

State Tribal Economic Development Commission

Conference Call

December 19, 2018

Meeting Minutes

Commissioners Present:

Shawn Real Bird (Chairperson), Shelly Fyant, Clancy Sivertsen, Lonnie Headdress, Ken Fichtler and Jason Smith

Staff/Guests Present:

Sean Becker, Heather Sobrepena, Billie LeDeau, Carla Lott

Welcome/Purpose of Gathering:

Meeting started at 9:05 AM. Chairman Real Bird welcomed members and staff.

Overview of the Tribal Tourism Budget. Heather Sobrepena presented the FY 2019 Tribal Tourism budget.

ACTION: Motion made by Lonnie Headdress/seconded by Clancy Sivertsen to approve the Tribal Tourism budget as presented. Motion carried.

Overview of the Guidelines for the Montana Indian Youth Small Business Program and the Tribal Business Planning Grant. Heather Sobrepena gave a quick overview of the guideline changes to the Montana Indian Youth Small Business Program and the Tribal Business Planning Grant. The changes to the MIY guidelines allows interns to be paid more to be more competitive with other youth work programs and allows Tribes to allow businesses to waive a portion of the match for the intern. The changes to the TBPG guidelines allow a tribal organization to apply for TBPG funding if the tribal government fails to put in an application.

ACTION: Motion made by Clancy Sivertsen/seconded by Jason Smith to approve the Guidelines for the Montana Indian Youth Small Business Program and the Tribal Business Planning Grant as presented. Motion carried.

The Montana Department of Commerce awarded 28 Indian Equity Funds grants this funding cycle.

The department will request \$875,000 per fiscal year to fund the ICED programs. They will also request \$750,000 per fiscal year to fund the Montana Indian Language Program.

The Office of Indian Country Economic Development will provide 8 travel scholarships for one commissioner from each tribe to attend the Governor's Conference on Tourism & Recreation is April 14-16, 2019 Copper King Hotel & Convention Center in Butte.

The next STED Commission Meeting is to be determined in conjunction with the 65th Legislative Session.

Motion made by Clancy Sivertsen/seconded by Shawn Real Bird to Adjourn.