

Wisconsin Tribal Conservation Advisory Council Meeting

Thursday, October 22, 2004

Radisson Hotel and Conference Center
Oneida, WI

Role Call

Present: Oneida, Stockbridge-Munsee, Bad River, Lac du Flambeau,
Lac Courte Oreilles, Menominee, Sokogon

Not Present: Forest County Potawatomi, Ho-chunk, Red Cliff, St. Croix,

Others Present: Jennifer Hill-Kelley (Oneida), Kelly Jacobs (Stockbridge-
Munsee), Greg Yakle (NRCS), Patti Jackson-Kelly (NRCS),
Jim Thannum (GLIFWC), JoAnne Cruse (USDA), John
Pingry (NRCS), Jan Whitcomb (NRCS), Keith Songbusch
(NRCS), Tom Fredrickson (NRCS), Brett McConnell (LCO),
Gretchen Watkins (Lac du Flambeau), Jerry Thompson
(NRCS), Pete Lindgren (NRCS), Tom Cogger (NRCS),
RaeAnn Maday (Bad River), Pat Leavenworth (NRCS),
Doug Cox (Menominee), Tony Bush (USDA), Paul Ninham
(Oneida), Mike Finney (Oneida), Roman Ferdinand
(Sokogon), Pat Cornelius (Oneida)

Introductions

Approval of Minutes

**MOTION MADE BY BAD RIVER, TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF AUGUST 26,
2004, SECONDED BY LAC COURTE ORIELLES MOTION CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY.**

NRCS Update:

- *As of yesterday (10/21), there have been no EQIP allowances yet. Based on the house/senate mark, \$440,000 has been recommended for WTCAC.
- *Michigan has a cultural resource investigation that Wisconsin will look to model.
- *Review of conservation proposed rule- intent is to reward land owners for doing the right thing
- *Presently, there are no tribal lands in water sheds- up to 3 in state, one w/ in tribal boundaries
- *2005 Earmark- possible to get another earmark- additional resources coming. Received \$200,000 4-5 years ago (community gardening initiative- not generally covered under traditional programs).
- *Conservation Technical Assistance-pays for technical staff which has allowed NRCS to work with tribes. Government to Government operations established.

if you would like to view the presentation, please email me (djacobs1@oneidanation.org) and I will send it to you.

By-Laws

*Articles of Incorporation were ratified at Red Cliff

*Rep's of WTCAC should meet as a tribal caucus at Dec meeting (the evening before) to ratify the by-laws. Topics to discuss will be proper format, articles of incorporation, each tribe to come back w/ resolutions, signature page, WTCAC coordinator position (job description and duties), earmark budget and deliverables of the budget. Action will be brought forth the following day at the meeting.

Next meeting date is Tuesday, December 7.

Hosted by the Menominee Tribe

Keshena, WI
