Joint Village Strategic Planning
MEETING NOTES
Tuesday, April 21, 2026
10:00 MST
Zoom Videoconference and Telephone

Attendees:

- William Charley, Sarah Dallas, Dale Lucero, Diana Lucero, Bonnie Secakuku, Wayne Sekaquaptewa, Sam Shingoitewa, Philline Talayumptewa, and Brian Cole.

Primary Meeting "Take-aways:"

- With attendance from Vice Chair Executive Advisor Diana Lucero and OCPED Office Philline Talayumptea, Brian Cole provided a deeper background on the origination and purpose of JVSP
- Cole also noted he was pleased to learn that Ron Honyumptewa is now the Deputy Director of the Hopi Department of Natural Resources
    - Honyumptewa is working on many of the environmental review requirements for relevant projects
    - Cole noted this was helpful, especially to ensure continued progress on the Congressionally Directed Spending-funded water project for MUA
- Dale Lucero updated the group that the water development project benefitting Moenkopi was still making progress with an expected on-line date of September 2026
- Bonnie Secakuku provided an update that the Lower Village provided a letter of support for the water development project
    - Secakuku emphasized that this letter was turned around on very short order in a spirit of partnership
- Wayne Sekaquaptewa then joined the meeting
    - The remainder of the meeting was a detailed update on the efforts (and funding setback) for HTI
    - Sekaquaptewa noted that it might be timely to update the video that provides an update on telecommunications that JVSP posted that video of Mr. Sekaquaptewa on www.hopiresilience.com
    - Cole indicated that he would be pleased to coordinate an update
    - Sekaquaptewa then updated the group on the status of the BEAD NTIA funding
        - He noted that this grant activity was being conducted through the Arizona Commerce Authority (ACA)
        - HTI had submitted an application for $60 million which would have provided fiber from Hotevilla to Meonkopi
        - This would also provide fixed wireless and an administration building at Tawa'ovi

        - Later the $60 million request was diminished to $40 million
        - Then there was the matter of providing financial match; at first there was a waiver on the requirement for financial match but then the waiver was dismissed making HTI's proposal uncompetitive once the match was required
        - The ACA removed HTI's proposal in December 2025, so HTI will not be receiving any BEAD funding
        - ACA now has funding associated with Starlink technology but HTI cannot support the Hopi Tribe pursuing such technology
            - Sekaquaptewa noted that low-earth orbit satellite technology will eventually become obsolete and HTI's policy is to only advance fiber-related projects
            - He noted that fiber does not have a "shelf life" limitation
            - Sekaquaptewa also noted that if an area receives Starlink technology, it will likely be exempt from eligibility for future grant funding related to fiber or other technologies
        - Sekaquaptewa noted that the primary beneficiary of the project would be the Moenkopi area; he and HTI were very active and hopeful that this would provide a long-term solution for Moenkopi
    - Sekaquaptewa then provided a broader summary of other telecommunications improvements benefitting Hopi; his two-page report is shown as Attachment A
- Bonnie Secakuku asked how her Village and JVSP can be of help and how information might be distributed to the Community Service Administrators; she also inquired about a communications plan that might be offered by HTI on this telecommunications investments
- Sekaquaptewa then provided a couple of links that provide additional information of interest to JVSP
    - https://www.azcommerce.com/broadband/initiatives/bead/
    - https://www.ntia.gov/funding-programs/high-speed-internet-programs/broadband-equity-access-and-deployment-bead-program
- Sekaquaptewa concluded by noting that HTI now has 17 employees

Next Meeting:

- The next meeting will be held via Zoom on Tuesday, May 12 at 10 am MST.

Attachment A

Hopi Telecommunications, Inc.

Operations & Project Updates

April 23, 2026

Operations & Construction

1. USDA RUS C-Loan Middle Mile Project
    a. Middle Mile Construction(along the main highways and local roads) – Hylan
        i. About 98% complete, working on punch list of final items like pedestal cleanup and final splicing and testing
    b. ARPA drops (service drops to customers) – DSI
        i. Awaiting completion punch list of Hylan cleanup
2. NTIA/TBCP Projects
    a. FTTP Drop Construction – Mastec
        i. More service drops to customers(all remaining from ARPA drop work)

Area	Conduit	Fiber	Drops	Notes
KC West/IHS Housing	0%	0%	0%	Havent started yet
Low Mountain Jnct	100%	95%	100%	splicing and 2 house nids needed
High School	100%	100%	100%	splicing needed at MDU units
Lower Polacca	85%	45%	98%	Waiting for Polacca to hire new water operators then we can resume work
Walpi Housing	100%	100%	100%	complete
Lower Mishungnovi	0%	0%	0%	Havent started yet
Sipaulovi Housing	90%	0%	50%	drilling and finishing drops currently
Cultural Center	90%	0%	50%	need to bore and rock trench then pull fiber and set structures
BIA Route 17 Sip/Mish to Cultural Center	75%	0%	70%	need to bore and rock trench then pull fiber and set structures
K-town	10%	0%	0%	Just started 4/20

    b. 100 Ring Equipment – Calix
        i. Full acceptance completed on March 19, 2026
    c. DWDM – Ciena(New transport equipment)
        i. Awaiting project meeting
    d. Holbrook Hut – CellSite Solutions
        i. Site prep schedule updated to mid-late May
        ii. Building delivery early-mid June
3. Personnel
    a. Service Coordinator/Marketing position filled internally
    b. New CSR position filled
    c. Combo Technician position has been posted
    d. Planning to advertise for Operations Manager by June 1st
4. Services & Plans
    a. Internet Pricing and 25/3 efforts(Mandatory program commitments)
        i. Consolidation of residential & business customers to only 2 options (Up to 15M & 25M) complete
    b. Lifeline changes have been shared with customers, work to move subsidy to Internet continues
5. Turquoise Well Campus
    a. Electrification of campus by HUC enabled tribal departments to restart Fixed Wireless services

Financial, Legislative & Regulatory Matters

1. Action Item – BEAD Funding to Starlink for Broadband Access
    a. HTI will not support
2. ACAM/HUBB
    a. 2026: HTI needs to file 97 new locations. We expect to make this commitment with no issue. Work has already begun for Q1
3. Travel to DC in April are related to advocacy efforts to ensure High-Cost Support remains intact and minimally changed

Loans, Grants & Other Funding

1. BEAD Funding
    a. State removed HTI's application from final proposal Approved by NTIA December 3, 2025
2. NOFO Round 3 of TBCP – No news of this anticipated opportunity announced yet

Future Considerations & Other Projects

1. Hopi Housing Authority - Winslow Housing Project
    a. Winslow 20 – 20 Units (2024)
    b. LIHTC #2 – 20 Units (2027)
    c. LIHTC #3 – 20 Units (TBD)
2. Solar Projects
    a. Joseph City – Hasknife Energy Center(Invenergy) Existing Project
        i. Hashknife I – 275 megawatts, generation & storage capacity
            1. Entered construction 2024
            2. Anticipated commercial operations – 2026
        ii. Hashknife II – 200 megawatts, generation & storage capacity
            1. Entered construction 2025
            2. Anticipated commercial operations – 2027
    b. North Holbrook Along Hwy 77 - Snowflake Solar Complex(Clenera) – Existing Project
        i. Phase 1: 600 MWdc solar and 1900 MWh battery storage, expected to be operational in 2027.
        ii. Phase 2: Additional 650 MWdc solar and 2100 MWh battery storage.
        iii. This project runs near our fiber route into Holbrook along Mission Lane
    c. North Holbrook in Badlands – Sun Mesa-Cholla Solar Project(GoSolar) – Proposed
        i. 1,500 MW of solar and 1,500 MW of battery energy storage
3. APS - Coconino-Padre-Winslow Fiber Optic Projects
    a. Hopi fee-owned land or ASLD that has been acquired by Hopi
    b. APS proposes to rebuild the existing 69-kilovolt (kV) transmission line running approximately 22.5 miles from the Coconino Substation south of **the NAU campus in Flagstaff to the Padre Substation near the Twin Arrows Casino**.