



**HUALAPAI TRIBAL UTILITY AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**NOVEMBER 3, 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 9:45 AM

**2 – ROLL CALL**

***BOARD MEMBERS***

JOE MONTANA, VICE CHAIRMAN – PRESENT VIA PHONE

SECRETARY - LANA KELLER ROBINETT- ABSENT

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) SEPTEMBER 22, 2022, MINUTES**

ON A MOTION BY MR. MONTANA AND A SECOND BY MR. DAVIS, THE SEPTEMBER 22, 2023 MINUTES WERE APPROVED, VOTE (2-0-1)

MR. CYR QUESTIONED THE PRACTICE OF POSTING BOARD MEETING MINUTES ON THE HTUA WEBSITE. MR. DAVISON WILL CHECK WITH LEGAL COUNSEL ON THIS PRACTICE

**4. APPROVAL OF INVOICES**

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

ON A MOTION BY MR. MAJENTY AND A SECOND BY MR. DAVIS, THE BOARD APPROVED BBC CONSULTING INVOICE OF \$9,810.20 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**

THE BOARD REVIEWED AND DISCUSSED THE DRAFT 2023 BUDGET PROPOSAL. THE BOARD WAS IN SUPPORT OF THE DRAFT HOWEVER MR. MAJENTY INDICATED THAT THE AMOUNT OF PROJECTS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL SHOULD BE SEPARATED OUT

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FROM THE TOTAL BUDGET AND BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL THAT THESE WERE CARRY OVER DOLLARS FOR PREVIOUSLY BUDGETED ITEMS. ADDITIONALLY, MR. MAJENTY INDICATED THAT ALL PROJECTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE OPERATION, MAINTENANCE AND ADDITION OF INFRASTRUCTURE RELATED TO GCW UTILITY ASSETS SHOULD BE PLACED INTO THE HTUA BUDGET RATHER THAN THE BUDGET OF GCRC.

MR. CYR WILL MAKE THE CHANGES REQUESTED BY THE BOARD AND SEND TO BOARD MEMBERS FOR COMMENT VIA EMAIL.

**c) GCW – EMERGENCY LINE WORKER SERVICE**

MR. CYR DISCUSSED HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH NEIL GARNEY OF UTILITY EXCAVATING SERVICES. MR. CYR REMINDED THE BOARD OF PREVIOUS CONVERSATIONS REGARDING THE LACK OF QUALIFIED LINE WORKERS TO SERVICE GCW UTILITY ASSETS DURING TIMES OF EMERGENCY. CURRENTLY, KEITH WALKER, OF KINGMAN, PROVIDES THESE SERVICES HOWEVER HE APPEARS TO BACKING AWAY FROM SERVICING GCW AS EVIDENCED BY HIS RECENT DECLINE TO BID ON EXTENDING THE MICRO GRID TO THE SOLAR SITE. UTILITY EXCAVATING SERVICES WAS THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER ON EXTENDING THE MICRO GRID TO THE GCW SOLAR SITE AND IS QUALIFIED TO OFFER EMERGENCY RESPONSE SERVICE

PENDING FINAL NEGOTIATING AND PROPER BIDDING PROCEDURES—THE PROPOSAL FOR THESE SERVICES ARE AS FOLLOWS

- \$6,000 PER MONTH \$72,000 PER YEAR
- MONTHLY CREDIT OF UP TO 50% OF ANY FUNDS NOT USED DURING THE MONTH
- A BILLING SCHEDULE WILL BE PROVIDED IN THE EVENT THE \$6000 BASE FEE IS EXCEEDED
- AGREEMENT IS FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE ONLY
- RESPONSE TIME IS EXPECTED TO BE 3 HOURS OR LESS
- INITIAL AGREEMENT TO BE LIMITED TO 6 MONTHS IN THE EVENT EITHER WISHES TO CANCEL
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**6. HTUA BOARD VACANCY**

MR. DAVIDSON INFORMED THE BOARD THAT NO APPLICATIONS WERE RECEIVED –THE BOARD VACANCY CONTINUES. THE PROJECT IS ON TRACK TO COMPLETE THE INSTALLATION OF THE RACK, SOLAR PANELS AND FENCE BY YEAR END. DURING AN SITE INSPECTION IT WAS OBSERVED THAT APPROXIMATELY 170 HOLES WERE STILL LEFT OPEN AWAITING THE FENCE INSTALL. CONTRACTOR WAS TOLD TO MITIGATE THE SITUATION TO PREVENT TRIPPING OF ANIMALS OR TORTOISES FALLING IN WITHOUT THE MEANS OF GETTING OUT.

**7. GCW SOLAR –PROJECT UPDATE**

**a) GENERAL UPDATE**

THE BOARD REVIEWED A SERIES OF PHOTOS THAT DEPICTED THE CONSTRUCTION STATUS OF THE GCW SOLAR BUILD OUT.

**b) FENCE**

THE APPROVED PERMIT FOR THE PROJECT INDICATED THE INSTALLATION OF AN 8-FOOT FENCE WITH PRIVACY SLATS. THE QUOTE FROM THE VENDOR ONLY INCLUDED DOLLARS FOR A 6-FOOT FENCE WITHOUT PRIVACY SLATS. TO AVOID CONSTRUCTION DELAYS, THE APPROXIMATE \$87,000 UPCHARGE WAS APPROVED BY VICE CHAIR JOE MONTANA.

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**c) GROUND BREAKING EVENT**

THE OFFICIAL GROUND BREAKING FOR THE PROJECT OCCURRED AT 10 AM ON OCTOBER 11<sup>TH</sup>. THE BOARD WAS PROVIDED WITH THE LOCAL NEWS ARTICLE EXPLAINING THE DETAILS OF THE EVENT. MR. DAVIS, MR. DAVISON AND MR. CYR WERE IN ATTENDANCE.

**d) DOE – OFFICE OF INDIAN ENERGY –PROGRAM REVIEW**

THE BOARD WAS REMINDED THAT PART OF THE DOE GRANT REQUIRES INCLUDES A YEARLY PRESENTATION BE GIVEN AT AN ANNUAL DOE PROGRAM REVIEW THAT SHARES INFORMATION ON INDIAN ENERGY DOE PROJECTS WITH ALL OTHER TRIBES IN THE NATION. THE EVENT THIS YEAR IS BEING HELD DURING THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> IN DENVER. MR. CYR WILL BE PRESENTING THE UPDATE /REPORT ON THE 17<sup>TH</sup> OF NOVEMBER.

**8. GCW POWERLINE**

**a) PRIVATE LANDOWNER ON NEEDED RIGHT-OF-WAY—UPDATE ON ONGOING NEGOTIATIONS**

BOARD REVIEWED EMAIL FROM SURVEYOR INDICATING THEY WOULD BE COMPLETED SURVEY BY NOVEMBER 2022. MR. DAVIDSON PRESENTED THE GRANT OF EASEMENT SIGNED BY THE LAND OWNER. THE EASEMENT WILL BE RECORDED WITH MOHAVE COUNTY LATER THIS MONTH.

**b) POWER LINE ENGINEERING RFP**

THE BOARD WAS INFORMED THAT THE RFP FOR THE POWER LINE ENGINEERING WAS ISSUED EARLIER THIS MONTH AND THAT 2 PROMISING RESPONSES HAD BEEN RECEIVED. THE BID PROPOSALS WILL BE REVIEWED IN DETAIL AND DISCUSSED AT NEXT BOARD MEETING

**c) UNES IMPACT STUDY**

STILL AWAITING STUDY RESULTS FROM UNES

**d) USDA/RUS FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

PART OF THE GRANT COVENANT FROM THE USDA REQUIRES THAT THEY CONDUCT THEIR OWN ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW. =THE BOARD WAS PROVIDED WITH THE DOCUMENT FROM THE USDA SUPPORTING THEIR FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT.

**9. OPEN**

**10. WAPA RELATED**

**a) MARKET POWER – FORWARDS**

THE BOARD REVIEWED POWER MARKET FORWARDS

**b) MEETING WITH CRSP/WAPA**

WORK CONTINUES ON TRYING TO SECURE A MEETING WITH WAPA-COUNCIL-HTUA – IN PEACH SPRINGS

**c) BOLDER CANYON PROJECT -10 YEAR BUDGET**

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THE BOARD REVIEWED A DOCUMENT FROM WAPA REGARDING THE BOULDER CANYON PROJECT 10 YEAR PLAN

**11. MOHAVE ELECTRIC**

NOTHING TO REPORT

**12. OTHER**

- a) TRIBAL COUNCIL ITEMS –KEVIN
- b) WN STRATEGIES LLC PRESENTATION

THE BOARD REVIEWED A PROPOSAL FOR A LARGE (640-1,280 ACRE) SOLAR PROJECT ON TRIBAL LAND IN RED LAKE. THE PROPOSAL WILL BE PRESENTED TO COUNCIL BY MR. DAVIDSON. THE COUNCIL MAY CHOOSE TO HEAR THE DEVELOPERS PLANS FOR FEE OR NO FEE OR NOT ALL. THE LOCATION OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT MAY OFFER HTUA AND THE TRIBE ACCESS TO THE HIGHER VOLTAGE TRANSMISSION GRID AT AN ECONOMIC PRICE POINT.

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

NEXT MEETING DATE SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 1, 2022

**14. ADJOURN**

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:00 AM