

WTCAC Meeting
Oneida, Wisconsin

October 3, 2007

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1. Welcome
Roll call-present; Bad River, LCO, FCP, Sokaogon, Stockbridge, Menominee, Oneida, Absent; St Croix, Ho-Chunk, Red Cliff, LDF
2. Approval of minutes from July 2007 Meeting-tabled but need to resend them to everyone, they need to reflect an Executive Session.
3. NRCS update-Pat Leavenworth, southwest area of state is experiencing flooding. Dams are being tested and need some work. Waiting on farm bill, house passed its version-35% increase in environmental funding from reserve account-if available EQIP will increase significantly. Senator Kohl had farm bill session. Still taking input for senate session. 2008 budget house and senate completed their versions. Look like they are pretty close in amounts. The sign-up for WHIP and EQIP is from Sept 4-November 15, which leaves six weeks to do contracts by end of December.
Old rules apply for us until end of December.
Question? Can contracts be stretched out? As long as a practice is began within that year. Originally, rule was it can be spaced out for 10 years but now that is more practical for about 5 years.
4. APHIS update-Joanne Cruse- EAB- found in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois, in southern counties, 16 counties are now quarantined , Indiana Michigan, not found in Wisconsin. Gypsy moth, each county had them in the south. Cyrex, a wood moth nasty in pines. Dr Devoux, conducted vaccination clinic at St Croix and Ho-Chunk. Biological controls for spotted napweed and leafy spurge are being used. Hydryla, found in a lake in Wisconsin.
5. WTCAC update, Ritchie Brown. Updated agreement with APHIS, in the process of doing the second year for destructive sampling. Revisiting each reservation, Menominee is doing 10 more sites.
Visited Red cliff a couple of weeks ago to see Jean, her cancer treatment was on Monday, so Tuesday she didn't make it. She may have a brain tumor???
- 106 contract will expire end of month. Document went out, goes to THPO and Tribal Chairs for review. If no response in 30 days, Pat will take over and do the gov-to-gov consultation. Overall agreement with the tribes should be an agreement as to what areas they are concerned about. Two responses came back, will be revised and sent out again. Please send to us, wtcac members, request made by fcp, Oneida and bad river for an updated distribution list submitted to Jerry Thompson.
- 501 c 3 status Ritchie is waiting to hear from an attorney from Judicare. Judicare out of Wausau, Carolyn Jizlack is handling the process.
Wind energy?? Anyone interested in taking it any farther? Will be meeting in Winnepeg next week that Ritchie will be attending.
Break
6. EQIP/WHIP -Tony Bush w/equip. Resource concerns list passed out. Domestic animals are added. Objectionable odors, made by Oneidas. Only practice added, one for

waste cover, green house gases major changes in rates? Equip on NRCS website for list of eligible practices.

Question? FCP culvert? Could be stream crossing? Yes. For aquatic invasive species, does tribe have to own land around the lake that is treated? no

Guidelines???? All contracts/applications approved by end of December. How much money for equip for tribes?...same as last year. Engineering stuff should be sent to Keith/randy for review. All applications should work through tribal liaisons for wtac review on November 8, 2007.

Part of WTCAC function is to develop practices that would meet the needs of the tribes. We need to get together for this and discuss as issues arise. Can use all practices that are developed nationally. Team to look at practices??/ next meeting. National handbook of practices- index.

Tom-/whip. Same as last year. Will send out the cookbook for these practices.

Between farm bills but will maintain for this year. Used all of funding about \$35,000 total for tribes. Will set the same dates as equip.

7. New business-Pat will not be taking whip applications due to it expiring Sept 30, 2007 We will have to wait until new farm bill is approved.

8. Next meeting...ho-chunk hosting in Black River Falls.

9. Motion to semi-adjourn-oneida, second mole lake, motion approved

Executive Session;

Fact finding session to discuss issues.

Need a new work plan

Account version based on expenses

Deliverables not being met.

Quarterly reports are not being submitted.

Executive session-with Pat Leavenworth and Jerry Thompson
action being taken to correct documentation of expenditures.
ask if we could amend the contract with nracs to reflect changes that we have made and
need to reflect.
Motion to call to order, by fcp, second by mole lake, motion passed
Travel form, suggestion to change some things,
Motion to approve order form, by fcp-second by hochunk
What was the response of contractor to submitting reports?
Refuses to submit progress reports.
Motion as of Sept 6, 2007 two names authorized to sign checks at wtac account are Vice
Pres, Paul and Treasurer, Rae Ann Maday
By mole lake, seconded by fcp, motion passed

Issues with executive director
Contractor has not submitted any quarterly progress or financial reports.
Want a detailed progress report of small projects.
Check into when Jean was replaced by Melanie Montano
Letter submitted to Ritchie requesting copies of all open contracts

Lco, fcp, Oneida, mole lake, bad river
Go back and review the Carter meeting in which Ritchie was appointed ED, and see what
action was taken with his signature??