

Secretarial Commission on Indian Trust Administration and Reform Meeting #3

Thursday, September 13, 2012 – 8:00 am – 5:00 pm Central Daylight Time

Friday, September 14, 2012 – 8:00 am – 5:00 pm Central Daylight Time

Meeting Location:

Best Western Ramkota Hotel
800 South 3rd Street
Bismarck, ND 58504
701-258-7700

Objectives

- Attend to operational activities of the Commission
- Discuss and make further refinements to draft recommendations
- Gain insights and knowledge from written responses to outreach provided to-date, invited speakers, and attendees about trust reform including other trust models and the trust relationship
- Confirm future meeting topics

Thursday, September 13, 2012

8:00 – 8:05 Invocation

8:05 – 8:20 Welcome, Introductions, Agenda Review –Chair Sharp

8:20 – 8:30 Status Update on Settlement - DOI

8:30 – 8:45 Commission Operations Reports and Decision Making on:

1. Approval of June 11-12, 2012 meeting minutes as revised
Action: *Does the Commission support the minutes as revised?*
2. Approval of August 13, 2012 meeting minutes as revised
Action: *Does the Commission support the minutes as revised?*
3. Report from Commissioners regarding Outreach Activities since August 2012 – Commissioners
 - Commission Q&A
 - Audience Q&A

Read-Aheads:

3.2 - Draft ITC June 11-12, 2012 Meeting Minutes as revised

3.3 - Draft ITC August 13, 2012 Meeting Minutes as revised

8:45 – 11:00 Commission Review and Discussion of Preliminary Recommendations
 Discussion of possible criteria or overarching principles to evaluate recommendations
 (Includes a break between discussion of topics)

Read-Aheads:

3.4 - Draft Trust Responsibility statement as revised

3.5 - Draft conflicts of interest protocols as revised

3.6 - Criteria for evaluating recommendations

3.7 - Draft priorities letter from DOI

3.8 - DOI response to consolidated memo(anticipated as a handout at meeting)

3.9 - Draft trust model comparison chart

11:00 – 12:00 Initial Observations and Comments from Public Regarding Commission Recommendations

Individuals wanting to make comments must sign up in advance. Speaking time will be allocated across the individuals who have signed up by the end of the morning break.

- Tribal leaders and elders
- Allottees
- Tribal organizations

12:00 – 1:30 Lunch, on your own

1:30 – 2:15 Summary of Comments as of August 31, 2012 from Commission Outreach Letter and Survey to DOI Employees

GOAL: Learn about key themes, ideas about recommendations; integrate into preliminary recommendations and/or subsequent deliberations.

Read-Aheads:

3.10 - Draft Summary of Comments from Tribes, Tribal Organizations, and DOI Employees

2:15 – 2:30 BREAK

2:30 – 4:30 Hard Asset Panel

GOAL: Hear from several perspectives about the following:

1. What are the three (3) most important functions the Government, as trustee, performs with regard your, or your tribe's, or tribes you work with, non-monetary assets (i.e., oil and gas, coal, water, timber, grazing, easements, other leases, gravel, sand, other minerals)? How would these functions differ for specific natural resources (e.g., water, oil and gas, land, timber, gravel and sand, coal)? You're your perspective what are the pros and cons of a public versus private trustee for your or your tribe's non-monetary assets?
2. What type of involvement should tribes have with the Government's oversight of tribal trust non-monetary assets? What form should such tribal involvement take? (i.e., regional advisory boards, individual tribal advisors for individual tribal assets, a national tribal advisory board?) How should individual allottees be included?

3. What are your top three recommendations that you think would improve or strengthen trust management and/or administration for the Commission to consider?

Panel Speakers

Each speaker will have 30 minutes to make their remarks.

- **Jeanne Whiteing:** water rights issues, perspective
- **Tom Fredericks:** to discuss trust responsibility, how to strengthen it in the context of hard assets.
- **Helen Sanders:** allottee perspective

Read Aheads:

3.11 - Speaker Biographies

3.14 - Helen Sanders Statement

- 4:30 – 4:45 Commissioner Reflections and Insights from the Day - Commissioners
- 4:45 – 4:55 Review Action Items from Today’s Discussion –Bridget Radcliff, USIECR
- 4:55 – 5:00 Adjourn – Chair Sharp
- 7:00 - 9:00 Optional Evening Session with Youth: Opportunity for American Indian youth to meet with available Commissioners. **Location:** Healing Room, Wellness Center, United Tribes Technical College, 3315 University Drive, Bismarck, ND

Read Aheads:

3.15 – Evening outreach session flier

Friday, September 14, 2012

- 8:00 – 8:05 Invocation
- 8:05 – 8:20 Welcome, Introductions, Agenda Review –Chair Sharp
- 8:20 – 8:35 Reflections from Day 1 Deliberations - Chair Sharp, Commissioners

8:35 – 10:50 Trust Reform and Trust Models Panel Session

GOAL: Hear from several perspectives about the following:

1. Do you have any recommendations to improve or streamline delivery of services to trust beneficiaries?
2. What are your top three recommendations that you think would improve or strengthen trust management and/or administration for the Commission to consider?
3. Do panelists have any suggestion of other trust administration models the ITC should examine as it looks towards improving the DOI trust administration and management?

Panel Speakers

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- **Mario Gonzalez:** Treaty Rights and approach to trust responsibility; perspectives on 1-3 above
- **Janie Hipp, Senior Advisor for Tribal Relations, USDA:** info regarding USDA grants and Keepseagle settlement; USDA approach to trust responsibility; USDA appraisal approach.
- Commission Q&A
- Audience / Public Q&A

Read Aheads:

3.11 - Speaker Biographies

- 10:50 – 12:00 Public Comment Regarding Commission Recommendations and Discussions thus far
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- Tribal leaders and elders
- Allottees
- Tribal organizations

- 12:00 – 1:30 Lunch (on your own)

- 1:30 – 3:30 Commission Working Session to Continue Development of Preliminary Recommendations – Commissioners

Break during session

- Audience/Public Q&A

- 3:30 – 4:00 Commission Discussion of Insights and Conclusions from Morning and Afternoon Deliberations– Commissioners
- 4:00 – 4:15 Planning for Next Meetings –Commissioners and DFO Marsters
- November 7, 2012 public webinar
 - December 6-7, 2012 meeting
- 4:15 – 4:25 Review Action Items, Meeting Accomplishments – Bridget Radcliff, USIECR
- 4:25 – 4:30 Closing Blessing
- 4:30 Adjourn – Chair Sharp

Reminders about Upcoming Commission Meetings – all are open to the public and information will be posted to: <http://www.doi.gov/cobell/commission/index.cfm>

- November 7 Public webinar
- December 6 and 7 in Seattle, WA

Additional documents provided to the Commission as read-aheads:

- 3.0 – September 12 Informational Meeting Itinerary*
- 3.1 - September 13-14 Meeting Agenda*