

Envision Cameron

Meeting Notes

November 7, 2022

10 am MST

1. Call to Order

Kelsey Lee called the meeting to order at 10:12 am. Attendees included Rhonda Harvey, Waylon Honga, Aletha Johnson, Kelsey Lee, Raymond Maxx, Lula Neztosie, Bobby Robbins, Stan Robbins, Charlie Smith, Eileen Tohonnie and Brian Cole.

2. Administrative Details and Reports—Tolani Lake Enterprises/USDA Rural Development

Aletha Johnson reported that Terry McDermott has been reassigned to a different project and our new contact is Halie Whittier.

Aletha Johnson then confirmed that TLE has officially received an extension for the project. The project completion date is now September 30, 2023. That being said, the goal is to complete the project by March 31, 2023. Johnson then asked if Native Community Builders would confirm that the planned one-time payment of \$7,137.50 was agreeable for their contribution to the project. This would include the first invoice of \$4,875 and a 50% payment on the second invoice of \$4,525.

At a special meeting immediately after the Envision Cameron meeting, Native Community Builders formally agreed to this arrangement. Brian Cole would send a confirmation email that then would further be confirmed by Native Community Builders.

3. Work Session on Current/Urgent Topics

a. Future Community Gatherings

Kelsey Lee then asked the team what the plan was to move the project forward.

Rhonda Harvey responded that the project would move forward. The focus would be on the mapping project as well as the conceptual master planning for the Innovation Implementation Challenge projects. Harvey stated that there would be at least one more community gathering meeting. At a minimum, this would take place in March of 2023. Brian Cole stated that he was hopeful that there could be two more community gathering meetings: one in January and one in March. It would be nice to provide an opportunity for the community to provide feedback on the emerging project. This could be done in January. Cole noted that Building Communities is coordinating with Swaback on two new RBDG-funded projects (one in Coppermine and one in Shonto). Because of this, Cole was hopeful that an Envision Cameron outreach meeting could coincide with likely upcoming travel by Swaback to the Navajo Nation for the other two projects. Harvey would communicate with Chris McKibben and this would later be determined.

It was noted that the sign announcing the next date for the community gatherings has been repurposed by another organization. It was agreed that once we have the next community gathering date identified we will reuse our own sign.

Aletha Johnson noted that with the diminished remaining budget, it may be advantageous to have smaller meetings with the pop up tent rather than the rental of the larger tent.

b. Innovation Implementation Challenge Project Discussion

See above.

c. Report on Project Facebook Page

Kelsey Lee provided an update on the current number of followers and times that the two videos have been reviewed. The commentary is generally positive.

4. Project Activity/Programming

a. Swaback

No report.

b. Building Communities

No report.

c. Native Community Builders

No report.

d. Cameron Chapter/CLUP

No report.

5. New Business

a. TLE Support Resolution

Kelsey Lee asked if it has been determined that the July Cameron Chapter meeting has been certified as official. Specifically, she wanted to make sure that the resolution of support for the Envision Cameron project was officially approved by the Cameron Chapter. Charlie Smith responded that they have heard that the passage of that resolution was official and approved. A copy of it can be obtained at the Cameron Chapter Administrative Office.

b. Kelsey Lee Report to CLUP-C

No report.

6. Other Business

Aletha Johnson asked Mae Franklin to provide a summary on a recent Navajo Power meeting at Coalmine. Franklin responded that there was good attendance for the meeting although it eventually got “rained out.” The meeting related to the potential development of a solar farm project.

7. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 21, 2022 at 10 am MST.

8. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 am MST.

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1 st and 3 rd Mondays at 10 am MST