



**HUALAPAI TRIBAL UTILITY AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**AUGUST 25, 2022**

**HUALAPAI HEALTH AND WELLNESS**

**9: 30 AM**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

VICE CHAIR, MR. MONTANA, CALLED MEETING TO ORDER AT 9:49 AM

**2 – ROLL CALL**

***BOARD MEMBERS***

CHARLES VAUGHN, CHAIRMAN – NO LONGER ON HTUA BOARD – NOW ON HUALAPAI COUNCIL

JOE MONTANA, VICE CHAIRMAN – PRESENT

SECRETARY - LANA KELLER ROBINETT- ABSENT

TREASURER - JASON DAVIS-PRESENT VIA TELEPHONE

RORY MAJENTY – PRESENT VIA TELEPHONE

***SUPPORT PERSONNEL AND GUEST(S)***

BILL CYR, GENERAL MANAGER

KEVIN DAVIDSON, PLANNING DIRECTOR

**3. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES**

a) JULY 18, 2022

Motion to approve July 18, 2022, Board meeting minutes - by Mr. Majenty second by Mr. Davis, vote (3-0-0). With minor revision to reflect presentation of plaque of appreciation to Mr. Vaughn for his service on the HTUA Board. MR. Vaughn was recently elected to serve on Hualapai Tribal Council.

**4. APPROVAL OF INVOICES**

a) BBC CONSULTING – GENERAL MANAGER SERVICES

MOTION TO APPROVE BBC CONSULTING INVOICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,251.80 BY Mr. Majenty second by Mr. Davis, vote (3-0-0)

**5. FINANCIAL REVIEW OF HTUA BUDGET / EXPENSES YEAR TO DATE**

THE BOARD REVIEWED THE EXPENDITURES TO DATE

**6. HTUA BOARD VACANCY-TOUR OF FMIT / AMPS FACILITIES**

THE BOARD DISCUSSED THE BOARD VACANCY DUE TO MR. VAUGHN'S DEPARTURE. KEVIN INDICATED THAT A BOARD VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT HAS GONE OUT. THE BOARD WILL WAIT FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE NEW BOARD MEMBER PRIOR TO

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BOARD ELECTIONS. MR. MONTANA WILL CONTINUE TO SERVE AS VICE CHAIR AND OVERSEE BOARD MEETINGS UNTIL THE BOARD VOTES ON A NEW SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR HTUA BOARD.

MR. CYR WILL SCHEDULE THE AMPS TOUR / VISIT FOR SEPTEMBER 6 AT 10 AM.

**7. GCW SOLAR –PROJECT UPDATE**

**a) GENERAL UPDATE**

**i. CATERPILLAR GENERATOR CONTROL UPGRADE**

THE BOARD REVIEWED THE PURCHASE ORDER FOR DIESEL GENERATOR UPGRADES

**ii. MINUTES OF RECENT CONSTRUCTION COORDINATION MEETING (S)**

THE BOARD REVIEWED VARIOUS CONSTRUCTION MEETING NOTES

THE BOARD WAS INFORMED THAT JOEY OJINAGA AT GCW WILL BEGIN CONSTRUCTION OF THE REQUIRED TRENCH FOR THE UNDERGROUND FACILITIES TO CONNECT THE SOLAR POWER PLANT TO THE EXISTING MICRO-GRID. THE KICK OFF MEETING WITH THE THIRD PARTY LINE WORKER CONTRACTOR WAS HELD ON SITE PRIOR TO THE TRENCHING WORK COMMENCING. MR. CYR WILL MONITOR THE TRENCH CONSTRUCTION BY MEETING WITH JOEY ON SITE TO MONITOR THE PROGRESS ON A WEEKLY OR BI-WEEKLY BASIS.

MR. DAVIS SUGGESTED THAT THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SOLAR PLANT SHOULD BE DOCUMENTED FOR HUALAPAI FUTURE REFERENCE AND POSSIBLE SHARING WITH OTHER TRIBES. MR. DAVIS WILL REACH OUT TO A PROFESSIONAL CONTACT WHO HAS EXPERIENCE WITH CREATING DOCUMENTARY TYPE VIDEOS FOR TRIBES. MR. DAVIDSON WILL ALSO BE CREATING VARIOUS DOCUMENTS FOR SUBMITTAL TO DOE INCLUDING A PRESENTATION SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED TO SHARE DETAILED PROJECT SPECIFICS WITH DOE AND OTHER TRIBES.

**8. GCW POWERLINE**

**a) INTERCONNECTION STUDY REFRESH--- UNISOURCE ENERGY SERVICES (UNES) ON DOLAN SPRINGS INTERCONNECT**

THE BOARD REVIEWED MATERIAL FOR THE UPDATED SYSTEM IMPACT STUDY TO BE COMPLETED BY UNES/TEP.

**b) PRIVATE LANDOWNER ON NEEDED RIGHT-OF-WAY—UPDATE ON ONGOING NEGOTIATIONS**

MR. DAVIDSON UPDATED THE BOARD ON DISCUSSIONS WITH PRIVATE LANDOWNERS AND IDENTIFIED SURVEYING REQUIREMENTS AND COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PRIVATE ROW.

ON A MOTION BY MR. MAJENTY AND A SECOND BY MR. DAVIS THE BOARD APPROVED AN ACTION (3-0-0) AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF UP TO \$5,000 TO ACQUIRE THE NEEDED PRIVATE ROW.

ON A MOTION BY MR. MAJENTY AND A SECOND BY MR. DAVIS THE BOARD APPROVED AN ACTION (3-0-0) AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF UP TO \$3,000 TO SURVEY THE PRIVATE ROW.

**c) DRAFT POWER LINE ENGINEERING RFP**

THE BOARD REVIEWED THE POWER LINE ENGINEERING RFP. THE RFP IS ON TRACK TO BE ISSUED BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2022.

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**9. RECAP OF PRESENTATION TO HUALAPAI COUNCIL ON 7/28/2022**

THE BOARD REVIEWED AN OUTLINE OF A PRESENTATION MR. CYR MADE TO COUNCIL FOR THE ORIENTATION OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS. . THE PRESENTATION FOLLOWED THE OUTLINE WITH EMPHASIS TO THE COUNCIL THAT COUNCIL SHOULD CONSIDER DEVELOPING THE PROFESSIONAL STAFF AT HTUA WITH CONSIDERATION TO MOVE ALL UTILITY RELATED REQUIREMENTS AT GCW TO HTUA.

**10. WAPA RELATED**

- a) MARKET POWER – FORWARDS
- b) WAPA STRATEGIC PLAN NOTICE
- c) WAPA PRELIMINARY OPERATING PLANS
- d) WPA TALK/LISTEN SESSIONS

THE BOARD REVIEWED THE ABOVE WAPA DOCUMENTS

**11. MEC POWER OUTAGES/POWER QUALITY CONCERNS**

**12. OTHER**

- a) TRIBAL COUNCIL AND BROADBAND STUDY UPDATE
- b) DOE GRANT OPPORTUNITY
- c) HUALAPAI CHAIR DR. CLARKE ARTICLE ADVOCATING FOR HUALAPAI WATER RIGHTS
- d) WAPA TRANSMISSION LINE DAMAGE
- e) RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDIT
- f) ELECTRICITY 101 AND ELECTRIC UTILITIES 101 –POTENTIAL EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY
- g) ATEA RELATED
- h) APA 24 MONTH WATER BASIN STUDY
- i) TRIBAL CLEAN ENERGY SUMMIT

MR. DAVIDSON UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE BROADBAND STUDY AND A DOE GRID RESILIENCE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES. MR. DAVIDSON SUGGESTED THAT WE MAY WANT TO PARTNER WITH MEC ON REBUILDING THE MEC-OWNED DISTRIBUTION CIRCUIT ASSOCIATED WITH THE NELSON SUBSTATION. THE BOARD FELT THAT IT WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE TO FIND GRID RESILIENCE PROJECTS THAT WERE COMPLETED BY THE HUALAPAI TRIBE WITHOUT THIRD-PARTY INVOLVEMENT

THE BOARD REVIEWED THE HANDOUTS ASSOCIATED WITH REMAINING ITEMS

**13. SET TIME AND LOCATION FOR NEXT MEETING**

NEXT MEETING DATE –SEPTEMBER 22, 2022

**14. ADJOURN**

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 12:10 PM