

**Joint Village Strategic Planning  
MEETING NOTES  
Tuesday, November 1, 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 Claudina Burgener, William Charley, Andrew Gashwazra, Ronald Honahni, Kassie Honie, Hubert Lewis, Jarvis Namoki, Fred Shupla, Le Roy Shingoitewa, Sam Shingoitewa, Robert Sumatzkuku, Philton Talahytewa, Hillis Tootsie, Oriel Tootsie, Marisa Weaver, Neil Yazzie, 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 opened the meeting by stating that now is the time to finalize our request before Congress. He noted that Congressman Tom O'Halleran Chief of Staff Adam Finkel was at Hopi (and Navajo) and has the information necessary in order to develop congressional language to seek the federal funding. Philton Talahytewa added that the current Hopi Tribal Council resolution still provides support for JVSP efforts. He noted that he is now the Senior Advisor to Chairman Nuvangyaoma, and recommended a "step by step" document be developed to successfully advocate for the federal funding. Brian Cole responded that he would develop such a document.

Brian Cole stated that he would like to convene a meeting of Philton Talahytewa and Robert K. Black, Jr. (Executive Director, Navajo Hopi Land Commission Office (NHLCO)) immediately after the election.

It was noted that UMV needs to continue/finalize the updating of their projects/budget that forms the request to Congress. It was agreed that they should meet at 8 am MST on Tuesday, November 8. Brian Cole indicated that Bailey Anderson would distribute a Zoom invitation and take notes at the meeting in order to update the budget document.

**ii. Repurposing ONHIR**

No report.

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

Claudina Burgener asked about the status of the village resolutions. It was agreed that UMV and YPC have passed such resolutions. VML will consider the resolution once they reestablish sufficient membership on their board.

**b. Moenkopi Water Development Projects**

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

William Charley reported that he continues to be in close communication with Dale Siquah and that HUC and the Water Energy Committee are taking the lead

to secure approximately \$21 million of ARPA funding for the water line extension from Side Rock Well to Moenkopi. It was agreed that JVSP should table its thought about pursuing a Hopi Tribal Resolution in favor of this action given that the action is likely to move forward without such a resolution.

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

William Charley reported that he had direct communications with Congressman O'Halleran and Adam Finkel, O'Halleran's Chief of Staff, and the \$1.5 million allocation is "looking really good" by the end of the year. The group expressed great satisfaction with the progress. Neil Yazzie provided some historical background on the homework that was conducted in order to be prepared for the funding award. Hubert Lewis then summarized that there are three water projects that are in discussions that can benefit UMV and Hopi (the short-term project associated with MUA, the medium-term project associated with HUC, and the long-term project being coordinated by Norm Honie related to Water Well #9).

**iii. HTHA Outreach and Response**

Neil Yazzie stated that it is still important to get the information from HTHA because it will allow IHS to increase its contribution for the water project. William Charley stated that he will pursue this communication on behalf of UMV to HTHA.

**c. Water Well #9 Study**

Brian Cole stated that Norm Honie continues to coordinate with the US Department of Energy to utilize the \$150,000 allocation for studies associated with the future use of Water Well #9. Andrew Gashwazra asked if the study had started yet. Brian Cole stated he would continue to reach out to Norm Honie for reports and updates.

**d. Telecommunications Report**

Sam Shingoitewa stated that he continues to monitor information coming from NTIA on funding opportunities for telecommunications. William Charley noted that he is putting together an ARPA request for telecommunications improvements. William Charley and Sam Shingoitewa would share information related to Starlink that would assist William Charley in developing his request.

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

Claudina Burgener reported that a group of eight individuals plus Andrew Gashwazra and Brian Cole attended an October 24 meeting in the Flagstaff offices of ONHIR. Burgener stated she was very pleased with response from Chris Bavasi and ONHIR and expected that they would receive future benefits from the meeting. Cole reported that he also thought the meeting was very beneficial. Yuwehloo Pahki should be preparing a prioritized list of potential projects.

**4. Reports from Villages/Community**

**a. Upper Moenkopi Village**

No additional report.

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

No additional report.

**c. Yuwehloo Pahki Community**

No additional report.

**5. Other Business**

In general, the group agreed to keep the name “JVSP” as it would cause confusion to make a change.

The group also discussed the 2001 SLUD and the 2011 follow-up document which are emailed separately to the JVSP committee members.

The group also agreed to discuss the “Hopi Roundtable” at the next meeting.

**6. Next Meeting**

The next regular JVSP meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 8 at 10 am Arizona Time.

**7. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am MST.