



**Wisconsin DOT Inter-Tribal Task Force (WisDOT ITTF),
Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (THPO),
and Tribal Labor Advisory Committee (TLAC)**

Monday October 20, 2014

8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

**Michigan/Ontario Rooms
Radisson Hotel in Oneida WI**

Meeting Agenda

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Teleconference line: 1 877 336 1286

Access Code: 6279722

8:30 – 9:00 a.m. – Breakfast

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- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Review Meeting Minutes & Agenda**
Review/Approve WisDOT ITTF Minutes from September 8, 2014
- 3. Update on Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (THPO) Activities – Melinda Young**
- 4. Introduction/Update on Tribal Labor Advisory Committee (TLAC) – Kelly Allen**
- 5. Review/approve WisDOT ITTF Annual Update Report**
- 6. Adjournment**

Please note: WTTTC Business Networking Expo starts at 11:30 a.m. in the Turtle, Tuscarora, and Oneida rooms and the WTTTC opening ceremony is scheduled to begin at 1:00 in the Grand Council Ballroom.

HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL AT THE LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION IN THE ONEIDA ROOM FROM 5:30 TO 6:30 PM



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Members Present: Rusty Barber, LCO – Larry Balber for Jeff Benton, Red Cliff (entered the meeting at 9:30) – Emerson Coy, LDF – Stacey Schreiber, Stockbridge Munsee – Gerald Warrington, FCPC – Kelly Jackson, Statewide Tribal Liaison – Roger Larson, WisDOT SW – Scott Lee for Andrew Malson, WisDOT SE – Kate Mueller, WisDOT BOTS – Brent Pickard, WisDOT NW – Sandy Stankevich, WisDOT NC

Members Absent: Michael Finn, Oneida Nation – William Quackenbush, Ho-Chunk – Marjorie Taylor, St. Croix – Wayne Wilber, Menominee – Patrick Wontor, Sakoagon
Derek Weyer, WisDOT NE (Medical leave)

Others in Attendance: Danielle Yancey, Tribal Affairs WisDOT – Gary Mejchar, AICCW Advisory – Melinda Young, LDF THPO – Brooks Big John, LDF TERO – Lauren Abel, LDF – Kelly Allen, LDF TLAC – Dave O'Donahue, BIA – Jim Becker, WisDOT – Willie Miller, Stockbridge Munsee – Agnes Fleming, ITTF Coordinator.

9:00 a.m.

No quorum at 9:00. Agnes Fleming suggested to provide updates to members present until a quorum is reached.

Rusty Barber, Chair welcomes everyone and thanks Oneida for hosting. He also thanked Task Force members for attending and for their help in organizing the conference. Today and tomorrow will showcase vendors and partnerships. Included in your packet is the agenda, minutes, and the ITTF reimbursement voucher.

Rusty gave a brief history of the Task Force. It originated 2004-2005 with a concept of partnership between tribes and state. State has appropriated money to invest in the future of tribal and state relations. He also emphasized the trust relationship with the BIA. Task Force has come a long way from where it started. He stated that it's been a pleasure and honor to be associated with both groups throughout the years.

Since the passage of Act 246 intoxicated driver program we are now able to provide assessment through our local Health Facilities and provide classes through our Community Colleges.

Chair welcomes Kelly Allen newly hired Tribal Labor Advisory Council (TLAC) Coordinator. Brooks Big John and Kelly Allen have worked with MTTAP to offer CDL driver course at LDF. This winter he hopes to have course work chosen and move on with the initiative to bring to other Tribes.

Chair also recognizes LDF for their maintenance project and hopes for a good report next spring. Emerson Coy reported that the tribe will do seasonal road maintenance and the County will come to look at their garage to see if they have adequate equipment. Kelly Jackson gave information about LDF being hired by prime contractors for off reservation work.

Jeff Benton, Red Cliff, verbally gave his voting rights to Larry Balber. We now have a quorum of ten.

1. Chair called the meeting to Order at 9:34

2. Review Meeting Minutes & Agenda

Review/Approve WisDOT ITTF Minutes from September 8, 2014

Kelly Jackson asked that we be consistent with the Chair's name. Russell or Rusty. Chair would prefer Rusty. Minutes will reflect the change.

Motion made by Larry Balber and seconded by Roger Larson to approve the minutes of September 8, 2014 with the recommended changes. Motion passes 10-0-0

3. Update on Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (THPO) Activities – Melinda Young

Melinda provided information about project. She reported that we had shared time with the Task Force in Milwaukee and will meet again in December. The Annual Listening session is scheduled for January 15, 2015. Melinda is also working on a gap analysis to determine if one exists for offices, staffing patterns, and training needs. A draft of an "inadvertent discovery protocol" will be presented for adoption. If during a project, human remains are discovered, there should be a standardized protocol to follow. Emerson Coy asked how to get that into policy with WisDOT. Jim Becker, WisDOT cultural resources, advised that when they updated chapter 26 of the WisDOT Facilities Development Manual (FDM) and a project has an adverse effect, they will create an agreement document where the inadvertent discovery will be included.

4. Introduction/Update on Tribal Labor Advisory Committee (TLAC) – Kelly Allen

Kelly Allen gave information about TLAC goals and objectives. Statewide labor database will be discussed at an upcoming TLAC meeting in Wausau on October 30, 2014. To keep in constant contact with stakeholders, Kelly is developing a TLAC newsletter with a local tribal vendor who works with LDF. Expansion of the TRANS program to two –three programs will be implemented through the TLAC budget. Classes have been offered in LCO, Bad River, Mole Lake, and LDF. Contractors who hire TRANS program graduates will receive a \$5/hour reimbursement. Incentives are helping with the retention rate as well as with contractors after students' graduate. Roger asked about TRANS providing written CDL test. Kelly stated that she will follow up with TRANS provider to allow students to pursue their CDL if they so choose.

Chair asked members to provide updates in their area.

Scott Lee, WisDOT SE – Working on getting RFI about projects from Potawatomi and Ho-Chunk Nation

Roger Larson, WisDOT SW – Has not had too much direct involvement. Just finished a project that was operational in one day time.

Sandy Stankevich, WisDOT NC – Working on four projects. Two construction projects near 2015, 2016, and 2018. Working with BIA on land issues. Stockbridge Munsee has local three phase roads projects in 2016. County will do that work.

Brent Pickard, WisDOT NW – Working on section 132 contract with LCO, BIA, and State agency. Hopes to let LCO manage their own project after contract is worked out as LCO has a working Roads Department. Rusty stated that the pedestrian/biking path was going to hook up with Sawyer County. Sawyer County is not going to be able to complete project due to funding but LCO will complete our portion.

Kate Mueller, WisDOT BOTS – Kate is closing out fiscal year. Gave child passenger safety seats to Menominee and will be providing funds to buy seats in other areas.

Jeff Benton, Red Cliff – Red Cliff is finishing up projects from the summer. Highway 13 from Cornucopia to Red Cliff completing ridge and culverts.

Gerald Warrington, FCPC – Just finished up cemetery road for tribe. Working on developing a subdivision that will be three years out. Tribe has submitted the 2015 TIP.

Jeff asked if there is a list of projects both at state and tribal level. Kelly Jackson has list for state and the BIA should be getting a list soon. Kelly says that projects will be available on TLAC website and will contact BIA to also include their list.

Stacey Schreiber, Stockbridge-Munsee – The Fairview project is underway. Currently have 2 other township roads on the way. No projects next year will work with the county on 3 phase projects. Sharing the workforce as well as money as infrastructure affects the reservation. Will be seeking funds to correct the issues. Cemetery expansion will require road construction that will make it easier to get in and out.

Emerson Coy, LDF – Completed all road projects for this year. Decided not to take any more projects for the next year and will devote more time to safety plan. Hearings have been held and working on updating tribal transportation plan.

Chair stepped out of the meeting at 10:41. Gerald Warrington, Vice-Chairman, took over the meeting and continued the discussion. Chair returned to the meeting at 10:44 and resumed the meeting.

5. Review/approve WisDOT ITTF Annual Update Report

Reviewed the annual report and did not see any problems. Chair Rusty did see a number of achievements this year and hopes that will continue as well as see more involvement from tribes.

Motion was made by Stacey Schreiber to approve the 2014 ITTF Annual Report. Seconded by Emerson Coy. Motion passes 10-0-0

Agnes Fleming reminded the Task Force that the packet includes the Travel Reimbursement Voucher for their travel expenses and to contact her if they have any questions. She also discussed the current 2014 calendar that has two meetings left for this year. A teleconference on November 12, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. and a face to face meeting in FCPC on December 9, 2014 in Carter. Also included a draft of the 2015 calendar that will be put on the November agenda for discussion.

Kelly Jackson reminded the Task Force of the WTTC Business Networking Expo starts at 11:30 a.m. in the Turtle, Tuscarora, and Oneida rooms and the WTTC opening ceremony is scheduled to begin at 1:00 in the Grand Council Ballroom. She also encouraged all members to attend the Legislative Reception at 5:30 in the Oneida room and the Tribal excellence awards at 6:30 in the Grand Council Ballroom. Current registration holds at 185, significantly more than last year as well as having 20 registered vendors.

6. Adjournment

Motion was made by Stacey Schreiber to adjourn the meeting at 10:47 a.m. Seconded by Gerald Warrington. Motion passes 10-0-0