

## 05.25.11 STEDC MEETING

**Members Present:** Shawn Real Bird- Chairman (Crow Tribe), Joe Durglo- Vice Chairman, Richard Sangrey (Chippewa Cree Tribe), Rodney Miller (Ft. Peck Tribes), Forrest Smith (Ft. Peck Tribes), Pat Wise (Gov's Office of Economic Development), Andy Poole (Commerce) by phone

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

**Public:** Heather Sobrepena-George (Indian Country Economic Development), Deanna Comeau (Office of Indian Energy & Economic Development), Larry Mires (MT Economic Development Association), Christie Bell (MT Technology Innovation Partnership), Mary Craigle & Eleanor YellowRobe (Census Economic & Information Center), Matt Jones (Rural Development), Tony Preite (Rural Development), Eleanor Kindness (Rural Development), Gloria Hawkins (Rural Development), Carolyn Lopez Pease (MT House of Representatives)

**WELCOME/ PURPOSE OF GATHERING-** Shawn Real Bird ; Rep. Carolyn Pease-Lopez

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

*Deanna Comeau of the Office of Indian Energy & Economic Development presented information on the Loan Guaranty Program.*

*President Larry Mires presented information of the Montana Economic Development Association.*

*Christine Bell presented information on the Montana Technology Innovation Partnership Program.*

*State Director Matt Jones of USDA Rural Development presented information on Rural Development Programs eligible to Tribes and updates on its funding.*

*Representative Carolyn Pease-Lopez updated STEDC on the 2011 Montana Legislative Session.*

### **APPROVAL OF 05.18.10 MINUTES**

*The commission members postponed action to approve the May 18, 2010 minutes in Billings, Montana until next meeting.*

### **BREAK**

### **REPORTS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Tribal Business Update/Blackfeet Tribe

*The Blackfeet Representative was unable to attend due to weather.*

2. Chippewa Cree Tribe

*Commissioner Richard Sangrey updated the commission of the Chippewa Cree Tribe's economic development opportunities.*

3. Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes

***Vice Chair Joe Durglo updated the commission of their economic development priorities and concerns.***

4. Crow Tribe

***Chairman Shawn Real Bird updated the commission of their economic development priorities and concerns. He also updated the commission of the flooding on the Crow Reservation.***

5. Ft. Belknap Tribe

***Commissioner Loren "Bum" Stiffarm wasn't present due to the flooding issues.***

6. Ft. Peck Tribe

***Commissioner Forrest Smith updated the commission on the oil and gas development and economic development priorities.***

7. Little Shell Tribe

***Commissioner Randy Rudolph was unable to attend.***

8. Northern Cheyenne Tribe

***Commissioner Joe Fox, Jr. was unable to attend due to flooding issues.***

**LUNCH**

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Census Economic & Information Center

***Bureau Chief Mary Craigle presented 2010 Census statistics related to each reservation and the impacts of the count. Eleanor YellowRobe presented an update on the Monetary Contributions of Reservations of the State of Montana.***

2. Governor's Office of Indian Affairs

***Commissioner Lesa Evers was un able to attend due to flooding issues.***

3. Governor's Office of Economic Development

***Commissioner Pat Wise presented a Legislative update of the 2011 session and updated the commission regarding the Governor's budget.***

4. Department of Commerce

***Andy Poole informed the commission of the additional \$10,000 available to the Tribes for the Indian Country Economic Development Program (ICED).***

***The Treasure State Endowment Program (TSEP) has \$100,000 available for emergency situations for which the Tribes may be eligible.***

5. Indian Country Economic Development

***Heather Sobrepena-George updated the commission on the ICED contracts and amendments needed for the additional funding for economic development projects.***

6. State Tribal Economic Development Commission

***Jason Smith presented the following information to the commission.***

- ***STEDC Budget Update***
- ***Inform STEDC about “Indian Country Export 101” panel at 2011NADC Economic Development Conference***
- ***“Basic Export Seminar” Update***
- ***MT Indian Equity Fund Update***

**ADJOURNMENT**

- Next Meeting time and date to be announced.
- No actions were passed by the commission.

**ATTACHMENTS**