



## **Hualapai Tribal Utility Authority Board Meeting Minutes**

**July 21, 2020**

**Hualapai Cultural Center & ZOOM**

**9:00 AM**

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**1) Call to Order**

Vice Chairman Mr. Montana called the meeting to order at 9:38 am.

**2) Roll Call**

***Board Members***

Charlie Vaughn, Chairman -- present –joined in person at approximately 10:30 am

Joe Montana, Vice Chairman -- present

Lana Keller Robinett, Secretary –present

Jason Davis, Treasurer –present via Zoom

Rory Majenty – absent

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

Bill Cyr, General Manager -- present via Zoom

Kevin Davidson, Planning Director –present

**3) Review and Approve Minutes**

June 2020 Board meeting held on June 29, 2020 @ Cultural Center

Motion to approve minutes by Ms. Lana Keller Robinett, and second by Mr. Davis vote (3-0-2).  
-2 not present

**4) Approval of Invoices**

**a) BBC Consulting – General Manager Services-**

Motion to approve; BBC Consulting July invoice of \$7,350 by Mr. Montana second by Ms. Lana Keller Robinett, – vote (3-0-2). -2 not present

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

No Invoice this period

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## 5) Manager's Report

Mr. Cyr then reported on the following

- **Micro Grid Extension**

Grant application is complete and pending council decision on approval of grant application

- **Solar Project**

Solar project has been awarded \$1.3 million grant from DOE awaiting the following

- Tribal match funding of \$1.3 million—COVID-19 budget concerns leaves it unclear if Tribe will fund the \$1.3 million match
- Contract disposition / approval awaiting discussions with Wanda and Council
- Environmental—the Tribal Environmental Review Commission (TERC) is working on this aspect and final location
- **HTUA Development Power Point**

PowerPoint has been revised and ready for presentation to Council. Board instructed Kevin to request a special meeting with Hualapai council to conduct a work shop where the presentation will be given outlining the work completed to date and the funding of the next steps. Next steps include

1. Approval of Tierra ROW change order by Council
2. Issuance of grant of ROW by BLM
3. Funding of Uni-Source feasibility study --\$100,000
4. Engineering final Design and GEO Tech work –approximately \$800,000 to \$ 850,000

## 6) Financial Review

### a) 2020 Budget Review –Expenditures to date

The Board reviewed HTUA expenses to date. The Board discussed the possibility that the approved budget may be cut back. Mr. Davis discussed the budget cut backs being implemented at GCW. Clarification on HTUA budget will be discussed with Council when the Board meets with them.

## 7) GCW Micro Grid Extension

### a) Status of Grant Application

Pending Council approval

### b) Option Analysis

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Compered this month for inclusion in grant application

**8) GCW Solar**

- a) General Update**
- b) Solon Agreement**

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**9) Mohave Electric Update**

**10) Proposed Power Line to Grand Canyon West**

The Board was further brief on the Power Line project as shown below

- a) BLM Specific**
  - i. **Letter to BLM** Will wait to send
  - ii. **Plan of Development**-Pending approval
  - iii. **Vegetation Management Plan** -Approved
- b) NEPA/ Environmental/Cultural/Biological**
  - i) **Cultural Report**-Pending Approval
  - ii) **Biological Report**-Approved
  - iii) **Visual Impact Assessments**-Pending approval of Tierra ROW change order
  - iv) **Environmental Assessment Report**-draft has been submitted
  - v) **Tierra Change order**-Update
- 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
- d) Transmission Line Design Contractor RFP- RFP response review-completed** –awaiting HTUA and Hualapai Council approval approximately \$800,000

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**11) HTUA Multi - Year Build Out Economics**

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**12) Fixed-wireless 4G LTE network in Peach Springs-Status Update (Kevin)**

**a) Update**

Mr. Davidson updated the Board on his efforts in securing FCC license with the assistance of Muralmet

**13) Federal Hydro Power/WAPA/Other Power related**

**a) Tribal Utility and Energy Infrastructure Legislation for Indigenous People (TUEILIP)-  
Testimony**

The board was briefed on the efforts of TUEILIP, an informal group trying to influence Federal Government to allocate more resources (dollars) to Tribes. Completion of the engineering design of the Power line would place the Hualapai Tribe in a good position to be prepared to respond to any new government grants that become available.

**b) ATEA- CRSP Comments**

The board was briefed on the efforts of ATEA commenting on the proposed Colorado River Storage Project rates.

**14) Other Matters**

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

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Mr. Davidson briefed the Board on his recent meetings / interaction with the Council. Primary focus right now is on a new RV park at GCW.

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

Mr. Davidson briefed the Board that AT&T has provided the Tribe with approximately \$73,000 to conduct cultural and environmental work related to the AT&T easement

**c) Announcements**

**15) Set time and location for next meeting**

Next meeting August 25, 2020 9:00 AM Cultural meeting room

**16) Adjourn**

Meeting concluded at 11:45 AM