



**HUALAPAI TRIBAL UTILITY AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**DECEMBER 1, 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 9:50 AM

**2 – ROLL CALL**

**BOARD MEMBERS**

JOE MONTANA, VICE CHAIRMAN – PRESENT VIA PHONE

SECRETARY - LANA KELLER ROBINETT- PRESENT VIA PHONE

TREASURER - JASON DAVIS-PRESENT VIA TELEPHONE

RORY MAJENTY – PRESENT VIA PHONE

**SUPPORT PERSONNEL AND GUEST(S)**

BILL CYR, GENERAL MANAGER -PRESENT

KEVIN DAVIDSON, PLANNING DIRECTOR -PRESENT

**3. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES**

- a) **NOVEMBER 3,2022, MINUTES**

ON A MOTION BY MR. MAJENTY AND A SECOND BY MR. MONTANA, THE NOVEMBER 3, 2022 MINUTES WERE APPROVED, VOTE (3-0-1)

**4. APPROVAL OF INVOICES**

- a) **BBC CONSULTING – GENERAL MANAGER SERVICES**

ON A MOTION BY MS. LANA KELLER ROBINETT AND A SECOND BY MR. DAVIS, THE BOARD APPROVED BBC CONSULTING MONTHLY INVOICE OF \$10,152.20 VOTE (4-0-0)

ON A MOTION BY MS. LANA KELLER ROBINETT AND A SECOND BY MR. DAVIS, THE BOARD APPROVED BBC CONSULTING INVOICE FOR DOE PRESENTATION EXPENSES OF \$1,403.66 (4-0-0)

**5. FINANCIAL**

- a) **REVIEW OF HTUA BUDGET / EXPENSES YEAR TO DATE**

THE BOARD REVIEWED THE HTUA BUDGET EXPENDITURES TO DATE

- b) **DRAFT 2023 BUDGET**

THE BOARD REVIEWED AND DISCUSSED THE DRAFT 2023 BUDGET PROPOSAL. MR. CYR REQUESTED THAT HTUA BE ALLOWED TO PRESENT BUDGET PROPOSAL DIRECTLY TO COUNCIL.

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6. HTUA BOARD VACANCY

NO APPLICANTS AS OF THIS DATE

7. GCW SOLAR –PROJECT UPDATE

a) GENERAL UPDATE

MR. CYR AND MR. DAVIDSON UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE PROJECT STATUS. WORK HAS BEEN COMPLETED ON SITE FOR THIS YEAR WITH THE PANELS AND FENCE BEING INSTALLED. WORK WILL RESUME IN EARLY 2023 WHEN THE REST OF THE LONG LEAD ITEMS ARRIVE. EXPECTED PROJECT COMPLETION AND IN SERVICE DATE IS MAY 2023.

b) DOE – OFFICE OF INDIAN ENERGY –PROGRAM REVIEW PRESENTATION

MR. CYR INFORMED THE BOARD THE PRESENTATION TO DOE IN DENVER WAS WELL RECEIVED WITH A LOT OF QUESTIONS FROM ATTENDEES. COPY OF FINAL PRESENTATION WAS INCLUDED IN PACKAGE.

8. GCW POWERLINE

a) PRIVATE LANDOWNER ON NEEDED RIGHT-OF-WAY UPDATE

MR. DAVIDSON REPORTED THAT THE PRIVATE LANDOWNER ROW HAS BEEN SECURED—THE ROW ACQUISITION IS COMPLETE

b) POWER LINE ENGINEERING RFP UPDATE AND POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATION

THE BOARD PACKET CONTAINED THE RFP AND THE PROPOSALS FROM ENTRUST AND TORE. MR. CYR AND MR. DAVIDSON HAD A CONFERENCE CALL WITH EACH BIDDER TO REVIEW EACH PROPOSAL IN DETAIL. THE TWO BIDS ARE BOTH APPROXIMATELY \$850,000 AND IT APPEARS THAT BOTH ORGANIZATIONS HAVE THE CAPABILITIES TO COMPLETE TASK. BOTH ORGANIZATIONS WILL BE UPDATING THEIR PROPOSALS BY DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> AND THE UPDATES WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE BOARD. MR. CYR AND MR. DAVIDSON ARE LEANING TO ENTRUST HOWEVER MR. MAJENTY FELT THAT TORE SHOULD HAVE AN EDGE WHERE THEY ARE LOCATED IN PHOENIX AND NOT IN DENVER. MR. MAJENTY ALSO FELT THAT TORE'S EXPERIENCE WITH SCIP AND GLIA TIPS THE SCALES IN THEIR FAVOR. MR. CYR REPORTED THAT HE HAD RETAINED ENTRUSTS PREDECESSOR COMPANY ESC FOR SIMILAR TASKS AND HAD GREAT RESULTS WITH THEM.

MR. CYR WILL DIG MORE INTO TORE'S BACKGROUND AND WILL SPEAK WITH SCIP AND GILA.

c) UNES IMPACT STUDY UPDATE

NO STUDY RESULTS FROM UNES YET—EXPECTED IN DECEMBER

d) GCW POWERLINE ROW RECEIPT

MR. DAVIDSON REFERENCED THE RECEIPT FOR THE FILING OF THE ROW WITH MOHAVE COUNTY THAT WAS INCLUDED IN THE BOARD PACKAGE.

9. OPEN

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**10. WAPA RELATED**

**a) MARKET POWER – FORWARDS**

THE BOARD REVIEWED THE FUTURE COST OF POWER ESTIMATES AS PROVIDED BY WAPA.

**b) CRSP HYDRO ALLOCATION –RENEWAL**

WAPA HAS ASSIGNED AN INDIVIDUAL, PENNY CASEY, TO ASSIST WITH BENEFITTING CONTRACT RENEWALS ASSOCIATED WITH THE HUALAPAI CRSP ALLOCATION. THE TRIBE'S ALLOCATION IS CURRENTLY BEING DELIVERED TO THE NTUA AND THEY IN TURN COMPENSATE THE HUALAPAI TRIBE FOR USE OF THE HUALAPAI ALLOCATION

**c) WAPA MEETING**

MR. CYR AND MR. DAVIDSON UPDATED THE BOARD ON THEIR ATTEMPTS TO RESCHEDULE A MEETING WITH WAPA WITH THE HUALAPAI TRIBE TO DISCUSS HOW BEST TO BRING TRANSMISSION SERVICES INTO THE HUALAPAI RESERVATION. WE ARE HOPEFUL WAPA MAY CHOOSE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE COSTS FOR THE NEW GCW POWERLINE. BOTTOM LINE CURRENTLY IS THAT NO MEETING IS SCHEDULED AND THERE IS NO COMMITMENT FOR FUNDING.

**11. MOHAVE ELECTRIC**

NOTHING TO REPORT

**12. OTHER**

**a) TRIBAL COUNCIL ITEMS –KEVIN**

**b) WN STRATEGIES LLC PROPOSAL --COUNCIL RESPONSE TO PROPOSAL**

MR. DAVIDSON REPORTED THAT THE DEVELOPER HAS GONE SILENT AFTER THE TRIBE INDICATED A \$50,000 FEE PAYABLE BY THE DEVELOPER TO PRESENT TO COUNCIL

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

NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 29 AT 9 AM.

**14. ADJOURN**

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 11 AM –MOTION BY LANA KELLER ROBINETT AND SECOND BY JOE MONTANA VOTE (4-0-0)