



HUALAPAI TRIBAL UTILITY AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 2, 2021

WELLNESS CENTER

9:00 AM

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1. CALL TO ORDER

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN CHARLIE VAUGHN @ 9:20 AM

2. ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS

CHARLIE VAUGHN, CHAIRMAN – PRESENT

JOE MONTANA, VICE CHAIRMAN – PRESENT VIA PHONE (CALLED IN A 9:27 AM)

LANA KELLER ROBINETT, SECRETARY – PRESENT VIA PHONE (LEFT MEETING AT 9:41 AM)

JASON DAVIS, TREASURER PRESENT VIA PHONE

RORY MAJENTY – ABSENT

SUPPORT PERSONNEL AND GUEST(S)

BILL CYR, GENERAL MANAGER – PRESENT

KEVIN DAVIDSON, PLANNING DIRECTOR – PRESENT

3. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES

a) APRIL 20 BOARD MEETING

MOTION TO APPROVE APRIL 20, 2021 BOARD MEETING MINUTES WITH MINOR SPELLING CORRECTIONS BY MR. CHARLIE VAUGHN AND SECOND BY MR. JASON DAVIS (3-0-2)

b) JUNE 22 BOARD MEETING

MOTION TO APPROVE JUNE 22, 2021 BOARD MEETING MINUTES WITH MINOR SPELLING CORRECTIONS MR. CHARLIE VAUGHN AND SECOND BY MR. JASON DAVIS (3-0-2)

4. APPROVAL OF INVOICES

a) BBC CONSULTING – GENERAL MANAGER SERVICES

MOTION TO APPROVE INVOICE FOR BBC CONSULTING FEBRUARY THRU JUNE 2021 \$3,647.60 BY MS. LANA KELLER ROBINETT WITH A SECOND BY MR. JASON DAVIS (3-0-2)

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b) THIRD PARTY SOLAR PROJECT ESTIMATE – REIMBURSEMENT

MOTION TO APPROVE REIMBURSEMENT TO MR. KEVIN DAVIDSON \$895.00 FOR THE COST OF A THIRD PARTY ENGINEERING ESTIMATE OF THE PROPOSED SOLAR PROJECT AT GCW BY MR. JOE MONTANA AND SECOND BY MS. LANA KELLER ROBINETT (4-0-1)

5. MANAGER'S REPORT

THE GENERAL MANAGER UPDATED THE BOARD ON TRENDS IN POWER MARKET THAT, IN HIS OPINION, WILL RESULT IN HIGHER POWER COSTS IN THE FUTURE. MR. CYR HIGHLIGHTED THREE AREAS THAT WILL PRODUCE UPWARD PRICE PRESSURE ON THE FUTURE COST OF POWER. THE CONTINUED CLOSURE OF LARGE EXISTING FOSSIL-FUELED POWER PLANTS, THE IMPACT OF THE NEW GREEN DEAL AS IT PERTAINS TO SHIFTING TOWARDS RENEWABLE RESOURCES AND THE REDUCTION OF FEDERAL HYDRO RESOURCES DUE TO DROUGHT CONDITIONS IN THE GREATER SOUTHWEST REGION. MR. CYR ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERNS REGARDING A DEGRADATION IN THE RELIABILITY AND AVAILABILITY OF ELECTRICITY DUE TO THE NATURE OF RENEWABLE (SUN MUST SHINE AND WIND MUST BLOW) IN ADDITION TO THE LARGE BURDEN THAT WILL BE PLACED ON THE NATIONAL GRID AS IT TRIES TO SUPPLY THE INCREASING DEMANDS ON THE GRID DUE TO THE PHASE OUT OF FOSSIL FUEL VEHICLES. NEW VEHICLES WILL BE DEPENDENT ON THE NATIONAL GRID FOR THEIR FUEL SOURCE.

ONE BOARD MEMBER FELT STRONGLY THAT MR. CYR'S CONCERNS WERE CLOUDED BY BIAS AND NOT CONSISTENT WITH ADDRESSING GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE. WHILE ANOTHER BOARD MEMBER FELT THAT CONCERNS REGARDING RELIABILITY AND FUTURE COST OF POWER WERE IN THE REALM OF THE HTUA BOARD'S PREVIEW AND THAT THE HTUA BOARD SHOULD CONTINUE TO MONITOR CLOSELY THE DIRECTION OF FUTURE POWER MARKETS AND GRID RELIABILITY.

6. FINANCIAL REVIEW

THE BOARD THEN REVIEWED THE HTUA EXPENDITURES TO DATE

a) 2021 BUDGET REVIEW – EXPENDITURES TO DATE

7. RESERVED

8. GCW SOLAR - UPDATE

THE BOARD REVIEWED ITEMS 3 AND 4 BELOW AND A MOTION TO TABLE THE LAST TWO ITEMS TO PROVIDE THE BOARD WITH ADDITIONAL TIME TO REVIEW WAS MADE BY MR. CHARLIE VAUGHN WITH A SECOND BY MR. MONTANA (2-0-2)

- a) \$50,000 SOLAR PROJECT CONTRIBUTION—FREEPORT MCMORAN NATIVE AMERICAN PARTNERSHIP FUND-FREEPORT
- b) DOE UPDATE
- c) SOLON CONTRACT REVIEW / APPROVAL
- d) PROPOSED COUNCIL RESOLUTION

9. MOHAVE ELECTRIC UPDATE -

a) POWER OUTAGE 7/13/2021

THE BOARD REVIEWED A MEMO FROM MEC REGARDING THE POWER OUTAGE THAT OCCURRED ON 7/13/2021

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b) FRONTIER SERVICE INTERRUPTION –MEC RELATED

THE BOARD WAS INFORMED THAT A RECENT INTERRUPTION TO COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE IN PEACH SPRINGS WAS CAUSED BY FRONTIER AND NOT MEC. MR. DAVIDSON CONTINUES TO WORK WITH OTHER HUALAPAI DEPARTMENTS TO FULLY UNDERSTAND THE NATURE OF THE INTERRUPTION AND HOW FRONTIER WILL GUARD AGAINST RE-OCCURRENCES

c) BAD TRANSFORMER REPLACEMENT ALONG ROUTE 18

MR. DAVIDSON AND MR. CYR REPORTED TO THE BOARD THAT ONE OF THE THREE TRANSFORMERS SERVING THE WELL SITE IN THE AREA OF THE YOUTH CAMP WAS LEAKING. IT WAS RECOMMENDED TO THE BOARD TO RETAIN MEC FOR \$9,000 TO REMOVE AND REPLACE ALL THREE TRANSFORMERS –DISPOSING OF THE LEAKING ONE AND RETAINING THE TWO OTHERS AS SPARES. PAYMENT FOR THE REPLACEMENT WOULD BE PROVIDED THRU THE EXISTING HTUA BUDGET

MR. VAUGHN EXPRESSED CONCERNS REGARDING THE AGREEMENT THAT ASSIGNED THE OWNERSHIP OF THESE TRANSFORMERS DUE TO THE SPECIFIC LOCATION OF THE TRANSFORMERS. MR. VAUGHN FELT THAT THIS MATTER SHOULD BE REFERRED TO HUALAPAI COUNCIL FOR A DECISION.

10. PROPOSED POWER LINE TO GRAND CANYON WEST

a) BLM KINGMAN –STATUS OF ROW APPLICATION

MR. DAVIDSON REPORTED THAT THE BLM HAS RELEASED THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT TO THE FISH AND GAME & USDA FOR REVIEW. AFTER THEIR THIS REVIEW, THE EA WILL BE RELEASED TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC FOR FINAL COMMENTS.

b) UNES POWER LINE TO MEADVIEW

MR. DAVIDSON REPORTED ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW 69,000 VOLT POWER LINE ALONG PIERCE FERRY ROAD CONTINUING TO A NEW UNES SUBSTATION IN MEADVIEW. THE NEW POWER LINE COULD SERVE AS A SECONDARY TAP POINT FOR THE PROPOSED POWER LINE TO GCW.

11. FEDERAL HYDRO POWER/WAPA/OTHER POWER RELATED

THE BOARD REVIEWED THE RELATED INFORMATION INCLUDED IN THEIR BOARD PACKAGES

a) ARIZONA POWER AUTHORITY

- i. FEDERAL UPDATE
- ii. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR INDUSTRY UPDATE
- iii. STRATEGIC PLAN
- iv. MOODY'S RATING

b) WAPA

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- i. NEW WAPA CEO – TRACEY LEBEAU
 - ii. FUTURE ENERGY COSTS –PALO VERDE FORWARDS
 - iii. BOULDER CANYON PROJECT RATES FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICE
 - iv. CRSP CUSTOMER BROCHURE
 - v. COLORADO RIVER DROUGHT RELATED IMPACTS
- c) CLEAN ENERGY FUTURE – (BEGINNING OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW GREEN DEAL?)

12. OTHER MATTERS

- a) UPDATE ON TRIBAL COUNCIL ACTIONS – KEVIN
- b) AT&T FIBER OPTIC EASEMENT AND STATUS OF NEGOTIATION – KEVIN SAID THE FONSI FOR THE EA WAS SIGNED BY BIA ON AUGUST 19. THIS WILL ALLOW THE BIA, AT&T AND THE TRIBE TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS ON THE TERMS OF THE NEW GRANT OF EASEMENT.
- c) NREL- MIDWEST TRIBAL ENERGY ASSOCIATION
- d) ANNOUNCEMENTS

13. SET TIME AND LOCATION FOR NEXT MEETING

THE BOARD SET THE NEXT MEETING FOR SEPTEMBER 15, 2021, AT 9 AM IN THE HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER

14. ADJOURN

MOTION TO ADJOURN BY MR. CHARLIE VAUGHN SECOND BY MR. JOE MONTANA (3-0-2) THE BOARD MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 10:50 AM.