong support by the Village of Moencopi (Lower) for our funding request of $1.5 million toward the very important water infrastructure project that is critical in order to maintain water availability to our village.

We are currently working on a regular basis with the Moenkopi Utility Authority (MUA) who has also reached out to Indian Health Services (IHS) to examine this project. The shovel-ready nature of this project makes it a top priority for the Village of Moencopi (Lower). It is absolutely critical to maintain the water supply for our residents as well as in order to maintain existing and forth coming businesses.

Please consider this letter of support for your efforts to support this project. We are committed to this water infrastructure project to maintain our Village and make it a better place to live. Thank you for the work that you are doing.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Robert Sumatzkuku, Community Service Administrator  
Village of Moencopi (Lower)

CC: VML Board Members  
Neil Yazzie, Moenkopi Utility Authority
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Village of Moencopi (Lower)

CC: VML Board Members
    Neil Yazzie, Moenkopi Utility Authority
April 26, 2022

Congressman Tom O’Halleran
318 Cannon House Office Building
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Dear Congressman O’Halleran:

The Yuwehloo Pahki Community (YPC) appreciates your work to advise that federal funding may be available for priority projects that can improve the lives of the Hopi people. We understand that there is a short turnaround for funding consideration and that construction needs to immediately follow.

As you may know, Yuwehloo Pahki Community was created to serve the Hopi Relocatees stemming from the Navajo-Hopi Land Dispute. We believe a number of promises were clearly made by Congress, including a road system that is usable 12 months of the year. Currently, when we have inclement weather conditions, our roads become impassable. Unfortunately, the state of the Hopi Tribal budget does not allow extra funding for road improvements. We understand that Route 47, which goes through the YPC area, is approximately twelve miles in length and, at the current rate of $1.5 million per mile, will require $18 to $20 million to pave.

It is for these reasons that we are requesting your consideration of funding road improvements for YPC. We would coordinate with the Hopi Tribe in the receipt and utilization of such funding so that a wise investment can be made.

We are grateful for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Martina Honie, Vice Chairwoman
Board of Commissioners

cc: Hopi Department of Transportation
Transportation Task Team

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UPPER VILLAGE OF MOENKOPI

April 25, 2022

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Dear Senator Kelly:

The purpose of this letter is to express the strong support by the Upper Village of Moenkopi for our funding request of $1.5 million toward the very critical water infrastructure project this is necessary in order to maintain water availability to our village.

This project would consist of a new well near Pasture Canyon and the necessary transmission line to bring the water to the village. In addition, we understand that a water storage tank may need to be construction and utilized.

We are working closely with the Moenkopi Utility Authority (MUA) which has coordinated with the Indian Health Service (IHS) to analyze this project. This project is shovel-ready and absolutely critical to maintain the water supply for our residents and existing and prospective businesses.

Please consider this a strong and unified letter of support for your efforts to support this project. Thank you for the work that you are doing.

Respectfully,

William Charley,
Presiding Officer/Hopi Tribal Council Rep.
Upper Village of Moenkopi

cc: UVM Council Members
Moenkopi Utility Authority
UPPER VILLAGE OF MOENKOPI

April 25, 2022

Congressman Tom O’Halleran
318 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman O’Halleran:

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