

**Wisconsin Tribal Conservation Advisory Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**December 11, 2006**  
*Hosted by Ho-Chunk Nation at Muscoda Village Hall*

**I. Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the Wisconsin Tribal Conservation Advisory Council (WTCAC) was called to order by Ritchie Brown, Executive Director at 1:30 p.m. on December 11, 2006 at the Muscoda Village Hall in Muscoda, Wisconsin.

**II. Roll Call**

**Present:** Stockbridge-Munsee Oneida Nation  
Lac Courte Oreilles Forest County Potawatomi  
Lac Du Flambeau Bad River

**Absent:** Menominee Nation Sokaogon (Mole Lake)  
Red Cliff Ho-Chunk Nation  
St. Croix GLIFWC

**Quorum:** \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ **X** Yes \_\_\_ **6** Tribes Represented

**III. Approval of Minutes.**

Motion to approve the minutes of November 2006 meeting made by Stockbridge, seconded by Lac du Flambeau. All yeas. 0 opposed, 0 abstained. Motion carried.

**IV. Revisions to Agenda.**

Jean Buffalo-Reyes is unable to attend this meeting. Ritchie Brown will facilitate. .

**V. Reports**

**NRCS Update (Pat Leavenworth)**

Pat Leavenworth, NRCS State Conservationist has been detailed for several months to Oklahoma and gave her perspectives on working with Tribes in Oklahoma. Pat also discussed EQIP funding and that \$138,000 in EQIP funds has been obligated for FY 06. Pat also discussed status of budget for FY 07.

**APHIS Update (JoAnn Cruse)**

JoAnn Cruse, USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Plant Protection & Quarantine discussed the continuing resolution on budget for FY 2007; however 2006 EAB funds are secured. JoAnn also discussed possibility of setting up EAB destructive sampling training with Illinois and requested a show of hands of Tribes that would be interested in participating. Need more specifics on dates, times and location. JoAnn introduced a guest speaker who gave a presentation on Avian Influenza Sampling here in Wisconsin.

**WTCAC Update (Ritchie Brown)**

Section 106 Project Status Report: Ritchie Brown, WTCAC Executive Director reported on the meeting in St. Croix with some of the THPO's during their quarterly WTRC meeting. Gave a short presentation over two days to the WTRC. Committee provided WTCAC with three possible dates for a meeting and working session with NRCS to discuss 3 alternative strategies developed so far for refining the process for reviewing conservation projects on non-tribal lands to satisfy Section 106 Tribal consultation requirements.

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Project Status Report: Sylvia Redschlag reported on the progress of EAB survey activities during the month of November. Still awaiting signatures on the authorization from Stockbridge-Munsee; still working with St. Croix's environmental staff. Trap trees at Oneida and Menominee are ripe for peeling this season over the next couple of months. Waiting for Doug Cox to get settled into his new position at Menominee before setting up dates for destructive sampling and peeling. She also discussed two more counties in Ohio have been quarantined and that Ohio Department of Agriculture also has additional EAB detection sampling training upcoming if anyone is interested in traveling to an area heavily hit with emerald ash borer.

**EQIP/WHIP Update**

Application deadline for EQIP. Project proposals are due to Tony Bush by December 29, 2006. Application deadline for WHIP. Project proposals are due to Tom Cogger by end of December. Rae Ann Maday distributed copies of the Bad River Pickerelweed Project Proposal for discussion about this project proposal from Bad River.

**Farm Bill (Ritchie Brown)**

Ritchie briefly discussed locating the prior WTCAC application and he was working on revisions to that submission.

**VI. New Business (Ritchie Brown)**

Ritchie suggested sending out another announcement to all the Tribes regarding deadline for submission of projects under EQIP, WHIP and Small Grants. There was some discussion regarding the use of Special Project funding. Greg Yackle explained it can only be used by an individual Tribe once until all the Tribes are exhausted and then a Tribe can reapply. Pat Leavenworth suggested a teleconference between Ritchie Brown, Don Baloun, Tom Cogger and Pat Leavenworth before the next meeting in January. Ritchie also suggested that the next meeting be scheduled for 2 working days to accommodate work on the WTCAC Strategic Plan. WTCAC Tribal representatives were reminded to return their travel vouchers to Ritchie Brown after the meeting for processing.

**VII. Meeting Schedule**

Next meeting will be held at Oneida on January 23-24, 2007.

**VIII. Meeting Adjourned**

Motion to Adjourn was made by Bad River (Rae Ann Maday) seconded by Stockbridge-Munsee (Chad Miller). All yeas, 0 opposed, 0 abstained. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Prepared by: SR for RB

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)