



**HUALAPAI TRIBAL UTILITY AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**FEBRUARY 23, 2021-HELD AT CULTURAL CENTER**

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1. CALL TO ORDER

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY VICE CHAIR JOE MONTANA @ 9 AM

2. ROLL CALL

**BOARD MEMBERS**

CHARLIE VAUGHN, CHAIRMAN PRESENT

JOE MONTANA, VICE CHAIRMAN – PRESENT

LANA KELLER ROBINETT, SECRETARY – PRESENT

JASON DAVIS, TREASURER – PRESENT

RORY MAJENTY – PRESENT IVIA PHONE

**SUPPORT PERSONNEL AND GUEST(s)**

BILL CYR, GENERAL MANAGER – PRESENT

KEVIN DAVIDSON, PLANNING DIRECTOR – PRESENT

3. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES

a) NOVEMBER 24, 2020 BOARD MEETING – HELD NOVEMBER 30, 2020 VIA ZOOM

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES BY MR. RORY MAJENTY AND A SECOND BY MS. LANA KELLER ROBINETT (3-0-2)

4. APPROVAL OF INVOICES

a) BBC CONSULTING – GENERAL MANAGER SERVICES

MOTION TO APPROVE BBC CONSULTING NOVEMBER INVOICE OF \$4,120 BY MR. RORY MAJENTY AND SECOND BY MS. LANA KELLER ROBINETT (3-0-2)

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5. MANAGER'S REPORT

2021 BUDGET

DOE COST REDUCTION

SOLAR ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITTING

ANNUAL REPORT

MR. CYR INDICATED THAT ALL OF THE ITEMS IN THE MANAGERS REPRT WOUD BE DISCUSSED AS THE EACH INDIVIDUAL ITEM WAS DISCUSSED.

MR. VAUGHN AND MR. DAVIS JOINED THE MEETING @9:30 AM

6. FINANCIAL REVIEW

a) 2020 BUDGET REVIEW – EXPENDITURES TO DATE

MR. CYR INDICATED THAT THE TOTAL EXPENDITURES BY HTUA IN 2020 WERE \$129,396.71. A DETAILED COST BREAK DOWN OF EACH BUDGET ITEM WAS INCLUDED FOR BOARD REVIEW.

b) APPROVE 2021 BUDGET

THE BOARD WAS PROVIDED WITH A COPY OF THE APPROVED BUDGET FOR 2021. THE AMOUNT APPROVED WAS \$274,081.

c) APPROVE GENERAL MANAGER CONTRACT

MR. CYR ALSO REPORTED THAT THE GENERAL MANAGER SERVICES WERE REDUCED FROM APPROXIMATELY \$80,000 IN 2020 TO APPROXIMATELY \$47,000 IN 2021.

7. GCW SOLAR

a) DOE COST REDUCTION

MR. CYR REPORTED THAT THE TRIBE'S MATCH REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SOLAR PROJECT WAS APPROVED FOR A COST SHARE REDUCTION FROM A 50% TRIBAL/50% DOE MATCH TO A 10%TRIBAL /90% DOE MATCH H.

b) COMMUNITY SURVEY AND KWLP RADIO INTERVIEW

c) GCW ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW – PLANNING

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AFTER REVIEWING SITE INFORMATION, COMMUNITY RESPONSES, ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION THE BOARD MADE A MOTION TO SUPPORT SITE NUMBER 1 (ORIGINALLY PROPOSED SITE). MOTION BY MR. MONTANA SECOND BY MR. VAUGHN VOTE (3-0-1)

**8. INDUSTRY TERMS**

THE BOARD WAS PROVIDED WITH A LIST OF INDUSTRY TERMS FOR REFERENCE.

**9. MOHAVE ELECTRIC UPDATE – NO PROGRESS**

MR. DAVIDSON PROVIDED A CHECKLIST FROM BIA REGARDING THE STEPS AND THE TRIBE MUST FOLLOW WHEN GRANTING ROW TO MEC.

**10. PROPOSED POWER LINE TO GRAND CANYON WEST**

**a) BLM SPECIFIC**

MR. DAVIDSON UPDATED HIS EFFORTS RELATED TO SECURING THE GCW POWER LINE RIGHT OF WAY FROM THE BLM. THREE YEARS AND STILL NO RIGHT OF WAY GRANT. MR. DAVIDSON REPORTED THAT HE CONTINUES TO WORK WITH THE BLM ON KEY OBSERVATION POINTS AND OTHER GENERAL LANGUAGE IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT. STILL NO FIRM DATE ON WHEN ROW WILL BE GRANTED FROM THE BLM TO THE HUALAPAI TRIBE.

- i. PLAN OF DEVELOPMENT – UPDATE
- ii. VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PLAN – APPROVED

**b) NEPA/ ENVIRONMENTAL/CULTURAL/BIOLOGICAL**

- i. CULTURAL REPORT – PENDING APPROVAL
- ii. BIOLOGICAL REPORT – APPROVED
- iii. VISUAL IMPACT ASSESSMENTS – UPDATE
- iv. ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT REPORT – DRAFT HAS BEEN SUBMITTED

**c) TUCSON ELECTRIC POWER SYSTEM FACILITY STUDY DOLAN SPRINGS TO GRAND CANYON WEST**

- i. SYSTEM FACILITY STUDY –AWAITING APPROVAL BY HTUA AND HUALAPAI COUNCIL - \$100,000
- ii. TRANSMISSION LINE DESIGN CONTRACTOR RFP- RFP RESPONSE REVIEW-COMPLETED –AWAITING HTUA AND HUALAPAI COUNCIL APPROVAL APPROXIMATELY \$800,000

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**11. 2020 DRAFT HTUA ANNUAL REPORT**

THE BOARD REVIEWED THE DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT AND ON A MOTION BY MR. MONTANA AND A SECOND BY MR DAVIS ACCEPTED THE ANNUAL REPORT AS WRITTEN.

**12. PEACH SPRINGS WIRELESS NETWORKS – ELIMINATION OF MURALNET**

MR. DAVIDSON REPORTED THAT THE MURALNET NETWORK INSTALLED LAST YEAR HAS BEEN DECOMMISSIONED AND REPLACED BY A NEW NETWORK FUNDED BY CV-19 MONEY. THE TRIBE HAS TURNED OVER MANAGEMENT OF THE NEW NETWORK TO THE FIRE AND IT DEPARTMENTS

**13. FEDERAL HYDRO POWER/WAPA/OTHER POWER RELATED**

THE BOARD WAS PROVIDED WITH A COPY OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING RELATED TO FEDERAL HYDROPOWER. THIS DRAFT DOCUMENT WAS PROVIDED FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES WITH NO BOARD ACTION REQUIRED.

**14. OTHER MATTERS**

a) UPDATE ON TRIBAL COUNCIL ACTIONS – KEVIN

b) AT&T FIBER OPTIC EASEMENT AND STATUS OF NEGOTIATION – KEVIN

c) ATEA ANNUAL MEETING

THE BOARD WAS PROVIDED WITH AN INFORMATION PACKET REGARDING THE ARIZONA TRIBAL ENERGY ASSOCIATION (ATEA) ANNUAL MEETING

d) TUELIP -TRIBAL CLEAN ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE ADOPTION

THE BOARD WAS PROVIDED WITH THE MOST RECENT CORRESPONDENCES FROM THIS GROUP

e) ANNOUNCEMENTS

**15. SET TIME AND LOCATION FOR NEXT MEETING – WITH ALL BOARD MEMBERS**

THE NEXT MEETING DATE WAS SET FOR 9:00 AM AT THE CULTURAL CENTER ON THE 20<sup>TH</sup> OF APRIL

**16. ADJOURN**

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT APPROXIMATELY 11:00 AM