Joint Village Strategic Planning
MEETING NOTES
Tuesday, June 2, 2026
10:00 MST
Zoom Videoconference and Telephone

Attendees:

- Stephen Jew, Diana Lucero, Tim O'Brien, Sam Shingoitewa, Neil Yazzie, and Brian Cole

Primary Meeting "Take-aways:"

- There was general reference to power outages and its impact on IT
  - Brian Cole noted that there are two federal energy grant programs that are open right now and it might be worth looking at those grants to address the intermittent power issue at the Hopi Tribal headquarters
  - Brian Cole would forward grant program information to Stephen Jew
- With respect to the intermittent nature of the telecommunications in Kykotsmovi, Brian Cole put Diana Lucero in contact with Stephen Jew to see whether NeRD Power might have a potential solution for this
  - Diana Lucero provided contact information to Stephen Jew
- Tim O'Brien provided more information on the one-year program and the current involvement of the two interns
- Neil Yazzie spoke of the busy construction season not only on the water projects, but also on the new business start-ups that are beginning as a result of the water
  - Brian Cole noted that this is what we have been hoping for all along!
- Sam Shingoitewa noted that one of the reasons why Tribal Headquarters is having challenges with power and internet is that although funding has been allocated to address his problem, the funds have not been expended to make the needed improvements yet
- Neil Yazzie noted that he is having an issue with NECA in that NECA is indicating they have not renewed their liability insurance and they may not be available to do the construction project
  - He did note that MUA still has the materials that have been delivered by NECA on site
  - Brian Cole suggested that MUA explore how NeRD Power might be able to provide construction services
- Neil Yazzie reported that he met with Josh VanVleet of IHS related to the Pasture Canyon project

Next Meeting:

- The next meeting will be held via Zoom on Tuesday, June 9 at 10 am MST.