

09.02.10 STEDC MEETING

Members Present: Shawn Real Bird- Chairman (Crow Tribe), Joe Durglo- Vice Chairman, Richard Sangrey (Chippewa Cree Tribe), Rodney Miller (Fort Peck Tribes), Bum Stiffarm (Ft. Belknap Indian Community), Evan Barrett (Governor's Office of Economic Development), Lesa Evers (Governor's Office of Indian Affairs) , Andy Poole (Montana Department of Commerce),

Staff Present: Jason Smith, Program Manager,

Public: Director Dore Schwinden, Heather Sobrepena-George (Indian Country Economic Development), Quinn Ness (Big Sky Trust Fund), Kali Wicks (Quality Schools), Victor Bjornberg (Tourism), Lonnie Stimac (International Trade & Relations Bureau)

WELCOME/ PURPOSE OF GATHERING- Shawn Real Bird; Prayer Rodney Miller.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS-

Montana Department of Commerce Director, Dore Schwinden and Chief Business Development Officer for the Governor's Office of Economic Development were introduced to the STEDC members.

Evan Barrett has been recently appointed to the STEDC to fill the position vacated by Lesa Evers who is now Acting Director of the Governor's Office of Indian Affairs (OIA).

Lesa Evers represents the Governor's Office of Indian Affairs position on the commission.

Lesa Evers informed the group that she is the Acting Director of Indian Affairs and the Governor is still seeking nominations for the Director of the Indian Affairs Office position. The nomination deadline was short and has been extended until the position is filled.

APPROVAL OF 05.18.10 MINUTES

Motion made by Joe Durglo to approve the minutes with the requested changes from the May 18, 2010 meeting. Seconded by Lesa Evers. Call to question. Unanimous approval. Motion carries 5-0.

BREAK

REPORTS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Indian Country Economic Development Program

Motion made by Richard Sangrey to recommend to the Montana Department of Commerce Director to remove the grant administration and management expenses, or any other type of indirect or administration expenses as an ineligible activity of the Indian Country Economic Development Program FY11 Application Guidelines. Seconded by Joe Durglo. Call to question. Andy Poole and Evan Barrett Abstain. Motion carries 4-2-2.

2. Indian Equity Fund

Motion made by Andy Poole to recommend approval of Fiscal Year 2011 Indian Equity Fund request to fund the program at the same levels of FY 2010 funds (\$126,000 for the Indian Equity Fund and \$24,000 for the Indianpreneurship Training. Seconded by Richard Sangrey. Motion carries 8-0.

3. State Tribal Economic Development Commission

Reminder by Jason Smith of the Tribal Infrastructure & Energy Efficiency Reinvestment Project Expenditure Deadline of September 30, 2010.

LUNCH

NEW BUSINESS

1. Governor's Office of Economic Development

Motion made by Evan Barrett to assign STEDC staff contact tribal governments with the appropriate information for them to lend their formal support to the Montana Tribal Leadership of the Montana Inter-Tribal Telecommunications Consortium (MITTC) broadband project. Seconded by Andy Poole. Motion carries 7-0.

2. Department of Commerce

Reminder by Andy Poole of the Tribal Infrastructure & Energy Efficiency Reinvestment Project Expenditure Deadline of September 30, 2010. Requested STEDC members to assist with communicating the necessity of TIEERP information such as the following:

- ***Project Invoices***
- ***Project Close Out Form***
- ***Project Completion Report***
- ***Request for Funds Form***

Andy clarified that the TIEERP invoices submitted must be for work performed or for purchases that show a date prior to September 30, 2010.

ADJOURNMENT

- Next Meeting time and date to be announced.

ATTACHMENTS