

Seeking New Board Member for the Hualapai Tribal Utility Authority (HTUA)



On September 24, 2014, the Hualapai Tribal Council adopted the Hualapai Tribal Utility Authority Governing Ordinance. This is a significant step toward self-determination in the realm of public utilities for the Hualapai Tribe.

Established as an institution of Tribal government, the five members of the Hualapai Tribal Utility Authority board are chosen by Council. As noted in Section 107.b.3, of the Ordinance, the HTUA Board is authorized to acquire, construct, operate, maintain, promote, and expand electric power service, and eventually water service, and sewage service at Grand Canyon West and on such other locations within the Hualapai Reservation and on other Tribal lands under the jurisdiction of the Hualapai Tribe as the Tribal Council may deem appropriate. The HTUA board is delegated full authority and responsibility for the management and operation of HTUA consistent with the Ordinance.

At this time, the Tribe is seeking a new candidate to apply for Board membership to maintain this important function of Tribal government. This Board position may be may filled by members or non-members of who have not less than ten years' experience in business management of substantial character and have had some experience in the management and operation of an electric utility (Section 202.a.3).

- No employee of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, employee of the HTUA or member of the Tribal Council shall be a member of the Board (Section 202.a.4).

The new board member will be appointed for a three-year term (Section 202.b.2).

The Board functions in much the same capacity as an elected Board of Directors of a chartered municipal electric utility, and shall be responsible for making investment decisions, subject to certain limitations; for the establishment and maintenance of effective operating policies; the selection of management personnel; and for continuous supervision of performance (Section 203.a.2).

Members of the Board shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred in attending its meetings, and the Board in its discretion may propose a fee to be paid to its members (subject to approval by the Tribal Council) on a per-meeting or annual basis (Section 203.a.6).

The Board shall make annual and quarterly reports to the Tribal Council (Section 203.a.7) and hold meetings at least every quarter and annually (Section 204).

For a full list of the Board's powers, duties and responsibilities, see the ordinance posted at: <http://www.hualapaiutility.org/> or link through <http://hualapai-nsn.gov/services/htua/> Candidates are highly encouraged to read the ordinance in its entirety before applying for Board membership. Hard copies of the Ordinance are available at the Tribal Office and at the Planning Office, 887 Highway 66.

To candidates, please prepare a typed narrative not to exceed 1,000 words offering your qualifications (resume) and general motivation to be a member of the Hualapai Tribal Utility Authority Board and what you hope to achieve while on the Board. Please bring or e-mail your letter of interest to the Tribal Office, 941 Hualapai Way, Peach Springs, Arizona, attention Christine Lee, by Friday, January 27, 2017, at 5:00 PM. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this offer and desire to enhance utility services on the Hualapai Reservation.