

Indian Territory Meeting Minutes
Circus Circus Hotel and Casino
500 N. Sierra St., Reno, NV 89502
Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Present: Sherry L. Rupert, Chair, Indian Territory and Executive Director, Nevada Indian Commission; Chris Gibbons, Treasurer, Indian Territory and Administrative Assistant III, Nevada Indian Commission; Scott H. Carey, Secretary, Indian Territory and Tribal Planner, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe; Larry Friedman, Nevada Commission on Tourism; Dann H. Lewis, Director, Nevada Commission on Tourism; Chris Crystal, Media Relations Manager, Nevada Commission on Tourism; Bruce Rettig, President, Charter Advertising; John Dayberry, Owner, Native Elements Landscape & Restoration; Mary Conway-Jepson, NV Microenterprise Initiative

I. Welcome and Introductions

- a. Sherry Rupert called the meeting to order at 9:02am and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

II. Approval of August 26, 2009 Meeting Minutes

- a. Bruce Rettig motioned to approve the meeting minutes of August 26, 2009 the motion was seconded by Scott Carey. Motion carried.

III. Comments by Chairwoman

- a. Update on Stewart Indian School Trail Kiosk: Sherry Rupert stated that the project utilized a grant from the Nevada Commission on Tourism. Sherry further stated that the project is now completed. Pictures of the completed kiosk project were passed around. Bruce Rettig assisted with the design of the kiosk. In November, Paiute Artist Anthony Lange from Coleville finished the stone work on the kiosk.
- b. Nevada Arts Council Traveling Powwow Exhibit: Sherry Rupert stated that the Nevada Arts Council is developing an exhibit of Powwow's in Nevada. The council is looking for pictures, preferably action photos of powwows that are held throughout the state. Sherry further stated that the council has asked for assistance purchasing art and other items that would be found and purchased at powwows. The exhibit will be good exposure for artists as well as for powwow organizers. The Nevada Arts Council plans a grand opening of the powwow exhibit at the 2010 Stewart Father's Day Powwow.

IV. Treasurer Report

- a. Chris Gibbons gave a brief overview of the funds available to Indian Territory. The balance of the Indian Territory Administrative Grant is \$2,357.05. Since our last meeting we have spent some money on travel, paid 2010 AIANTA membership dues for Sherry Rupert and Della John and paid the Nevada Indian Commission for meeting space and storage for 2010. We would like to use the remaining administrative grant funding to pay for tribes to attend the upcoming Tribal Tourism Training and for travel expenses related to traveling out to the tribes.

V. Nevada Commission on Tourism Update

- a. Larry Friedman provided the Nevada Commission on Tourism update this month. Larry stated that the 2nd Cycle of Tourism grants have been approved by the Nevada Commission on Tourism. The Indian Territory was one of only a few grants to be increased from last year.
- b. Larry stated that this year's Rural Roundup conference will be held in Winnemucca, March 24-26. There will be a motor coach leaving Carson City for the conference. A possible

- stop for the motor coach on the way to the conference in Winnemucca is the Lovelock Caves.
- c. Larry stated that Las Vegas has been chosen to host the National Tourism Association Conference, March 24-26 2011. According to Larry the conference needs an itinerary for the conference a year in advance. The organizers of the conference are looking to incorporate Native American History in an I-80 corridor tour. Possible Native American ideas are stops at Pyramid Lake and the Lovelock Caves.
 - d. Larry stated that NCOT will be hosting a German FAM tour the weekend of March 13 & 14.
- VI. Report on the American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association Conference, Santa Fe, New Mexico, September 21-23, 2009
- a. Sherry Rupert presented a written report from the AIANTA Conference that was held in Santa Fe, New Mexico in September. From the Indian Territory Sherry, Chris Gibbons and Della John attended the conference. Sherry asked both Della and Chris to take notes on all workshops and presentations attended so that they could share this information with Indian Territory.
 - b. Both Sherry and Chris reviewed the highlights of the written report and shared additional pictures from the conference with the group. Sherry stated that overall the conference was good, the mobile workshops were great, everyone who attended learned a lot, and the people organizing the conference were very friendly.
 - c. If anyone would like a copy of the written report from the conference or additional information concerning AIANTA you can contact Sherry Rupert.
- VII. Discussion and Planning for the 2010 Nevada Tribal Tourism Conference
- a. Sherry Rupert stated that the planning for the conference has begun. This year's conference is going to be held in Reno on April 22-23, 2010.
 - b. From a recent meeting of the conference planning committee they have developed a list of possible speakers and workshops topics. The ideas for the workshop topics came from suggestions from participants of last year's conference. There will be a familiarization tour on the second day to Pyramid Lake.
 - c. The conference planning committee would like to offer conference scholarships to help the outlying Tribes to be able to attend this year's conference.
- VIII. *Discussion on Indian Territory Participation at RES 2010.
- a. Sherry Rupert stated that this year's RES 2010 conference is going to be held at the Las Vegas Hilton in Las Vegas on February 21-24, 2010. Sherry encouraged everyone in the group to attend the conference if they can.
 - b. The RES 2010 conference is the premier networking and American Indian Economic Development event for indigenous entrepreneurs. Early discounted registration for the conference ends 12/30/09.
- IX. Next Steps – Where do we go from here?
- a. Planning for the 2nd Nevada Tribal Tourism Conference
 - b. Develop an American Indian Artist and Product Listing
- X. Agenda Items for Next Meeting
- a. Tahoe Paddle Fest Presentation by John Dayberry, Nevada Made presentation, and update on the Indian Territory Website
- XI. Scheduling and Location of Next Indian Territory Meeting

- a. A listing of potential meeting dates for Indian Territory Meetings in 2010 was distributed to the group. All meeting times are from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm unless otherwise noted. Proposed meeting dates and locations include.

January 20, 2010	Location TBA
February 17, 2010	Location TBA
March 17, 2010	Location TBA
April 14, 2010	Nevada Indian Commission Office, Carson City, NV
May 19, 2010	Location TBA
July 21, 2010	Location TBA
September 15, 2010	Nevada Indian Commission Office, Carson City, NV
November 10, 2010	Nevada Indian Commission Office, Carson City, NV
December 15, 2010 (Holiday Meeting)	Location TBA

XII. Adjournment

- a. Bruce Rettig motioned to adjourn, seconded by Scott Carey. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 am.