

05.06.09 STEDC MEETING

Members Present: Shawn Real Bird- Chairman took over meeting at 11:05am (Crow), Joe Durglo- Vice Chairman (Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes), Joe Fox Jr. Northern Cheyenne Member, Richard Sangrey- Chippewa Cree Member, Russell Boham- Little Shell Member, Lesa Evers- Governor's Office of Economic Development, Jennifer Perez Cole- Governor's Office of Indian Affairs , Andy Poole- Commerce Deputy Director, Heather Sobrepena-George- staff

Members Absent: L. 'Bum' Stiffarm (Fort Belknap), Rodney Miller (Fort Peck), Ronald 'Smiley' Kittson (Blackfeet)

Staff Present: Heather Sobrepena-George (ICED and STEDC)

Public: Tony Preite- Montana Department of Commerce Director, Jerry Lamb- Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes Economic Development Director

WELCOME/ PURPOSE OF GATHERING- Russell Boham

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS- none

APPROVAL OF 01.22.09 MINUTES

Motion made by Russell Boham to approve the minutes from the January 22, 2009 meeting. Seconded by Richard Sangrey. Call to question. Unanimous approval. Motion carries.

REPORTS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **STEDC POSITION UPDATE** The position is still open, but will most likely be filled expeditiously with the need to get the \$5 million in state stimulus funds for tribal governments distributed promptly.

2. **STEDC BUDGET REPORT** (see below)

3. **DISCUSSION OF YEAR END BUDGET & FY 2010 BUDGET PRIORITIES**

○ **COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT FOLLOW-UP**

There is an anticipated \$35,000 that will most likely not be expended that the Commission needs to decide how to expend. This overage is unusual as the staff position was vacant for much of the fiscal year.

Motion by Russell Boham to divide the \$35,000 equally amongst the tribes for tribal priority projects. Seconded Joe Fox Jr. Majority in favor. Motion carries.

Motion by Andy Poole to require the following conditions of the STEDC tribal mini grants: 1) the funding must be tied to the Commission's goals & objectives and statute, 2) Closeout of the previous year's mini-grant must occur, and 3) acknowledgement of the Commission in any publication regarding the grant. Seconded by Russell Boham. Unanimous approval. Motion carries.

Motion made by Andy Poole that the deadline for receiving the application is June 1st 2009, any tribal government that has not applied for their share of the funding, their share will be equally distributed among those tribal governments that have applied. Additionally, tribes can add the amount of funding to their current FY 2009 ICED project. Additionally the application requires a tribal resolution and a proposal that adequately describes the project. Seconded Richard Sangrey. Unanimous approval. Motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS

1. POTENTIAL HB 645 IMPLEMENTATION DISCUSSION

By May 15th the Commission will know if HB 645 has passed which would effectively charge the State Tribal Economic Development Commission with distributing \$5 million in state stimulus funds to the tribes for energy efficiency and infrastructure improvement projects. This topic will be the majority of the agenda for the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting planned for Tuesday, May 26th at the Capitol at 9:30am. Room to be determined.

Motion to adjourn made by Russell Bohman. Seconded by Joe Fox Jr. Unanimous approval. Motion carries.