



**HUALAPAI TRIBAL UTILITY AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**DECEMBER 29, 2022**

**HUALAPAI HEALTH AND WELLNESS**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

VICE CHAIR, MR. MONTANA, CALLED MEETING TO ORDER AT 9:35 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 – ABSENT

**SUPPORT PERSONNEL AND GUEST(S)**

BILL CYR, GENERAL MANAGER –PRESENT VIA PHONE

KEVIN DAVIDSON, PLANNING DIRECTOR -PRESENT

**3. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES**

**a) DECEMBER 1, 2022, MINUTES**

ON A MOTION BY MS. LANA KELLER ROBINETT AND A SECOND BY MR. JASON DAVIS, THE DECEMBER 1, 2022, MINUTES WERE APPROVED, VOTE (3-0-0)

**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 \$\$8,851.80 VOTE (3-0-0)

**5. FINANCIAL**

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

THE BOARD REVIEWED THE HTUA BUDGET EXPENDITURES TO DATE

**b) DRAFT 2023 BUDGET**

MR. CYR REPORTED THAT THE BUDGET (\$2,320,000) WAS APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL AS SUBMITTED.

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DESPITE THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDING PROVIDED IN THE APPROVED 2023 BUDGET, MR. CYR RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD PAUSE/DELAY THE AWARDING OF THE GCW POWER LINE ENGINEERING RFP. THIS RECOMMENDATION IS BASED ON THE POTENTIAL IMPACT TO THE POWER LINE PROVIDED BY THE RECENTLY FEDERALLY APPROVED \$300 PLUS MILLION FUNDING OF THE ENGINEERING PROCUREMENT CONSTRUCTION OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE REQUIRED INFRASTRUCTURE RELATED TO THE COLORADO RIVER HUALAPAI WATER RIGHTS SETTLEMENT.

THE LOCATION OF THE PRIMARY PUMP IN THE COLORADO RIVER (QUARTERMASTER OR DIAMOND CREEK), SUPPORTING WATER TREATMENT FACILITIES, AND OTHER DEVELOPMENT AT GCW WILL IMPACT THE POWER TRANSFER CAPABILITY REQUIREMENTS OF THE PROPOSED DOLAN SPRINGS TO GCW POWER LINE. THE PROPOSED 69 KV GCW POWER LINE WILL BE TECHNICALLY CAPABLE OF PROVIDING THE NECESSARY POWER HOWEVER TUCSON ELECTRIC'S POWER LINE EMANATING FROM KINGMAN –MAY NOT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT POWER.

MR. CYR SUGGESTED THAT HTUA SEND A LETTER TO THE COUNCIL INFORMING THE COUNCIL OF THIS ISSUE AND ADDITIONALLY DISCUSS THE ROLE HTUA MAY PLAY IN ASSISTING, POSSIBLY MANAGING THE CONSTRUCTION AND CONTINUING OPERATION /MAINTENANCE OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE REQUIRED TO SUPPORT THE DELIVERY OF THE WATER ALLOCATION TO THE HUALAPAI RESERVATION

MR. CYR ALSO REPORTED THAT A GRANT OPPORTUNITY HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED THAT COULD PROVIDE FOR EXTENDING THE GCW MICRO GRID TO WESTERN TOWN'S NEW CABINS, NEW TOWN HOUSING, NEW ARFF AND MAIN KITCHEN. MR. CYR HAS COMPLETED THE NECESSARY FEASIBILITY STUDY AND FORWARDED TO MR. KNOTT AND MR. DAVIDSON TO UTILIZE IN GRANT APPLICATION. MR. KNOTT WILL BE PRESENTING TO COUNCIL FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION IN THE NEAR FUTURE. TOTAL COST OF PROJECT IS \$1.5 MILLION AND THE MAXIMUM CONTRIBUTION FROM THE TRIBE WILL BE 10%. ALL OF THE CONTRIBUTION TO THE PROJECT CAN BE SATISFIED THRU GCW EMPLOYEE TRENCHING AND ASSIGNMENT OF HTUA LABOR TO THE PROJECT IN THE FORM OF PROJECT MANAGEMENT. IF THE GRANT APPLICATION IS ACCEPTED –MONIES BUDGETED FOR IT IN THE 2023 BUDGET IN SUPPORT OF THE EXTENSION WILL BE REDUCED OR TOTALLY ELIMINATED

**c) CONSIDERATION OF BBC CONSULTING SERVICES FOR 2023**

MR. DAVIDSON INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THE CLOSING OF THE RFP FOR PROVIDING THESE SERVICES IN 2023 CLOSES ON FRIDAY DECEMBER 30. MR. DAVIDSON WILL DISTRIBUTE THE RATING SHEETS TO THE BOARD ON DECEMBER 30 TO RANK THE CANDIDATES. IF THERE IS AGREEMENT AMONG THE BOARD MEMBER'S RANKINGS, MR. DAVIDSON WILL PRESENT THE GENERAL MANAGER'S CONTRACT TO THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT FOR REVIEW AND SIGNATURE BEFORE THE NEXT HTUA BOARD MEETING.

**6. HTUA BOARD VACANCY**

MR. DAVIDSON REPORTED THAT NO APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED SO THE NOTICE WILL BE RE-ADVERTISED

**7. GCW SOLAR –PROJECT UPDATE**

**a) GENERAL UPDATE**

SOLON HAS COMPLETED THE INSTALLATION OF THE RACKS, SOLAR MODULES AND THREE SIDES OF THE FENCE WITH THE FORTH SIDE COMPLETED ON A TEMPORARY BASIS TO FACILITATE CONSTRUCTION WHEN IT RESUMES. SOLON WILL RETURN IN A FEW WEEKS TO

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COMPLETE PROJECT. MR. DAVIDSON AND MR. CYR CONTINUE TO DISCUSS THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM WITH SOLON.

**8. GCW POWERLINE**

**a) POWER LINE ENGINEERING RFP UPDATE(POSSIBLE CALL WITH BIDDERS-IF NEEDED)**

THE BOARD WAS PROVIDED WITH THE UPDATED RFP RESPONSES FROM THE TWO BIDDERS—ENTRUST AND TORE. MR. CYR REPORTED THAT MR. DAVIDSON, MR. KNOTT AND MR. CYR ALL RANKED ENTRUST AS NUMBER ONE BUT ALSO INDICATED THAT EITHER GROUP COULD PERFORM THE WORK. MR. DAVIDSON WILL SEND OUT THE RANKING SHEET FOR THE BOARD MEMBERS TO COMPLETE.

**b) UNES IMPACT STUDY UPDATE**

WAITING FOR UPDATED STUDY FROM TEP. WAS DUE IN DECEMBER SO SHOULD BE RECEIVED DURING JANUARY 2023

**9. HUALAPAI WATER RIGHTS BILL PASSAGE –IMPACT TO POWER LINE PROJECT?**

**ADDED AFTER AGENDA WAS PUBLISHED**

AS PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED UNDER ITEM 5B ABOVE, THE BOARD WAS INFORMED THAT THE HUALAPAI TRIBE WILL BE THE RECIPIENT OF OVER \$300 MILLION FROM SENATE BILL 4104 IN SUPPORT OF CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION AND MAINTAINING THE NECESSARY INFRASTRUCTURE TO SUPPORT THE DELIVERY OF THE COLORADO RIVER WATER ALLOCATION. MR. CYR INDICATED THAT HTUA SHOULD SEEK DIRECTION FROM TRIBAL COUNCIL AS IT RELATES TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE AFOREMENTIONED INFRASTRUCTURE

**10. WAPA RELATED**

**a) MARKET POWER – FORWARDS**

THE BOARD WAS PROVIDED WITH THE ESTIMATE FOR THE FUTURE COST OF POWER

**b) WAPA MEETING WITH COUNCIL AND HTUA**

MR. CYR AND MR. DAVIDSON ARE CONTINUING CONVERSATIONS WITH WAPA FOR A JOINT MEETING WITH WAPA, COUNCIL, GCW BOARD AND THE HTUA BOARD AT GCW. THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING IS TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE WAYS THAT WAPA CAN HELP WITH DEVELOPMENT OF THE COSTLY POWER LINES TO SUPPORT GCW GROWTH AND NOW SUPPORT THE POWER REQUIREMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE WATER RIGHTS ALLOCATION INFRASTRUCTURE

**c) CRSP BENEFITING CONTRACT-RFP**

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THE BOARD WAS PROVIDED WITH A DRAFT RFP IN SUPPORT OF MARKETING THE HUALAPAI CRSP HYDRO POWER ALLOCATION TO POTENTIAL BUYERS UNTIL SUCH TIME THAT THE HUALAPAI CAN USE IT DIRECTLY TO SERVE ITS OWN POWER NEEDS. MR. CYR INDICATED THAT THE DROUGHT CONDITIONS ON THE COLORADO RIVER WILL ADVERSELY IMPACT THE CAPABILITY OF WAPA TO CONTINUE TO DELIVER POWER TO ITS CUSTOMERS FROM BOTH LAKE POWEL (CRSP) AND LAKE MEAD (BCP).

**d) BUSINESS PROCESS UPDATE NOTICE/WAPA CUSTOMER ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE**

THE BOARD PACKET INCLUDED THE TWO SUBJECT NOTICES

**11. MOHAVE ELECTRIC-POWER OUTAGE 12-11-2022**

THE BOARD WAS PROVIDED WITH CORRESPONDENCE AND PICTURES FROM MEC REGARDING THE SUBJECT POWER OUTAGE

**12. OTHER**

**a) TRIBAL COUNCIL ITEMS – KEVIN**

MR. DAVIDSON UPDATED THE BOARD ON CURRENT PLANNING ACTIVITIES AS THEY RELATE TO COUNCIL

**b) RES 2023 -- ADDED AFTER AGENDA PUBLISHED**

THIS AGENDA ITEM WAS ADDED AT THE REQUEST OF BOARD MEMBER JASON DAVIS. MR. DAVIS BELIEVES THAT THIS UPCOMING CONFERENCE HAS A GREAT DEAL OF VALUE TO THE HUALAPAI TRIBE AND REPRESENTATION FROM THE COUNCIL GCW AND HTUA WOULD BE BENEFICIAL. MR. CYR AND MR. DAVIDSON WILL PRESENT COST ESTIMATES ATTENDANCE AT THE EVENT.

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

THE NEXT MEETING DATE WILL BE JANUARY 26<sup>TH</sup> -9:30 AM AT THE HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER.

**14. ADJOURN**

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 11:05 AM