

Hualapai Tribal Utility Authority Board Meeting Minutes
September 25, 2019 @ 9:00AM
Hualapai Health and Wellness Center



1. Call to order

The Meeting was called to order at 9:15 AM.

2. Roll Call

Board Members

Charlie Vaughn, Chairman -- Present

Joe Montana, Vice Chairman -- Present

Lana Keller Robinett, Secretary --Present via phone

Jason Davis, Treasurer -- Present

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. Revised July 24, 2019

Motion to approve minutes By Mr. Montana second by Mr. Davis vote (4-0-1).

b. August 28, 2019 --Regular August Board Meeting

Motion to approve minutes By Mr. Davis second by Mr. Vaughn vote (4-0-1).

c. Special Board Meeting- Solar RFP Review

Motion to approve minutes By Mr. Montana second by Ms. Keller Robinett vote (4-0-1).

4. Approval of Invoices

a. BBC Consulting --General Manager Services-

Motion to approve BBC Consulting/General Manager services invoice of \$8,098.7 By Mr. Montana second by Mr. Davis vote (5-0).

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b. Tierra Right Of Way -Environmental Assessment

Motion to approve Tierra Right of Way Environmental services invoice of \$5,806.88 By Mr. Montana second by Ms. Keller Robinett vote (5-0).

5. Manager's Report

Mr. Cyr then presented the Managers Report and discussed the following items.

➤ **Solar Option for GCW Power Supply**

Work related to the Solar RFP was front and center again this this month. The following activities surrounding this power supply option included.

- RFP Special Board meeting
- Special Board Meeting with Individual Presentations

➤ **Environmental Assessment for Power Line to Grand Canyon West**

- Multiple calls emails with Tierra to accelerate draft EA
- Meeting with BLM Staff in Field to review mining claims and other alignment issues
- Meet with BLM in Kingman office to discuss status and completion date for BLM / environmental work

➤ **High Speed Wireless Internet Deployment –Peach Spring**

- No Activity this month

➤ **2019 Budget Expenditures to Date --2020 Budget continued discussion**

- 2019 Budget expenditures to date including September invoices will be presented to the Board at the September meeting.
- 2020 Draft Budget—2 versions, one for solar option and one for power line option

➤ **Hualapai Council / HTUA Joint Meeting Presentation**

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6. Hualapai Council/HTUA Joint Meeting

- a. Letter requesting joint meeting
- b. Draft joint meeting presentation

The Board reviewed the request letter and proposed Agenda for a joint meeting with the Hualapai Council. The purpose of the meeting is to obtain direction from the Council on how they would like to proceed with power supply options for GCW. With additional direction from the Council, HTUA will be able to prepare a 2020 budget proposal that is consistent with Hualapai Council direction.

The joint meeting will occur immediately after this meeting at 1:00 PM in Council Chambers.

7. Solar RFP-General Update

Mr. Cyr and Mr. Davidson informed the Board that no further activity had taken place with the Solar RFP. Depending on Council direction the solar option RFP may have to be revised.

8. Proposed Power Line to Grand Canyon West

- a. BLM Related
 - i. BLM Related Activities Update

Board was briefed on BLM related activity related to approving the Power Line ROW. During the last month emails and phone calls were exchanged with the BLM. In addition, Mr. Cyr and Mr. Davidson traveled to the BLM office and met directly with the BLM lead Andy Whitefield. BLM provided a loose commitment to have their work done by the middle of December 2019.

Additionally Mr. Cyr and Mr. Davidson met with BLM staff in the field to resolve transmission routing issues around the recently discovered mining claims and to resolve other issues regarding the location of the proposed right of way in relation to existing roads. The visual impact of tall structures in Hells Canyon was also addressed.

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b. NEPA/ Environmental/Cultural/Biological

- i. General Update
- ii. Tierra ROW Change Order---Mining Claims/ROW Alignment

As a result of requested changes to the ROW route additional survey Tierra will need to do additional ROW surveying. The additional survey work will focus on routes that will by-pass recently identified mining claims and to more closely align ROW with existing roads.

Motion to approve change order of \$29,434 minutes By Mr. Vaughn second by Mr. Majenty vote (5-0).

iii. Draft EA?

A working draft EA was provided in the Board package. The EA will be revised as necessary with an expected completion date of late December or early first quarter 2020.

c. Tucson Electric Power System Impact Study Dolan Springs to Grand Canyon West
i. Facility Study

Awaiting study funding of \$1,000,000.

d. Financing—Letter requesting extension for USDA \$1.9 million grant

The Board reviewed a letter from Mr. Davidson to the USDA requesting an extension for the \$1.9 million grant. In support of that request Tierra provided an EA time line for review by the USDA.

9. Budget

a. Year to Date

The Board reviewed budget expenditures to date.

b. Finance Director Budget Request

The Board reviewed a letter from the Hualapai Finance Director that provides direction for submitting the 2020 budget proposals.

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- c. Draft 2020 Budget Request
 - i. Power Line
 - ii. Solar

The Board reviewed two competing budget proposals ---one with a solar option and one with a power line option. The joint meeting scheduled with the Hualapai Council should provide the necessary direction to complete the final 2020 budget proposal.

10. Federal Hydro Power/ WAPA/Other Power related

- a. Federal Register Notice; Power Repayment Study,2020Fonal Billing Summary

The Board reviewed the Federal register notice. This notice has no significant impact to HTUA.

11. Arizona Tribal Energy Association (ATEA) Quarterly Call

- a. Southwest Power Pool
- b. Generation and Transmission Resource Cost Update -2019

The Board was briefed on the ATEA quarterly call. The two handouts described in a and b above were also provided to the Board for their review.

*** Mr. Vaughn left the meeting at this point due to the unexpected passing of a family member. Knowing the recently deceased member, Mr. Majenty spoke of the outstanding character and offered his condolences to Mr. Vaughn and his family.

12. Other Matters

- a. Update on tribal council actions – Kevin

Mr. Davidson informed the Board that the playground had been approved by the Council

- b. AT&T fiber optic easement and status of negotiation – update – Kevin

Mr. Davidson informed the Board that a NDA had yet to be executed but that that a firm had been retained to perform an appraisal of value on the subject ROW.

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c. Announcements

13. Set time and location for next meeting

Next meeting was scheduled for October 23rd at 9 AM at the Health and Wellness center.

14. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 11:25 AM By Mr. Montana second by Mr. Davis vote (4-0).