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FINAL AGENDA

STATE-TRIBAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
2535 St. Johns Avenue, Billings, MT
Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conference Room
November 11-12, 2019

NOTE: AGENDA ITEM TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE--SOME ITEMS MAY TAKE MORE OR LESS TIME THAN IS ALLOTTED.

Monday, November 11, 2019

10:00 a.m. **STRC Call to Order - Roll Call**
Sen. Jason Small, chair

Opening Prayer and Welcome

Administrative Matters

- STRC Budget Overview - Ms. Stockwell

10:05 a.m. **Improving communication between tribes and Child Protective Services in child neglect cases**

I) Department of Public Health and Human Services current practices:

Marti Vining, Children & Family Services Division Administrator
Lesa Evers, Tribal Relations Manager

II) The Yellowstone County District ICWA Court experience:

The Honorable Rod Souza, Judge
Brooke Baracker-Taylor, Assistant Attorney General
Edie Adams, Qualified Expert Witness

Jim Reintsma, Parent Attorney

Juli Pierce, Guardian ad Litem

Jenn Weber and Heather Eleazer, Child Protection Specialist
Supervisors, DPHHS

Questions/discussion -- STRC

Public comment

Committee action, if any

12:00 p.m. Lunch on your own

1:00 p.m. **Governor's Office of Indian Affairs Update**

- Jason Smith, Director
- Public comment
- Questions/discussion -- STRC
- Committee action, if any

1:30 p.m.

Treaty rights and tribal land status

- Overview - Majel Russell, attorney
- US Supreme Court Herrera decision followup- Kyle Gray, attorney
- Publication proposal - Ms. Stockwell
- Public comment
- Questions/discussion -- STRC
- Committee action, if any

2:45 p.m.

Break

3:00 p.m.

HJ 10 Study of barriers to American Indian voting in Montana

- Current law and rules for voter registration, address, and ID requirements - Ms. Stockwell (Tab 1)
- Summary of litigation history - Ms. Sankey Keip
- Indian Country perspectives
 - Cherylann Eagle, Indian People's Action
 - Donovan Archambault, plaintiff, *Wandering Medicine v. McCulloch*
 - Marci McLean Pollock, Western Native Voice
- Election administrator perspectives
 - Dulcie Bear Don't Walk, Big Horn County
 - Joan Duffield, Rosebud County
 - Tammy Williams, Blaine County
- Public comment
- Questions/discussion -- STRC
- Committee action, if any

5:00 p.m.

Public comment on any matter not contained in this agenda and that is within the jurisdiction of the STRC

5:15 p.m.

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Tuesday, November 12, 2019

8:00 a.m.

Public comment on any matter not contained in this agenda and that is within the jurisdiction of the STRC

8:15 a.m.

Tribal Uniform Commercial Codes and barriers to lending on

reservations for economic development

- Casey Lozar, Assistant Vice President, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis
- Leonard Smith, Executive Director, Native American Development Corporation
- Shawn Real Bird, Chairman, State Tribal Economic Development Commission
- Public comment
- Questions/discussion -- STRC
- Committee action, if any

9:15 a.m.

Final adoption of work plan (Tab 2)

- Review - Ms. Stockwell
- Public comment
- STRC discussion, adoption of work plan

9:30 a.m.

Review future meeting dates and locations

- March 5-6, 2020 -- Helena
- Week of May 4, 2020 -- CSKT/Blackfeet Visits?
- June 24-26 -- Fort Peck/Fort Belknap Visits?

9:45 a.m.

Other Business

Instructions to Staff

10:00 a.m.

Adjourn

10:30 a.m.

Tour Billings Urban Indian Health and Wellness Center
1230 N 30th Street

11:45 a.m.

Lunch on your own

12:45 p.m.

Meet at Yellowstone County District Court, 217 N 27th Street, Room 508

1:30 p.m.

Observe ICWA Court

2:30 p.m.

Depart Billings

Please note:

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