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Monday, January 13, 2014

**Joint Meeting of
The State-Tribal Relations Committee &
The Crow Tribal Executive Branch
Cultural Lodge, Little Big Horn College, Crow Agency**

- 8:00** **Call to Order and Roll call** — Senator Jonathan Windy Boy,
Chairman, STR Committee
- 8:00** **Welcome and Introductions** — Mr. Dana Wilson, Vice Chairman, Crow
Tribal Executive Branch, and Chairman Windy Boy
- 8:10** **Opening Blessing** — Robert (Corky) Old Horn

State-Tribal Relations Committee Portion of Agenda

- 8:15** **Approval of Minutes**
- 8:15** **Action on Tasks from Fort Belknap**
✓ Mr. Casey Barrs, Legislative Researcher, Legislative Services Division
- 8:30** **Language Preservation Pilot Program — Quarterly Reports**
✓ Mr. Casey Barrs, Legislative Researcher, Legislative Services Division
✓ Ms. Birdena Real Bird, Head of Cabinet for Education
✓ Dr. Luke Enemy Hunter, Chief Executive Officer, Crow Tribe
- 9:00** **Transferability of Academic Credits between Tribal Colleges and the
Montana University System**
✓ Dr. David Yarlott, President, Little Big Horn College
✓ Mr. Major Robinson, Regent, Montana Board of Regents

- 9:45** **Bison Management**
- ✓ Written Statement from State Veterinarian
 - ✓ Written Statement from Farm Bureau
 - ✓ Mr. Benito Morrison, Director, Crow Buffalo Management Department
 - ✓ Mr. Calvin Herrera, Head of Cabinet, Crow Natural Resources Department
- 10:15** **Tribal Secured Transaction Act**
- ✓ Ms. Melissa Holds the Enemy, Crow Legal Counsel
 - ✓ Mr. William Watt, Crow Legal Counsel
 - ✓ Mr. Shawn RealBird, Tribal Operations Specialist, Crow Finance Department and Chairman, State Tribal Economic Development Commission
- 11:15** **Break**
- 11:30** **Elections Litigation — Wandering Medicine v. McCulloch**
- ✓ Mr. Jorge Quintana, Chief Legal Counsel, Office of the Secretary of State
- 12:00** **Indian Incarceration — Conditions, Policies, and Re-entry**
- ✓ Mr. Mike Batista, Director, Department of Corrections
 - ✓ Mr. Harlan Trombley, American Indian Liaison, Department of Corrections
 - ✓ Ms. Adrienne Slaughter, Director of Government Relations, Department of Corrections
- 12:45** **Public Comment**
- 1:00** **Lunch** (at meeting room)
- 1:45** **Governor’s Office of Indian Affairs — Work in Indian Country**
- ✓ Mr. Jason Smith, Acting Director, Governor’s Office of Indian Affairs
- Crow Tribal Executive Branch Portion of Agenda**
- 2:15** **Update on Housing and Tax Credits**
- ✓ Mr. Karl Little Owl, Head of Cabinet for Housing

- 2:30 Off-Reservation Hunting per Treaty**
 ✓ Mr. Benito Morrison, Director, Crow Buffalo Management Department
 ✓ Mr. Clayvin Herrera, Crow Department of Fish and Game
- 2:45 Update on Gaming**
 ✓ Mr. William Watt, Crow Legal Counsel
 ✓ Mr. Ken Deputee, Crow Tribal Consultant
- 3:00 Education: Tuition Waiver**
 ✓ Mr. Dana Wilson, Vice Chairman
- 3:15 Public Works: Sewer and Water**
 ✓ Mr. John Doyle, Apsaalooke Water and Waste Water Authority
 ✓ Mr. Jimmy Real Bird, Apsaalooke Water and Waste Water Authority
 ✓ Ms. Frances Pretty Paint, Contracts and Grants
- 3:30 Water Resources: Update on Water Compact**
 ✓ Mr. Titus Takes Gun, Director, Water Resources
 ✓ Mr. William Watt, Crow Legal Counsel
- 3:45 Update on Tobacco and Gas Tax**
 ✓ Mr. William Watt, Crow Legal Counsel
- 4:00 Medicaid and Medicare: Request for Crow Speaking Facilitators**
 ✓ Mr. Jackie Stewart, Cabinet Head for Health and Human Services
 ✓ Mr. Todd Wilson, Director of Crow Tribal Health
- 4:15 Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP): Setting up Local Office**
 ✓ Mr. Dana Wilson, Vice Chairman, Crow Tribal Executive Branch
 ✓ Mr. Shawn Backbone, Vice Secretary, Crow Tribal Executive Branch
- 4:30 Update on Energy Projects**
 ✓ Ms. Kristen Burge, Crow Legal Counsel
 ✓ Ms. Melissa Holds the Enemy, Crow Legal Counsel
 ✓ Mr. William Watt, Crow Legal Counsel
- 4:45 Unemployment Benefits through Tribe**
 ✓ Mr. Dana Wilson, Vice Chairman, Crow Tribal Executive Branch
 ✓ Mr. Shawn Backbone, Vice Secretary, Crow Tribal Executive Branch
- 5:00 Wrap Up — Chairman Windy Boy**
 Instructions to staff
- 5:10 Adjourn**

Tuesday, January 14, 2014

**Discussions in Chamber of Commerce with Corrections Officials
815 S. 27th St., Billings
(Open to Public)**

- 8:30** **Depart Hardin**
- 9:45** **Arrive Billings Chamber of Commerce**
- 9:45** **Discussions with corrections personnel**
✓ Mr. Alex Schroeckenstein, Associate Warden for Operations, Montana
Women's Prison

**Tour of and Interviews within the Montana Women's Prison
701 S. 27th St., Billings
(Closed to Public)**

- 11:15** **Tour of facility**
- :--** **Discussions with inmates**
- 1:00** **Wrap Up** — Chairman Windy Boy
Instructions to staff
Confirm issues for next meeting
- :--** **Adjourn**

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