

NORTH DAKOTA NATIVE TOURISM ALLIANCE

December 7, 2020 at 10am

Phone Conference

Board of Directors Meeting

MINUTES

1. Call to order/Roll call- establish a quorum

Meeting called to order at 10:04 am by President Les Thomas

Roll Call

Present: Les Thomas- President, Turtle Mountain Band
Selina LaFontaine- Secretary, Turtle Mountain Band
Darin Morsette -Vice-President, MHA Nation
Jen Martel – At Large, Standing Rock Tribe
Collette Brown, Spirit Lake Nation
Eric Grey Cloud, Standing Rock

Quorum Determine

NOT Present

Tamara St. John – Wahpeton Sisseton Oyate – Excused
Doug Sevigny, Treasurer- Spirit Lake Nation -
Gary Snow, MHA Nation

Alternates:

Barb Little Owl
Jason Morsette

NDNTA Advisory Committee Members

Anna - GW

Others Present

None

2. Opening Prayer: By Eric

3. Approval of Agenda - Agenda Review – No Conflict of Interest

Les calls for the motion to approve. Eric makes the motion. Darian seconds the motion. **All in favor, NO Abstentions, Motion Carried.**

Les makes the statement “If at any time during the meeting there needs to be a change/add to the agenda we can.”

4. Approval of Minutes - Tabled

5. Treasurer Report/bank Statements - Doug

Doug sent the Bank Statement. Les calls for the motion, Jen makes the motion. Darian seconds the motion. **All in favor, NO Abstentions, Motion Carried.**

6. New Business

a. Ed Hall III Discussion and action on NDNTA taking on study of the 5 tribes

Assets. - Anna stated that Ed was unable to join us.

From Sub Committee meeting on 11-23-20 Ed Recommends for NDNTA and GW to propose to the UTTC BODS about going after a grant on the tribes behalf on a tourism feasibility study (ea. tribal community) hire within tribes and work with college interns for research. Post Covid. needs assessment on infrastructure and capacity building, transportation and helping to rebuild small businesses within communities. We can use the study for advocating legislation, funders etc. Stacey states that the presentation has to be in by 10am tomorrow for the UTTC meeting. Stacey stated that SD tourism is using interns for their scope of work. Anna noted for us to reach out to Kwanso Park of UND. Collette agrees with having all of this ready for legislation and she also noted she will be really busy within the next couple of months advocating legislation on gaming.

b. Update on the UTTC meeting- Anna

Anna stated that the meeting seemed to have gone well. Also there was (in person) Les and Collette. On Zoom was Stacey and Selina. Anna provided to UTTC our completed work and our next phase of work. Anna then asked the UTTC BODs to continue to support the local tourism efforts and also if they could advocate on the hill for Tourism (NDNTA) to help us grow an audience for our plan to approach legislation. Les and Collette said that there were no questions asked afterwards which means it was presented well.

7. Old Business

a) NDNTA Subcontract Requirements

i. Review subcontract requirements Doc. (attached)

ii. Update on Legal Review of Policies - Leonika was out of office

iii. Job Description and going out for hire. Anna. (Attached SC Notes)

Recommendations are for Selina to be the Contact person from the BODs for interested person(s) on their job application and sending to our NDNTA Web page.

Recommendation is to have the "out for hire" position active until the first week of January and also for one board member from each tribe send the notice for hire to our tribal secretary to place within HR, send out and place on their tribal websites along with their Jobs program plus their local tribal college.

iv. Questionnaire and Evaluation Sheet. (Attached SC Notes) suggestion is to have 4 BODs and 2 advisors with 1 of the BODs being an officer. Anna stressed that GW would need to be a part of round 2 in which we are selecting the person as GW is also a funder of the position. Recommendations that we have a uniform standard (set amount of questions) for all and a time limit and no more than an hour to interview.

- v. Indigenous tourism Forum - latest update. Anna sent to the board a link and a summary of the Forum.

8. Tribal Updates

MHA - Darian - working on a virtual website, researching grant opportunities, Earth Lodge Project and Mapping.

SL - Collette- Has a meeting with the council on the changing of hours for casino.

SR - Eric- Tribe still handling about Covid. Jen, Still closed College will be on break for two weeks.

TM - Selina, casino still closed. Inauguration here at TM

Les calls for the adjournment of the meeting, Jen makes the motion, Eric seconds. **All in favor, NO Abstentions, Motion Carried.** Meeting adjourned at 11:07am