



## STATE-TRIBAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

### 68th Montana Legislature

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Bob Brown  
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Jason Small  
Susan Webber

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Joe Read  
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Lola Sheldon-Galloway  
Frank Smith  
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# MINUTES LOG

October 05, 2023  
Great Falls, MT  
Helena, Montana

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#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Sen. Jason Small, Chair (R)  
Rep. Tyson Running Wolf, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Tony Brockman (R)  
Rep. Frank Smith (D)  
Sen. Susan Webber (D)

#### **MEMBERS EXCUSED:**

Sen. Bob Brown (R)  
Sen. Mike Fox (D)  
Rep. Joe Read (R)  
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R)  
Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy (D)

#### **STAFF PRESENT:**

Casey Pallister, Research Analyst  
Laura Sankey Keip, Attorney  
Bethany McDowell James, Secretary

## **AGENDA** [\(Attachment 1\)](#)

### **VISITORS' LIST**

#### **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

11:00:33 Chair Small called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM. The committee secretary took roll.

#### **PRAYER AND OPENING REMARKS**

11:02:04 Rep. Running Wolf

#### **DISCUSSION WITH LITTLE SHELL TRIBAL COUNCIL**

11:03:58 Rep. Running Wolf  
[EXHIBIT1](#)

11:06:29 Gerald Gray, Chairman of the Little Shell Tribal Council

11:08:39 Clarence Sivertsen, First Vice Chairman of the Little Shell Tribal Council

11:09:09 Colleen Hill, Secretary and Treasurer of the Little Shell Tribal Council

11:09:49 Chairman Gray

11:11:14 Chair Small

11:11:31 Rep. Running Wolf

11:11:58 Chairman Gray

11:13:17 The committee and the council discussed the tribe's food distribution center.

11:16:49 Chair Small

11:17:24 Sen. Webber

11:17:39 Chairman Gray

11:18:41 The committee and the council discussed the Carmel Mountain Ranch (CMR) recreation center.

11:22:31 Sen. Webber

11:23:48 Rep. Smith

11:24:25 Chair Small

11:24:41 Chairman Gray

11:25:38 The committee and the council discussed fee-to-trust land.

11:27:32 Rep. Running Wolf

11:28:56 The committee and the council discussed vehicle registration taxes for tribal members.

11:30:47 Sen. Webber

11:30:54 Chair Small

11:31:40 Chairman Gray

11:33:20 Chair Small

11:34:00 Rep. Brockman

11:34:37 The committee and the council discussed the tribe's efforts towards self-sufficiency.

11:36:42 Rep. Brockman

11:37:17 Rep. Smith  
 11:39:11 Chairman Gray  
 11:39:19 The committee and the council discussed a marijuana license for the tribe.  
 11:40:29 Chair Small  
 11:40:40 Colleen Hill  
 11:41:35 The committee and council discussed native language courses in public high schools.  
 11:46:39 Sen. Webber  
 11:46:58 The committee and council discussed MICWA/ICWA impacts on the tribe.  
 11:48:11 Rep. Smith  
 11:48:58 Chair Small  
 11:49:20 Chairman Gray  
 11:51:08 Sen. Webber  
 11:52:16 Chair Small  
 11:53:02 Chairman Gray  
 11:54:05 Sen. Webber  
 11:54:34 Chair Small  
 11:55:12 Sen. Webber

**Public Comment on the Discussion with the Little Shell Tribal Council**

11:57:11 None

**RECESS FOR LUNCH**

11:57:25 Rep. Running Wolf reconvened the meeting at 13:01:12.

**STRC BUSINESS MEETING**

13:02:03 Rep. Running Wolf

**MISSING YOUTH STUDY**

13:02:09 Dana Toole, Special Services Bureau Chief, Department of Justice (DOJ)  
 13:03:32 Nicki Grossberg, Child and Family Services Administrator, Department of Health and Human Services (DPHHS)  
 13:03:57 Dana Toole  
[EXHIBIT2](#)

**Committee Questions/Discussion**

13:07:35 Rep. Smith  
 13:08:51 Dana Toole (See exhibit 2)  
 13:10:55 Rep. Brockman  
 13:12:09 Dana Toole continued the presentation.  
[EXHIBIT3](#)  
 13:16:42 Nicki Grossberg  
 13:17:11 Dana Toole (See exhibit 3)  
 13:19:22 Rep. Running Wolf

13:20:48 Dana Toole (See exhibit 3)  
 13:21:42 Rep. Brockman  
 13:22:36 Sen. Webber (See exhibit 2)  
 13:25:42 Dana Toole  
[EXHIBIT4](#)  
 13:29:50 Rep. Brockman  
 13:32:57 Rep. Running Wolf  
 13:38:11 Rep. Brockman  
 13:42:45 Sen. Webber  
 13:45:22 Rep. Running Wolf  
 13:48:21 Sen. Webber  
 13:49:59 Rep. Brockman  
 13:51:42 Rep. Running Wolf  
 13:54:17 Sen. Webber asked a question of Laura Sankey Keip, Staff Attorney.  
 13:56:27 Rep. Brockman  
 13:57:56 Rep. Running Wolf  
 13:59:08 Rep. Smith

**PUBLIC OFFICER SAFETY AND TRAINING (POST) CERTIFICATION POLICY AND TRIBAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS**

14:00:04 Rep. Running Wolf  
 14:01:19 Sen. Webber  
 14:03:54 Rep. Running Wolf  
 14:04:01 Timothy Allred, Executive Director, POST Council  
 14:12:33 Jess Edwards, tribal law enforcement representative, POST Council

**Committee Questions/Discussion**

14:13:47 Rep. Running Wolf  
 14:14:44 Sen. Webber  
 14:16:57 Rep. Running Wolf

**Public Comment on POST Certification Policy and Tribal Law Enforcement Officers**

14:19:20 Sara Wolftail  
 14:20:30 Joshua Bird

**Committee Questions/Discussion**

14:22:26 Sen. Webber  
 14:28:30 Rep. Brockman  
 14:30:55 Rep. Running Wolf asked a question of Sara Wolftail

**Public Comment on POST Certification and Tribal Law Enforcement Officers**

14:33:51 Henry Devereaux

**Committee Questions/Discussion**

14:42:12 Rep. Running Wolf asked a question of Joshua Bird.  
14:44:02 Sen. Webber asked a question of an audience member.  
14:45:24 Rep. Running Wolf  
14:47:06 Rep. Smith  
14:48:16 Sen. Webber  
14:49:38 Chair Small  
14:51:38 Sen. Webber  
14:52:11 Rep. Running Wolf

**RECESS**

14:55:54 Chair Small reconvened the meeting at 15:02:07.

**AMTRACK UPDATE**

15:02:12 Lance Fourstar, Councilman, Wolf Point City Council  
15:07:29 Stacy Zinn, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)

**Committee Questions/Discussion**

15:10:12 Chair Small  
15:11:43 Rep. Brockman  
15:13:15 Sen. Webber  
15:14:23 Chair Small  
15:16:34 Lance Fourstar  
15:19:40 Chair Small  
15:20:36 Sen. Webber

**Public Comment on Amtrack Update**

15:22:31 None

**UPDATES/FOLLOW-UP FROM JULY 19 MEETING**

15:22:53 Casey Pallister, Lead Staff  
[EXHIBIT5](#)  
[EXHIBIT6](#)  
[EXHIBIT7](#)  
[EXHIBIT8](#)  
15:26:11 Chair Small  
15:26:23 Casey Pallister  
[EXHIBIT9](#)

**COMMITTEE WORK PLAN DISCUSSION**

15:33:32 Chair Small  
15:33:40 Sen. Webber  
15:34:10 Rep. Brockman

15:35:19 Rep. Running Wolf  
 15:36:54 Chair Small discussed the first proposed work plan topic. (See exhibit 9)  
 15:37:17 Rep. Brockman  
 15:38:48 Rep. Smith  
 15:39:28 Rep. Brockman  
 15:40:42 Chair Small  
 15:41:04 Rep. Brockman  
 15:41:48 Rep. Smith  
 15:42:06 Sen. Webber  
 15:42:48 Rep. Brockman  
 15:44:22 Chair Small discussed the second proposed work plan topic. (See exhibit 9)  
 15:45:03 Sen. Webber  
 15:48:28 Chair Small  
 15:49:01 Rep. Running Wolf  
 15:49:44 Sen. Webber  
 15:50:32 Chair Small discussed the third proposed work plan topic. (See exhibit 9)  
 15:50:48 Rep. Running Wolf  
 15:51:14 Chair Small  
 15:51:54 Sen. Webber  
 15:52:16 Rep. Running Wolf  
 15:53:22 Rep. Smith  
 15:54:24 Rep. Brockman  
 15:55:45 Chair Small  
 15:55:57 Rep. Brockman  
 15:56:13 Rep. Running Wolf  
 15:56:53 Sen. Webber  
 15:57:47 Rep. Smith  
 15:58:28 Chair Small asked a question of Laura Sankey Keip.  
 15:59:47 Sen. Webber  
 16:00:14 Casey Pallister  
 16:00:39 Sen. Webber

**Public Comment on the Committee Work Plan Discussion and any other topic within STRC's jurisdiction**

16:01:04 None

**ADJOURNMENT**

16:01:21 Chair Small adjourned the meeting at 16:01:21 (4:01 p.m.).