

**Joint Village Strategic Planning
MEETING NOTES
Tuesday, September 27, 2022
10 AM MST
Zoom Videoconference and Telephone**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Brian Cole at 10:07 am MST.

2. Self-introductions

Meeting attendees included Claudina Burgener, William Charley, Alene Garcia, Andrew Gashwazra, Linda Honahni, Ronald Honahni, Dale Lucero, Jarvis Namoki, Le Roy Shingoitewa, Leroy Sumatzkuku, Robert Sumatzkuku, Philton Talahytewa, Oriel Tootsie, and Brian Cole.

3. Planning and Initiatives

a. Collaboration with Hopi Tribe to Secure Federal Funding

i. Request to Congress for \$1.2 Billion

Brian Cole noted that UMV had just concluded the first of one or more meetings designed to update the identification of projects and their associated congressional budget request. Philton Talahytewa stated that the meeting went well and the effort is underway. A follow-up meeting would be scheduled around William Charley's availability.

Claudina Burgener noted that YPC had already updated their budget. Robert Sumatzkuku indicated he is having a difficult time getting a quorum of the VML board to perform a similar budget review. Brian Cole offered to write a letter to the VML board explaining the status of JVSP and requesting their involvement and review of their projects and budget.

It was noted that a delegation from Hopi is planning to travel to Washington DC on October 5-6. It was agreed that all of the approved resolutions should be in hand by the delegation traveling to Washington DC.

ii. Repurposing ONHIR

No report.

iii. Village Resolutions of Support for JVSP

It was noted that both UMV and YPC have passed a resolution of support for the JVSP effort. The YPC resolution does make reference to the efforts of UMV and VML. It was agreed that a similar resolution of support from VML would be very beneficial. It was agreed that the approved resolutions should be forwarded to the Hopi Tribal Council so HTC understands that there is local support for the JVSP effort.

It was noted that in addition to the JVSP resolution of support, UMV has also passed a resolution in support of their water projects.

Philton Talahytewa clarified that JVSP has asked for each of the Villages to have an active Steering Committee. Talahytewa stressed that they were seeking

support by the Hopi Tribal Council for the outreach to congress for the federal funding to address the impacts of the Bennett Freeze.

The group held a discussion which was a reminder that even when the Hopi Tribal Council passed the 2022 resolution which rescinded the 2021 resolution that the HTC was still voicing support for activities by JVSP. They were simply clarifying the communication channel on how to approach congress for funding.

Philton Talahytewa emphasized that the importance of passing the new Village-based resolution is to communicate to the HTC that there is still local support for the JVSP effort and we are continuing to seek support by HTC for the JVSP effort.

b. Moenkopi Water Development Projects

i. Approach to Hopi Tribe for ARPA Funding

The group discussed the importance of the Hopi Tribe and/or the Water/Energy Committee (WEC) taking the lead on the allocation of \$25 million of ARPA funding for the transmission line for the Siderock Well providing water to Moenkopi. In other words, the initiative to make this funding allocation should be coming from the Tribe, not the Village. This would preserve the ability by the Village to pursue ARPA funding for additional priorities.

ii. Request for \$1.5 Million of Direct Congressional Allocation

The group then discussed the resolution that was passed by UMW on September 19, 2022 supporting efforts by the Hopi Tribe to secure \$1.5 million of direct congressional funding allocation for MUA Well #2. It was stressed that this information would be forwarded along to the Hopi Chairman, Vice Chairman, HTC, WEC Members and Andrew Larson with IHS.

iii. HTHA Outreach and Response

No report.

c. Water Well #9 Study

No report.

d. Telecommunications Report

Le Roy Shingoitewa and Sam Shingoitewa emphasized the value of the Starlink telecommunications technology. It was agreed that Sam Shingoitewa would take the lead in developing a project that could benefit all of the Villages throughout Hopi to access Starlink technology. Brian Cole offered to assist Sam Shingoitewa with the required paperwork.

e. Yuwehloo Pahki Community Projects and Budget Update

Claudina Burgener indicated that she was prepared to send a letter to ONHIR requesting \$250,000 in support both for home weatherization as well as the Village operating budget. Burgener noted that the Tribe is trying to rescind its past practice of providing H-13 funding to YPC because the Tribe is not recognizing YPC as a Village. YPC will continue to seek its H-13 funding from the Tribe but also seek funding from ONHIR as a possible backup plan.

4. Reports from Villages/Community

a. Upper Moenkopi Village

No additional report.

b. Village of Moenkopi (Lower)

No additional report.

c. Yuwehloo Pahki Community

No additional report.

5. Other Business

No other business to report.

6. Next Meeting

The next regular JVSP meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 4 at 10 am Arizona Time.

7. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 am MST.