

Hualapai Tribal Utility Authority Board Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2018 @ 9:00AM

Large Conference Room Hualapai Health, Education and Wellness Dept



1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Joe Montana, Vice Chairman at 9:05 am.

2. **Roll Call**

Board Members

Charles Vaughn, Chairman - absent
Joe Montana, Vice Chairman - present
Jamie Navenma, Secretary - present via phone
Treasurer- Vacant
Rory Majenty- Present via phone

Support Personnel and Guest

Bill Cyr, General Manager, present
Kevin Davidson, Planning Director, present
Mike Jackson, IMEG , present via phone until item 5

3. **Review and Approve Minutes from August 17, 2018**

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and approved by the Board 3-0 on a motion by Rory Majenty with a second by Jamie Navenma.

4. **Proposed Power Line to Grand Canyon West**

a. **Status of power line survey**

The status of the power line survey was reviewed with the Board. In summary, no additional work on the survey was conducted due to new efforts focused on the Diamond Bar/Pierce Ferry route. The detailed review of this alternative route is being conducted at the request of the BLM office in Kingman.

b. Status of NEPA/ Environmental

The status of the NEPA/ Environmental work was reviewed with the Board. In summary, no additional work on the NEPA/Environmental was conducted due to new efforts focused on the Diamond Bar/Pierce Ferry route. The detailed review of this alternative route is being conducted at the request of the BLM office in Kingman.

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

The status of the Tucson Electric Power System Impact Study Dolan Springs to Grand Canyon West work was reviewed with the Board. Tucson has delayed study results until September 21, 2018.

d. Status Pierce Ferry/ Diamond Bar

- i. County right of way request
- ii. IMEG Work related to materials to be provided to county

The status of the data submittal to Mohave County regarding the new Pierce Ferry/Diamond Bar Route was presented to the Board. Specifically, the Board reviewed a memo from Steve Latoski of Mohave County detailing the nature of the information requested by the county. Kevin Davidson and Mike Jackson provided the Board with a copy of the requested data and went over the new routes:

- Width of ROW
- Pole height
- Approximate location of poles in ROW
- Estimated road crossings
- Difficult locations like narrow right-of-way through the Joshua Park subdivision and the technical concerns arising from crossing the 345 KV and 500 KV transmission lines

The Board directed Mr. Davidson and Mr. Cyr to seek approval and signature from the Hualapai Council chair before submitting any data request back to the county. The Board requested that any written correspondence be signed by the Hualapai Council Chair, Dr. Clarke and Mr. Cyr.

The Board entered into an off agenda discussion regarding a recent inquiry from Colin McBeath the new CEO of the Grand Canyon Resort Corporation regarding the use of solar at Grand Canyon West as a more cost effective solution than a transmission line. Mr. Cyr and Mr. Davidson will keep the Board informed regarding this request. At this time little is known about the proposal so it is difficult to make any concrete conclusions but the Board was concerned about:

- What does the Hualapai Council want
- Reliability of the system
- Will batteries be large enough to survive through extended power outages or long periods of clouds
- System will be complex -who will service system
- Unlike a transmission line, it will be costly for the system to be expanded to meet expansion at Grand Canyon West

5. Financial

- a. 2018 Budget YTD, year-end forecast, Draft 2019 Budget

Draft 2019 budget was presented to the Board for initial review. A more complete budget will be prepared for the next HTUA Board meeting where it will be considered for approval by the HTUA Board.

6. Federal Hydro Power/WAPA/Other Power related

- a. New transmission rates CRSP

The Board reviewed correspondence from Department of Energy -CRSP regarding a new transmission rate.

- b. New BCP rate schedule—WAPA Presentation

The Board reviewed correspondence and a presentation from WAPA -regarding proposed rate changes to the base rate. The proposed 9 percent rate reduction should be in effect, if approved in January 2019.

- c. Pechanga request to assign Pechanga representatives to BCP committees

The Board reviewed a request from Pechanga that we appoint representatives from their organization to various BCP committees. After discussion, the Board decided not to recommend appointment of any representation from Pechanga.

7. Other Matters

- a. Update on tribal council actions (Kevin)

- b. AT&T fiber optic - update- Kevin

The Tribe will be looking into securing a grant to build the tower AT&T would need to mount their telecommunications equipment then the tribe would rent space on the tower to AT&T. The council is also looking for consultants experienced with determining lease value for ROW associated with the Fiber optic line crossing the reservation

- c. Replacement Board member Search

- i. Sheri YellowHawk

The Board reviewed an application from Sheri YellowHawk to serve as a HTUA Board member ---the Board decided to refer this request directly to Hualapai Chair Dr. Clarke for his input on how to proceed.

d. **Announcements**

Jamie Navenma announced his plans to resign from the HTUA Board. He will supply a written notice after today's meeting

8. **Set time and location for next meeting**

Next meeting date will be in the same location at 9:00 am on October 18, 2018

9. **Adjourn**