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Draft Agenda for Joint Meeting of the State-Tribal Relations Interim Committee and the Blackfeet Tribal Council

Tribal Council Chambers, Browning, MT
Wednesday, July 7, 2010

- 9:00** **Call to order and roll call – Chair Scott Reichner**
Opening prayer – Mr. Henry Butterfly, Tribal Council Member
- 9:05** **Introductions of Committee and Council members (both current and soon to be sworn in)**
- 9:25** **Approval of January 14 and April 8 committee minutes**
- 9:30** **Update on Indian affairs**
√ Ms. Lesa Evers, Interim Director, Governor's Office of Indian Affairs
- 10:00** **Status of Fort Belknap – Blaine County road maintenance and tax issue**
√ Mr. Jeremy Gersovitz, STR committee staff attorney
- 10:05** **Update on Department of Public Health and Human Services foster care pilot at the Fort Belknap reservation**
√ Ms. Lesa Evers, Interim Director, Governor's Office of Indian Affairs
- 10:30** **Foster care on the Blackfeet Reservation**
√ Mr. Reese Fisher, Tribal Council Member
√ Ms. Mary Ellen LaFromboise, Director, Blackfeet Family Services
√ Ms. Sandra K. Watts, Tribal Attorney
- 11:15** **Public comment**
- 11:45** **Lunch**

- 1:00** **Civil rights issues**
√ Mr. Rodney Gervais, Tribal Council Member
- 1:45** **Cultural and historical preservation**
√ Senator Jonathan Windy Boy
√ Ms. Jo'Etta Buckhouse, Regional Archeologist, Bureau of Indian Affairs.
√ Mr. Casey Barrs, STR committee Research Analyst, Legislative Services Division
- 2:15** **Law enforcement cultural awareness training at the Blackfeet Reservation**
√ Mr. Jim Smith, Co- Director, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association
√ Mr. John Salois, President Blackfeet Community College
√ Ms. Lea Whitford, Blackfeet Studies Department Chair, Blackfeet Community
- 3:00** **Law enforcement cultural awareness issues**
√ Mr. Henry Devereaux, Director, Blackfeet Public Safety
√ Ms. Sandra K. Watts, Tribal Attorney
√ Mr. John Murray, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
- 3:45** **Review of State-Tribal Relations Interim Committee work plan**
√ Mr. Casey Barrs, Legislative Analyst, Legislative Services Division
- 4:00** **Public Comment**
- 4:30** **Adjourn**

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