

**Joint Village Strategic Planning  
MEETING NOTES  
Tuesday, July 26, 2022  
10 AM MST  
Zoom Videoconference and Telephone**

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Le Roy Shingoitewa at 10:07 am MST.

**2. Self-introductions**

Meeting attendees included Bailey Anderson, Andrew Gashwazra, Ronald Honahni, Norman Honie, Hubert Lewis, Martin Manuel, Le Roy Shingoitewa, Robert Sumatzkuku, Philton Talahytewa, and Brian Cole.

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

Norman Honie reported that there is money to do a feasibility study on Water Well #9. As of today, the letter that Norman received has never been rescinded. Honie stated that if the Water Well #9 wasn't going to go through, he would like to direct the money to the Siderock Well studies. If Water Well #9 is going to go through, this is good news as it is a good water source for Moenkopi.

Brian Cole stated he is very pleased that the funding remains available. Brian explained that we have three water sources right now. The first project is the second well associated with MUA. The second project is associated with HUC and the Water Energy Team at Range Unit 251. Two wells at Siderock have been successfully drilled and have multiple benefits for Moenkopi. The third project is Water Well #9 which also could benefit Moenkopi and is very beneficial in the long-term aspect. Cole stated that because of Water Well #7 being Navajo and Water Well #9 being Hopi, this is yet another reason for Navajo and Hopi to work together.

Brian Cole circled back to the \$150,000 and water sources. Cole asked Norman Honie if there is one of the water sources that is on the front of his mind more than another. Norman stated that if we could get a feasibility study going on either Siderock Well or Water Well #9, there could be more funding from DOE. Cole asked Martin to expand on how the funding could help HUC.

Martin Manuel stated that from his understanding, the feasibility study has been done. He stated that this is more work to do, but it isn't construction work but rather government to government work figuring out the waterline right-of-way.

Brian Cole noted that since the Siderock well studies are done, the Black Mesa project might be the priority for the utilization of the \$150,000 for analysis.

Brian Cole reminded the group that the Action Item and Action Item Checklist paperwork is almost complete for the potential request of ARPA funding for Moenkopi water infrastructure. Those documents are included as Attachment A to these notes.

#### **4. Telecommunications Report**

Sam Shingoitewa reported that he has not heard anything else on telecommunications. He attends all webinars for funding that might be forthcoming and is keeping his eyes open for more opportunities.

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

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

Le Roy Shingoitewa stated that they should set up a meeting with the four representatives to make sure they are supportive of this effort. Le Roy asked Governor Honahni if there was a time to meet with them. Honahni stated that he is planning to meet with them on Friday, and they will discuss this topic.

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

No additional report.

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

Le Roy Shingoitewa noted that YPC could not attend this meeting. He said that Brian Cole will reach out to YPC to see what day/time would work for them to attend this meeting to meet their new planning group.

#### **6. Other Business**

Robert Sumatzkuku asked if Otto Tso was up for reelection. Le Roy Sumatzkuku said he was and we will continue with our effort no matter whoever is elected.

Hubert Lewis stated that he went through the economic strategic plan for Upper and Lower Moenkopi. He stated that on page 2.2 it addresses the selected strategies. There were about 15 selected strategies. Lewis asked if the village has been made aware of these selections and if they have presented this to the Village. Le Roy Shingoitewa explained that they did walk through the selections with the Village and they are willing to do it again if needed. Hubert Lewis explained that a little more detail is needed on all of the strategies that were selected.

Robert Sumatzkuku noted that MUA needs to be heavily involved in the water movement.

Philton Talahytewa explained that his understanding is that Water Well #9 is for Hopi but that they need to write a letter of intent before the end of the year or they will lose access to this well.

#### **7. Next Meeting**

Our next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 2 at 10 am Arizona Time.

#### **8. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:16 am Arizona Time.

**Attachment A**

**HOPI TRIBAL COUNCIL  
ACTION ITEM**

July 2022  
Month/Year

Action Item No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date Received by Tribal Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Recommending Action: Upper Moenkopi Village and the Village of Moenkopi (Lower).

Objective: Moenkopi is anticipated to “run out of water” by 2025. In order to address this pending crisis, Upper Moenkopi Village (UMV) is collaborating with the Village of Moenkopi (Lower) (VML), the Moenkopi Utility Authority (MUA), and the Hopi Utilities Corporation (HUC) to advance a series of complementary projects to address the short-term, medium-term, and long-term needs of Moenkopi and the Hopi people. This resolution addresses the short-term (Pasture Canyon) and medium-term (Side Rock Well at Range Unit 251) solutions.

Discussion: As a part of the Joint Village Strategic Planning (JVSP) planning and advocacy work that has been underway since December of 2017, UMV and VML are focused upon addressing their top priority project: the pending water crisis impacting Moenkopi. One of the top objectives of JVSP is to secure sufficient funding for water infrastructure from all funding resources available. Such funding resources have included the Hopi CARES Act funding (which expended \$3.8 million to successfully develop two wells producing almost 250 GPM at Side Rock Well.) This work was successfully advanced by HUC with support from the Hopi Tribe and the Water Energy Team.

Simultaneously, additional water infrastructure planning and proposed development has taken place over the past three years.

Finally, an additional funding source could be a direct appropriation by Congress as envisioned by JVSP, UMV, and VML and supported by Hopi Tribal Council Resolution H-028-2021.

Action Requires Village Input?  Yes  No

Action Requires Additional Funding?  Yes  No

Action Requires Budget/Modification Approval?  Yes  No

Author of Action Item: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Endorsed By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Elected Official or Tribal Council Representative**

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

08-01-16

ACTION ITEM SIGNATORY CHECKLIST

Action Item Description: Upper Moenkopi Village and the Village of Moenkopi (Lower) request support of the Hopi Tribal Council for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for water infrastructure projects benefitting both villages. This request is based upon years of planning and advocacy work conducted by village leaders and volunteers associated with Joint Village Strategic Planning (JVSP).

Action Item/Resolution MUST be reviewed/signed by the following: (\*REQUIRED REVIEW/SIGNATURE ON ACTION ITEMS AND IN ORDER NUMBERED - GENERAL COUNSEL TO BE THE LAST SIGNATORY REQUIREMENT).

		DATE
<b>RECV'D</b>		
*1. Author	_____	
*2. Department Director	_____ N/A _____	_____ N/A _____
*3. Office of the Chairman	_____	_____
*4. Office of the Vice Chairman	_____	_____
*5. Office of the Treasurer	_____ N/A _____	_____ N/A _____
*6. Finance	_____ N/A _____	_____ N/A _____
<i>Action item/Resolutions requesting for tribal and/or federal funds must be reviewed by the Finance Director and Treasurer.</i>		
*7. Office of Executive Director	_____	_____
*8. Contracts & Grants	_____ N/A _____	_____ N/A _____
<i>All Action Item/Resolutions with contracts/agreements must be reviewed by Contracts/Grants.</i>		
*9. Office of the General Counsel	_____	_____
<i><b>The Office of the General Counsel will be the last signatory requirement on all Action Item/Resolutions, for review of content, clarity and consistency with Hopi laws, tribal goals and policies and other applicable laws and regulations.</b></i>		
Office of Community Planning & _____ Economic Development	_____ N/A _____	_____ N/A _____
Office of Personnel Management	_____ N/A _____	_____ N/A _____
Office of Real Estate Services	_____ N/A _____	_____ N/A _____
Office of Risk Management	_____ N/A _____	_____ N/A _____
Budget Oversight Team	_____ N/A _____	_____ N/A _____

**All Action Items MUST be endorsed by an Elected Official or Tribal Council Representative.**  
**\*\*NOTE: It is the responsibility of the Author to follow-up on signatory process to ensure a completed Action Item is submitted to the Tribal Secretary's Office in a timely manner for the Agenda.**

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