



**HUALAPAI TRIBAL UTILITY AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**MAY 19, 2022**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**9:30 AM**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

*CHAIR, MR. VAUGHN, CALLED MEETING TO ORDER AT 10:20 AM*

**2 – ROLL CALL**

***BOARD MEMBERS***

CHARLES VAUGHN, CHAIRMAN - PRESENT  
JOE MONTANA, VICE CHAIRMAN -ABSENT  
SECRETARY - LANA KELLER ROBINETT-PRESENT  
TREASURER - JASON DAVIS-PRESENT  
RORY MAJENTY -ABSENT

***SUPPORT PERSONNEL AND GUEST(S)***

BILL CYR, GENERAL MANAGER  
KEVIN DAVIDSON, PLANNING DIRECTOR

**3. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES**

- a) **APRIL 21, 2022 --HELD AT HUALAPAI HEALTH CENTER**

*MOTION TO APPROVE APRIL 21, 2022, BOARD MEETING MINUTES BY MR. VAUGHN, SECOND BY MR. DAVIS, VOTE (2-0-1)*

**4. APPROVAL OF INVOICES**

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

*MOTION TO APPROVE BBC CONSULTING INVOICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,431.80 BY MR. VAUGHN, SECOND BY MR. DAVIS, VOTE (2-0-1)*

**5. FINANCIAL**

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

*THE BOARD REVIEWED THE BUDGET AND EXPENSES TO DATE*

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**6. COUNCIL PRESENTATION**

THE BOARD REVIEWED THE PRESENTATION MADE TO HUALAPAI COUNCIL BY MR. DAVIDSON AND MR. CYR. THE BOARD WAS INFORMED THAT COUNCIL APPROVED:

- a) THE HTUA ANNUAL REPORT AS SUBMITTED AND PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY THE HTUA BOARD
- b) COUNCIL APPROVED THE CHANGE TO THE PROJECT GENERAL PERMIT ACCEPTING THE SCREW TYPE ANCHORING SYSTEM AND THE HTUA BOARD RECOMMENDATION FOR A CHANGE ORDER TO THE PROJECT OF \$87,400 FOR A BATTERY UPGRADE.

**7. GCW SOLAR -**

- a) **PROJECT UPDATE**
- b) **TRIBAL COUNCIL ACTION ON TERC'S RECOMMENDATION ON ALTERNATE SOLAR ARRAY MOUNTING SYSTEM**
- c) **TRIBAL COUNCIL ACTION CHANGE ORDER TO UPGRADE BATTERY BANK**
- d) **UPDATE ON SELECTION OF VENDOR(S) TO SUPPLY OUTSIDE THE FENCE EQUIPMENT**
- e) **UPDATE ON OUTSIDE THE FENCE CONSTRUCTION LINE WORKER SERVICES**

THE BOARD WAS UPDATED ON THE GCW SOLAR PROJECT. SPECIFICALLY,

- a. TERC'S REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE SOLAR PANEL ANCHORING SYSTEM
- b. \$87,400 BATTERY UPGRADE OPTION – MR. VAUGHN EXECUTED AND COUNCIL APPROVED GENERAL PERMIT REVISION TO ALLOW FOR BOTH THE ANCHORING SYSTEM AND BATTERY UPGRADE
- c. SUPPLY CHAIN PROBLEMS CONTINUE AND WILL MOST PROBABLY DELAY PROJECT –MR. CYR IS ATTEMPTING TO SECURE ALTERNATIVES TO JUNCTION BOXES
- d. THE BIDS FOR LINE WORKERS SERVICE FOR THE MICROGRID EXTENSION HAS BEEN RECEIVED –ONLY ONE BIDDER–UTILITY EXCAVATING SERVICES- SUBMITTED A PROPOSAL

MOTION BY MR. VAUGHN, SECOND BY MR. DAVIS TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT WITH UTILITY EXCAVATING SERVICE FOR OUTSIDE THE FENCE INSTALLATION OF ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT IN OUTSIDE THE SOLAR FENCE TRENCH AND CONDUIT WORK PERFORMED BY GCW STAFF—TOTAL APPROVED AMOUNT OF \$51,870, VOTE (2-0-1)

**8. GCW POWERLINE**

- a) **STATUS BLM RIGHT OF WAY GRANT – ENVIRONMENTAL**
- b) **USDA \$1.9 MILLION GRANT STATUS UPDATE**

THE BOARD WAS INFORMED THAT THE POWER LINE EA HAS BEEN APPROVED BY BOTH THE BLM AND INTERNAL CULTURAL STAFF. MR. DAVIDSON IS SCHEDULE A SECTION 10 CONSULTATIONS WITH THE BLM, COUNCIL AND USDA.

**9. MOHAVE ELECTRIC**

- a) **REPLACEMENT OF TRANSFORMER ALONG ROUTE 18-COMplete**

THE BOARD WAS INFORMED THAT THE TRANSFORMER CHANGE OUT ALONG ROUTE 18 HAS BEEN COMPLETED UNDER CONTRACT WITH MEC. —THESE ARE HUALAPAI OWNED TRANSFORMERS.

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**10. WAPA RELATED**

- a) MEETING SCHEDULE
- b) FUTURE

THE BOARD REVIEWED THE POWER MARKET FORWARD COST ESTIMATES AS PROVIDED BY WAPA. BOARD ALSO REVIEWED THE WAPA MEETING SCHEDULE

**11. OTHER**

- a) GENERAL COUNCIL UPDATE –KEVIN

MR. DAVIDSON UPDATED THE BOARD ON COUNCIL RELATED ITEMS AND OTHER PLANNING ACTIVITIES

- b) AT&T ROW NEGOTIATIONS-KEVIN-COMPLETE
- c) BROADBAND FEASIBILITY STUDY UPDATE-KEVIN

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- d) ELECTRIC VEHICLE RELATED
- e) NAU HYDROGEN WORKSHOP
- f) HYDROGEN WORKSHOP
- g) GCW TANK CLEAN OUT AND INSPECTIONS

THE BOARD REVIEWED MATERIAL RELATED TO ITEMS D, E, F AND G

- h) OTHER

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

NEXT MEETING WAS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 23, 2022, AT THE HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER

**13. ADJOURN**

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 11:50 AM MOTION BY MR. VAUGHN, SECOND BY MR. DAVIS, VOTE (2-0-1)