



WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Tribal Outreach Task Force Conference Call Meeting Notes
October 4, 2013
10:30 a.m.

Present:

Tanna Engdahl, Clark Conservation District
Lynn Engdahl, Clark Conservation District
David Guenther, WACD President
Larry Davis, Whatcom CD
Kathy Whalen, Thurston CD and WADE President
Dave Vogel, WACD Executive Director
Deb Gregory, WACD Administrative Coordinator

David Guenther announced that Albert Roberts resigned his position as WACD Secretary Treasurer for WACD and with that, as Chair of this task force due to time constraints. David Guenther suggested that Tanna Engdahl serve as the task force's new chair. Tanna was receptive to that if there was agreement by the task force. The task force members present on the call unanimously agreed to appoint Tanna as the task force's new chair. Tanna noted that she does have the support from her Tribal Council to participate on this task force.

Tanna asked for a recap of the last conference call to help get a better sense of current status and where the task force needs to concentrate its efforts.

WACD has extended invitations to Jason Weller, NRCS Chief, and Earl Garber, NACD President to attend this year's annual meeting.

Recap of last conference call. There were four main assignments to accomplish:

1. Doing second general session on Wednesday, December 4. This second general session will replace the 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. concurrent sessions and will focus solely on tribal/conservation district partnership building.
2. Topics will stick to the basics on establishing the right contacts, building and maintaining relationships and success stories in collaborating and getting things done.
3. Need to find the right presenters and speaker(s). Jason Weller, Earl Garber and/or Jim Peters may be able to participate. Billy Frank could take the stage as lead presenter.
4. Following the second general session, there should be a concurrent session in the 10:15 a.m. to noon time slot on the "how to" with panelists that have experience and background on how to take proper steps to establish or maintain contact, and work together. **Action:** Need a team of people to design how this session would work.

Kathy Whalen indicated that WADE will have a tribal track at next year's WADE conference in Leavenworth. She would like to have Tanna and Lynn participate in the monthly conference

calls that her committee holds with track facilitators. **Action:** Kathy will provide Tanna and Lynn with information on the next WADE conference call.

Tanna asked if anyone had contacted Billy Frank yet. No one has done so yet. Tanna requested Jim Peters phone number. **Action:** Tanna will contact Jim to ask for Mr. Frank phone number. Tanna will then contact Mr. Frank to extend an invitation to him to speak at the WACD annual meeting. If Mr. Frank is able to attend, WACD will provide him with complimentary lodging and registration and travel expenses to attend.

Need to summarize for Tanna where people would be speaking and when. **Action:** Dave Vogel will send the task force a copy of the most current draft program for their information and use.

It was also suggested that a "To Whom It May Concern" letter signed by the WACD President be prepared acknowledging Tanna as WACD's Tribal Task Force Chair, providing information about her background, and that she is WACD's authorized representative to make contacts with Billy Frank on behalf of the Association, requesting his participation in WACD's annual meeting.

Another letter will be prepared co-signed by WACD President David Guenther and Tanna as the Tribal Outreach Task Force Chair to Jason Weller and Earl Garber providing information about Tanna's background and Task Force Chair activities and reiterating WACD's invitation to each of them to attend and participate in WACD's annual meeting.

Action: Dave Vogel will prepare draft letters for David Guenther's and Tanna's review that can be signed at the Southwest Area meeting on Wednesday, October 9.

Action: Dave Vogel will also prepare a letter for David Guenther's signature extending an invitation to Governor Inslee to attend the annual meeting with a copy to his Indian Affairs Liaison.

There being no further business to discuss, and for the good of the order, Tanna concluded the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Gregory
WACD Administrative Coordinator