

Hualapai Tribal Utility Authority Board Meeting Minutes  
June 26 @ 9:00AM  
Hualapai Health and Wellness Center



**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Vaughn called the meeting to order at 9:15am.

**2. Roll Call**

***Board Members***

Charles Vaughn, Chairman -- Present

Joe Montana, Vice Chairman -- Excused

Lana Keller-Robinett, Secretary -- Present via phone

Jason Davis, Treasurer -- Present

Rory Majenty -- Present via phone

***Support Personnel and Guest(s)***

Bill Cyr, General Manager -- Present via phone

Kevin Davidson, Planning Director -- Present

**3. Review and Approve Minutes May 22, 2019**

Motion to approve minutes By Ms. Keller-Robinett, second by Mr. Majenty vote (3-0-2)

**4. Approval of Invoices**

**a. BBC Consulting –General Manager Services**

Motion to approve BBC Consulting services for June 2019 of \$7,003.30 by Mr. Majenty second by Mr. Vaughn Vote (4-0-1)

**b. Tierra Right Of Way -Environmental Assessment**

Motion to approve Tierra Right of Way services for June 2019 of \$15,663.42 by Mr. Majenty second by Mr. Vaughn Vote (4-0-1)

The Board had a discussion regarding the importance of getting additional information regarding the proposed project. This discussion was prompted by the fact that the initial public hearing in Peach Springs conflicted with school graduation.

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**5. Manager's Report**

Mr. Cyr proposed skipping the review of the Manager's Report but the Board requested that it be presented even though some of the material would come up again later in the meeting.

Mr. Cyr briefed the Board on the following items

- Worked on updating material costs associated with Power Line
- Attended all three public meetings and provided introductory remarks at said meetings
- Continued to work with Mr. Davidson on pressing BLM to complete their portion of the EA/Permitting work
- Reported that WAPA had completed some initial interconnection report but he had not met with WAPA as of yet. Initial findings came out close to Board meeting and there was not time to meet with WAPA prior to Board Meeting. Will meet with WAPA to discuss initial results prior to next Board meeting.
- Worked with Mr. Davidson on developing an RFP for a Solar Power Plant with battery backup for GCW. The Board is going to compare the Solar option with the power line option

**6. Solar RFP**

- a. RFP
- b. List of recipients
- c. June 19, 2019, Telephonic Scoping Meeting Summary
- d. June 26, 2019, Site tour starting at 2:00 PM

The board was provided, in the June Board Package, with a copy of the RFP and a list of bidders provided with the RFP. The Board was also informed of the publications that the RFP was placed into. The Board instructed Mr. Davidson to place the RFP notification into the Las Vegas publications as well (newspapers).

By a motion by Mr. Vaughn and a second by Mr. Davis the Board requested that the RFP bid due date be extended to August 8, 2019. Vote (4-0-1)

The Board was also briefed on an on-site meeting with potential bidders that will occur later today, 6/26/2019 at Grand Canyon West.

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7. Arizona Tribal Energy Association Membership(ATEA)

The Board was briefed on the benefits of becoming a member of the ATEA. On a motion by Mr. Majenty and a second by Mr. Vaughn, the Board approved the Payment of \$1,500 for a six-month membership in the ATEA as an associate member.

8. Proposed Power Line to Grand Canyon West

a. BLM Related

i. Plan Of Development Questions

The Board was provided with a list of questions from the BLM regarding the power line Plan of Development (POD). Mr. Cyr and Mr. Davidson will reply to all the questions and make changes to the POD and submit back to the BLM ASAP.

b. NEPA/ Environmental/Cultural/Biological

i. Public Outreach meetings Summary Review

ii. Mount Tipton Student Comments

The Board was provided with a summary of the Public meetings and comments from the students at Mount Tipton. The Board discussed the public meeting summary, focusing on some of the letters received from students as well as comments from attendees at the public meeting. None of the comments were in favor of constructing a power line along Diamond Bar Road

c. Tucson Electric Power System Impact Study Dolan Springs to Grand Canyon West

i. Interconnection Study-Final

The Board was provided with a copy of the final interconnection study report from UNES. Mr. Cyr briefed the Board with the following highlights

- The maximum Load from the new power line will be about 3 MW or about 3 times the current usage at GCW
- The potential electrical loads associated with any Colorado River water allocation will require additional transmission work and additional transmission investment. Both the additional transmission work and required investment will be significant
- UNES is estimating that HTUA will be responsible for contributing \$1. Million to pay for the interconnection costs at Dolan Springs.
- The next step with UNES will be for HTUA to fund a facility study.

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**ii. Facility Study**

The Board was provided with a draft Facility Study Agreement with UNES. The cost to fund the facility study is \$100,000. Based on this high cost and current work related to the Solar RFP - the Board took no action on this item. It will be brought up for discussion at the next Board meeting.

**d. WAPA Interconnection Study**

Reported that WAPA had completed some initial interconnection report but had not met with WAPA as of yet. Initial findings came out close to Board meeting and there was not time to meet with WAPA prior to Board Meeting. Will meet with WAPA to discuss initial results prior to next Board meeting.

**e. Material Cost Estimate**

Mr. Cyr provided the Board with an updated major material cost for the power Line

Item	amount	Units	Cost per unit	Total
Poles	600	poles	\$ 4,100	\$ 2,460,000
Insulators	600	poles	\$ 1,200	\$ 720,000
fiber	184,800	feet	\$ 3	\$ 462,000
power conductor	184,800	feet	\$ 2	\$ 369,600
misc				\$ 1,000,000
Pay UNES				\$ 1,000,000
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$ 5,011,600</b>

**9. Federal Hydro Power/ WAPA/Other Power related**

Mr. Davidson briefed the Board regarding an upcoming CRSP meeting.

**10. Other Matters**

**a. Update on tribal council actions – Kevin**

Mr. Davidson reported that there will be no more house lots offered in Box Canyon. The Tribe is considering a new residential development area around mile post 7 on Route 18.

**b. AT&T fiber optic easement and status of negotiation – update – Kevin**

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Mr. Davidson briefed the board on Rosette's negotiations with AT&T and the field trip to view a portion of the line in the Peach Springs vicinity. So far, AT&T has been agreeable to the tribe's requests for information, preparing a NEPA document for the right-of-way and looking into potential internet service.

**c. Announcements**

**11. Set time and location for next meeting**

The next meeting date will be July 24, 2019 at 9:00 AM ---Health and Wellness Center

**12. Adjourn**

On a motion by Mr. Majenty second by Mr. Vaughn, the meeting was adjourned at 11:58 AM. Vote (4-0-1)