

**Agenda for Hualapai Tribal Utility Authority Board Meeting
December 20, 2018 @ 9:00AM
Hualapai Health, Education and Wellness Dept Conference Room**



1. Call to Order – Meeting was called to order at 9:19am by Chairman Vaughn

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(s)

Bill Cyr, General Manager – joined meeting at approximately 10:00am – was at Tribal Council Budget Meeting

Kevin Davidson, Planning Director - Present

3. Review and Approve Minutes from November 15, 2018

The minutes were approved as written 3 – 0 on a motion by Mr. Majenty and second by Mr. Montana

4. Discussion with Friends of Joshua Tree – invited (tentative)

Board reviewed proposal by Friends of Joshua Tree to meet with BLM at the Kingman Field Office and agreed the Board should meet separately with them without the BLM staff present. The Board would like the HTUA to draft a formal request letter to Mr. Steffen to invite Friends of Joshua Tree to meet at another venue, possibly a restaurant in Meadview, Dolan Springs or Peach Springs.

5. Proposed Power Line to Grand Canyon West

a. Status of BLM work

Mr. Davidson updated the Board that the BLM has a new Archeologist and will be in the field in early January to establish the KOPs.

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b. Status of power line survey

- Discuss Diamond Bar maintenance cost

Mr. Davidson updated the Board on the issue surrounding the annual maintenance cost for the Diamond Bar Road. Mr. Cyr will contact Phil of the Public Works Department to obtain his estimate of what the maintenance costs would be.

- Discuss Clay Springs Alternative Route

Mr. Davidson updated the Board that the Clay Springs Alternative has been relegated to a simple Class I analysis (literature review) in the EA in favor of the Pierce Ferry/Diamond Bar route which has been elevated from a Class I to the Class III analysis.

c. Status of NEPA/ Environmental

BLM and Tierra Right-of Way will be out on both the Diamond Bar and Tenney Ranch Route, working on environmental reconnaissance as well as development of KOPs. We have also received a BIA Encroachment permit application which we will review prior to the next board meeting.

d. Status Pierce Ferry/Diamond Bar

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

Mr. Cyr briefed the Board that Tucson Electric has indicated that the study is not complete and they continue to work on the final report.

f. Status Final Transmission Line/Substation Design

*****At this juncture Mr. Cyr joined the meeting and presented the Board with a verbal presentation regarding the HTUA 2019 Budget. Mr. Cyr's presentation was based on information received at the Tribal Council meeting he had just left.**

Mr. Cyr informed the Board that the Tribal Council had only approved \$250,000 of the \$899,899 budgeted requested amount. Wanda will forward the final approved budget in the near future. The Council indicated that they reduced the requested amount to allow HTUA to spend additional time evaluating the merits of the following:

- Prioritization of HTUA serving different portions of the reservation
 - Peach Springs
 - Grand Canyon West
 - Water allocation pumping requirements

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- This prioritization will also include best route across the reservation
 - Primary feed from Dolan Springs
 - Primary feed from Round Valley substation
 - Primary feed from other WAPA substation
- For the above possible primary locations include alternative routes as well as potential for looped system.
- Evaluate the economics of the HTUA Electric Utility serving all electric requirements on the reservation
- Evaluate the economics of the HTUA Water Utility serving all water requirements on the reservation
- Evaluate the economics of the HTUA Wastewater Utility serving all wastewater requirements on the reservation
- Evaluate the economics of the HTUA Telecommunication Utility serving all telecommunications requirements on the reservation
- Final results will look at HTUA as a combined service provider for electric, water, wastewater, telecommunications

Mr. Cyr would prepare an outline for use at the next HTUA Board meeting so that a more detailed strategic plan outline can be created so that all the information can be collected, collated and analyzed to satisfy this new request from the Tribal Council.

Note: The Council did indicate that the one-line item approved as-is is the continuation of the contract for Mr. Cyr to continue as General Manager of HTUA.

g. Financing

6. Hualapai Tribal Utility Authority Presentation of 2018 Annual Report to Hualapai Tribal Council

The Board was provided with the subject presentation. Mr. Cyr informed the Board that the Annual Report was not approved, pending approval of the final budget for HTUA.

7. Federal Hydro Power/ WAPA/Other Power related

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The Board was informed that WAPA will be in attendance at the next meeting to discuss the CRSP Allocation. The Board was also provided information on a training session for Open Access Transmission Tariffs (OATT).

8. Other Matters

The Board was updated on the following items:

- a. Update on tribal council actions – Kevin
- b. AT&T fiber optic easement and status of RFP – update – Kevin
- c. Big Chino Valley Pumped Storage Project
- d. Arizona Tribal Energy Association (ATEA) Annual Meeting – January 23-24, 2019
- e. Mohave Electric Cooperative – Recent outages affecting Peach Springs
- f. Replacement Board Member Search
- g. Announcements

9. Set time and location for next meeting

Next meeting date was set for January 17, 2019 at 9:00am in the conference room at the Hualapai Health, Education and Wellness Center

10. Adjourn