

Wisconsin Tribal Conservation Advisory Council Meeting  
December 13, 2007  
Mole Lake, Wisconsin

Welcome by WTCAC Secretary/Treasurer

Roll call, Bad River, Sokaogon, LCO, LDF, Oneida, FCP, Menominee, Stock-Bridge  
Absent; St. Croix, Red Cliff, Ho-Chunk.

Agenda- motion to approve agenda-Oneida, second by Stockbridge, motion passed.  
New business-

- A. second round of EQIP proposals-Tony Bush, discussion on Stock-Bridge proposal. Closing on property where project is happening will not take place until Dec 21, 2007 so the deadline is extended for that project. This does not need a vote because the project itself was approved in previous meeting.
- B. LCO- is hoping to add 300 ft of tree -shoreline protection total of \$6,000. Oneida moved to approve, seconded by FCP, vote taken, motion passed, Also discussed a project that is not sure what practice this may fall under. It was suggested that the engineers look at area to decide whether it is compatible for another practice.
- C. Minutes from previous meeting. -tabled due to lack of time to revise will put on agenda for next meeting.
- D. NRCS update- Pat Leavenworth, what is happening with farm bill? A version is not approved at this time. IF the farm bill is not approved, the funding needs to be extended to continue with program activities . Farm bill is omnibus spending bill for 900.36 billion is being proposed. Continuing resolution expires tomorrow so the bill needs to be passed or a new resolution.

Oneida question? When is it appropriate to request an earmark ? Usually done in Feb or March.

Jerry Thompson- State administrative office, a second level obligation review of each Tribe. There is a need for NRCS to have the name of a person for each Tribe who has the authority to sign contracts. Put on tribal letter head send to Jerry, handed out card for us to send to.

American Indians, NRCS employees directory, do we want to participate?

EAB posters-Jerry has them.

American Indian/Alaskan natives employees association( for NRCS)-do we want to host their meeting in august? We need Oneida to approve the submittal of package to host. Motion to show interest in sponsoring the annual meeting, made by LDF, second by Stock-Bridge. Vote: Oneida abstained. Motion passed.

Idea from Jerry: what about sponsoring students for internships in NRCS?

Discussion on how to recruit. It seems that there are not enough Tribal students interested in natural resources.

Agenda for training next month-January 23, 2008. Sokaogon needs to know how many people will be participating and how many are staying overnite? Needs to know by next week on Friday, December 21, 2007. Besides WTCAC, bring along technical people that will be working with the standard.

Tribal permits w/dnr. Sort of said that wdnr will not require permits.

Break time-

#### Old business

Articles of Incorporation-FCP and Oneida discussed this with Oneida tribal attorney. Is this something that was discussed with NRCS? Do we need to do this for funding purposes? Pat L. answered "no" to this. Question for Jean Buffalo, why did this happen? We need to ask the attorney in Wausau about the papers to see if they were filed and other paper trails???? See if we have minutes of April 6, 2006. in Carter where it was voted on?? Motion to withdraw papers for articles of incorporation by FCP, seconded by Oneida, vote and motion passed.  
WTCAC gave Pat Pelky of Oneida permission to call Judicare on behalf of WTCAC.  
Work plan revisions-handed out the revisions needed to make contracts applicable to real situation.

#### Executive session-

Executive director position discussion- ask attorney to advise us on what we want from Ritchie such as reports, receipts, and any equipment so that this matter can be settled. Ritchie is asking for \$30,623.30 as salary in arrears. No action taken until legal council is obtained.

#### Next meeting-January 24, 2007 8:00am Mole Lake

Ask if the following entities are available to meet with us for next meeting Forest service, Sylvia-vision quest, Joann Cruse from APHIS and also be sure to send notice to Greg Blackdeer from Ho-Chunk