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HOPI CALENDAR

Kwiyamuyaw
(April)

The Windbreaker
Moon

- Apr Kwiyamuyaw
- May Hakitonmuyaw
- Jun Woko'uyis
- July Tala'Kyelmuyaw
- Aug Tala'Paamuyaw
- Sep Nasanmuyaw
- Oct Angakmuyaw
- Nov TömöKyelmuyaw
- Dec Kyaamuyaw
- Jan Tömö'Paamuyaw
- Feb Powamuyaw
- Mar Ösömuayaw

THIS MONTH IN HOPI HISTORY

- 1834: Rocky Mountain Fur Company trappers kill 15-20 Hopis
- 1837: Massive Navajo attack on Orayvi
- 1862-1863: Three Hopi travel to Salt Lake City to appeal for aid against the Navajos
- 1891: Orayvi Warriors declared war on U.S. Cavalry

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First Mesa Consolidated Villages Office Makes Progress In Flood and Erosion Mitigation Efforts



Debris built-up under east Polacca Bridge, after the snow and rains in March

By: Wilber Kaye
Staff Assistant, First Mesa Consolidated Villages

On April 4, the First Mesa Consolidated Villages (FMCV) met with the Navajo County District II Board of Supervisors, members of the Navajo County Department of Public Works, Navajo County Sheriff's Office, Navajo County Emergency Management, the Arizona State Transportation Board, and the Arizona Department of Transportation.

The meeting focused on three aspects of the Polacca Wash flooding and Polacca Bridge: 1) Request for resources 2) Intermediate functional and practical mitigation recommendations and 3) Sponsorship/Support in funding allocations. The meeting yielded positive results in support and in recommendations for FMCV to follow up on.

FMCV was able to secure the assistance of the Navajo County Sheriff's Office drone equipment and equipment operator. Our goal is to begin comprehensive aerial documentation of the Polacca flood plain, Polacca Wash, homes, and drainage systems. This may extend to the documentation of the First Mesa sandstone erosion study. The public satellite imagery available is dated and lacks specific detail.

FMCV has requested from the Hopi Department of Transportation (HDOT) for maintenance and cleaning of the concrete drainage channels throughout Polacca. The request includes sediment and debris removal and maintenance and repair of gabi-

ons. This should help to eliminate overflow, flooding and the creation of new channels in the community.

Myron Ami, Consultant to FMCV, initiated contact with the Program Officer & Tribal Liaison for the United States Geological Survey (USGS) Southwest Region in our efforts to address the First Mesa erosion crisis. After a meeting with the Southwest Regional officer, an Associate Program Coordinator for Landslide Hazards requested a site visit for initial assessments. The date for the site visit has yet to be determined. An update will be forthcoming. Progress has been gradual, but we will continue to move toward mitigation solutions. **More Photos on P8**

The Adopt-A-Highway Clean-up in Remembrance of Ambrose "Moe" Siquah is Scheduled for April 16, 2023, 9am. Location to meet: Highway 264, mile post 395 to 396.

Hopi Tribe Pandemic Recovery Committee Reports Progress to Hopi People

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Kykotsmovi, AZ —March 9, 2023

The Hopi Tribe Pandemic Recovery Committee (HTPRC) is pleased to announce progress in deploying the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) on behalf of the Hopi People.

The Committee has begun soliciting initial applications from Villages or other entities that propose to undertake projects using the Fund. The Committee is in the process of developing a template for detailed project plans so that project sponsors will have a road map to ensure that their projects are completed on time.

If you are a small business owner who has experienced hardships due to the Pandemic, please be aware that the above application is not for you. The Committee is discussing how best to provide assistance to

small businesses in compliance with Treasury Guidelines. The Committee hopes to make an announcement in the near future.

Finally, the Committee is scheduled to appear before the Tribal Council later this month. The Committee is taking steps towards requesting Council to allow on-line applications for hardship assistance programs such as GWEAP, small business assistance or other programs down the road."

Applications can be obtained on <https://www.hopi-nsn.gov/hopi-tribe-pandemic-recovery-committee/> or by contacting Racheal Povatah, HTPRC Secretary @ 928.734.3392 or RPovatah@hopi.nsn.us or Mark Talayumptewa at Mark.csa@kykotsmovi.com. ###

Public Meeting Notice April 12, 2023, 6-8pm First Mesa Elementary Sch

This is an informational meeting, but important presentation, regarding the mitigation efforts of the Polacca Wash Flooding and First Mesa Erosion crisis.

Homeowners along the wash and all community members are encouraged to attend, become involved to make recommendations, voice your concerns and help make this project become attainable. Your positive, constructive input would be greatly appreciated.

All our village members' input will be especially important as we seek federal funding which will come after the completion of a proposal. You will be updated during the planning process. Please call FMCV at 928-737-2670 for any questions or concerns.

MASKS WILL BE REQUIRED!

Hopi Tribal Council Report—March 2023

By: Councilman Wallace Youvella, Jr.
Representing the First Mesa Consolidated Villages

Hopi Tribal Council:

- There are two (2) Action Item/Resolutions that I would like to make note of. The first is Action Item #031-2023 which was to approve the Hopi Tribe Pandemic Recovery Committee By-Laws which was TABLED. In reference to the problems that were encountered by the efficiency of the CARES Committee, there is much discussion surrounding transparency, availability of information, quorum matters, and consistency with the Resolution that developed the HTPRC as well as other issues. The Action Item will be revisited in April.
- Action Item #028-2023 is to amend the Procurement Policy to provide flexibility for the Hopi Tribe Pandemic Recovery Committee to utilize the American Rescue Plan Act funds. A main focal point is that the usual Procurement Policy of a \$60,000 threshold of allowed purchases, prior to Hopi Tribal Council approval, is proposed to be raised to \$250,000. This will allow for more expenses to be vetted by the HTPRC and not have to await Hopi Tribal Council approval. This temporary allowance is for ARPA purchases only. The Action Item was approved.

Gaming Committee:

New Officers were elected:
Gaming Chair – Rep. Arthur Batala of Mishongnovi
Gaming Vice Chair – Rep. Dwayne Secakuku of Bacavi

Investment Oversight Standing Committee:

- Discussions with the Moenkopi Developers Corporation, regarding their loan afforded by the Hopi Tribe, was completed on Feb. 28th. MDC is prepared to make a presentation to Hopi Tribal Council in April, regarding their proposal to reconstruct the loan payment schedule. The IOSC's recommendation is to have the current agreed upon payment schedule remain in place.
- Draft of the Hopi Investment Policy was presented to the Hopi Tribal Council and well received. The draft includes subtle amendments that would allow for more versatile investing and options while maintaining a conservative approach to Hopi Tribal investment funds. After reviewing the entire document, there were no recommended changes by Hopi Tribal Council. The Investment Oversight Standing Committee will have an Action Item/Resolution presented to Hopi Tribal Council in April or May for formal approval. The IOSC would like to thank our financial partners at Rockefeller for their guidance and input.
- The IOSC will be reaching out to the Hopi Tribe Economic Development Corporation (HTEDC) for a biannual meeting, in May, to review financial reports and documents.
- A Tax Code was presented to the IOSC for review and possible action. However, the Tax Code was initiated by the Hopi Tribe Economic Board and the IOSC redirected the

proposed Tax Code back to the Economic Board.

- The subcommittee that has been tasked with a Walpi Housing Management Agreement will be presenting their Action Item/Resolution in April. In 2022, the HTEDC submitted an Action Item/Resolution to release the HTEDC from any management responsibilities of Walpi Housing, however that was defeated in Hopi Tribal Council. The subcommittee's Action Item calls for a short term management agreement of three (3) years so as to allow for reviews, assessments and amendments.

Transportation Task Team:

- The Northern Arizona Council of Governments, (NACOG), is scheduling traffic counts to take place for the purpose/s of crash data, and roadway conditions on Hopi. This collection of information is crucial in the event there is opportunity for funding. Another is working with NACOG on applications that could be submitted for a Bipartisan Infrastructure Legislation (BIL) safety fund with assistance of NACOG to address safety issues/concerns for which a meeting is scheduled for May.
- The initiative to establish an interest bearing account for HDOT funds is being re-addressed. The Treasurer and Finance Departments are being asked to assist with accomplishing this task. Interest earned would be the responsibility of the Hopi Tribe, however it is hoped that HDOT would be afforded a percentage to help address shortfalls in the program.
- HIR 2 (12) Kachina Point (AKA Leupp) Road project will be in the process to move towards construction for next 2023 construction season.
- HIR 20(1) Mission Road & HIR 10 (1) Spider Springs projects, draft ROW Tribal Resolutions have been forwarded to Tribal Realty for review. The Plans, Specification, and Estimates (PS&E) completed by Western Regional Office was received. It is hoped that Tribal Realty office is able to move expeditiously with their review.
- HIR 60(1) Upper Polacca Road, will need to be worked on for the completion of a ROW with the Navajo Tribe, Navajo County, and Hopi Tribe.
- It was discussed at length that ALL roads on the Hopi Tribe's approved Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan (TTIP) must be automatically supported by Hopi Leadership. In the recent past, Action Items to support road projects have been presented to Hopi Tribal Council but, have already been approved by the Hopi Tribal Council, via the Hopi TTIP. This extra step is just more bureaucratic red tape that hinders the process. It was also noted that all roads on the Hopi TTIP are of priority and that if a project needs to be of higher priority, it needs to be first discussed with the Transportation Task Team, then reported to Hopi Tribal Council, which is not currently being done. (*Cont'd across*)

Hopi Tribal Council Report

By: Councilman Albert T. Siquah
Representing the First Mesa Consolidated Villages

Hopi Housing Authority

The Board of commissioners has been diligently working on updating the *Ordinance Establishing the Hopi Tribal Housing Authority, Ordinance 15* (as amended by Resolution No. H-22-77).

After months of work, Action Item# 23-2023 to Approve Amended Ordinance 15 was addressed and approved by the Tribal Council on Tuesday, March 21, 2023.

The amendment was to:

- Update the document: due to Legal Changes since 1966, such as U.S. passage of Indian Civil Rights Act and NAHSADA.
- Formatting: Reformat to be consistent with the Office of General Counsel's recommended format.
- Definitions: Adds important definitions on income eligibility for services (per HUD rules) and familial conflicts.
- Appointment: Vests Board Appointment power in BOC, with initial recommendations to BOC made by panel of HTHA manager, Executive Director and one BOC member.
- Quorum: Clarifies what constitutes a quorum.
- Sovereignty & Sovereign Immunity: Clarifies and reinforces HTHA and Tribe's Sovereignty and sovereign immunity from suit.
- Conflicts: Clarifies conflicts of interest.
- I thank, the Hopi Housing Authority Interim Board of Commissioners, Executive Director, HHA staff, HHA Attorney, Hopi Tribe General Counsel & Staff, and the staff of the Hopi Tribal Chairman & Vice Chairman's for their input into this effort.

Health and Education

The Hopi Board of Education continues to move forward on the establishment of the Hopi School System. The present date for the transition to the system is July 2023. Presently the Board is working on the following areas:

- RFP for an Attorney
- RFP for Banking Services
- Hopi School System Chief School Administrator
- Finance Director
- School Auditing 101
- Attendance Area policies (Keams Canyon and Moenkopi schools)
- HSS Patents, Families and Community Policies and Procedures
- HSS Students Policies And Procedures

Reminder: The HBE conducts Monthly Public Meetings via Zoom which allow public and parents to join via Zoom.

Law and Order

I am now a member of the Law and Order Committee of the Hopi Tribe.

Most recently, we interviewed a candidate for the position of Chief Prosecutor for the Hopi Tribe.

The interview was held and an Action Item has been submitted to the Tribal Council to offer a contract for the position.

HTC Report Cont'd—W. Youvella Report

- It was emphasized that the Transportation Task Team needs to become more aggressive in attending meetings at the State and Federal level to voice Hopi's need for more transportation funding and support of projects. Meetings with NACOG, Arizona Dept., of Transportation (ADOT), and others, need to be well attended. Chair Honanie suggested that in the future, all members may be responsible for attending various assigned meetings.

The next Hopi/Navajo Partnership meeting will be held in Albuquerque in April. The next NACOG meeting will be on April 5, 2023.

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Violation of the Hopi Tribal Council re: HAMP Water Project

By: **Ivan L. Sidney, Village Administrator**
First Mesa Consolidated Villages

The current discussion on the proposed "Water Use Agreement" by the Hopi Utility Corporation Inc. is at a standstill. The proposed agreement estimated each household's monthly water to be above \$90.00 per month. Our office has been from the onset, at meetings with HUC requested copies of documents to substantiate the water purchase cost to operate the newly constructed water system constructed on First Mesa lands. We do know that the water system operators' salaries are well over \$60,000 per year. Our Kikmongwi also instructed our office to be considerate for our people's income to afford high cost utilities.

Of importance was our continued requests for documents pertaining to the approval for use of village lands. It was only recently when a letter written by the Office of Real Estate revealed the Hopi Tribal Council based on the recommendation by its Deputy General Counsel, Ms. Amy Mignella and Legal At-

torney for HUC, Mr. Glen Feldman approved the entire rights-of-way for the HAMP project. This is not only a violation of our traditional and religious ownership of our village lands but also violation of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Hopi Tribe, approved by the Secretary of the Interior in 1936.

Apparently, a new federal law allows for Tribal Governments approval for certain tribal constructions, but our self-government requires the Hopi Tribal Council to provide a full disclosure to our Village Clan Leaders prior to approval. Included is the explanation from the BIA for this deviation from the Constitution. The question today, has the Hopi Tribal Council now provided itself with authority over village lands? It is obvious the Hopi Tribal Council violated its constitution.

This suffices the prediction of our past leaders that the purpose of the constitution was to assimilate our self-governments and with the use of our

people and Tribal Council. Our Kikmongwi and traditional leaders must now discuss this violation and discuss the course of action to protect its religious authorities at the current hands of the Chairman and Tribal Council. Until a directive from our Kikmongwi, we must wait and only recommend the non-approval of the water agreement.

Attached is a letter to the President of the United States on February 18, 2021 reporting the violations of our tribal government. It is no surprise; our letter deserved no response from BIA, with the Secretary of Interior. According to a letter from the President, he was assigning this to the Department of Interior. Today, this non-response has continued the encroachment of our traditional self-government by the Hopi Tribal Council to eliminate our village government to become the sole authority of the Hopi People.

Letter to U.S. President Joe Biden re: Government-to-Government Relationship

February 18, 2021

The Honorable President Joe Biden
 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
 The White House
 Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We are one of the Hopi Pueblo Villages located on the Hopi Indian Reservation in Northeastern Arizona where we migrated and lived since time immemorial. Our village continues to remain under our traditional government according to the Constitution and By-laws of the Hopi Tribe. On behalf of our Traditional and Religious Leaders, this letter pertains to our plea to you for your immediate intervention to have the United States Government comply with its trust responsibility and authority to enforce compliance of the said constitution approved by the Secretary of the Interior in 1936. We are now at the verge of the genocide of our traditional and religious government by acts of the Hopi Tribal Government.

After the Congressional enactment of the 1934 Indian Reorganization Act, on behalf of the United States government, Emissary Oliver LaFarge was dispatched to the pueblos of New Mexico and the Hopi pueblo villages to implement tribal constitutions that provided for the creation of a tribal council form of government while simultaneously protecting the traditional governing systems that have governed from time immemorial. The paternal policy of the United States was the termination of federal supervision of Indian affairs to attain the goal of a state of cultural, economic, and social assimilation and acculturation. The destruction and elimination of the history, culture, language, traditions, and religious beliefs and practices of the Native people was the easy way to get rid of the Indian problem without terminating treaties.

The United States government has a special political and trust relationship with each of the Hopi pueblo villages and each of the New Mexico pueblos. The government-to-government relationship encompasses the political relationship between sovereigns and a working relationship between the officials of those two sovereigns. The tribal constitutions created by the Department and foisted on the tribes is recognized by the United States Government as legal agreements between sovereign nations.

The Department of Interior defines recognition as a formal political act that permanently establishes a government-to-government relationship between the United States and each Hopi pueblo village as a 'domestic dependent nation' and imposes on the United States government a fiduciary trust relationship to each member village as prescribed in its tribal constitution. Recognition is also a constitutive act which institutionalizes the village's sovereign status, along with all the powers of a government including establishing its own judiciary and other powers a government may choose to exercise.

The Hopi Constitution acknowledges each Hopi village has inherent sovereign authority over their village. First Mesa Consolidated Villages' traditional government, led by the Kikmongwi, has not been abrogated nor relinquished that authority to the modern tribal council form of government nor to the Bureau of Indian Affairs. When the Traditional Government of a Hopi village no longer has a traditional government, that village may choose to send representatives to the council after they gain the consensus of the people of the non-traditionally governed village to establish a village constitution detailing the rules for governance.

As in all governments, there are a few who may prefer a modern form of government. At one point a group of individuals attempted to take control of the First Mesa Consolidated Villages' Traditional governmental authorities; however, their effort failed by ruling of the Hopi Tribal Court. The dissident group filed an appeal before the courts

and lost. To eliminate future dissident groups from attempting to disrupt and destroy the governmental powers of the Kikmongwi, the court issued a permanent injunction for acts to overthrow the traditional government at First Mesa Consolidated Villages.

A Kikmongwi has the option to send representatives to the council form of government; however, the council form of government is prevented by the Hopi Constitution from selecting or seating tribal council representatives who conduct their own election process and declare themselves elected council representatives in defiance of the Kikmongwi. The Tribal Council violates the Hopi Constitution when they choose to seat so-called representatives claiming they represent the village but are unable to present the statement and signature of the Kikmongwi certifying the individuals.

The New Mexico pueblo village constitutions were created with similar sovereign authority over their respective villages, and like the Hopi, can choose to send representatives to the tribal pueblo council named the All-Indian Pueblo Council. The New Mexico pueblos historically operate independently, and government funding delivered to each pueblo specifically designed for the needs and population of each. Federal funding and assistance are not delivered to the All-Indian Pueblo Council for distribution to the pueblos. The New Mexico pueblo's tribal council does not have the authority to accept funding intended for the use of each pueblo. The New Mexico pueblo's tribal council cannot speak for the whole of the pueblo's nor for individual pueblos on any matter unless specifically directed to do so by each of the pueblo governors.

From time immemorial, the First Mesa Consolidated Villages have been governed by the Traditional government headed by a Chieftain known as the Kikmongwi. Unlike the United States government there is no separation between church and state. The Hopi Constitution upholds the right and authority of the traditional government and the courts have upheld the indisputable governing rights of the Traditional governments headed by the Kikmongwi of the First Mesa Consolidated Villages.

The first meeting of the Tribal Council at Hopi was organized by the Bureau of Indian Affairs without consultation with each Hopi village's traditional government. It was directed and called by the Bureau of Indian Affairs for the purpose of attaining a signature on leases that allowed the taking of coal and water from the lands of Hopi. The Tribal Council sat fallow for years until it was time again to extend a coal and water lease. The council was historically unable to attain quorum and function due to the lack of funding to operate its existence. Guided by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Council began keeping portions of the financial resources gained from coal and other leases to maintain and expand its existence.

First Mesa Consolidated Villages' Kikmongwi has historically notified the Bureau of Indian Affairs of its objections and insisted the Bureau exercise its trust responsibility to protect the sovereign rights of the traditional government all to no avail. Letters and requests from the Kikmongwi inviting the Bureau of Indian Affairs Hopi Agency Superintendent to meet with them, continue to be ignored. Letters questioning the allocation of tribal village funds First Mesa Consolidated Villages without the Kikmongwi's authority remained unanswered and unheeded. For the last twenty-four years, the First Mesa Consolidated Villages have been forced to survive without federal and tribal funding. Yet, the tribal and federal government daily benefits from the use of First Mesa Lands.

The government-to-government agreement between the United States and the First Mesa Consolidated Villages has been ignored by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. In April 1949 Oliver LaFarge the architect of the Hopi Constitution criticized the Bureau of Indian Affairs for its "ineffectual paternalism which holds the Indians back without assisting them" and cautioned officials against "meddling in tribal affairs, and

planned policy without Indian input." The views of Oliver LaFarge continue to exist and have become more prevalent on the Hopi Reservation.

Today, the First Mesa Consolidated Villages are inundated with the COVID-19 Virus. The U.S. Treasury Department allocated 92,996,823.39 dollars to the Hopi Tribe to address the needs of the Tribe. Of the \$92,996,823.39, the First Mesa Consolidated Villages were allocated \$44,673.64. On behalf of the Kikmongwi of the First Mesa Consolidated Villages, we ask the Honorable President of the United States and the United States Congress to conduct an investigation on the expenditure of these funds that are greatly needed at First Mesa. Daily we face a form of genocide through the allocation of funds to the tribal council. An example of the use of funds is the decision to purchase a modular police station 24 miles from any Hopi village at the cost of \$2,616,917.78. Approximately \$45,240,629.51 was spent on tribal projects and only \$21,843,876.63 was allocated to villages when funding amounts were based on Hopi populations at villages. This amount does not include federal funds allocated to Hopi Reservation through Indian Health Service and Indian Housing.

First Mesa needs funds to secure the First Mesa villages and lands from outsiders who may spread the contagion throughout the village. Our villagers need food and water delivered to their homes limiting exposure to the contagion. Our people need expanded health care that is currently limited by the Indian Health Services, Hopi Health Care Center which is an ambulatory care facility.

We ask that the Bureau of Indian Affairs conduct an audit on all the allocations of federal funds distributed to the Hopi tribal council for the benefit of our villages and to report the findings to our Kikmongwi and Traditional leaders.

We ask the resumption of direct funding to the Traditional Village government of the First Mesa Consolidated Villages so that the Kikmongwi can direct funding for prevention and care facilities for our Covid-19 victims.

We ask that the Bureau of Indian Affairs be brought into compliance with its trust responsibility to carry out its mandate to consult with the traditional leadership representing the three villages under its jurisdiction that include the villages of Walpi, Sichomovi and Tewa.

We ask that the Bureau of Indian Affairs follow the mandates of the Hopi Constitution and the mandates of the Courts recognizing the sovereignty and traditional leadership of the First Mesa Consolidated Villages traditional governance through its Kikmongwi over the three Hopi villages occupying lands under the jurisdiction and sovereign government of the Kikmongwi.

We ask for immediate and direct allocations of Cares funding in the amount of \$40 million dollars for the purpose of improving services delivery systems that supplies the largest number of businesses, schools, tribal and government buildings, and including services to the largest number of residents on the reservation. Especially, the immediate use in establishing prevention and other professional medical services needed by the occupants of First Mesa village lands to halt the further contamination and spread of the contagion to eliminate deaths, and destruction of the Hopi Way of Life.

The United States Government has a government-to-government relationship with the sovereign nation of the Hopi First Mesa Consolidated Villages and we respectfully request the Honorable President of the United States Joe Biden to acknowledge and meet with the First Mesa Traditional Leadership in recognition of their sovereignty and government-to-government relationship with the United States government.

We humbly remain.

Sincerely, Ivan Sidney, Village Administrator and on behalf of James M. Tewayguna, Kikmongwi

Hopi Tribal Council – Water/Energy Committee Meeting Report

By: Councilman Dale Siquah

Representing the First Mesa Consolidated Villages

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Update on Hart Ranch well projects – Fred Lomayesva/Chris Wolf/Dale Siquah
 - Resolution for Special Land Use Assignment was passed by HTC for well project
 - Outstanding issues are Prosperity Well pad and road require surveys from Culture Preservation Office CPO
 - There are three sites: Blue Bird, Sunshine, and Prosperity
 - Funding is in place for the project and work orders can be processed
 - Work cannot be completed until equipment is on site. Equipment is coming from California and is delayed due to weather.
- b. Status update on the Energy Policy– Dale Siquah/Fred Lomayesva
 - WEC had previous meetings on a Tribal Energy Policy. A tribal Energy Policy will help the tribal by directing the tribe to keep up with National and global energy technology. Representative Siquah suggest the meetings on a Tribal Energy Policy should continue in the future.
 - There is an old policy that needs updated. Ken L. from renewable energy department has a renewable energy policy
 - VC asked for copies of old business so he can get familiar with the issues.
 - Kendrick L. has a drafted renewable energy policy in 2018. Ken gave it to the ED at the time Daniel. He hung on to draft policy and he was going to incorporate into an overall energy policy. Ken was attempting to get his renewable energy policy approved by HTC but was waiting for Daniel's overall tribal energy policy which renewable would be a subsection.
 - Amy Mignella from OGC has copy of Ken L. renewable draft.
- c. Status on Section 40101 DGrant Action Item- Fletcher Wilkinson
 - Longer version name of the grant is “Preventing Outages Enhancing Resilience of the Electric Grid Formula Grant Program” it is under the Infrastructure Investment Jobs Act.
 - HUC/Mr. Wilkinson has authored an Action Item (AI) to apply for the funding. The AI was prepared in February and is going through the DSO process
 - The application deadline is March 31, 2023.
 - Under this grant a specific dollar amount is allocated to every federally recognized tribe and states for the years of 2022–2026. The first 2 years are around \$400,000. The funding levels are expected to increase in 2024-2026.
 - If any states and tribes do not apply for their funding under this grant their allocation will be placed back into a general pool where tribes that applied for the grant will be able to benefit from.
 - Allowable use of grant funds are electric infrastructure improvement, Repair or upgrade electric distribution lines, install new poles, install back up battery systems at key infrastructure sites. It cannot be used to install new electric generation. So we cannot use it to install solar power or diesel generators.
 - The funding is already allocated if we apply for it we will receive it. We will be assigned a grant officer Department of Energy (DOE). The grant officer will work with the tribe to submit project proposals to use the funding.
 - There is a cost match requirement. The Grant applicant has a 15% cost match for the projects.
 - The funding has to be sub awarded to an eligible utility which is currently serving electric customers. So HUC is ineligible.
 - An example project is Oraibi wants to install an electric line extension to power a well. Plan to use \$200,000 of this grant. Oraibi will be required to provide a 15% cost match.(\$30,000). APS will be the utility which the project will work with and APS is responsible for a 100% cost match of the project.
 - Ms. Rosa Honani asked if these grant monies are open to other villages as well. Mr. Wilkinson answered yes and stated that this gives HUC an opportunity to work with villages.
 - She also asked if the funds can be used for economic development to upgrade systems for villages. The purpose of the funds is to improve electric service.
 - Mr. Wilkinson expressed that electric service improvements are expensive and over the 5 year period the fund will provide about 1 million dollars. Project will need to be small.
 - Representative Siquah asked if there enough money to create a loop since Hopi power is at the end of APS line. When we lose power there is no opportunity to get power from another source. The answer is no, not enough funds. The loop poles, line and a substation cost was around 12 million dollars. HUC is still looking for a funding opportunity to create a loop system.
 - The Action Item for this proposed project is not on the HTC's agenda. To Mr. Wilkinson's knowledge the Action Item for this project has made it through the DSOS system. WEC commits to getting the AI and placed on the agenda by suspend the rules.
 - Update on Side Rock Micro Grid- Fletcher Wilkinson
 - HUC applied for a grant to provide the side rock project with a solar system that provides 400 KW and 1500 KW hours of battery storage. The grant includes power lines to connect the micro grid to the wells at Side Rock.
 - The purpose of the micro grid is to offset cost of diesel or natural gas for power used by generators. The micro grid is a more stable/reliable electric source for the well pumps and requires less maintenance.
 - Initial analysis shows the system saves around 7 million dollars over the 25 year life time of the project. It has enough power to power the wells.

- Design fits into the Special Land Use Assignment (SLUA) granted for the Side Rock Project.
 - The SLUA only allows for diesel and/or natural gas to power well pumps. The SLUA must be amended to allow solar/renewable energy on the site.
 - HUC is waiting on whether DOE awards the grant.
- e. Letter dated Nov. 3, 2022 received by W/EC 12/21/2022 to HTC from Michah Loma'omvaya, Office of Real Estate Services RE: Misrepresentation of ORES on review process of AI # 088-2020 – Fred Lomayesva/OCG
 - Office of General Counsel determined from federal regulation concerning Rights of Ways (ROW) across Indian reservations. OCG understood if a tribe is trying to provide ROW across the Indian reservation to themselves or a tribal owned entity a formal right of way is not required. It specifically excludes tribal enterprises or tribally owned utilities. So they developed another form which the council passed. It is not a formal right of way it is a type of internal ROW developed under the tribe's authority pursuant to the federal regulations. In many respects they followed similar process to the ROW process. General Council Lomayesva believes it was cleared with a description of the area.
 - OGC Lomayesva understands Office of Real Estate Services' (ORES) major objection is it had to be done through a ROW. OCG interpretation of the regulation is it is clear that it did not have to be an ROW.
 - Representative Siquah pointed out the portion of the letter where ORES contends that HUC and OGC created a new process named “Tribal Land Use Conformation and Access” for attaining a Right of Way/Grant of Easement on Hopi Lands.
 - ORES feels the new process does not meet general realty standards for professional utility infrastructure. ORES was told Ms. Mignella would provide a legal opinion on the tribal legal process and tribal authorization for a newly created process which ORES has not received as of date of the letter.
 - OCG asks for time to research if Ms. Mignella did provide to ORES the things mentioned in the above bullet before WEC's next meeting. Representative Siquah suggest that if OCG Lomayesva's research has provided him with an answer WEC can meet to hear OCG out on this issue. ORES will attend the discussion.
 - Representative Secakuku pointed out the letter is misdated it was written on Nov 3, 2020.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Request Approval of 2023 Expert Witness Contracts for DBS&A & for David Swanson– Thayne Lowe
 - HTC delegated authority for WEC to approve the annual witness contracts for the Little Colorado River (LCR) adjudication.
 - The only Hopi experts for the Navajo trial this year and to support settlement efforts are Daniel B. Stephens & Associates (DBS&A), and David Swanson.
 - DBS&A provides hydrological Technical and other technical water support
 - David Swanson provides testimony and other expert support regarding population demographics
 - WEC approved both contracts by motion and roll call vote
- b. Ratification of action taken on Cibola Leases at 1.5.2023 meeting– Dale Siquah
 - By motion and roll call vote WEC ratified the action taken by WEC and Land Commission (LC)
 - Action taken was WEC and LC directed Thayne Lowe and Fred Lomayesva to write a letter to Swan Farms & Red River Farms to give notice that the Hopi Tribe elects to terminate lease and write a letter to discontinue use of water.
- c. Presentation on Cibola Trip – Dale Siquah
 - OCG Fred Lomayesva, Outside Counsel Thayne Lowe, and Representative D. Siquah traveled to Parker AZ to meet with Colorado River Indian Tribe (CRIT) Chairwoman Amelia Flores, Vice Chairman Dwight Lomayesva and CRIT Farm manager Joshua Moore
 - We were welcomed by a dinner at Blue Water Casino where various Hopi CRIT members along with several tribal Council Representatives attended
 - VC Lomayesva hosted breakfast and Joshua Moore gave us a tour of the farms showing us several examples of fallowed land.
 - We met at the CRIT Farm office where Mr. J. Moore answered all written question provide by Thayne Lowe to WEC.
 - Mr. J. Moore then drove us to the Hopi Cibola Farms where Swan and Red River Farms lease our farm lands.
 - Representative D. Siquah wrote a letter thanking CRIT leadership and CRIT Farm Manager and invited Joshua Moore to Hopi to speak with WEC
 - WEC members wished the meeting was cancelled due to their inability to attend some for traditional reasons and several others were because of the snow which shut down the interstate
 - D. Siquah explained that he considered cancelling but thought it was more important to get questions answered to prepare Hopi for Bureau of Reclamations' engagement on our proposal to lease water to BOR to remain in Lake Mead for electric power generation.
 - The Hopi team discovered that there are issues we need to consider along with cost to fallow the land and that it may not be wise to lease all our water. CRIT Manager J. Moore affirmed cost of fallowing.
 - Thayne Lowe went over written question and wanted follow up with J. Moore
 - To Representative D. Siquah estimation the trip served its purpose by informing Hopi so they can understand issues of leasing water to BOR
- d. WEC to consider dates to propose to Mr. Joshua Moore to provide a Presentation to the committee.
 - No specific date were confirmed for visit.
 - WEC will reach out once thank you letter is sent

Next Meeting: April 19, 2023, 9:00 a.m.

Qatsi pas himu-u, Qatsi hi'kyai ta Life is Precious, Short and Valuable

By: Phillip R. Quchytewa, Sr
Kykotsmovi Village

On March 13, 2022, the Village of Kykotsmovi learned of a tragic incident involving a negligent homicide that occurred during the early morning hours outside the Hopi EMS Substation a few feet away from the Hopi Law Enforcement Services Building.

A resident member of Kykotsmovi and a former retired EMT employee, having served forty years, died outside the Hopi EMS Facility in attempt for medical help to keep himself alive due to respiration difficulty. No EMS personnel were present onsite to render medical assistance. The fact of the matter is the victim had called 911 for assistance from his home without anyone answering the first time, until he was out the door when 911 called back.

Apparently, the Radio Operator at the Hopi Law Enforcement Services is the only person on duty for the entire Hopi Reservation. Calls were made in attempts to have an ambulance dispatched. Instead of dispatching an ambulance, the Radio Operator instructed the victim and his spouse to transport him to the EMS facility, not knowing if the EMS personnel were available at the site.

Up to this date, the Hopi Tribe has been very silent and has not done its investigation into the negligent homicide. It is they that should be held responsible and accountable. No disciplinary action has been taken against those employees responsible. The real issue is that the former retired EMT deserved better and if the 911 system was adequately operating, the victim would have still been alive. The Hopi Law Enforcement were nowhere to be located until after the fact. Hopi Telecommunications, Inc. 911 needs improvement. Fact is the Hopi EMS' top management personnel has not contacted the victim's survivors of the exact cause of death. We know the Hopi Tribe will not admit to its mistakes since they have no shame and pity.

Several months ago, former Chief of Police Virgil Pinto, Chairman Nuvangyaoma and Vice Chairman Andrews came before the Village of Kykotsmovi in a public Meet and Greet meeting. At this particular gathering, the surviving victim of the alleged negligent homicide challenged the three individuals and questioned each one of them for an update report if any. A terrifying response by the Chief of Police that no investigation has been conducted and only to apologize to the victim survivor. As a retired police officer, alleged foul play requires an investigation. After hearing the Meet and Greet report, the audience broke down as it got very emotional.

It has been a year now and again nothing has been done and swept under the carpet. All cover ups must be revealed, disclosed and an honest report provided to the Hopi public. In the eyes of

many, what happened on March 13, 2022 is not a natural death. The death resulted due to negligence by the Hopi Tribe's first Line Emergency Response Personnel.

A year later, on February 1, 2023, a public service announcement appeared in the Hopi Tutuveni that the Hopi Law Enforcement Services continues to experience issues with the phone lines. Incoming calls from Cellular phones are not being received or connecting. This poor excuse is unacceptable and should not be tolerated. The Hopi Tribe should not be satisfied with the services we receive. The Hopi Tewa Sinom deserves the very best. Our Village members want justice due to negligent homicide. I doubt if a Police Reform will change anything. What is very disturbing is that there are absolutely no follow-ups in addressing all the registered complaints read into record by the Tribal Secretary from villages, employees, as well as outside entities. Most of the complaints are severe and need immediate action. It is evident that the Hopi Tribe lacks good quality leadership and accountability within the Executive and Legislative Branches of the Hopi Tribal Government.

On February 11, 2023, an incident occurred in the Village of Kykotsmovi where it was alleged that a resident member had a weapon and apparently shot off some rounds. Again the police were unable to locate the alleged suspect who was considered armed and dangerous. What is disturbing is that the incident took place in a residential area near the kivas where men inside had no idea their lives were in danger and Kykotsmovi Village was put on a lockdown for several hours. We can no longer place our trust in the Hopi Law Enforcement because they lack professional training and are non-Federal Commissioned Officers. Those individuals having the oversight responsibility over Departments and Programs including the Executive Branch and the Legislative Branch could be held liable and accountable for any Class Action Lawsuits in their individual capacity. Tort claims can be filed by victim (s) of negligent Homicide and/or wrongful deaths, "No one person is above the Law."

Continuing to the next incident, a Homicide murder was committed on the Hopi Indian Reservation in the vicinity of Polacca on or about August 10, 2021, and because of a sloppy investigation by the Hopi Police; the FBI Flagstaff office, the Hopi Tribal Prosecutors office and the Attorney General have declined to take the case. The fact is that the crime scene had been contaminated and tempered with. According to witnesses and the family of the murder victim, all the evidence had been removed and destroyed. As of this date, the alleged suspect has been released from the Navajo County De-

tention Facility and currently roaming the streets with no flyers out to warn the public of a killer. If this were to occur elsewhere Civil Rights Activists, News Media and lawyers will be storming for coverage on Civil Rights Violations. Chairman Timothy L. Nuvangyaoma and his Chief of Staff are aware of this tragedy. How much longer are we going to wait before Justice prevails? Members of the Tribal Council do have copies of all correspondences and complaints and are well aware of what needs to be done soon.

It is your duty and responsibility pursuant to the Hopi Constitution under ARTICLE-VI POWERS of the Tribal Council to exercise your authority to file charges against Timothy L. Nuvangyaoma for Serious Neglect of duty and ARTICLE V- VACANCIES AND REMOVAL FROM OFFICE, Section 2. I am sure there are other infractions that may have to be brought to the surface. In all honesty, Nuvangyaoma has nothing positive to Show for his accomplishments as Chief Executive Officer even after being re-elected to his second term in office. The dysfunctional Government under the leadership of a convicted felon has caused major chaos and disharmony.

The victim survivors, family, relatives and friends need medical assistance in dealing with anger management, PTSD, suicides, counseling, high rise in drugs and alcohol use. Again there have been no needs assessments offered and or conducted. What is our professional staff doing? Our Hopi belief is that Life is Short, Very Precious, and Valuable.

I am hopeful that once we start engaging in a letter writing campaign to the Arizona Governor, Arizona State Senate, Arizona House of Representatives, Arizona Post, U.S. Congressional Leadership, U.S. Department of the Interior Secretary, BIA LES Western Region and Department of Justice to inform all parties that the Hopi/Tewa Sinom are angered by the pain, hurt and no disposition towards justice in holding all those negligently responsible and accountable, including the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Hopi Tribe.

Currently, the Hopi Tribal Council is too weak and does not have the backbone and courage in taking corrective actions in exercising its Constitutional Authority. Iss-okiwa, okiwa; what now?

Bad Apples— Although many things in life are totally out of control, we can choose the people and type of people we associate with. Choose your friends and associates with great care.

Bad leadership corrupts good character. Never the less, I am well aware that my family, relatives and friends will be retaliated against, threatened and harassed for speaking the truth in advocating for justice.

FREE Smoke Detectors for Homeowners

Kevin Dennis, Structure Firefighter
Department Of Public Safety
KDennis@hopi.nsn.us
(928)734-3665 - Office

This FREE service is provided to all homeowners by the Red Cross and t Hopi Fire/Rescue program.

These safety devices are provided in case of any structure fire or carbon monoxide that may be detected in the home at any time.

Please share this information with family members. Everyone is eligible to receive the smoke detectors. You may contact the Hopi Fire/Rescue program at (928) 734-3661 or by email to any Fire Personnel: Humewysi Sockyma: HSockyma@hopi.nsn.us Michael Shupla: MiShupla@hopi.nsn.us Paul Saufkie: PSaufkie@hopi.nsn.us Kevin Dennis: KDennis@hopi.nsn.us.

Importance of fire prevention

In a fire, mere seconds can mean the difference between a safe escape and a tragedy. Fire safety education isn't just for school children. Teenagers, adults, and the elderly are also at risk in fires, making it important for every member of the community to take some time to make sure they understand how to stay safe in case of a fire.

Home fire escape planning and practicing

It is important for everyone to plan and practice a home fire escape. Everyone needs to be prepared in advance, so that they know what to do when the smoke alarm sounds. Given that every home is different, every home fire escape plan will also be different.

Have a plan for everyone in the home. Children, older adults, and people with disabilities may need assistance to wake up and get out. Make sure that someone will help them!

Smoke alarms

Smoke alarms sense smoke well before you can, alerting you to danger. Smoke alarms need to be in every bedroom, outside of the sleeping areas (like a hallway), and on each level (including the basement) of your home. Do not put smoke alarms in your kitchen or bathrooms.

Choose an alarm that is listed with a testing laboratory, meaning it has met certain standards for protection. For the best protection, use combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms that are interconnected throughout the home. These can be installed, so that when one sounds, they all sound. This ensures you can hear the alarm no matter where in your home the alarm originates.

Medicare.gov

If you or someone you know needs help paying for internet service, you may qualify for a monthly discount on a new or existing internet service plan through a government program called the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP).

You may also qualify for a one-time device discount of up to \$100, to buy a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers.

DO I QUALIFY? To apply, visit [AffordableConnectivity.gov](https://www.AffordableConnectivity.gov) or call 1-877-384-2575 to request an application. Once your application is approved, you can contact a participating internet service provider to start receiving your monthly discount. Only one monthly service discount and one device discount is allowed per household.

Research suggests increased broadband Internet access is associated with improved health outcomes. Broadband makes it easier for people to take advantage of information on Medicare.gov like comparing the quality of nursing homes and hospitals, or finding the health plan that's best for you.

Hopi Runner Hosava Kretzmann was the First U.S. Citizen to Cross Finish Line at this year's Los Angeles Marathon



Twenty-eight-year-old Hosava Kretzmann, a Hopi runner was the first U.S. citizen to cross the finish line at this year's Los Angeles Marathon.

Running his first marathon ever, he finished the race with a time just under two hours and twenty minutes. That also put him in sixth place overall of 22-thousand runners in the 38th annual race.

Kretzmann said he grew up running under the guidance and direction of his elders. He studied at Northern Arizona University in the Master's in Public Health Program, focusing on Indigenous health. Kretzmann now works at NAU in the Office of the Vice President of Research.

He says his dream is to make the Olympic Trials. Kretzmann is already training for his next big race, the Chicago Marathon in October.

Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren Salutes Lori Piestewa at Memorial

I was just a 16-year-old high school student when my school in Red Mesa, Arizona, heard the news that a Native American woman soldier had been killed in the opening days of the Second Iraq war.

Just days earlier, President Bush announced the invasion of Iraq on TV. We heard the phrase "shock and awe" for the first time. The war seemed very, very far away. All we knew, at first, was there had been an ambush on a U.S. Army convoy. Two Marines and an Army commander were killed. Others were taken prisoner.

Then came the penetrating news that Lori Piestewa of Tuba City had also been killed. We heard she was the first woman soldier, the first Native woman soldier, killed since women were allowed in combat.

There was disorientation throughout my school. This war to remove the murderous Saddam Hussein was no longer half-way around the world. Now it was just down the highway in Tuba City, a few hours away.

A different kind of shock and awe had invaded our homes on the Navajo Nation and Hopi Nation. Not only was one of the first soldiers killed, we realized, but one of ours – a sister.

We later learned why Lori joined the Army. Just like so many Navajo and Hopi parents, especially single parents, Lori joined to improve life for her two young children, to give them opportunities. That was her reason. She was trying to improve her life to improve theirs.

We knew she had the support of her parents, Percy and Terry, because after she was killed, at only 23, we learned that her dad, Terry, was a Vietnam veteran.

With emotions different from those felt by the rest of the country, Native people understand the deeper reasons why we join the military in the numbers we do. Sadly, it's usually for the reason Lori did. We're trying to make our lives and the lives of our children better.

On the Navajo and Hopi reservations, life is hard. We don't have the easy amenities of cities like Phoenix.

The military, like college, is one of the pathways to a better life.

With few options, that's what Lori chose. After she died, at school we learned more about Hopis from the news. We learned they were the "Peaceful People," the "People of Peace."

We learned that Lori's military job was to support other combat forces with supplies and water and things they needed. We learned that through the military assignment she had, Lori remained true to the fundamental teaching of being a Hopi.

Since she left us 20 years ago, Piestewa Peak has been named in her honor. Education funds have been created for Hopi kids. The annual motorcycle ride continues to attract more participants. Athletic competitions bring thousands.

Within the hearts of Native people – especially in the hearts of Native women, single Native moms who sacrifice more than we can know – Lori stands for something. She never intended not to come back home to her parents and children. She intended just to make life better for them through her military service.

Many of us grew up with struggles. Our small communities and huge homelands may not be rich. But they are rich in teachings that Lori carried with her, in the feather she wore like all of us here today. Spirituality lives in our land, mesas, mountains and hearts.

Through her sacrifice, Lori became someone of our own time who inspires us. She was someone who could have been any of us, who joined the Army but didn't come home. Without her even thinking about it, she inspired the hearts of thousands of young Native and non-Native women across the country to always try just a little harder, just as she did.

Little did this beautiful young Hopi woman realize she made the world better for everyone who hears her story. She inspired an entire living generation and those yet to come.

Lori, we salute you, and in Navajo we say, ahe'hee.

HOPI SCHOOL SYSTEM TRANSITION FACT SHEET UPDATE #4 MARCH 2023

HSS MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS. Upon recommendation of the Transition Team, the Hopi Board of Education (HBE) has adopted the following Mission and Vision Statements which were originally developed by Hopi school principals, teachers, and education stakeholders to guide Hopi schools in providing education services for our students. These Mission and Vision Statements were included in the P.L. 100-297 Grant Application for the Hopi School System (HSS):

HSS Mission Statement: Hopituy öqalankyàakyangw puhupöhut ang itamuy tsaami'yma "Encouraging the Hopi people and guiding (leading) them on a new path"

HSS Vision Statement:

To create an environment in which every individual is cared for intellectually, socially and culturally. Whose people are connected and exposed to the best educational experiences and resources. To enrich the lives of people through the integration of language, culture, and the Hopi principles.

HSS EMPLOYEE SALARY SCHEDULE. All Hopi school staff salaries will be determined by their current local school boards for the 2023/2024 school year according to each school's salary schedules and policies. HBE has recently received all Hopi schools' salary schedules. HBE is examining them to develop a universal salary schedule across all schools for certified and classified staff for the 2024/2025 school year. The HSS employee salary schedule should be completed and available soon.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS. HBE has released two Request for Proposals (RFP) to provide the following services for the HSS: Attorney Services and Banking Services. The RFPs and due dates are available on the HSS website (www.hopischoolsystem.org). Please encourage any attorneys, law firms, and banking institutions to submit a proposal by the due dates.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES. The HBE is currently looking to hire the Chief School Administrator and Financial Director positions for the HSS. Position descriptions, application and other information can be found on the HSS website (www.hopischoolsystem.org) and the Hopi Tribe's human resources website (<https://www.hopi-nsn.gov/tribal-services/human-resources/human-resources-forms/>).

HSS POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL. HBE is continuing to draft the remaining sections of the HSS Policies and Procedures Manual. All sections should be completed by April/May 2023. The HBE will provide a copy of the HSS Manual and training to all school staff once the Manual is completed. The HSS Manual will largely be based on existing Hopi schools' policies.

CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION OFFICE MODULARS. BIE has broken ground at the Hopi Junior Senior High School site for the Central Administration Office modulars and continues to make progress on site construction work! The modulars will be ready for occupancy in June or July 2023.

Federal grand jury indicts New Mexico man in 2021 disappearance of Ella Mae Begay

PHOENIX, Ariz. – Preston Henry Tolth, 23, of New Mexico, was indicted by a federal grand jury in Phoenix on March 14, 2023. The grand jury returned a two-count indictment for Assault Resulting in Serious Bodily Injury and Carjacking Resulting in Serious Bodily Injury.

The indictment alleges that, on or about June 15, 2021, Tolth assaulted the victim, resulting in serious bodily injury to her. It further alleges that Tolth took the victim's Ford F150 pickup truck, and transported it across state lines, with the intent to cause death or serious bodily injury to the victim.

"This indictment is an important first step in determining the truth about what happened to an elderly victim on the Navajo Nation," said U.S. Attorney Gary Restaino. "The indictment charges the defendant with carjacking and assault; the investigation is ongoing."

A conviction for Assault Resulting in Serious Bodily Injury carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. A conviction for Carjacking Resulting in Serious Bodily In-

jury carries a maximum penalty of 25 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

An indictment is simply a method by which a person is charged with criminal activity and raises no inference of guilt. An individual is presumed innocent until evidence is presented to a jury that establishes guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

This investigation is part of the Department of Justice's efforts to address cases involving missing and murdered indigenous persons.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation, along with the Navajo Nation Department of Criminal Investigations, conducted the investigation in this case. The U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Arizona, Phoenix, is handling the prosecution.

CASE NUMBER: CR-23-8043-PCT-DLR-MTM
RELEASE NUMBER: 2023-049_Tolth

For more information on the U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Arizona, visit: [Justice.gov/AZ](https://www.justice.gov/AZ). Follow the U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Arizona, on Twitter@USAO_AZ for the latest news. Public Affairs Officer: Diana L. Varela (diana.varela@usdoj.gov)

Hopi Tribal Council 2nd Quarter Session Month of April, 2023 AGENDA

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Discussion and possible action: Letter dated March 31, 2022 Re: Village of Shungopavis' request for information regarding land lease, including ownership of the property comprising the Hopi Cultural Center. Craig Andrews, Vice Chairman, The Hopi Tribe. *Tabled*
2. Discussion and possible action: Letter dated by September 19, 2022 RE: Survey conducted by Hopi Elections Office from Dale Siquah, Tribal Council Representative, First Mesa Consolidated Villages. *Tabled*
3. Action Item #090-2022: Intergovernmental Agreement between the State of Arizona and the Hopi Tribe. Author Donovan Gomez, Transit Administrator, Hopi Senom Transit. *Tabled*
4. Action Item #093-2022: To amend the Rules of Order for the Hopi Tribal Council to provide a streamlined process of the Tribal Council parliamentary procedures that will be followed during meetings of the Tribal Council. Author Marilyn Fredericks, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Bacavi. *Tabled*
5. Action Item #031-2023: To approve Hopi Tribe Pandemic Recovery Committee Bylaws. Author Mark Talayumptewa, Chairman, Hopi Tribe Pandemic Recovery Committee. *Tabled*

XI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Action Item #021-2023: Walpi Housing Management Agreement. Author Fred Lomayesva, General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel
2. Action Item #034-2023: To transfer an estimated \$5.8 million of expenditures, not to exceed \$6.0 million, from the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) to the American Rescue Plan State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (FRF). Author Jim Davis, Director, Office of Financial Management
3. Action Item #035-2023: To contract Walker & Armstrong, LLP to provide accounting services for the Fiscal Year ended December 31, 2021, technical assistance and training to the Office of Financial Management. Author Jim Davis, Director, Office of Financial Management
4. Action Item #036-2023: Acceptance of Award #22PLAZFVPS from the Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families. Author Maude Yoyhoeoma, Director, Domestic Violence Program

5. Action Item #038-2023: To approve HTEDC's Authority to Waive its Sovereign Immunity on a Limited Basis as part of the Taawaki Inn Project and as Authorized in Section 7 of the HTEDC Charter of Incorporation. Author Edison Tu'tsi, Chairman, Hopi Tribal Economic Development Corporation. ***Time Certain, Wednesday, April 5, 2023, 3 p.m.*
6. Action Item #039-2023: Capital Purchase of 2022 Fort Transit Mobility van in excess of \$60,000. Author Donovan Gomez, Transit Administrator, Hopi Senom Transit
7. Action Item #041-2023: Approval of the Hopi Health Care Center renovation and expansion construction contract with Brycon Construction. Author Daryl Melvin, Owners Representative. ***Time Certain, Tuesday, April 4, 2023, 2:00 p.m.*
8. Discussion & Possible Action: Letter dated September 2, 2022 from Ronald Honahni, Governor, Upper Village of Moenkopi; RE: Request to Explore Gaming in the Upper Village of Moenkopi. Leroy Sumatzkuku, Tribal Council Representative, Upper Village of Moenkopi. *Referred to Hopi Gaming Committee*
9. Letter dated November 29, 2022 from Bernalda Poleahla Navasie; RE: Letter of Interest for vacant Regular member position and Alternate position on the Hopi Election Board. Dwayne Secakuku, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Bacavi. *Interview.*
10. Letter dated March 20, 2023 regarding Navajo Nation's opening presentation to the Little Colorado River Adjudication. Dale Siquah, Tribal Council Representative, First Mesa Consolidated Villages
11. Letter dated December 16, 2023 for discussion and possible action from Ivan L. Sidney, FMCV Administrator regarding contact information protocol for First Mesa Consolidated Villages leadership. Dale Siquah, Tribal Council Representative, First Mesa Consolidated Villages

12. Letter dated March 22, 2023 from the Orayvi Village Board requesting to discuss Resolution H-044-2023. Raymond Namoki, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Sipaulovi ***Time Certain, Tuesday, April 4, 2023, 3:00 p.m.*
13. Letter dated March 30, 2023 regarding Hopi Tribal Council Alternate Representative to the Budget Oversight Team from Eugene Talas, Chair, Budget Oversight Team. Arthur Batala, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Mishongnovi

XII. REPORTS

1. Office of the Chairman
2. Office of the Vice Chairman
3. Office of Tribal Secretary
4. Office of the Treasurer: Wells Fargo Bank Report, Mr. Greg Heap, Relationship Manager and Mr. Tyler Taygrien, Vice President, Investment Services ***Time Certain, Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.*
5. Office of the General Counsel
6. Land Commission
7. Water/Energy Committee
8. Transportation Committee
9. Law & Order Committee
10. Investment Committee a. Moenkopi Developers Corp.- Status of Moenkopi Developers Corp. Hopi Loan. *TABLED **Time Certain, Wednesday, April 5, 2023, 1:00 p.m.* b. Walpi Housing Management Agreement Communications. *TABLED*
11. Health/Education Committee
12. Pandemic Recovery Committee- Narrative written programmatic report
13. Tawa'ovi Investigation Report by R. Gehl Tucker as requested in Hopi Tribal Council Resolution. ***Time Certain, Monday, April 3, 2023, 1:00 p.m.*
14. Hopi Tribe Economic Development Corporation - Annual Review for Year 2022. Lucinda Smiley, Chief Executive Officer, HTEDC ***Time Certain, Tuesday, April 25, 2023, 1:00 p.m.*

XIII. ADJOURNMENT



First Mesa Consolidated Villages Tribal Council Representatives REPORT Card

FMCV Tribal Council Representatives are required to make Monthly Reports and Updates to the First Mesa Community. However, due to past gathering restrictions, Reports are published in the Village Crier. Below is a recap of reports submitted by your Representatives, beginning January 1, 2021 to Present.

2023 Reports Received	Ivan Sidney Admin	Albert Siquah	Dale Siquah	Wallace Youvella Jr
January	✓/✓	○	✓/✓	✓
February	✓/✓/✓ ✓/✓/✓	○	○	✓
March	✓/✓	○	✓	✓
April	✓	✓	✓	✓
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April	✓/✓/✓	○	✓	✓
May	✓/✓	○	✓/✓/✓	✓
June	✓/✓/✓	○	✓	✓
July	✓/✓/✓ ✓/✓/✓	○	✓	✓
August	✓/✓	✓	✓	✓
September	✓/✓	○	○	✓
October	✓/✓/✓	✓	○	✓
November	✓/✓/✓	○	✓	✓
December	✓/✓/✓	○	○	✓

Submission and Publication Schedule

Issue No.	Publication Date	Submissions Deadline
6	4/11/2023	4/5/2023
7	5/9/2023	5/3/2023
8	6/13/2023	6/7/2023
9	7/11/2023	7/5/2023
10	8/8/2023	8/2/2023
11	9/12/2023	9/6/2023
12	10/10/2023	10/4/2023
13	11/14/2023	11/8/2023
14	12/12/2023	12/6/2023

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APPLICATIONS

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STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND

Who can apply?

- Non-profit Organizations
- Schools
- Small Businesses
- Tribal Projects
- Villages

Where can I apply?

Applications are available at the:
Hopi Tribe Pandemic Recovery Committee Office
1 Main Street
Kykotsmovi, AZ
Administration Building, 2nd Floor
(Old DATs Conference Room)

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Concrete drainage near old Polacca Day School filled with sediment





Gabion near Coyote Springs flowing down to Hwy 264 used to catch sediment to slow the flow of water



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NATIVE AMERICAN RECOGNITION DAY

Join the Arizona Diamondbacks for the 25th Annual Native American Recognition Day. Festivities begin at 5:00PM and will celebrate Native American heritage and culture!

SATURDAY, JUNE 3
FIRST PITCH 7:10PM

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IMMUNIZATION FLU CLINICS


HOPI HEALTH CARE CENTER

April 11, 2023
4:00 P.M. - 6:30 P.M.

April 18, 2023
9:00 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.
1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.

IMMUNIZATIONS AVAILABLE FOR ALL AGES!
To schedule an appointment, please call the PHN Department at:
(928) 737-6257, 6263, 6330 or 6259

APPOINTMENTS PREFERRED, WALK-INS WELCOME!
IF YOU ARE FEELING SICK, PLEASE RE-SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT. THANK YOU!



NATIVE AMERICAN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2023


Freeport-McMoRan and Education Forward Arizona's Native American Scholarship Program is accepting applications from Feb. 1 to June 1, 2023.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Be an enrolled member of one of the following:
 - Ak-Chin Indian Community
 - Gila River Indian Community
 - Hopi Tribe
 - Hualapai Tribe
 - Navajo Nation
 - Pascua Yaqui Tribe
 - Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
 - San Carlos Apache Tribe
 - Tohono O'odham Nation
 - Tonto Apache Tribe
 - White Mountain Apache Tribe
 - Yavapai Prescott Indian Tribe
 - Yavapai-Apache Nation
 - Zuni Pueblo
- Be attending an accredited trade school, community college, tribal college or four-year university
- Be a full-time student
- Have a minimum 2.5 GPA and be in good current academic standing

APPLY BY JUNE 1, 2023

Apply at bit.ly/NASP23 or by scanning the QR code.





2023 INDIGENOUS PRIDE HEALTH WORKER PROGRAM

A fun & rewarding health career exploration and professional development program open to high school juniors, seniors and 2023 high school graduates

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS NOW!

Application Deadline: Friday, May 12th @ 5:00 p.m.

Selected participants must commit to entire program:
June 12 - August 4

FOR APPLICATION INFO CONTACT:
LISA.LOMAVAYA@IHS.GOV
928.737.6385



Hopi Health Care Center

Save The Date

Arizona State

Missing & Murdered Indigenous Awareness Day

May 05, 2023

Arizona State Capitol
Phoenix, AZ

honwungsies@gmail.com



Share News with the Community

School News, Special Events, Recognitions, Announcements.

Email to: Lnahson-hoya@gmail.com

APRIL 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 April Fool's Day
2	3	4 RED Cross Rally 2pm 7:05-8:00 HDS Varsity 1.B.	5 School Board Mtg • BIE Assessments (5th Grade).	6 Zoom Presentation for Parents 8:30-4:00 Board Room	7 Regular School Day School Easter Eggs Hunt	8
9 Easter	10 PIE Meeting 6PM	11	12	13 Bus Run AM&PM HEAL Varsity BB 1st Round Girls 2pm HVMC	14 HEAL Varsity BB 1st Round Boys 2pm HVMC	15 HEAL Varsity BB Finals 8:00 am HVMC
16	17	18	19 SPRING CARNIVAL 5:00-8:00	20	21 2 Bus Run PM Only	22
23	24	25	26 Full School Day	27 Last SIVA STORE for the school year.	28 STEM/ NAU Student Enrichment	29

FMCV Water Services

Phone Lines are open for Debit/Credit Card Water Payments from 9am to 4pm, Monday—Friday

Money Orders may be mailed to:
FMCV, PO Box 260, Polacca, AZ 86042

Or place in Drop Box located next to office door from 8am to 5pm,
No Cash Payments Will be Accepted