

## 01.20.11 STEDC MEETING

**Members Present:** Shawn Real Bird- Chairman (Crow Tribe), Joe Durglo- Vice Chairman, Richard Sangrey (Chippewa Cree Tribe), Rodney Miller (Fort Peck Tribes), Emorie Davis-Bird (Blackfeet Nation), Lesa Evers (Governor's Office of Indian Affairs) , Andy Poole (Montana Department of Commerce),

**Staff Present:** Jason Smith, Program Manager,

**Public:** Heather Sobrepena-George (Indian Country Economic Development), Philip Belangie (Montana Indian Equity Fund), Mark Bisom and Sara Warren (Office of International Trade & Relations Bureau), Dave Desch (MT Board of Research and Commercialization Technology), Dave Glaser and Heidi DeArment (Montana Community Development Corporation),

**WELCOME/ PURPOSE OF GATHERING-** Shawn Real Bird; Prayer Richard Sangrey.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS-**

*Montana Community Development Corporation will collaborate with STEDC to disseminate the New Tax Market Credits for Tribal Business Projects. (Dave Glaser)*

### **APPROVAL OF 09.02.10 MINUTES**

*Motion made by Andy Poole to approve the minutes from September 2, 2010 meeting. Seconded by Richard Sangrey. Call to question. Unanimous approval. Motion carries 6-0.*

### **BREAK**

### **REPORTS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. State Tribal Economic Development Commission Update

*The Tribal Infrastructure & Energy Efficiency Reinvestment Program Projects have closed out and the funding allocated.*

2. Tribal Business Update
3. Board of Research & Commercialization

*The Montana Tribal Colleges are eligible for the Board & Commercialization funding.*

4. The Office of Trade & International Relations Bureau

*Schedule a Basic Export Seminar with STEDC Program Manager for Tribes and tribal businesses.*

*Will send information of Export Webinars and Small Business Finance Webinars to STEDC.*

*Asian-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) will meet in Big Sky Montana in May.*

5. Office of Indian Affairs Update
6. Indian Country Economic Development Program Update

***Motion by Richard Sangrey to submit letter of support for ICED from STEDC to Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government. Seconded by Emorie Davis-Bird. Call to question. Unanimous approval. Motion carries 6-0.***

## ADJOURNMENT

- Next Meeting time and date to be announced.

## ATTACHMENTS

- STEDC Support Letter for the Indian Country Economic Development (ICED) Program to the Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government.
- Montana American Indian Caucus (MAIC) support letter for the Indian Country Economic Development (ICED) Program to the Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government.
- Basic Export Seminar Flyer