

**Joint Village Strategic Planning  
MEETING NOTES  
Tuesday, October 11, 2022  
10 AM MST  
Zoom Videoconference and Telephone**

**1. Call to Order**

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

**2. Self-introductions**

Meeting attendees included William Charley, Andrew Gashwazra, Ronald Honahni, Kathryn Honie, Norm Honie, Hubert Lewis, Dale Lucero, Jarvis Namoki, Fred Shupla, Le Roy Shingoitewa, Sam Shingoitewa, Robert Sumatzkuku, Hillis 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 reported that he had recently had a conversation with Adam Finkel of the Office of Congressman O'Halleran. Although the purpose of the discussion was broader than support for Hopi, Cole learned that Mr. Finkel would like to travel to Northern Arizona to see some of the work and advocacy that Building Communities is assisting with. This is leading to a probable site visit to Moenkopi by Mr. Finkel on October 19. The group welcomed the possible visit and discussion. Cole indicated that he would keep the group informed of the probable visitation. UMV has reserved the Community Center building for a meeting that probably would begin at 8:30 am MST for about 90 minutes.

Cole emphasized the importance of the group keeping the Hopi Tribal Council informed of the possible site visitation. William Charley indicated that he would inform the Hopi Tribal Council Staff of the possible visitation. Andrew Gashwazra indicated that he would forward the two completed monthly reports to the Water Energy Committee and the Land Committee. Cole emphasized that members of the Hopi Tribal Council should be invited to attend the meeting, as per the approved HTC resolution. Hubert Lewis stressed the importance of ensuring that the Hopi Tribal Council is satisfied that JVSP is being responsive to HTC resolution 22-68. The group replied that they believe that JVSP is being responsive, especially with the monthly reports and the offer to be in attendance at WEC and Land Committee meetings.

Hubert Lewis stated his preference that the meeting be only for Hopi. Le Roy Shingoitewa emphasized the importance of continuing to collaborate with the Navajo Chapters as Congress will want to see the level of support from both Hopi and Navajo. There was consensus to invite representatives from the Navajo Thaw Chapters to the 8:30 am MST event.

Norm Honie asked if there was a mission statement that had been drafted showing the potential collaboration between the two Tribes. Honie noted that a similar type of document has been useful in the past. Brian Cole thanked Honie, and noted that he had begun an early draft of a resolution that could be considered by both the Hopi Tribe and the Navajo Nation on how they could

collaborate to successfully seek federal funding. Cole read portions of the draft resolution.

Everyone agreed that successfully pursuing central government buy in for the collaboration was critical.

**ii. Repurposing ONHIR**

No report.

**iii. Village Resolutions of Support for JVSP**

No report.

**b. Moenkopi Water Development Projects**

**i. Approach to Hopi Tribe for ARPA Funding**

The group briefly discussed the continued positive commitment they are hearing by the Hopi Tribal Council to allocate \$25 million for the transmission line bringing Siderock well water to Moenkopi.

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

Cole reported that he continues to hear that the \$1.5 million direct congressional allocation is “firmly in place” for the MUA project.

**iii. HTHA Outreach and Response**

No report.

**c. Water Well #9 Study**

No report.

**d. Telecommunications Report**

No report.

**e. Yuwehloo Pahki Community Projects and Budget Update**

Brian Cole asked the representatives of YPC if they had received a response to their letter to ONHIR. Kathryn Honie indicated that they had received a response and were hoping to firm up a potential meeting on October 24. *(Brian Cole had a Navajo-related meeting with Chris Bavasi and Larry Ruzow later in the day and learned that Chris Bavasi is expecting a meeting to take place in Flagstaff with YPC on Monday, October 24).*

**4. Reports from Villages/Community**

**a. Upper Moenkopi Village**

No additional report.

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

Robert Sumatzkuku indicated that a 6 pm briefing of the VML board was probably going to work. This would be a meeting that would conclude the tour by Adam Finkel of the project area.

**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 18 at 10 am Arizona Time.

**7. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 am MST.