



ITTF Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 14, 2021 – Teleconference

Members on Teleconference: Brett Blackdeer (Ho-Chunk), Crystal Chapman-Chevalier (Menominee), Renita Warrington (Menominee), Amy Coughlin (WisDOT), Nathan Gordon (Red Cliff), Cassandra Graikowski (Sokaogon), Brian Lipke (WisDOT), Todd Mulvey (Forest County Potawatomi), Greg Newhouse (BIA), Troy Parr (Oneida), Cyless Peterson (WisDOT), Mindy Samz (WisDOT), Mike Schwendau (BOTS), Dana Shinnors (WisDOT), Tweed Shuman (Lac Courte Oreilles), Sandy Stankevich (WisDOT), Delores Staples (St. Croix), Ward Staples (St. Croix), Marie Summers (Oneida), Renita Warrington (Menominee) and Katie Wolf (Bad River).

Others in Attendance: Stacie Cutbank (Oneida, THPO Coordinator), Agnes Fleming (Lac Courte Oreilles, ITTF Coordinator) and Collin Price (Ho-Chunk, TLAC Consultant) Daniel Holt (FHWA)

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 8:39 am by Delores Staples, Chair. Eight Tribes were represented on the call.

Delores asked for a moment of silence for prayers for everyone helping at the capitols and hope they remain safe.

Approve Agenda: Nathan Gordon made a motion to approve the agenda. Dana Shinnors seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Guest Speakers and Presentations:

Dan Johnston, WisDOT – DBE Interactive Map –

Link to map:

<https://wisdot.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=c7bfb3407c7d4e9dadbf0ccdf1d1cce4>

WisDOT's DBE page: <https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/doing-bus/civil-rights/dbe/default.aspx>

FHWA DBE page: <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/civilrights/programs/dbe/>

Sandy Stankevich previously emailed Tribal Leaders to seek approval for the Native American land overlay map. She will resend the email.

Agnes asked about training on using the map and Dan is recording a video.

Thor Jeppson, Jennifer Murray and Diane Paoni, WisDOT – Wisconsin Rail Plan 2050 –

<https://wisconsindot.gov/Documents/travel/rail/railmap.pdf>

Approve Meeting Minutes: Nathan made a motion to approve the November 12, 2020, meeting minutes. Sandy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.



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Action Items from the November 12, 2020 meeting:

- Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women – Following up on Stacey Schreiber Schinko's request, Agnes sent a survey to the group asking if ITTF should have a representative on the state's MMIW Task Force. Michael Schwendau noted that January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month. He provided the following links –
 - <https://www.trucking.org/news-insights/truckers-against-trafficking-launches-man-man-campaign>
 - <https://truckersagainstrafficking.org/what-we-do/#>
 - <https://truckersagainstrafficking.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Madison-WI-Report.pdf>
 - <https://truckersagainstrafficking.org/resource-tools/>

Agnes and Michael will invite Sgt. Harman Chahal, Wisconsin State Patrol, to be a guest speaker at the March meeting.

Nathan made a motion to suggest that Sgt. Chahal and Michael Schwendau be suggested as members of the state's MMIW Task Force. Marie Summers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The letter to the MMIW Task Force will come from Delores Staples and Todd Mulvey.

- **TTP Meeting** – Brett shared that no meetings have been scheduled at this time.
- **NAHP WisDOT Construction Projects List** – Todd requested a list be available of upcoming projects with the Native American Hiring Provision as this could be helpful for future employment opportunities. Cyless noted this should be a TLAC project. Update – Collin Price shared this is in process.
- **Cultural Awareness Curriculum Rollout** – Collin shared that a TLAC meeting date has not been set, but plans to share the Curriculum on February 5th. Sandy requested that “Save the Dates” be sent to everyone.
- **Awards Category** – Nothing at this time. Agnes and Cyless will form a work group to develop an awards category for the development of potential Tribal services projects that will increase safety awareness and provide funding for projects such as signage and billboards. Update – Cyless will email Agnes her availability for a meeting.
- **Law Enforcement Training and Peer Exchange** – Mike reached out and requested ideas but has not received any responses. He will forward his emails to Agnes.
- **WISLR** – Sandy shared that Matt Halada is no longer with WisDOT and hasn't heard back from the WISLR staff.
- **Police Presence in Northern Regions** – Following the Community Maps presentation at the November meeting, Delores Staples requested additional State Police presence in the northern regions. Mike will forward Delores's request, and she noted this should be added to the next meeting agenda. Update – Mike shared that Andi Bill is working on the Strategic Highway Safety Plan Peer Exchange and anyone can participate.



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- **Hwy 35 No Passing Status** – Delores asked about the Hwy 35 no passing status, and Sandy will follow up with Aaron. Todd suggested submitting a written request and copy the Secretary. Sandy will provide other contacts to include. Update – Sandy said that Aaron emailed Delores, but Delores didn't receive anything and asked that Ward be included. Sandy will follow up with Aaron.
- **DBE Map** – Sandy emailed the group the link and requested approval to include the Native American lands overlay. Sandy will resend the link and request replies.
- **Contacts for THPO** – Stacie Cutbank requests that WisDOT Liaisons share their contacts in transportation and environmental.
- **Suggestions for Guest Speakers at Future ITTF Meetings** – Sandy requested suggestions for future guest speakers and topics.

Chairwoman's Report:

Marie Summers was welcomed to the group, and Kirby Metoxen and Troy Parr (alternate) will remain representatives.

Standing Reports:

- State Tribal Affairs Program – Sandy Stankevich
 - General Update – Sandy welcomed Mindy Samz (NC) and Brian Lipke (NE). Brian is replacing Matt Halada, and is the temporary WisDOT Liaison. Sandy noted the position could take six to nine months to fill, and that this is on the priority list.
 - Cultural Awareness Training – Two of the five planned sessions have been held. Sandy would like the other three trainings completed by April, understanding that Richard would have preferred to hold the sessions in person.
 - Solicitations for ITTF, THPO and TLAC – Cyless shared that the contracts end on June 30, 2021, and that solicitations will be sent to all Tribes.
 - Dual Language Signs – Sandy is working with Stacie to write a proposal to FHWA. Stacie asked if unused funds may be used for the purchase of signs, and Sandy replied yes.
- WisDOT Inter-Tribal Task Force – Agnes Fleming, ITTF Coordinator
 - Cultural Awareness Training – Agnes is working with Richard, and the next session is scheduled for February 18, 2021. It was noted that the kits should be mailed 10 days in advance of the training to ensure the participants receive their materials.
 - Public Service Announcements (PSAs) – Agnes is working with the College of the Menominee Nation and LCO College.
 - Budget – Agnes and Cyless will meet to review the budget. Agnes needs to determine what funds are available for billboards.
 - Bylaws – Agnes shared the work team met last week but only three people were on the call. Committee members include Brett, Crystal, Delores, Sandy and Cyless. Todd will attend if he's available.



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- Stacey Schreiber Schinko's Billboard Request – Stacey is requesting MMIW billboards in each community. Cyless suggested waiting to see what the state MMIW Task Force will be doing, and shared that Stacey is a member of the Task Force.
- Tribal Labor Advisory Committee (TLAC) – Collin Price
 - Collin is finalizing a document to circulate to Ron, Cyless and Sandy providing plans for 2021 that include reengaging stakeholders, policy development and a virtual roundtable with stakeholders and Tribal Leaders. He would like to see something tangible by the end of the year for the Secretary's consideration. An item for consideration is Urban outreach.
 - Collin will be rolling out a webinar series titled "Natives in the Trades" in greater detail at the next TLAC meeting.
- Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (THPO) – Stacie Cutbank
 - The dual language sign project will be funded with funds remaining from the previous year.
 - No date has been set yet for the Listening Session, and Stacie is meeting with the THPOs this month to discuss topics and track ideas. Stacie requested ideas from everyone on ideas for tracks for the Listening Session. Suggestions received today included:
 - WisDOT Asset Management – Brian Lipke will contact Stacie as he shared that he's familiar with this.
 - Five minute video on standard project rollouts that may impact Tribal lands.
 - Stacie talked with Minnesota DOT staff on the dual language signage and Tribal Monitoring.
 - Stacie provided an overview of upcoming and future trainings.
 - The Wisconsin Inter-Tribal Repatriation Committee (WITRC) is working with the City of Neenah and the Wisconsin State Historical Society for protocols on the remains that were found.

Tribal Reports:

Reports were given by Forest County Potawatomi, Ho-Chunk, Menominee, Oneida, Red Cliff and St. Croix. Katie at Bad River abstained as this was her first meeting.

Crystal Chapman-Chevalier requested trainings and professional development, and suggested topics include:

- Planning for Walking Trails. Stacie and Troy Parr volunteered to talk about their walking trails (Safe Routes to School program - <https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/doing-bus/local-gov/astnce-pgms/aid/safe-routes/default.aspx>)
- Handling Disgruntled and Hostile Contractors
- Project Management Software

Following Nathan Gordon's report, Daniel Holt asked if FHWA has followed up with Jeff and offered assistance if needed.

Following Delores's update, Sandy noted she will follow up with Aaron Gustafson on the speed limit request. Michael will submit another request to Colonel Fish regarding enhanced law enforcement.



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WisDOT Tribal Liaison Reports: Amy, SW Region, Aaron NW Region, Dana SE Region provided a report in advance.

BOTS Report: Michael updated the group, sharing that there was a significant increase in fatalities in 2020 over 2019. In 2020, there were 589 fatalities from 539 crashes; in 2019, there were 511 fatalities from 493 crashes. He also shared that there was almost a 40% increase in motorcycle fatalities. Nationally, the third quarter 2020 report was released on January 13th, and there was a 4.6% increase in fatalities and serious injuries. This was attributed to a combination of unbelted drivers and alcohol and drug involvement. Marijuana and opioids were involved in almost all of the alcohol crashes, showing multi-intoxicants. This data is preliminary and should be finalized in April.

Michael is contacting the Tribes to determine what can be done about the accident numbers and what assets could be deployed. He shared that he's having trouble reaching people and asked if ITTF Members could assist him in connecting with people.

Michael has been working with the University of Wisconsin Public Health on a report showing the disparities in crash and OWI data. He will share the report when he's done. Michael also shared that he will follow up with Todd on the recommendation to have ITTF apply to the Governor's Bike Pedal Commission.

A virtual highway safety conference will be held in March, and Michael will forward the information to Agnes to share with ITTF Members.

FHA Report: Daniel shared that in December 2020, an omnibus bill was passed that included \$2 billion for discretionary highway infrastructure programs, and \$1 billion for national infrastructure investments with cost sharing waivers for grants in rural areas. He's hoping for greater flexibility in the grants, and is meeting monthly about grant programs.

He also shared that an automated vehicle comprehensive plan is now open for public comment and will forward Agnes the link to share with ITTF Members. The Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) has a notice of public comment for amendment, and Daniel will also send this link to Agnes to be shared as it could relate to dual language signage.

Adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made by Crystal and seconded by Michael. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 12:10 pm.

January 14th Action Items:

- Agnes and Michael will invite Sgt. Harman Chahal, Wisconsin State Patrol, to be a guest speaker at the March meeting.
- Delores and Todd will send a letter to the MMIW Task Force suggesting Sgt. Chahal and Michael Schwendau be added as members of the Task Force.
- Brett will update the group on upcoming TTP meetings.
- Collin will update the TLAC website to include a NAHP WisDOT Construction Projects List.



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January 14th Action Items (continued):

- Collin will send Save the Date notices on the upcoming TLAC meeting and include the Cultural Awareness Curriculum Rollout.
- Agnes and Cyles will form a work group to develop an awards category for the development of potential Tribal services projects that will increase safety awareness and provide funding for projects such as signage and billboards. Cyles will email Agnes her availability for a meeting.
- Michael will forward emails to Agnes relating to planning for the Law Enforcement Training and Peer Exchange.
- Sandy will follow up with WISLR staff.
- Michael will follow up on Delores's request for additional State Police presence in the northern regions.
- Sandy will follow up with Aaron on Delores's request for Hwy 35 to have a No Passing status.
- Michael will submit another request to Colonel Fish regarding enhanced law enforcement.
- WisDOT Liaisons will share their contacts in transportation and environmental with Stacie.
- ITTF Members will forward suggestions for guest speakers at future ITTF meetings to Agnes and Sandy.
- Michael will forward the information for the virtual highway safety conference to be held in March, and Agnes will forward the information to ITTF Members.
- Daniel will send the links to Agnes for the automated vehicle comprehensive plan and the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), as both are accepting public comments and the MUTCD may relate to dual language signs. Agnes will forward the links to ITTF Members.

Upcoming ITTF Meetings:

March 11, 2021 at 8:30 am

Zoom Meeting Information –

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82304634157?pwd=cythcm55RjRtRXZlVGNlOEt2TTQvQT09>

Phone: 312-626-6799

Meeting ID: 823 0463 4157

Password: 7155587750 (if needed)

Respectfully submitted by
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January 28, 2021