State Tribal Economic Development Commission

Meeting

May 9, 2017

Meeting Minutes

Commissioners Present:

Shawn Real Bird (Chairperson), Gerald Gray, Richard Sangrey, Lonnie Headdress, Merlin Sioux, Shelly Fyant, Mariah Gladstone, Dan Lloyd, Pam Haxby-Cote

Staff Present:

Casey Winn Lozar, Margaret Cook, Heather Sobrepena-George, Philip Belangie

Guests Presenters:
Lida Loem, Latdamone, Seng Moon Ja

Roll call and quorum established.

Invocation: Merlin Sioux, Northern Cheyenne Tribe

Welcome/Purpose of Gathering:

Meeting started at 9:30 AM Welcome by Acting Chairperson – Richard Sangrey, Rocky Boy Chippewa Cree Tribe. Introduction of new members to the Commission; Pam Haxby-Cote, Director, Department of Commerce.

Approval of February Minutes and April Conference Call Minutes Actions Thereon:

Motion: ***Shelly Fyant motioned to accept the February 2017 Minutes and the April 6,2017 Conference call meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Gerald Gray. Motion passes unanimously.***

Indian Country Program Reports: Casey Lozar reported on the Indian Country Programs. Updated the Commission on the Legislative agenda and impacts to programs for tribes. Provided an update on tourism in Indian Country.

MILP and STED Commission: Margaret Cook presented Report to STED Commission - 2017 MILP Project Final Review. Margaret also presented the State-Tribal Economic Development Commission 2016-2017 Report. Margaret reported on status of the Indian Equity Grant and the SSBCI Grants and requested approval of the applications as presented.

Approval of STEDC Indian Equity/SSBCI Grants:

Motion: ***Gerald Gray motioned to accept applications for the SSBCI funding and matching IEF Grants as presented. Seconded by Shelly Fyant. Motion passes unanimously.***

Tribal Business Planning Grants: Heather Sobrepena-George reported on Tribal Business Planning grant applications. Merlin Sioux reported that the tribal passed a resolution for the planning grant for Northern Cheyenne. Pam Haxby-Cote recommended that tribes should ensure that they spend out their grant funds.

NABAs: Heather Sobrepena-George reported on the Native American Business Advisors (NABA) grants.

Tribal Tourism: Heather reported on her participation in the International Tourism Conference and the importance of tribal participation in the opportunities offered by international tourism. It is important to bring tribes attention to the resources available for tourism.

ICED Program: Heather reviewed the ICED program and recommended that additional changes be made to accommodate making purchases, using credit cards, and to provide assistance for traditional financing using revolving lines of credit.

Motion: Lonnie Headdress Moved that the STED Commission approve the recommendations presented for the changes made ICED Program. Shelly Fyant seconded motion. Unanimous approval.

Montana Indian Youth Business Development Logo: Discussion on the lack of interest in the Logo and naming contest for the Montana Indian Youth Business Development Program.

Motion: Dan Lloyd Moved that the STED Commission approve an extension to the applications to second week in June 2017. Merlin Sioux seconded motion. Unanimous approval.

STED Commission will make a report to the Rocky Mountain Tribal Leaders Summit on May 23-24, 2017 in Billings Montana

Next meeting scheduled for July 31, 2018. Also suggested that Major Robinson be invited to the next STEDC Meeting.

Adjourn

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Richard Sangrey and seconded by Commissioner Gray to adjourn the meeting. No discussion. All in favor. Motion passes.