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EDUCATION

Candidate for MBA
Executive Management
Anticipated Graduation May 2013

University of Mary
Bismarck, ND

BA - Community Education

Antioch University/NAES College
Yellow Springs, OH

Experience

2010 – Present
Vice President, Community Services

Fort Peck Community College
Poplar, MT

A member of the Senior Management Team of Fort Peck Community College, a land grant accredited two-year institution established in 1978 to serve the Fort Peck Reservation and surrounding communities. FPCC offers occupational training and academic programs designed to transfer to other higher educational institutions.

Responsible for community out-reach programs/courses such as law enforcement, hazardous materials, OSHA training courses, CNA courses and other short term offerings. Other responsibilities include short term occupational programs in welding, building trades, truck driving, heavy equipment, and electrical line workers. Community outreach responsibilities include operations of two community health and wellness programs.

Responsible for the programs and partnership offered as a 1984 Land Grant Institution which include agricultural and extension programs, technical assistance and land and natural resource management services. Administered the partnership with the Fort Peck Natural Resource Office to develop an Integrated Resource Management Plan for the Fort Peck Reservation. Partnerships include the Fort Peck Tribal Ranch operations, an 800 irrigated acre, 900 head cattle and feed

operation. Through the partnership the Agriculture staff provides technical assistance in ranch management and land improvement strategies.

Responsible for all facility construction and maintenance which includes 18 facilities in two communities. Oversaw the construction in 2012 of the \$3.9 million James E. Shanley Tribal Library, and am overseeing the construction of \$1.9 million expansion to include and information technology and archives additions scheduled for completion in 2013.

Responsible for all information technology and network facilities for all 18 facilities of the institution. In 2012 oversaw the construction of a fiber optic cable networking linking the main administrative office to five other facilities.

1992 – 2010
Marketing & PR Manager

Nemont Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
Scobey, MT

Member of the Senior Management Team of a Local Telephone Company. Nemont Telephone Cooperative is parent company to two subsidiary telephone companies, Project Telephone Company and Missouri Valley Communications, Inc., one cellular operation, Sagebrush Cellular, one Internet Company, Nemont Communication Inc. and affiliated interest in a publishing company and an interactive television company. Responsible for marketing, advertising, corporate donations, economic development, governmental affairs, customer satisfaction, key accounts, and public image of companies. Involved as team member in corporate expansions. Supervised staff in four separate office locations in Montana and North Dakota.

Was instrumental in the expansion that started in 1994 that resulted in a growth of 3500 customers to over 17,000 by 2000 through of the acquisition of property, launching of a cellular and internet companies and expansion of services.

Was responsible for the all land and rights-of-way acquisition on Indian lands and customer relations with land owners and public bodies.

1989-1991
Tribal Chairman

Fort Peck Tribes
Poplar, MT

Elected to the Office of Chairman of the Fort Peck Tribes, at the time, the youngest tribal member to attain the honor. The Fort Peck Tribes are resident to a 2.2 million acre reservation located in northeast Montana with over 12,000 Members.

Was responsible for management of daily operation a staff of over 600 employees. As head of the Tribal government, I was responsible for relationships with city, county and statewide and federal elected officials. Under my administration successes include the adoption of 1+ million acre-foot water rights compact with the State of Montana, and the funding of new facilities to

improve the irrigation system which serves all the farming and ranching operations north of the Missouri River.

1981 – 1989

Mineral Director / Tax Administrator

Fort Peck Tribes

Poplar, MT

Responsible for management of Tribal owned minerals and oil and gas resources of 2.2 million acre Indian Reservation in northeast Montana. Was also responsible for implementation and collection of Tribal Utility and Mineral Leasing Taxes, leasing and management of oil and gas lands, approval of all rights-of-ways and easements on the reservation, and management of other exploratory operations on the reservation lands.

OTHER RELATED ACTIVITIES

2001-2006

Chairman

Fort Peck Inc.

Board of Directors

Poplar, MT

Responsible for the two operations for the Fort Peck Tribes, an 800 head cow and calf ranch and farm operation called the Fort Peck Tribal Ranch and a convenience store in Poplar called Tribal Express. Was responsible for the selection and supervision of the Ranch Manager in the daily activities of the ranch, irrigated feed, hay and dry land farm operations. The ranch operated over 800 acres of irrigated land in alfalfa, wheat, oats, and barley for feed stock. The operation employed 6 full-time staff and 8 season employees for the daily operations. Was successful in the expansion of the ranch operations through acquisitions of irrigated lands, increased feedstock, increased the cattle herd by 200 head with positive financial returns.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

2011 to Present	Appointed to Fort Peck Tribes Tax Commission
2001 to 2010	Chairman, Fort Peck Community College Board of Directors
2004-2007	Appointed to Statewide Interoperability Executive Council, State of Montana Department of Information Technology Services
1990 to 2004	President, Board of Directors of A&S Tribal Industries / Mitakuye Inc.
1995-2003	Appointed to National Telephone Cooperative Association Marketing Committee
1985 to 2010	Member, Fort Peck Community College Board of Directors
1986-1988	Chairman, Frazer School Board of Trustees, School District 2 & 2B
1982-1995	Northeast Montana Land and Minerals Owners Association