



**HUALAPAI TRIBAL UTILITY AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**SEPTEMBER 22, 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

SECRETARY - LANA KELLER ROBINETT- PRESENT VIA PHONE

TREASURER - JASON DAVIS-PRESENT VIA TELEPHONE

RORY MAJENTY – ABSENT

***SUPPORT PERSONNEL AND GUEST(s)***

BILL CYR, GENERAL MANAGER

KEVIN DAVIDSON, PLANNING DIRECTOR

**3. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES**

a) AUGUST 25, 2022

Motion to approve August 25, 2022, Board meeting minutes – by Mr. Davis, second by Mr. Montana vote (3-0-0).

**4. APPROVAL OF INVOICES**

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

MOTION TO APPROVE BBC CONSULTING INVOICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,993.40 BY Mr. Montana second by Mr. Davis, vote (3-0-0)

**5. FINANCIAL REVIEW OF HTUA BUDGET / EXPENSES YEAR TO DATE**

THE BOARD REVIEWED THE EXPENDITURES TO DATE

**7. HTUA BOARD VACANCY**

MR. DAVIDSON REPORTED THAT THE ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE BOARD VACANCY PRODUCED NO APPLICANTS. HE WILL HAVE THE ANNOUNCEMENT REPOSTED

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- 8. GCW SOLAR –PROJECT UPDATE**
- a) GENERAL UPDATE**
  - b) GROUND BREAKING EVENT IN OCTOBER**

**THE BOARD WAS UPDATED ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE PROJECT**

- THE BOARD WAS INFORMED THAT THE CONTRACTOR, SOLON, BID PROVIDED FOR A 6 FOOT FENCE –THE PERMIT ISSUED BY THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT WAS FOR AN 8 FOOT FENCE. THE COST TO UPGRADE TO AN 8 FOOT FENCE COULD BE AS HIGH AS AN ADDITIONAL \$105,000. MR. DAVIDSON WILL WORK WITH ALL PARTIES TO REDUCE OR ELIMINATE THE POTENTIAL OVER RUN AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD AT THE NEXT MEETING.
- JASON DAVIS WILL BE WORKING WITH MR. DAVIDSON ON COORDINATING A GROUND BREAKING EVENT –MAYBE ON OCTOBER 10TH, THE SAME DAY THAT THE CONTRACTOR WILL BE MOVING IN TO BEGIN THE SOLAR PANEL RACK INSTALL.

- 9. GCW POWERLINE**
- a) PRIVATE LANDOWNER ON NEEDED RIGHT-OF-WAY—UPDATE ON ONGOING NEGOTIATIONS**
  - b) POWER LINE ENGINEERING RFP**

THE BOARD WAS UPDATED ON THE WORK MR DAVIDSON HAS COMPLETED ON SECURING THE NECESSARY SECTION OF THE SO CALLED “BUTTER FLY”. ONE OF THE LANDOWNER HAS AGREED TO A RIGHT-OF-WAY GRANT AT A COST OF ZERO DOLLARS. (HTUA TO COVER LEGAL RECORDING COST AND SURVEY WORK)

FOR THE SECOND SECTION OF THE BUTTERFLY, THE OWNER WISHES TO DEVELOP THE PARCEL IN QUESTION INTO A 100 MW SOLAR POWER PLANT. THE BOARD WAS PROVIDED WITH A PROJECT OVERVIEW PROVIDED BY THE LAND OWNER/DEVELOPER. THE GENERAL CONSENSUS FROM THE BOARD WAS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PROJECT BUT IT MAY NOT BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE TRIBE, FOR MULTIPLE REASONS, TO PARTNER WITH OR GRANT POWERLINE ACCESS TO THE LANDOWNER / DEVELOPER.

**10. 2023 PRELIMINARY BUDGET DISCUSSION**

BRIEF DISCUSSION ON THE 2023 BUDGET RESULTED IN A BUDGET PREPARATION THAT WILL INCLUDE ADDITIONAL STAFFING FOR HTUA. MR CYR WILL HAVE DRAFT BUDGET READY FOR NEXT MEETING

**11. PRELIMINARY 2023 APA RELATED**

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**a) MARKET POWER – FORWARDS**

THE BOARD REVIEWED FUTURE POWER MARKET PURCHASED FORECASTED COSTS.

**12. MEC POWER OUTAGES/POWER QUALITY CONCERNS**

THE BOARD REVIEWED DOCUMENTS FROM MEC ON POWER OUTAGES IMPACTING THE HUALAPAI TRIBE THAT HAD OCCURRED IN THE PREVIOUS 30 DAYS

**13. OTHER**

**a) TRIBAL COUNCIL AND BROADBAND STUDY APPROVED**

MR. DAVIDSON REPORTED THAT THE COUNCIL HAD ACCEPTED THE COMPLETED BROADBAND STUDY

**b) MOHAVE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

HAND OUT REVIEWED BY BOARD FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LISTENING SESSION WITH MOHAVE COUNTY

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

NEXT MEETING DATE WAS SET FOR OCTOBER 27, 2023 AT THE HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER

**15. ADJOURN**

MEETING WAS CONCLUDED AT 11 AM