

Hualapai Tribal Utility Authority Board Meeting Board Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2018 @ 9:00AM

Large Conference Room Hualapai Health, Education and Wellness Dept



1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Charles Vaughn at 9:08

2. Roll Call

Board Members

Charles Vaughn, Chairman- present
Joe Montana, Vice Chairman- present
Secretary- Vacant
Treasurer- Vacant
Rory Majenty- via telephone

Support Personnel and Guest

Bill Cyr, General Manager
Kevin Davidson, Planning Director
Andy Whitefield -BLM For discussion regarding BLM transmission line route analysis only --- via telephone

3. Review and Approve Minutes from September 13, 2018

The minutes were approved 3-0 on a motion by Mr. Vaughn and a second by Mr. Montana

4. Proposed Power Line to Grand Canyon West

- a. Status of power line survey
- b. Status of NEPA/ Environmental

- Item a and item b were discussed in detail with the Board and with Andy Whitefield of the BLM. Andy explained that the BLM is interested in determining the feasibility of the Diamond Bar Pierce Ferry route becoming one of the routes (primary or alternative). Andy indicated that he had phone calls into groups that may have opposition to the Diamond Bar route such as the friends of the Joshua Tree Forest. Additionally, he and his staff are prepared to move forward with visual impact assessments for both the Pierce Ferry Diamond Bar route and the Tenney Ranch route. Chairman Vaughn reminded Andy that as a government agency the BLM has to also consider the United States Trust obligation to Native American Tribes. Specifically any decision regarding routes must also consider these Trust responsibilities in

addition to any other third parties concerns. To only consider environmental aspects of routes does not meet the government's Trust responsibilities back to the Hualapai Tribe. Andy indicated that he will look into this aspect of the route evaluation as his study work moves forward. Andy also indicated that the work he is performing will span many months perhaps not concluding until the third or 4th quarter next year. Andy then disconnected from the call in line and the Board meeting continued.

- c. Status Pierce Ferry/Diamond Bar
 - i. County right of way request letter
 - ii. Proposed agreement from county
 - iii. Comment from legal-Patrick Black

Discussion below covers i, ii, iii

The Board then discussed the recent proposal from the county that would allow the HTUA to utilize the existing ROW on the Pierce Ferry Road at no cost in exchange for the Hualapai Tribe taking over the responsibility of the maintenance on the Diamond Bar Road. The Board agreed that such a decision was one that would have to be made by the Hualapai council and not by the HTUA Board.

Kevin and Bill discussed legal review that Patrick Black has performed on the proposed agreement from the county. In addition they explained to the Board that they are in close consultation with Phil Wisely the Public Services Director for the Hualapai Tribe. They will both continue to monitor the developments regarding the proposed exchange of services for the responsibility of maintaining the Diamond Bar Road but recognize that Phil and others will need to take the lead in this area. All three items listed below we discussed in detail with the Board.

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

Mr. Cyr informed the Board that the interconnection study results were still not available. He also informed the Board that Uni-Source Tucson Electric will be conducting further study work that will require a \$50,000 deposit. This study work will be directed at determining final design and the costs of the specific equipment for the interconnection and the labor associated with installing said equipment to facilitate the interconnection.

5. Financial 2019 Budget proposal

- a. Budget letter request from Hualapai Council---Wanda

The Board reviewed the 2019 Budget request letter from Wanda Easter. 2019 Budget request are due by October 22, 2018.

- b. 2019 HTUA Budget request -Handout

The 2019 Budget request proposal was presented to the HTUA Board for consideration.. Various items were discussed with a primary focus on the impact BLM will have on the project schedule. The project may not move forward quickly until BLM finalizes its preferred route. We are at the point with BLM for them to conduct visual impact assessment on poles and how they blend or do not blend into existing environment.

After the discussion the Board approved a motion (3-0) recommending the 2019 Budget amount of \$899,899 for approval by the Hualapai Tribe with the motion being made by Mr. Vaughn and a second by Mr. Montana.

6. Federal Hydro Power/ WAPA/Other Power related

The Board then reviewed various pieces of correspondence related to the Boulder Canyon Project associated with the Hualapai's hydro allocation.

- a. BCP public information request
b. BCP monthly Newsletter
c. BCP 10 year plan

7. Other Matters

- a. Update on tribal council actions (Kevin)

Kevin reported that he had not attended any recent Tribal Council meetings so he had nothing to report on.

- b. AT&T fiber optic easement and review of draft RFP - update- Kevin

Kevin briefed the Board on a request for proposal he is working on. The RFP is for assistance in negotiating the terms of a ROW renewal associated with the existing fiber optic cable that crosses certain locations of the Hualapai reservation. He informed the Board that the RFP would be going out in the next week or so.

c. Replacement Board member Search

i. Board member resignation

The Board discussed the recent resignation of a Board member and the lack of progress of attracting any qualified applicants. Existing Board members will reach out to any potential candidates over the next month. The results of these efforts will be discussed at next Board meeting and a new direction for finding replacement Board members may be discussed at that time.

d. Announcements

i. Arizona Tribal Energy Association - meeting Notice

The Board reviewed the upcoming ATEA meeting. Mr. Cyr indicated that he might attend but was uncertain at this time. No other Board member committed to attendance at this time.

8. Set time and location for next meeting

The next meeting date was set for November 15 at 9:00 am at the Room Hualapai Health, Education and Wellness center.

9. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was by Mr. Vaugh second by Mr. Montana. The Board voted 3-0 to adjourn.