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AGENDA (updated 4/1/2022)

April 6 & 7, 2022

Meeting locations are noted within each portion of the agenda

NOTE: Agenda item times are approximate. Some items may take more or less time than is allotted.

Site visits

The site visits and tours listed below in italics are limited to committee members and confirmed guests -- space is limited. Guests must register by noon on March 30. If you wish to participate in these visits, please contact Pad McCracken (406-444-3595 or padmccracken@mt.gov).

Wednesday, April 6, 2022 – Fort Belknap Indian Community (FBIC)

8:00 a.m. *Meet at Smokehouse Grill in Fort Belknap Agency to board transit buses for tours of Island Mountain Development Group facility in Hays and the FBIC Buffalo Pasture*

12:00 p.m. Lunch for STRC and FBIC Council at Smokehouse Grill

1:00 p.m. STRC call to order, roll call, opening prayer and welcome (Returning Buffalo Building, Room 213, Aaniiih Nakoda College)

1:15 p.m. Meet with the FBIC Council

2:15 p.m. STRC business meeting (Room 213):

- Director of Indian Affairs Misty Kuhl updates and agency intros/updates
- Fee-to-trust refresher – Pad
- Satellite/alternate election offices overview – Laura
- Discussion with Blaine and Phillips County and FBIC representatives:
 - Voting access – satellite/alternate election offices

- Fee-to-trust; land status
- Decennial report options/bill drafts – Sens. Webber and Fox, Pad
- IEFA litigation update – Laura
- Public comment on any matter within STRC's jurisdiction

4:00 p.m. Adjourn

Thursday, April 7 – Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes

- 8:30 a.m. *Visit Language and Culture Department – Ramey Growing Thunder, Director (603 Court Avenue, Poplar, MT, 59255)*
- 10:00 a.m. Meet with Tribal Executive Board in Tribal Administration Building Board Chambers (501 Medicine Bear Road, Poplar, MT, 59255)
- 11:00 a.m. Discussion with Roosevelt and Valley County representatives and members of Tribal Executive Board:
- Voting access – satellite/alternate election offices
 - Fee-to-trust, land status
- 11:45 a.m. Public comment on any matter within STRC's jurisdiction; STRC adjourn
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch for STRC and Tribal Executive Board in the Tribal Administration Building Conference Room
- 1:00 p.m. *Tour Thundering Buffalo Health and Wellness Center – Kenny Smoker, Jr., HPDP Director (701 Frontage Road, Poplar, MT, 59255)*

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