

**Joint Village Strategic Planning**  
**MEETING NOTES**  
**Tuesday, May 31, 2022**  
**10 AM MST**  
**Zoom Videoconference and Telephone**

**1. Call to Order**

Bailey Anderson opened the meeting for Brian Cole who was not able to attend. The meeting was called to order at 10:08 am MST.

**2. Self-introductions**

Meeting attendees included Bailey Anderson, William Charley, Andrew Gashwazra, Linda Honahni, Travis Hyer, Fred Shupla, Leroy Sumatzkuku, Robert Sumatzkuku and Neil Yazzie.

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

Leroy Sumatzkuku noted that getting more information on the process of ARPA would be helpful to start the process at the village level. He also noted that they do not know who the consultant will be on this. That still needs to be determined. He hears that the CARES Committee will be the consultant, but he is not sure. Leroy Sumatzkuku suggested digging in themselves and getting more information for when the consultant is picked.

Robert Sumatzkuku asked what the total amount of the ARPA funds was. William Charley noted that it was \$86 million and he would look for the resolution approving that amount from last year. Charley noted that the Tribe was looking into investing that money while we are waiting. Both Robert Sumatzkuku and William Charley agreed that they should not invest the funds and should spend it all due to the need.

Linda Honahni asked how the Tribe can invest these funds without approval from the federal government. William Charley noted that he is not sure, but it was just something that was brought up.

Blue Stone and Amy Wilson were the two people who presented to be the consultant on this. William Charley noted that the money is just sitting there doing nothing. Linda Honahni expressed they are not giving people any guidance or time on how to use these funds.

Leroy Sumatzkuku noted that during the Blue Stone presentation the projects would have to be shovel-ready. He noted that we should be starting from the beginning rather than starting something that they don't know about. William Charley agreed and noted that he wants to know what exactly we can spend these on.

Leroy and William reiterated that the villages should get ready will shovel-ready projects and start working on our end so that we are ready to go whenever everything is figured out. Leroy noted that everyone needs to be united in getting together and speaking up for what they want.

**4. Telecommunications Report**

No report.

## **5. Reports from Villages/Community**

### **a. Upper Moenkopi Village**

Leroy Sumatzkuku stated that William Charley is putting the list of projects together and it would be good for all of the entities to submit their request so that they can get that list put together. So far, they have the well project, the water reservoir project, and the senior entity also needs to have their building fixed.

William Charley noted that there is a list of projects, but he would like to meet with the Lower Village on some other projects as these would affect the Lower Village.

### **b. Village of Moencopi (Lower)**

Robert Sumatzkuku noted that the Lower Village is in a different situation where there are allotment issues. That is an ongoing issue from a long time ago.

Leroy Sumatzkuku suggested that Lower Village find out what they can do without dealing with allotted lands because if the villages don't produce anything then the funding goes to someone else who has projects ready.

### **c. Yuwehloo Pahki Community**

No report.

## **6. Other Business**

Bailey Anderson reminded everyone of the Water Infrastructure Tour that would take place this Friday, June 3 at 9:30 am at the UMV Community Center. She noted that the flyer has been sent to all parties and lunches would be ordered and picked up by Building Communities for the tour.

Leroy Sumatzkuku asked if the UMV Community Center had a projector and screen for the PowerPoint that Brian Cole is putting together and Bailey Anderson stated that William Charley has confirmed that a projector and screen are available for use.

Related to the actual tour portion of the June 3 event, Bailey Anderson noted that everyone would arrive at the UMV Community Center and then drivers and cars would be established from there.

Linda Honahni talked about reviewing the budget. Bailey Anderson said that this would be best to do with Brian Cole in attendance and said she would keep it on the agenda.

## **7. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 7 at 10 am MST.

## **8. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:52 am Arizona Time.