Wisconsin Tribal Conservation Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
Oneida Nation
February 2, 2006

Welcome Doug Cox, Menominee Meeting called to Order:

Roll Call: Present: Red Cliff, Bad River, Ho-Chunk, LCO, Lac Du Flambeau, Stockbridge Munsee, Oneida, St. Croix, Menominee
Absent: GLIFWC, Forest County Potawatomi, Sokaogon

Approval of minutes: October 27, 2005 and January 6, 2006.
Bad River motions to table minutes for October and January. Seconded by Oneida. All ayes 0 opposed 0 abstentions motion carried.

NRCS Update: Pat Leavenworth:
Will be working on the new farm bill in the upcoming months. There will some challenges in this new farm bill.

Final review/Approval of 2006 for ten (10) small projects proposals.
amount available $145,000:
Six proposals were submitted:
Red Cliff $13,809.00; Lac Du Flambeau $8,825.00; Menominee $10,000.00
Stockbridge Munsee $17,286.00; St. Croix $15,000.00; Bad River
$15,775.00. Total amount submitted $80,695.00 Oneida motion to approve proposals submitted, seconded by Stockbridge Munsee all ayes, 0 opposed, 0 abstention, motion carried.

Review 2006 Earmark Plan:
WTCAC Earmark agreement draft budget submitted to the group. Two items identified in the budget; organize and sponsor WTCAC meetings and contractual salary and expenses for the Executive Director. The goal will also get a 501 © (3) application submitted for future funding.

APHIS Report:
A power point presentation was given on the Emerald Ash Bore status in working with the various tribal governments in preventing the spread of this exotic species to our forest lands. Information was handed out on West Nile Virus summary report.

Final Review of 106 Cultural Resource RFP:
A copy of the request for proposals were handed out for final review. We need to set a deadline on submittals at the next meeting. Get this posted out in your communities.
Indigenous Farming Conference update:
Theme; Restoring Food Sovereignty through Integrating Local Food Systems; “Those who feed LEAD”
The conference will begin this evening at the Raddison Hotel. We are asking everyone to join us in this three day conference.

WTCAC Coordinator Position:
Update on Executive Director Position. The Executive Board set March 10, 2006 the date for interviews in Menominee. Will keep WTCAC posted.

Long Range planning/Facilitator:
WTCAC has requested Chris Borden from Pri Ru Ta R C & D to assist the group in developing a strategic planning session at the next WTCAC meeting in April hosted by the Forest County Potawatomi. Chris has agreed to provide technical assistance to WTCAC in these efforts.

LCO motion to adjourn meeting, seconded by Stockbridge Munsee.
Meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.