Joint Village Strategic Planning
MEETING NOTES
Tuesday, July 28, 2026
10:00 MST
Zoom Videoconference and Telephone

Attendees:

- Luther Lee, Dale Lucero, Wayne Sekaquaptewa, and Brian Cole

Primary Meeting "Take-aways:"

- Wayne Sekaquaptewa opened the meeting by providing an update that HTI is intending on applying for another round of telecommunications funding
    - This would be a project that would benefit Upper Moenkopi Village and the Village of Moencopi (Lower)
    - This would extend fiber from Hotevilla to Moenkopi Island with a fiber route
- Brian Cole indicated he would send an email to Wayne, Dale Lucero, William Charley, and Bonnie Secakuku to make sure that communications were underway with the Villages
- Sekaquaptewa stated that there is a need for HTI to understand if land has been assigned for a telecommunications tower
    - There is a need to update some old discussions on this topic
    - Lucero indicated that there may be an old resolution on this matter that could be referenced
    - There would need to be an understanding that would define the roll of each of the Villages on such a prospective project
- Sekaquaptewa noted that it is important to count all of the households, schools, and community buildings, and if those are counted, than services must be provided to them
- Lucero stated that MDC has properties including the Tuuvi Center and the Legacy Inn that would be a part of this discussion
    - This could also involve the Senior Center; all of those facilities are currently served by Starlink
    - Sekaquaptewa noted that Starlink does provide a good short-term solution, but fiber is the long-term preference for HTI
- Sekaquaptewa also provided an update on other telecommunications infrastructure improvements benefitting Polacca, Kykotsmovi, as well as Bacavi and Hotevilla
    - This was all associated with Round 1 of the Tribal Broadband Funding; all those funds are targeted to be expended by September 30, 2026
    - Round 3 grant proposals will be due in September 2026 with funding potentially being available in the spring of 2027 for construction in the fall of 2027

- Sekaquaptewa also noted that there is a grant program called the Native Entities Grant Program (NEGP) that could provide funding for computer labs, educational classes, and assisting with identifying email fraud
    - Cole noted he would look into this grant program which might benefit the Villages
- Sekaquaptewa emphasized that it has been a goal of HTI since its inception to provide fiber to Moenkopi
- Lucero noted that he is on standby related to potential flooding activity; he noted that the monsoon season has been strong this year
- Cole then asked Lucero what the status was of the roof improvement projects that will support new solar at commercial facilities at Upper Moenkopi
    - Lucero indicated that he has not seen any construction activity, but this might relate to the heavy monsoon season that might be delaying construction
- Lucero also provided a brief update on the water infrastructure projects
    - He indicated that he thought that the new water tank had been filled and they are doing pressure testing on the 22 mile line from Side Rock
- Cole then reminded Dale Lucero that we have cleared the first round of potential Congressionally Directed Spending for improvements to the MUA Wastewater Treatment Plant