



MONTANA OFFICE OF TOURISM AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

State Tribal Economic Development Commission

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Delta Hotels, Helena

August 26, 2021

EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Shawn Real Bird (Chairperson), Richard Sangrey (Vice-Chair), Shelly Fyant, Scott Osterman

Commissioners Virtual: Cheryl Reevis, Ray King and Lane Spotted Elk

Staff Present: Maria Valandra, Billie LeDeau, Dan Iverson and Luke Robinson

WELCOME/PURPOSE OF GATHERING

Roll call and quorum established. Meeting started at 2:00 PM.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Shawn Real Bird made a motion to have the staff of the Office of Indian Country Economic Development Commission draft a tribal resolution template “to authorize the University of Montana (U of M) Bureau of Business & Economic Research (BBER) to produce a report on the economic contributions and impacts of Indian Reservations in the State of Montana” for Commission members to present to their respective tribal councils for consideration.

Motion: Commissioner Shelly Fyant motioned to accept a draft resolution template to authorize the University of Montana (U of M) Bureau of Business & Economic Research (BBER) to produce a report on the economic contributions and impacts of Indian Reservations in the State of Montana” for Commission members to present to their respective tribal councils for consideration. Seconded by: Commissioner Scott Osterman. Motion carries.

Chairman Shawn Real Bird made a motion to adopt the 2021-2023 State Tribal Economic Development Commission Strategic Plan.

Motion: Commissioner Ray King motioned to adopt the 2021-2023 State Tribal Economic Development Commission Strategic Plan. Seconded by: Commissioner Shelly Fyant. Motion carries.

Chairman Shawn Real Bird made a motion to adopt the FY21 State Tribal Economic Development Commission meeting calendar. Commissioner Osterman pointed out that 2nd Quarterly meeting should be May 18, 2022. Correction noted.

Motion: Commissioner Richard Sangrey motioned to adopt the FY21 State Tribal Economic Development Commission meeting calendar with the correction. Seconded by: Commissioner Shelly Fyant. Motion carries.

Chairman Shawn Real Bird made a motion to elect a new STED Commission Chair. Vice-Chair Sangrey will continue to serve until his term expires. Shawn would like to nominate Madam Chairwoman Shelly Fyant to serve as the new Chairwoman of the Commission. No other nominations received.

Motion: Commissioner Shawn Real Bird motioned to elect Shelly Fyant as the new STED Commission Chair. Seconded by: Commissioner Richard Sangrey. Commissioner Shelly Fyant abstains. Motion carries.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Motion: Commissioner Richard Sangrey motion to adjourn.

Seconded by: Commissioner Scott Osterman. Motion carries.