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Hopi Jr./Sr. High School Board Removed by Hopi Tribal Council

This Month in Hopi History

May 1918, Act of 40 Statute
• May 1942, Stock reduction

Kelmuya - November
Nasan’muya - September
Talapaamuya - August
Talangva - July
Hakitonmuya - May
Kwiyamuyaw - April
Osomuya - March
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Hopi Calendar

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Approximately one hour passed before the participants were called back into the meeting room, the tense staff and teachers listened as names were being read by the board members. Of the members in attendance, all those who were staff were approved. It is known that this is the type of stress educators and school staff face every day, however at this time, however with good leadership and positive communications these types of transitions can be better prepared for.

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Tuba City High School Board Deciding Whether to Renew Teacher Contracts

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Students and Parents stand in front of the Legislative Building waiting to be heard in Kykotsmovi, Arizona. Photo by: Carl Onsae
High Winds Impacting Life on the Hopi Reservation

The increase in heat from the sun also contributes to the turbulence, as the warm air rises, cooler and more powerful currents are forced to the ground also resulting in a powerful wind current closer to the ground. Little Colorado River, Black Mesa, Chisle Valley to name a few, are places to avoid during these high wind advisory moments.

Don’t underestimate the power of the winds on the Hopi Reservation, but don’t let that deter you from pursuing your interests. Spring is a great time for making great contributions to your community. Keep in mind your youth are learning on the job, as well as making great contributions to your community. Keep in mind your youth are learning on the job, as well as making great contributions to your community. Keep in mind your youth are learning on the job, as well as making great contributions to your community. Keep in mind your youth are learning on the job, as well as making great contributions to your community. Keep in mind your youth are learning on the job, as well as making great contributions to your community.

The WIOA Program offers year-round services to youth, with possible summer youth employment offers. So you can get your education and/or training and/or unsubsidized employment. We offer a range of services/refreshs, in-service trainings, and collaborate with other programs to achieve successful outcomes. We invite you to join in these efforts! New and past employers are encouraged to submit an Request for Position (REP) application, position descriptions, weekly activities forms, and supervisors feedback. The forms Summer employment will start on June 1 through August 3, 2018 (8 weeks).

For more information, you may contact Everett Gomez, Case Manager at (928) 734-3536, Rosemary Polenova, Secretary at (928) 734-3542. We appreciate your continued support and interest!

The Hopi Tribe WIOA Program is an equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids and services are available at request to individuals with disabilities. TTY: 711.
March 26, 2018

February 20, 2018

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Time Certain Requests**

Hopi Tribal Council may go into Executive Session on any agenda item of May 21, 2018

14. Benefits Committee -Week of June 25, 2018

13. Financial Services – COMPLETE

12. A.I. #047-2018 – To approve Village audits and Village carry-over funds – Author/Na Okuda-Jacobs, Esq. to complete the revision or replacement of Ordinance

11. Office of the Chairman * 1st Quarter COMPLETED

10. Office of the Treasurer * 1st Quarter COMPLETED

9. Office of the Executive Director

8. Office of the Superintendent, National Park Service - COMPLETE

7. Office of the Vice Chairman * 1st Quarter COMPLETED

6. Scheduling of Interviews for Hopi Election Committee (2 letters of interest)

5. Discussion/Possible Action – Lamar Keevama’s attendance at meetings – Author/Lamar Keevama, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Bacavi - APPROVED

4. Discussion/Possible action regarding Hopi Tribe Economic Development Corporation Board and appointment of two members in accordance with the Settlement

3. Discussion with HTEDC and Solar Project Team about economic development – COMPLETE

2. Discussion – Gaming Compact Issue – Timothy Nuvangyaoma, Chairman, Hopi Tribal Council/Rayma Duyongwa/Cheryl Tootsie – COMPLETED


XII. REPORTS

6. Report on status and activities of the First Mesa Youth Center - Eldon Kalemsa, Jr., Manager, First Mesa Youth Center – COMPLETE

5. Discussion/Action – Attorney Contracts – Theresa Thin Elk, General Counsel, Corporation Board Vacancy – Craig Andrews, Tribal Council Representative – COMPLETED

4. Discussion/possible action re: City of Flagstaff’s Community Design

3. Discussion/Action – Majestic Energy – Director, Hopi Department of Natural Resources Specialist, Bureau of Indian Affairs – Hopi Agency - APPROVED

2. Discussion – Development schedule to review plans and goals and update on renewable Energy


VII. CALENDAR PLANNING

1. April 5, 2018 – To discuss the cultural preservation office project – Koyiyumptewa, Acting Manager, Hopi Cultural Preservation Office – AP

2. April 16, 2018 – To discuss the Department General Council/General Counsel of the Hopi Tribe for Budget Oversight Team - COMPLETE

3. April 18, 2018 – To discuss the Department General Council/General Counsel of the Hopi Tribe for Budget Oversight Team - COMPLETE

4. April 25, 2018 – To discuss the Department General Council/General Counsel of the Hopi Tribe for Budget Oversight Team - COMPLETE

5. April 30, 2018 – To discuss the Department General Council/General Counsel of the Hopi Tribe for Budget Oversight Team - COMPLETE

VI. BUSINESS

24. Action Item #013-2018 – To approve establishment of a dispute resolution facilities construction projects on Hopi Reservation Communities – Brad Bacavi - APPROVED

23. Action Item #040-2018 – To approve and support the Hopi Wildland Fire Management Plan for the next fifteen years – Author/Labona Carla, Director, Hopi Department of Transportation - APPROVED

22. Action Item #094-2015 – To approve Consulting Agreement with Angelino & Angelino, Esq. to complete the reinstallation of Ordinance


20. Action Item #026-2018 – To create a new financial service

19. Action Item #025-2018 – To consult with the Department General Council/General Counsel of the Hopi Tribe for Budget Oversight Team - COMPLETE

18. Action Item #055-2018 – To approve the Hopi Wildland Fire Management Plan

17. Action Item #054-2018 – To support the Hopi Wildland Fire Management Plan

16. Action Item #032-2018 – To appoint H.E. Commissioner to the Department General Council/General Counsel of the Hopi Tribe for Planning


14. Action Item #018-2018 – To correct the dates of funding period for Emergency Services – APPROVED

13. Action Item #021-2018 – To approve a 3 year Sole Source “Consulting

12. Action Item #029-2018 – To approve hire of Sole Source Attorney and of the Prosecutor – APPROVED

11. Action Item #027-2017 – To approve hire of Sole Source Attorney and

10. Action Item #025-2018 – To approve hire of Sole Source Attorney and

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3. Action Item #009-2016 – To approve the Arizona Mutual Aid

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VIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4. Office of the Treasurer

3. Office of Tribal Secretary

2. Office of the Vice Chairman

1. Office of the Chairman

IV. BUSINESS

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III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

*Hopi Tribal Council may go into Executive Session on any agenda item

II. CALL TO ORDER

I. FORMULATION OF AGENDA

1. Call to order

Hopi Tribal Council

2nd Quarter Session

May 21, 2018

PROPOSED AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

II. CERTIFICATION OF TRIBAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE \HOPI TRIBAL COUNCIL

III. CRIMINAL JUSTICE REVIEW

IV. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

V. CALL TO ORDER

VI. PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

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1. Approval of expenses for the participation of Tribal Council in the 2018 National Congress of American Indians

2. Approval of the purchase of a 3-year sole source consulting agreement

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Peabody Part-time Temporary Emergency Specialist

Part-time Temporary Emergency Specialist (Parameedic). The responsibilities of the position include providing emergency care and transportation for injured or ill employees in a safe and efficient manner. The position will require the paramedic to work independently while supervising Emergency Response Team Members.

Candidates are required to possess a minimum certification level of Arizona Paramedic and National Registry with a minimum of three (3) years field experience at the paramedic level or equivalent.

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The investigation in this case was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Social Security Administration, Inspector General Office of Investigation.

For more information on the U.S. Attorney’s Office, District of Arizona, visit http://www.justice.gov/usaor/az/.

Follow the U.S. Attorney’s Office, District of Arizona, on Twitter @USAO_AZ for the latest news.

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Although Hopis use various forms of speech and freedom of the press.

Adults think that the reservation is a dam of speech, Hopi children and their message, these rights are seriously damaged. We instantly think that we can speak, draw, paint, or write about any topic without any penalties. Although, the Amendment that made it possible to speak, write or draw freely also has limitations. The First Amendment protects a personal right "that is not confined to newspapers and periodicals. It is a clause called, the "Free Press Clause" that protects us from constraint or prosecution by any government for certain types of speech or the general public have asked its own internal censorship laws? Do we need to know what's going on in those "Meetings" to be accessible by the media and general public but have been denied. Do we need to know what's going on in those "Meetings"? Can the Hopi government create its own internal censorship laws? Also, the Hopi government puts on what is really Hopi's freedom of speech and freedom of the press?