State Tribal Economic Development Commission

Conference Call
April 6, 2017
Meeting Minutes

Commissioners Present:
Shawn Real Bird (Chairperson), Gerald Gray, Richard Sangrey, Ken Fichtler, Pam Haxby, Mariah Gladstone (Jason Smith)

Staff/Guests Present:
Casey Winn Lozar, Margaret Cook, Heather Sobrepena-George

Welcome/Purpose of Gathering:
Meeting started at 10:50 AM. Chairman Real Bird welcomed members and staff and presented the request for Guidelines for the STED Commission Indian Equity Fund and the Montana Indian Youth Small Business Program, and the Montana Indian Youth Small Business Program Naming and Logo Prize Competition.

Introductions: Casey Lozar introduced Pam Haxby-Cote, the newly appointed Director of Department of Commerce. Director Haxby-Cote committed to support the STED Commission and the goals of Indian Country Programs.

Overview of the Guidelines for the STED Commission Indian Equity Fund, the Montana Indian Youth Small Business Program and the Montana Indian Youth Small Business Program Naming and Logo Prize Competition. Casey Lozar gave background information for the programs to the STED Commissioners as a follow-up to the STED Commissioners meeting of February 1, 2017 when the programs were approved by the STED Commission. The STED Commission recommended that the staff prepare Guidelines for the programs as well as designing a call out to youth for a name and logo for the Montana Indian Youth Small Business Program for approval by the STED Commission.

Review of the Documents: Heather Sobrepena-George gave a quick overview of the guidelines and the application process and Margaret Cook presented the guidelines as prepared for approval by the Commissioners. Some discussion was directed at the amounts of money available and the amounts of money that was matched for each of the tribes. In addition, Heather and Margaret both reiterated that these programs are to be managed by the Tribes or their designees, however the Department of Commerce will share their digital application process as a tool for tribal governments to manage the programs.

ACTION: ***Motion made by Richard Sangrey/seconded by Ken Fichtler to approve the Guidelines for the STED Commission Indian Equity fund, Montana Indian Youth Small Business Program Naming and Logo Prize Competition and the Montana Indian Youth Small Business Program as presented. Motion carried.***

Next STED Commission Meeting to be held May 8, 2017.

Discussion on STED Commissioners and Tribal Leaders reception provided direction to the STEDC staff to finalize date and time for the reception.

Motion made by Casey Lozar/seconded by Richard Sangrey to Adjourn.