

STATE TRIBAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

CONFERENCE CALL

AUGUST 5, 2020 | 10:00 – 11:30 AM

MEETING MINUTES

Commissioners Present:

Shawn Real Bird (Chairperson), Richard Sangrey (Vice-Chair), Shelly Fyant, Kaci Walette, Jestin Dupree, Cheryl Reevis, Lane Spotted Elk, Jason Smith and Ken Fichtler

Staff Present:

Wayne Johnston, Jenny Pelej, Maria Valandra, Billie LeDeau and Dan Iverson

Invited Guests:

Robert Sonora, UM BBER

Welcome/Purpose of Gathering:

Roll call and quorum established. Meeting started at 10:13 AM.

Approval of 2/26/20 Conference Call Minutes Actions Thereon:

Motion: Commissioner Shelly Fyant motioned to accept the minutes as presented.

Seconded by: Commissioner Richard Sangrey. Motion carries.

OICED PROGRAM REPORTS:

Native American Business Advisor

Maria Valandra reported that the **Native American Business Advisor (NABA)** grant program closed on July 31, 2020. The program funds various native CDFIs across the state to help build their capacity as a CDFI organization. NABAs also assist possible Indian Equity Fund applicants.

Indian Equity Fund

FY 2021 **Indian Equity Fund (IEF)** grant program opened on August 1, 2020 and closes on September 30, 2020. Advertisements were placed in tribal newspapers. A series of four Indian Equity Fund webinars are scheduled in August and September to assist businesses with their applications.

Tribal Business Planning Grant

The **Tribal Business Planning Grant (TBPG)** opened August 3, 2020 and closes September 30, 2020. The grants, awarding up to \$30,000, assists tribal Economic Development Offices to do planning, feasibility studies and market analysis.

Native American Collateral Support

The **Native American Collateral Support** program assists native-owned businesses with collateral support when applying for a business loan. The Department of Commerce is researching alternative ways to streamline the CD process.

Montana Indian Language Program

Billie LeDeau reported that all **Montana Indian Language Programs** have been executed with the exception of Crow and CSKT. Activities are currently underway but the department will allow for flexibility due to COVID

concerns. Most programs have the ability to utilize tele-programming to complete their e-deliverables. Program activities will be re-evaluated in the fall to determine if the program will meet their contract scope of work. Deliverables must be submitted to the Montana Historical Society by December 14, 2020.

TRIBAL TOURISM UPDATE

Dan Iverson reported that due to COVID and shelter in place orders have halted the tribal tourism industry. Tourism wasn't only not a priority for Indian Country but a risk for non-residents visiting tribal communities. Several tribal tourism marketing campaigns were set to launch this summer, as well as a production crew from the Smithsonian to shoot a video on and around the Blackfeet Reservation. It was decided to suspend all tourism marketing and production for the season.

Dan indicated that his work shifted to an educational role to educate visitors and other tourism organization stage about what's open and what's closed in Indian Country and proactively pushing information out about the latest status on our reservation by reservation basis through the Visitmt.com website. The plan is to resume production and distribution of marketing assets next spring.

The tribal tourism budget is funded by a percentage of the lodging facility tax and because collections of bed tax have been impacted by the pandemic, there will be a significant impact on the tribal tourism budget for FY 2021.

OLD BUSINESS

HB632 "Decennial Report on the Economic Contributions and Impacts of Indian Reservations in Montana" Next Steps

Robert Sonora of the Bureau of Business and Economic Research at the University of Montana, is seeking the Commission's assistance in identifying key points of contacts to collect the economic data from the tribes.

HB 632 "Require decennial report on economic impact of Indian reservations" was sponsored by Rep. Jade Bahr in the 66th legislative session. The bill reads "Starting in 2020, publish a decennial report, to be authored by the bureau of business and economic research at the University of Montana, on the economic contributions and impacts of Indian reservations in Montana based on federal, state, local, tribal, and private inputs. Copies of the report must be provided to the governor, each tribal government in Montana, the state-tribal economic development commission, and the state-tribal relations committee, and the report must be published on the department's website."

Robert provided a memo highlighting some of the things that they have done to date. Given the challenges of the pandemic, tribal government shutdowns and community shelter in place, it has been difficult to collect the data. The deadline for the report to the State Tribal Relations Interim Committee is December 2020.

The Commission members agreed to be contacted directly with a potential to do a full court press. Billie will send Robert their contact information.

State Tribal Economic Development Commission Strategic Planning Session

Billie reported that the strategic planning session, originally scheduled for May 4-6, 2020 in Browning, has been postponed due to the pandemic. Commissioners were asked for their input on how to move forward in terms of

an in-person or a virtual strategic planning meeting. Commissioners expressed the need for an in-person planning session adhering to CDC guidelines of handwashing, sanitizer, social distancing and masks.

Only 2 solicitation bids were received, and they are bid well over the \$10,000 budgeted for the planning session. Negotiations may be initiated by the department with current bidders. The department also requires 3 solicitation bids for the contract. The department will revisit a planning date in the fall giving full consideration of the pandemic.

NEW BUSINESS

Commission Term Expirations

Commission members whose terms have expired will soon receive a letter from Governor Bullock, asking your tribal Chairperson to re-nominate or nominate a new person to the STED Commission. Nominations are needed for Chippewa Cree, Crow, CSKT, Northern Cheyenne and Fort Belknap.

Business Stabilization Grant

The Department of Commerce launched several CARES Act grant programs to help small businesses across the state. The OICED team is managing applications from tribally and native-owned businesses, and to date, approved 234 applications totaling \$1.2 million dollars. The grant program is accepting new applications.

Chair Real Bird indicated that one major barrier for Indian country is that a lot of our sole proprietorships are not listed anywhere, are not legal entity.

- shawn
01:13:24 - 01:13:35
And we did work with the Native caucus to make sure that the state law recognizes entities created by a federally recognized tribe.
- shawn
01:13:36 - 01:13:51
And at one point in time, last year, to last year fall, we're going to have a meeting seminar conference with the State Commission, State Commerce Department Governor's Office, University of Montana, Federal Reserve.
- shawn
01:13:51 - 01:13:55
And that meeting was supposed to be held in May, and then we postpone that.
- shawn
01:13:56 - 01:14:04
And so one of the barriers that that is still there, is that we're trying to work altogether with the Secretary of State.
- shawn
01:14:05 - 01:14:18
So that these entities that are created are essentially in a database the Secretary of State's office, so that they are recognized as a legal entity.
- shawn
01:14:19 - 01:14:21
And we're still moving in that direction.
- shawn
01:14:21 - 01:14:30

And we're still working altogether, and at some point in time, we're going to have that meeting that seminar, and try to work together to remove that barrier.

- shawn
01:14:34 - 01:14:34
Any other comments?
- shawn
01:14:42 - 01:14:50
If not, we'll go on with the next agenda item that's over 19 impacts and challenges to the country.
- shawn
01:14:50 - 01:15:01
I know that there's been serious crisis that's been happening within Indian country and Indian people.
- shawn
01:15:02 - 01:15:11
And I know that we haven't dealt with this as Indian tribes since smallpox, TB epidemic.
- shawn
01:15:11 - 01:15:30
And I think there's another one, but I think that somehow some way, we all need to, we all need to work together at a professional level, administrative level, and a spiritual level, to be able to help our people.
- shawn
01:15:30 - 01:15:42
Because many of our people are in crisis right now, and they don't know whether they're gonna survive when they went once they have contact this virus.
- shawn
01:15:43 - 01:15:46
And so, with that, I know that this is very important.
- shawn
01:15:46 - 01:15:57
And I would like to each Commissioner to express to the State Commerce Department, the governor's office, their information.
- shawn
01:15:58 - 01:16:03
And we need to all work together, help our people.
- shawn
01:16:04 - 01:16:13
With that, I give the floor back to all the Commissioners and whoever wants to go ahead and provide their information, or their input, or their, or their position.
- shawn
01:16:24 - 01:16:25
Anybody, Richard?
- richard sangrey
01:16:27 - 01:16:30
Well, we've been working with the Governor's Office.
- richard sangrey
01:16:32 - 01:16:33
Here on the reservation.

- richard sangrey
 01:16:35 - 01:16:38
 The only problem we had was get the results back in a timely manner.
- richard sangrey
 01:16:41 - 01:16:43
 And all we waited for.
- richard sangrey
 01:16:43 - 01:16:49
 Well over a week for the results, But, like they're saying, go news.
- richard sangrey
 01:16:50 - 01:16:50
 News.
- richard sangrey
 01:16:52 - 01:16:57
 It would contact to your good test positive.
- richard sangrey
 01:16:58 - 01:17:03
 And we have the incident command.
- richard sangrey
 01:17:03 - 01:17:10
 That is, Every day we have a phone call at three o'clock working with our health professionals.
- richard sangrey
 01:17:11 - 01:17:16
 Oh, our tribal office or police department go just to.
- richard sangrey
 01:17:18 - 01:17:23
 Get updates every day where we're standing as a reservation.
- richard sangrey
 01:17:25 - 01:17:34
 But, I guess the biggest problem we have is having our people use common sense.
- richard sangrey
 01:17:36 - 01:17:39
 Uh, stay home when they're staying home.
- richard sangrey
 01:17:40 - 01:17:40
 Sure.
- richard sangrey
 01:17:41 - 01:17:50
 If the quarantine there should we stay at home notes, hepworth plays plays a big part in this.
- richard sangrey
 01:17:53 - 01:17:58
 A lot of us don't know who's may be infected with the virus.
- richard sangrey
 01:18:02 - 01:18:10
 Probably one of the biggest fears out there amongst the tribal people because they don't know who is not.

- richard sangrey
 01:18:14 - 01:18:19
 Something we're, I guess we're going to have to live with them until they do come up with the Black Sea.
- richard sangrey
 01:18:20 - 01:18:20
 Cool.
- richard sangrey
 01:18:23 - 01:18:24
 Keep assault protected.
- richard sangrey
 01:18:25 - 01:18:26
 Thanks, Sean.
- shawn
 01:18:27 - 01:18:29
 Yes, Is there any other comments from the Commissioners?
- shawn
 01:18:29 - 01:18:40
 I know that this is very important, and this is life or death, and we need to we need to express ourselves.
- shawn
 01:18:41 - 01:18:52
 And the more and put more thought processes that we I just worked together on, the better our people are in their house.
- Shelly Fyant
 01:18:57 - 01:19:11
 This poll, again, I just wanted to say that Flathead is really in a unique situation because of our land and our um, corresponding jurisdictional issues.
- Shelly Fyant
 01:19:12 - 01:19:18
 And so like I mentioned before, we did have a unified command system in place.
- Shelly Fyant
 01:19:19 - 01:19:21
 I felt was working really well.
- Shelly Fyant
 01:19:21 - 01:19:27
 Like I had reached out to the Lake County commissioners, who in the past, have been really notorious for their.
- Shelly Fyant
 01:19:30 - 01:19:32
 Racist attitudes.
- Shelly Fyant
 01:19:33 - 01:19:42
 And everything felt like was going OK until the big arm case was decided in our favor in federal district court.
- Shelly Fyant
 01:19:43 - 01:19:46
 So, that is kind of where we saw the split.
- Shelly Fyant

01:19:46 - 01:19:51

And then after the governor, no said he would opt in.

- Shelly Fyant

01:19:52 - 01:19:56

We let the commissioners know that they had the option too.

- Shelly Fyant

01:19:56 - 01:20:08

No stay shelter in place with us, and they decided to open up because of the pressure, that I guess, that they were feeling similar to the governor as far as the economics of it all.

- Shelly Fyant

01:20:08 - 01:20:21

So we took action, too, control of our own workforce, and our tribal lands, and so that's where we are.

- Shelly Fyant

01:20:21 - 01:20:36

We recently we've been revising those work plans and made a decision last week to go ahead and open our tribal offices on August 10th.

- Shelly Fyant

01:20:37 - 01:20:47

Um, it wasn't my person to do that, but I think I've normal operate as a council of 10.

- Shelly Fyant

01:20:47 - 01:20:50

So that's where we are right now.

- shawn

01:20:51 - 01:20:51

So it's.

- Shelly Fyant

01:20:51 - 01:20:52

Been really difficult.

- Shelly Fyant

01:20:52 - 01:20:55

I really feel encouraged by.

- shawn

01:20:55 - 01:20:55

Other.

- Shelly Fyant

01:20:55 - 01:21:01

Tribes that are able to be more aggressive and controlling what they can control.

- Shelly Fyant

01:21:01 - 01:21:06

So kudos to all of you that are in those positions to be able to do that.

- shawn

01:21:14 - 01:21:15

Any other comments?

- shawn

01:21:21 - 01:21:22

From our other commissioners.

[speaker unknown]:

01:21:27 - 01:21:36

Cheryl, and I just wanted to say, that, you know, I am really proud of all tribal leadership and instead of what that, I think, everybody's tried really hard to protect their homeland and their people.

[speaker unknown]:

01:21:36 - 01:21:44

And I know for the Black Community Challenge as well, because we have people that want to get out our own.

[speaker unknown]:

01:21:44 - 01:21:49

People, get out and enjoy Life as **** on a normal day, but that's been happening.

[speaker unknown]:

01:21:50 - 01:21:53

So what they do, when we shut down everything, Sometimes it's a two edged sword.

[speaker unknown]:

01:21:54 - 01:22:01

You've got people that are leaving town, like they shut down, alcohol, sales, they shut down every entry and national park on our reservation.

[speaker unknown]:

01:22:02 - 01:22:08

And, you know, that, it's probably be evaluated, isn't good for, you know, our own people.

[speaker unknown]:

01:22:09 - 01:22:15

Because I start getting on the roads and they're traveling pup bank in different places, too, to meet their needs.

- shawn

01:22:15 - 01:22:23

Skill their, you know, their cars up with whether the alcohol or food and the academy yet the buffer.

- shawn

01:22:23 - 01:22:27

And then they come back and, and they may have contracted the virus.

- shawn

01:22:29 - 01:22:44

And so, the thing to say, sometimes is a detriment as well, because we thought we're saying that, you know, we didn't have the covert on our reservation for a long time, and it just happened probably right, before the fourth of July.

- shawn

01:22:45 - 01:22:46

And everything was shut down.

- shawn

01:22:46 - 01:22:59

So, you almost have to think, Well, maybe that's because our kids are, all people are forced out to have to go and shop elsewhere elsewhere, and come back and have that contractor that we've lost one elder.

- shawn

01:22:59 - 01:23:00

And it's really sad.

- shawn

01:23:00 - 01:23:05

It unfortunate on the reservation ..., and it really is a big scare.

- shawn

01:23:05 - 01:23:12

People are scared, but I think the more public health information that we're able to share with everybody, the better it is.

- shawn

01:23:12 - 01:23:23

One of the things that I've also seen, And I don't know if other tribes are hearing this, and this is just an opinion, personal opinion, an observation, but IHS really isn't picking up the slack.

- shawn

01:23:23 - 01:23:33

I mean, we're really lucky at Blackfeet that a few years ago or our tribal council had allowed us to open up the Tribal clinic data through that through third party billing.

- shawn

01:23:33 - 01:23:35

We didn't have any money from IHS.

- shawn

01:23:35 - 01:23:36

And we still don't get it.

- shawn

01:23:36 - 01:23:42

But what we did get is that they negotiated, you know, for the tort claims and different things like that, that type of coverage.

- shawn

01:23:43 - 01:24:01

So, the bulk of the testing that was done on the reservation is because of the tribal medical facility, and they're trying like, heck, you know, to get the keep the money And to keep providers, you know, employed, to find housing.

- shawn

01:24:01 - 01:24:13

It's just really hard, and I guess the reason I'm sharing, if there's anybody else that I could share with us or let us know if there's a better way that we could be communicating, collaborating with IHS, richer like to know.

- shawn

01:24:13 - 01:24:15

Because that place was empty.

- shawn

01:24:15 - 01:24:19

While our way we're are called the Health center.

- shawn

01:24:20 - 01:24:30

We had over, probably a thousand people are close to that in one day lined up from, you folks, know, browning from our casino, all the way down to our museum.

- shawn

01:24:30 - 01:24:36

And the science museum area just lined up to get tested, because IHS wouldn't pester.

- shawn
01:24:36 - 01:24:53
The only ones they were tasked with people that said that they were directly affected by Coburn or that had symptoms would not have asymptomatic table And they were not tested people that were probably second hand to it, but still care, not knowing if they got it or not.
- shawn
01:24:53 - 01:25:00
So, everybody waited in line, already tested, and it was thanks to our tribe, that allowed us to have that, you know, tribal facility.
- shawn
01:25:00 - 01:25:07
But no, we need help, We need help to keep it sustainable, we need help to keep it going, We need help to probably open doors through IHS.
- shawn
01:25:08 - 01:25:16
Doesn't seem fair that we have an IHS hospital, not even a clinic or a hospital there, and they can't seem to keep up with the services.
- shawn
01:25:16 - 01:25:23
They won't open the doors, It's just, I don't know if people are going through that, I think are dennis's outside and, and to people.
- shawn
01:25:24 - 01:25:48
So if there's, if you guys have stories like that, or if there's something we could do, as a, Montana said, permission to, I don't know, I'll get something, Bill, or some kind of legislative papers to not so much the day, they can't really help in that respect, but even just the federal government, about how do you get more healthcare providers to the reservation.
- shawn
01:25:48 - 01:25:53
You know, or how do you get the existing providers there to open the doors?
- shawn
01:25:53 - 01:25:55
To help, I don't know if you guys have a thought?
- shawn
01:25:55 - 01:25:56
That's an issue.
- shawn
01:25:57 - 01:25:58
Oh, I want to share.
- shawn
01:26:04 - 01:26:06
Comments by the commissioners.
- shawn
01:26:14 - 01:26:20

I'd like to express a little bit here, you know, being a Pastor Legislator or the crow tribe sometimes.

- shawn
01:26:22 - 01:26:35
Sometimes, when you're talking about a serious topic, it's, we question, no, know, the ramifications and things like that.
- shawn
01:26:35 - 01:26:54
Where even, we're worried about different things, about a certain topic, and this is, this topic, is probably the most serious topic that we ever had to deal with, and probably the biggest crisis that we've ever had to deal with as tribal governments.
- shawn
01:26:54 - 01:27:03
And I think that right now, um, the number, the numbers are shocking in Bighorn County.
- shawn
01:27:06 - 01:27:10
In April, we had three May, we had 27 June, we had 44.
- shawn
01:27:11 - 01:27:13
July, we had 249.
- shawn
01:27:13 - 01:27:16
In the past three days, we've had 49.
- shawn
01:27:18 - 01:27:23
And we have we have 11 that passed away.
- shawn
01:27:24 - 01:27:28
I think, last week, it was like two, or three, or four, and one day, one, or two days.
- shawn
01:27:31 - 01:27:37
And I think the crow reservation has turned into a epicenter for this crisis.
- shawn
01:27:38 - 01:27:40
And what's happening is that.
- shawn
01:27:43 - 01:27:58
The Indian Health Service show the weekend on Sunday notified their staff that Indian Health Service at crewe, was to be turned into a coven Hospital.
- shawn
01:28:00 - 01:28:03
So based on that, there's only one ventilator.
- shawn
01:28:05 - 01:28:13
And do we have the technical expertise to be able to deal with this?
- shawn

01:28:14 - 01:28:19

Do the nurses, the doctors, to the professionals, have the expertise?

- shawn

01:28:21 - 01:28:28

And the reason that this is happening is that they're not Sheridan, Wyoming, and there are hospitals, billings.

- shawn

01:28:28 - 01:28:36

And there are hospitals, are getting too overwhelmed with our enrolled patients that are needing this specialized care.

- shawn

01:28:38 - 01:28:48

And so, they may be sending him to the Indian Health Service and stating that it's a covert hospital.

- shawn

01:28:48 - 01:28:55

But the thing is, we don't have to quality specialized care for these individuals.

- shawn

01:28:57 - 01:29:06

And one quick note is that we, as commissioners, we need to educate ourselves on the EMTALA Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act.

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01:29:06 - 01:29:07

It's a federal law.

- shawn

01:29:08 - 01:29:21

That this law requires that all patients that are receiving medical treatment and are going to ER must be stabilized, treated regardless of their ability to pay.

- shawn

01:29:21 - 01:29:28

So it must be that we're going above and beyond our budget's within Indian Health Service.

- shawn

01:29:29 - 01:29:38

But going above and beyond our funding within these other hospitals, so they're refusing these patients.

- shawn

01:29:40 - 01:29:44

Hospitals are asking for patients to be transferred to higher level care.

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01:29:44 - 01:29:50

Hospitals must make sure that the hospitals are bidding by the EMTALA.

- shawn

01:29:51 - 01:30:11

They can only refuse a transfer, if they are on diversion, meaning to another hospital or they are at capacity, each hospital should have an MOA or MOU with the hospital They are transferring to this is a CMS requirement.

- shawn

01:30:12 - 01:30:21

This M O U R M O a should be binding regardless if they are diversion even in capacity.

- shawn
01:30:23 - 01:30:28
And so, this is so, this crisis is so big is that right now.
- shawn
01:30:31 - 01:30:34
They had a three day camp and this is still not in the papers.
- shawn
01:30:35 - 01:30:39
Of the high school, volleyball players, one tested positive.
- shawn
01:30:39 - 01:30:45
Now, all individuals that were at that camp are important team.
- shawn
01:30:45 - 01:30:47
And now, their parents.
- shawn
01:30:49 - 01:30:55
People that are exposed to the exposed are worried, but that's not the only issue.
- shawn
01:30:57 - 01:31:05
Over here, there has been where grandmother has passed on.
- shawn
01:31:06 - 01:31:11
Then the cousin has passed on and two of her children are in ICU in Billings.
- shawn
01:31:13 - 01:31:15
And, uh, this is happening.
- shawn
01:31:15 - 01:31:18
And this is not the only case, and this is not the only example.
- shawn
01:31:20 - 01:31:33
And so, based on that, there, the Crow tribe is transferring, these individuals are positive toys to a hotel room.
- shawn
01:31:34 - 01:31:52
But the thing is, I'm not sure how well the tracking is going, but with this, I think that the tracking needs to be, I guess, more aggressive to be able to stop this.
- shawn
01:31:52 - 01:32:04
And one thing that, I think that we need to take some steps is that over at the Navajo Nation, every zip code on their reservation, and they calculated all the people that are positive.
- shawn
01:32:06 - 01:32:08
Then every entrance and roadway.
- shawn

01:32:09 - 01:32:16

They're security and police force take their temperature and the temperature is high if they send them straight to a hospital.

- shawn

01:32:18 - 01:32:18

We're not.

- shawn

01:32:18 - 01:32:20

We are not doing that here at the Crow tribe.

- shawn

01:32:21 - 01:32:29

And I think that we need to take those steps, because it's getting out of control.

- shawn

01:32:30 - 01:32:36

And I think that there needs to be more aggressive approach.

- shawn

01:32:37 - 01:32:45

And I think that the other commissioners need to know this because this may happen that near reservations, and it's quite concerning.

- shawn

01:32:46 - 01:32:47

And right now.

- shawn

01:32:50 - 01:32:57

They're moving forward with online and face-to-face learning at a public high school in grade schools put underground.

- shawn

01:32:58 - 01:33:00

And reservation, they're gonna wait until August 30th.

- shawn

01:33:02 - 01:33:03

So.

- shawn

01:33:05 - 01:33:14

There may be another covert outbreak within the high school systems, grade school systems, uncrowned in reservation.

- shawn

01:33:16 - 01:33:31

So, I think that we, we need to educate ourselves on the EMTALA so that we can best support our enrolled members because we do know that Indian Health Service is not, will not step up force.

- shawn

01:33:32 - 01:33:46

So, if we educate ourselves on that federal law, then we should aggressively approach the Indian Health Service with this type of language and, uh, to help our people out that way.

- shawn

01:33:48 - 01:33:53

Does anybody have any questions for me, or any thought processes or ideas?

- shawn

01:33:54 - 01:33:54

Because?

- shawn

01:33:57 - 01:34:02

I've never seen this, or experienced this magnitude in our people.

- shawn

01:34:08 - 01:34:08

Good.

- shawn

01:34:10 - 01:34:11

Any other commissioners?

- shawn

01:34:19 - 01:34:24

I just wanted to show this to Cheryl shirt, mister Chairman?

[speaker unknown]:

01:34:26 - 01:34:28

Sounds like it's really hit your reservation.

- shawn

01:34:28 - 01:34:37

You both have Red Cross, or as you're able to help you with quarantine home, is there help out there for you?

- shawn

01:34:38 - 01:34:47

I think the only thing that the only thing that they have is that there is only one hotel in Hardin that's willing to take these positive patients in.

- shawn

01:34:47 - 01:34:49

The other ones are refusing.

- shawn

01:34:51 - 01:34:55

There's an authority had that cares act money, you know, for i.c.d.b.g.

- shawn

01:34:55 - 01:34:59

And I know our housing office applied for it for cope at home.

- shawn

01:34:59 - 01:35:03

Preferably specifically just for people that needed to be in quarantine.

- shawn

01:35:03 - 01:35:12

And of course, we haven't heard back from it yet, but I was just wondering if you folks, if you're held in office is doing anything, get help.

- shawn

01:35:14 - 01:35:24

I think that they're trying the best they can, but I'm not quite sure if they actually know how to manage that particular federal fund.

- shawn

01:35:25 - 01:35:26

Good question.

- shawn

01:35:28 - 01:35:28

Good.

- shawn

01:35:30 - 01:35:43

This may be a good topic for our next step to invite those public health offices or somebody, you know, that just to open this circle up to the services that are out there that we know how to access mm hmm.

[speaker unknown]:

01:35:48 - 01:35:49

Uh.

[speaker unknown]:

01:35:49 - 01:35:51

And especially like or ...

[speaker unknown]:

01:35:51 - 01:35:57

I know that the IAEA has given each tribe the opportunity to apply for funds.

[speaker unknown]:

01:35:58 - 01:36:05

Idle archive has that about two point three million somewhere around there and we were all told to put in a budget for, unfortunately.

[speaker unknown]:

01:36:06 - 01:36:12

A lot of it goes to just overtime and double pay, you know, for hazard pay for people that go back to work.

[speaker unknown]:

01:36:12 - 01:36:25

But they're certified line items for PPE is, I was just wondering if people were able to identify your PPE, the ventilator, there, anything in the works for that.

- shawn

01:36:27 - 01:36:29

I think at this point, um.

- shawn

01:36:32 - 01:36:43

I'm, I'm not sure, is the Chairman, the executive branch, have been updated on the information that you have just received.

- shawn

01:36:44 - 01:36:50

Yeah, I don't think that they are, have received that information yet.

- shawn

01:36:51 - 01:36:55

But at some point in time, within the next day or two, I'm gonna go ahead and communicate this information.

- shawn
 01:36:57 - 01:37:08
 Yeah, because I just gave out care that our tribal health director was really proactive with our programs and getting them to get their budgets and our EMS person.
- shawn
 01:37:08 - 01:37:17
 But if there's any body that you would like to talk with our to try to help out, you're certainly welcome to give us an e-mail or call us or have somebody call our tribal health director.
- shawn
 01:37:17 - 01:37:19
 They were natural.
- shawn
 01:37:19 - 01:37:25
 Very crazy medicine, I've got to work your way, office but they were able to get secure A ventilated through a grant as well.
- shawn
 01:37:25 - 01:37:33
 And if there's any other type of opportunities that are out there, we actually do a grant huddle every week, every Tuesday with a little.
 [speaker unknown]:
 01:37:35 - 01:37:36
 That's all for.
 [speaker unknown]:
 01:37:37 - 01:37:46
 There are a couple of ladies out of East Glacier that our attorney had higher to actually prepare a spreadsheet of all funds that have come into the tribe.
- shawn
 01:37:46 - 01:37:54
 I think what our Council wants to do is get a CPA to do an accurate accounting of the budget because you know, we all the thread they say, Yeah, here's the money.
- shawn
 01:37:54 - 01:37:56
 Take them on a but you're going to be watched, you don't.
- shawn
 01:37:56 - 01:37:57
 And that's fine.
- shawn
 01:37:58 - 01:38:01
 That's what they're doing is setting up the accounting system for that.
- shawn
 01:38:01 - 01:38:07
 But meanwhile, they're also tracking grant opportunities out there.
- shawn
 01:38:07 - 01:38:09
 What does culvert fun and there?

- shawn
 01:38:10 - 01:38:16
 I don't know if you work with Health Care Foundation any of the tribe or but that could probably attest to the same thing.
 [speaker unknown]:
 01:38:21 - 01:38:24
 Writers through technical assistance they'll pay for that.
- shawn
 01:38:24 - 01:38:30
 You know, that we work closely with RJ, I thought of Rocky Boy And they've helped us secure a lot of flooding.
- shawn
 01:38:30 - 01:38:35
 In fact, they helped us secure or cares that, Richard probably knows about this money for CDC.
- shawn
 01:38:36 - 01:38:43
 And that was for our incident command so that they could get more PPE for our tribal, no resident.
- shawn
 01:38:44 - 01:38:57
 And so, maybe our issue right now, we're dealing with is just the distribution on the reservation, but getting the funds, their wage called on our partners, and that was Montana Healthcare Foundation.
- shawn
 01:38:57 - 01:39:03
 Rj and I think that place in Billings, Rocky, Mountain leaders, they gave out a few dollars to some of the tribe.
- shawn
 01:39:04 - 01:39:22
 So, I think we're all here to help each other, And if there's anything that we can certainly do, to help you, or you have any general questions, please feel free to call or e-mail me, any one of you know, there may be an opportunity to both wanted this group to talk to you about how they're tracking and preparing our spreadsheet.
- shawn
 01:39:23 - 01:39:26
 Ah, and working with not how to help you.
- shawn
 01:39:29 - 01:39:29
 Mmm hmm.
- shawn
 01:39:34 - 01:39:35
 Sure, appreciate it.
- shawn
 01:39:35 - 01:39:48
 Yes, So, I think that there should be some type of collaborations between Indian tribes between housing department sets become more aggressive than the executive branches.
 [speaker unknown]:
 01:39:50 - 01:39:50
 Yeah.
 [speaker unknown]:

01:39:54 - 01:40:05

Really gotta get our tribal health and our housing and RBA people more involved, because, when you talk about money coming on the reservations, the majority of it on our reservation is federal.

[speaker unknown]:

01:40:05 - 01:40:13

Federal, and state funds, there is very little, private and, the only private investment of our own tribe investing in our tribe reservation.

[speaker unknown]:

01:40:13 - 01:40:30

They're the ones that are building our hotels that are casinos and, you know, are grocery stores managing them to Tribal Bill that we have that slide, Development Corporation, as our economic or that the managers, they keep, you know, they have their own accounting human resources.

- shawn

01:40:31 - 01:40:41

So, it's really a separation of powers between the Tribal Business Council and the Development Corporation, and they keep ongoing training for them.

- shawn

01:40:41 - 01:40:42

They do hospitality training.

- shawn

01:40:42 - 01:40:47

They just really make sure that there are people are up to snuff.

- shawn

01:40:47 - 01:40:48

You know what they're doing their job.

- shawn

01:40:48 - 01:41:09

So, even that, you know, that the business side of things we could, you know, ask are, if you folks wanted RC Fealty to visit with the Commission, just to talk about how he manages our operations, what they're doing in this crisis They've had to put in for the SBA Paycheck Protection Program.

- shawn

01:41:09 - 01:41:14

And they, you know, they have challenges, and we can all learn from each other.

- shawn

01:41:17 - 01:41:18

Yes.

- shawn

01:41:18 - 01:41:21

That'd be outstanding, I think we need to move in that direction.

- shawn

01:41:25 - 01:41:31

With that, is there any other comments that need to be made by any other commissioners, we might not be a quorum right now.

- richard sangrey

01:41:33 - 01:41:33

Ok?

- richard sangrey
01:41:34 - 01:41:35
Yeah.
- richard sangrey
01:41:36 - 01:41:37
Oh, go ahead.
- shawn
01:41:42 - 01:41:42
Good.
- shawn
01:41:45 - 01:41:46
Sure.
- shawn
01:41:47 - 01:41:47
Oh, OK.
- shawn
01:41:47 - 01:41:48
Yeah.
- shawn
01:41:48 - 01:41:50
I think I'd like to add is that we wouldn't help.
- shawn
01:41:50 - 01:41:58
Like, for example, if the tribe would like to learn more about Federal contracting years ago, it took a field trip on there.
- Billie LeDeau
01:41:58 - 01:42:02
That was really nice, actually, Probably in the late nineties.
- shawn
01:42:03 - 01:42:08
And it was really nice, but we've never really went forward with that.
- shawn
01:42:08 - 01:42:13
We worked a little bit with any DC out of billing guide.
- shawn
01:42:13 - 01:42:13
I would come up to.
- shawn
01:42:14 - 01:42:16
Maybe once or twice a month.
- shawn
01:42:16 - 01:42:26
It was mister Fox, as much, and they would help entrepreneurs are getting learning about certifications that they need out there.

- shawn
01:42:26 - 01:42:27
Through SBA.
- shawn
01:42:27 - 01:42:36
Then they'd help them get there, oh, you know, the grants dot gov, but the sam dot gov information that they needed in order to be a contractor.
- shawn
01:42:37 - 01:42:39
So, that was all really helpful.
- shawn
01:42:39 - 01:42:46
But it would really be good to find out if there's really any room for, say, tribal governments or should they be looking at getting into federal contracting.
- Billie LeDeau
01:42:50 - 01:42:53
That I know that has been really really prolific data building that area.
- Billie LeDeau
01:42:55 - 01:43:03
So, I was just wondering, you know, that topic that we might want to talk about is called as a, you know, how, again, we can collaborate to try.
- shawn
01:43:07 - 01:43:08
This, we should work on.
- shawn
01:43:14 - 01:43:15
Good.
- richard sangrey
01:43:17 - 01:43:20
Shelley got off the phone, off the line.
- richard sangrey
01:43:20 - 01:43:23
So, do we have a quorum?
- Billie LeDeau
01:43:25 - 01:43:35
We do not have a quorum, but all we have to do is adjourn basically, but the only last agenda item is the next Step meeting.
- Billie LeDeau
01:43:35 - 01:43:40
I'm going to planet for October, but I'm gonna send out a doodle poll to see what works best for everybody.
- shawn
01:43:43 - 01:43:43
Ok?
- shawn
01:43:50 - 01:43:58

So, Comox, Cheryl, I don't know, OK, this is Cheryl.

- shawn

01:43:58 - 01:44:16

I don't know if there's any topics for the strategic planning, or really, how you're planning strategic planning, but, just as I mentioned those things, I think those are really good, because the opportunities for tribes of federal contracting would be, one, developing a Section 17, Development Corporation.

- shawn

01:44:16 - 01:44:27

You know, is that beneficial, You know, what are the pros and cons of both of those federal contracting section, 17 development, but just something that I care as far as providing.

[speaker unknown]:

01:44:30 - 01:44:35

Job, job development, workforce development, you know, on a larger scale?

- shawn

01:44:35 - 01:44:47

And then, I think we probably all have industrial parks, but our industrial parks even, doing anything for us, I know are certainly for years, and we've had one fire of an old textile factory.

- shawn

01:44:57 - 01:44:58

That wasn't a sustainable.

[speaker unknown]:

01:45:00 - 01:45:01

Ok.

- shawn

01:45:05 - 01:45:07

Oh, we can hear you now.

- shawn

01:45:07 - 01:45:07

Go ahead.

- shawn

01:45:08 - 01:45:21

Oh, I'm sorry, I'm, again, this is a bad time to pick me on the road, but I'm just saying that those folks are interested in, I think, would benefit all of us on a larger scale.

- shawn

01:45:21 - 01:45:28

We're all trying to look for employment or, you know, a larger mass of people on our reservations, job skills development.

- shawn

01:45:28 - 01:45:29

You know, with our colleges.

- shawn

01:45:29 - 01:45:31

Because sometimes I think they need help.

- shawn

01:45:31 - 01:45:35

And probably just the direction they should be going.

- shawn
01:45:35 - 01:45:40
And I don't know, if you call that, like, a regional assessment, or I don't, like all economic resiliency.
- shawn
01:45:40 - 01:45:45
And the reason I'm bringing this up is because, you know, we all have that ability to put in for money from UVA.
- shawn
01:45:45 - 01:45:49
And it had to be a disaster, and economic resiliency plan.
- shawn
01:45:49 - 01:45:55
And I think that really fits where we are today with a pandemic is, for example, R R.
[speaker unknown]:
01:45:58 - 01:46:00
To fail shutdown and our hotel shutdown.
[speaker unknown]:
01:46:01 - 01:46:12
And those together, probably employ about 60 people, if not more, And so they didn't have a paycheck to
paycheck program, know how to do, and so what's our economic resiliency plan?
- Billie LeDeau
01:46:12 - 01:46:18
And we don't have one right now, for example, we can retrain them because what else is that until the
government jobs?
- Billie LeDeau
01:46:18 - 01:46:25
But I think that's really an important topic to do, like, you know, if you're forced to retry.
- Billie LeDeau
01:46:26 - 01:46:33
And they're just saying, God forbid, but they're forced down jobs or anything like that.
- Billie LeDeau
01:46:34 - 01:46:43
Well, what they do for us to really benefit from these conversations, I think, though, I would really be interested in
hearing more about fostered three topic areas.
- Billie LeDeau
01:46:43 - 01:46:45
Federal contracting.
[speaker unknown]:
01:46:47 - 01:46:48
Session 17?
[speaker unknown]:
01:46:51 - 01:46:56
Development corporations that are Now, you know, how can other tribes adapt to that?
[speaker unknown]:
01:46:56 - 01:46:57

Wouldn't work for them.

[speaker unknown]:

01:46:58 - 01:47:01

And then an economic resiliency in disaster plan.

[speaker unknown]:

01:47:01 - 01:47:02

Does everybody have that?

[speaker unknown]:

01:47:02 - 01:47:06

And how do you build, you know, what consultants out there do you go after?

[speaker unknown]:

01:47:06 - 01:47:19

Now, an example is getting off track, but I just really like this group, and the thing that I want to learn from you folks do is that we have we had a wind damage with our dev barber, cultural, Barbara routing, at AIG.

[speaker unknown]:

01:47:19 - 01:47:23

And we're really lucky that we didn't have this year, because it wouldn't have been ready.

[speaker unknown]:

01:47:23 - 01:47:24

I don't know what would have done it.

[speaker unknown]:

01:47:24 - 01:47:34

Probably would actually one of the school, but we don't even know what an architect, you know, a local architect or engineer, that good, that you're special item and cultural design.

[speaker unknown]:

01:47:34 - 01:47:36

So, just learn from each other about both type of thing.

[speaker unknown]:

01:47:37 - 01:47:42

You know, would be helpful for professional services, where do you go to the whole world as well, in Indian country?

[speaker unknown]:

01:47:44 - 01:47:57

We have to contract out, you don't get three bids for federal money, but like the tribal money, and we just really want to know who are those professionals to work with, based on your experience.

[speaker unknown]:

01:47:57 - 01:48:00

What are some of the questions I am, I just want to share that.

- shawn

01:48:05 - 01:48:06

Any other comments?

[speaker unknown]:

01:48:09 - 01:48:10

Yes.

- shawn

01:48:12 - 01:48:13

Got some great input there.

- shawn
01:48:13 - 01:48:13
Sure.
- shawn
01:48:15 - 01:48:16
That's the kind of input I'd like to hear.
- shawn
01:48:19 - 01:48:22
I know I talked a lot about all these thoughts.
- shawn
01:48:22 - 01:48:26
I really don't have a small staff about these ideas off.
- shawn
01:48:26 - 01:48:31
And unfortunately, I don't see my boss is very much either my nine council, because they're so busy.
- shawn
01:48:32 - 01:48:39
And what the shutdown, you know, we have to, we can't say the alpha for 40 hours, 80 hours a week pay period.
- shawn
01:48:39 - 01:48:41
So, Yeah.
- shawn
01:48:41 - 01:48:42
We do a lot of e-mailing.
- shawn
01:48:42 - 01:48:46
But you never really get to just convert, say, in China between.
- shawn
01:48:46 - 01:48:53
I mean, as leaders, they get together every day, but as program people and our leadership, we're not able to have that access all the time.
- shawn
01:48:53 - 01:48:59
And so if I, this is a really good venue to share those ideas about, you know, how do we start helping each other.
- shawn
01:49:03 - 01:49:03
Hmm.
- shawn
01:49:07 - 01:49:07
Yeah, absolutely.
- shawn
01:49:07 - 01:49:07
Right.
- shawn

01:49:07 - 01:49:11

We need to start to work together.

- shawn

01:49:12 - 01:49:14

Collaboration as a consortium.

- shawn

01:49:15 - 01:49:18

I know that we've done that with US.

- shawn

01:49:18 - 01:49:22

Commerce Department stimulus monies at one point in time four.

- shawn

01:49:23 - 01:49:25

I think we're going up to 90 million.

- shawn

01:49:25 - 01:49:31

So, I think that we trust you, move together, make things happen.

[speaker unknown]:

01:49:34 - 01:49:38

I think that's the only way we're going to be able to help ourselves, and we need to start talking to one another.

- shawn

01:49:39 - 01:49:39

Mmm hmm.

- shawn

01:49:41 - 01:49:45

Hosting like, just hosting meetings quarterly on each reservation.

- shawn

01:49:46 - 01:49:49

Try to get our leadership at our program people too.

- shawn

01:49:50 - 01:49:55

Just collaborate and visit and talk about, I think that we could do to improve our reservations.

- shawn

01:49:56 - 01:49:56

Right?

- shawn

01:50:01 - 01:50:08

One quick note, and this is a different topic, and I hope it is Richard still on.

- Billie LeDeau

01:50:11 - 01:50:12

Yes?

- shawn

01:50:12 - 01:50:13

Yep, OK, that's good.

- shawn

01:50:15 - 01:50:20

So, as I know, that everybody's already a majority vote, everybody already left.

- shawn

01:50:20 - 01:50:25

But I would like to make a quick note that the Coverage Association.

- shawn

01:50:27 - 01:50:33

Was expressing that new tribes would be going against, come onto the board of horse racing.

- shawn

01:50:33 - 01:50:36

You're going against historical.

- shawn

01:50:36 - 01:50:42

There's a machine called historical racing, which would generate a little bit of revenue.

- shawn

01:50:43 - 01:50:46

And I believe that's a misnomer.

- shawn

01:50:46 - 01:50:54

And I did express this to Chairman Gerald Gray and he's going to take it up with the Rocky Mountain Tribal leaders.

- shawn

01:50:54 - 01:51:06

But the thing is, the majority of, uh, the majority of individuals on the Racetracks in the State of Montana, are Native Americans, logarithm from the Chippewa Cree Drive from the Blackfeet Tribe, Nacro Drunk.

- shawn

01:51:06 - 01:51:29

And so, based on that, I think that at some point in time within, within the State Commission, we need to put out there that, you know, we've tried to support and help libration and that, each and every one of our cultures.

- shawn

01:51:30 - 01:51:39

Blackfeet Chippewa, Cree, the Crow Tribe in Cheyenne, all the other tribes that we each have our own hoarse culture.

- shawn

01:51:39 - 01:51:43

And we each have our own ways, and we want to maintain our Horse Culture.

- shawn

01:51:43 - 01:51:48

And a lot of those ways are maintained through horse racing and show.

- shawn

01:51:48 - 01:52:00

I think, at some point in time, we may need to pass a resolution, stating that we support any direction in terms of libration in the State of Montana.

- shawn

01:52:00 - 01:52:09

So, I'll update more, as we know, more in the October meeting, that we're going to have, whether it's by Zoom virtual, or face-to-face.

- richard sangrey
01:52:14 - 01:52:15
I'm glad to hear that.
- richard sangrey
01:52:16 - 01:52:18
Sean, because Cheryl, I'm sorry.
- richard sangrey
01:52:18 - 01:52:24
I just want to say I'm really glad to hear that because I know the blackened like to pride themselves on their horsemanship.
- richard sangrey
01:52:24 - 01:52:29
And so, right now, our staff paid part is called
- richard sangrey
01:52:29 - 01:52:31
Also, would have been closed anyway.
- richard sangrey
01:52:31 - 01:52:40
Just because it made some repair and maintenance, you know, just really been neglected, and a lot of that is due to not charging a lot of our horse.
- richard sangrey
01:52:40 - 01:52:43
Then, you're ready for Indian Railways, a different thing.
- richard sangrey
01:52:43 - 01:52:46
They don't pay for the store, they'll pay for the bard.
- richard sangrey
01:52:46 - 01:52:55
Are for the race track time and so I was going to reach out and start asking different tribe you know, how much do you charge you charge for your jockeys?
- richard sangrey
01:52:55 - 01:53:02
Are your Indian relating to rent, you know, odysseys and path or daily path.
- richard sangrey
01:53:03 - 01:53:08
Yeah, just so that the money that could come in and put help with the operations and maintenance of that facility.
- richard sangrey
01:53:10 - 01:53:21
So I know you're talking about something totally different, but those are the other things I'd like to add onto that, that, you know, it would be helpful to understand how we can improve O&M.
- richard sangrey
01:53:21 - 01:53:24
And those deal on the ground.

- shawn
 01:53:25 - 01:53:25
 Millimeter.
- shawn
 01:53:27 - 01:53:28
 Good, Richard.
- shawn
 01:53:29 - 01:53:29
 Yeah.
- richard sangrey
 01:53:29 - 01:53:29
 Sure.
- richard sangrey
 01:53:29 - 01:53:30
 Best, some races.
- richard sangrey
 01:53:30 - 01:53:32
 I get to see all my friends.
- shawn
 01:53:32 - 01:53:32
 Great.
- richard sangrey
 01:53:35 - 01:53:36
 That's a little money to book.
- shawn
 01:53:40 - 01:53:51
 One quick note, Sheets were just yours, Since we're just kind of throwing ideas around, and everybody, majority of the people that are concerned are here at this point, I know that the other ones are really busy, too.
- shawn
 01:53:53 - 01:54:09
 There was talk within the board horseracing that we may need to take steps with the racetrack and browning, racetrack and rocky boy the racetrack and grow, and maybe even cherish kootenai tribe and everything like that and other tribes.
- shawn
 01:54:10 - 01:54:25
 Also, move together that we may need to sanction those tracks, If there's problems, issues, are no funding to Mile City, are great, folks.
- shawn
 01:54:25 - 01:54:47
 So, it's something that I'll put up there, at this point, and you can start to think about and consider it, And, as we move along within this initiative to try to get libration going, we the Indian tribes may have to step up and do life racing in the state of Montana if it fails at those other tracks.
- shawn
 01:54:48 - 01:54:51
 Something to consider at this point in time.

- shawn
01:54:56 - 01:54:57
So, what does that vary?
- shawn
01:54:59 - 01:55:01
I think Marie might've went to another meeting.
- Billie LeDeau
01:55:02 - 01:55:03
Yes.
- shawn
01:55:03 - 01:55:04
Ok.
- shawn
01:55:06 - 01:55:09
So, if there's anything else we need to talk about or any other ideas?
- shawn
01:55:10 - 01:55:13
If not, we can officially adjourn.
- richard sangrey
01:55:14 - 01:55:18
Mister Chairman, I'm just everybody, stay safe.
- richard sangrey
01:55:19 - 01:55:20
Take care.
- richard sangrey
01:55:21 - 01:55:22
Motion to adjourn.
- shawn
01:55:23 - 01:55:23
Mmm hmm.
- shawn
01:55:24 - 01:55:25
All in favor, say aye?
- shawn
01:55:25 - 01:55:25
Thank you.
- shawn
01:55:27 - 01:55:28
Motion carries.
- shawn
01:55:29 - 01:55:30
Thank you, Paul.
- shawn
01:55:32 - 01:55:33
Thank you very much.

- shawn
01:55:33 - 01:55:34
Appreciate it.