

**MINUTES**  
**Advocacy Council for Tribal Transportation**  
**Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe - Government Center**  
**January 18, 2013**  
**9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

Marc Mogan, Co-Chair, ACTT, called the meeting to order. Introductions were conducted.

**Members Present:**

Jason Hollinday, Co-Chair, Fond du Lac  
Marc Mogan, Co-Chair, Prairie Island  
Tom Fronk, BIA  
Duane Hill, MnDOT, Duluth  
Burny Tibbetts, White Earth  
Dave Danz, Grand Portage  
Derrell Turner, FHWA MN Division  
Millie Baird, USFS, Chippewa Nat'l Forest

Mike Moilanen, Mille Lacs  
Linda Aitken, Mn/DOT  
Evelyn Howard, Leech Lake  
Jennie Rowland, Bois Forte  
Jim Johnson, Cities (SEH)  
David Enblom, Counties (Cass)  
Donald May, Red Lake

**Members Absent:**

Lower Sioux  
Lester Morris, SMSC  
John Velat, MI TTAP

Travis Leenerts, Upper Sioux  
AnnaMarie Hill, MN Indian Affairs

**Guests Present:**

Teresa Martin, MnDOT  
Cindy Bellefeuille, MnDOT  
Lynnette, MnDOT, MnDOT

Peter Buchen, MnDOT

**Review and Approve Agenda:**

The agenda was reviewed and approved.  
David Enblom motion to approve; Mike Moilanen second.

**Review and approval of ACTT Minutes (October 19, 2012)**

The minutes were reviewed and approved.  
Mike Moilanen motioned to approve the October 19, 2012 ACTT minutes; Jennie Rowland, seconded.

**Old Business:**

**Reservation Road Signs:**

1. Dual Language Signs – The ACTT received the draft policy on Dual-Language Signing Parameters written by the MUTCD team. The ACTT worked on editing the draft language during the meeting. Because of the amount of time taking to edit as a group, the decision was made for the

- members to submit their comments which would be consolidated and forwarded to Tim Penney, Tribal Transportation Coordinator, FHWA.
2. **Signage Request – 1854 Treaty Authority:** Mike Moilanen made a motion for MnDOT to revise the specifications to the Reservation Boundary Signs (Reservation Road Sign brochure - <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/trafficeng/publ/tribalsigningbrochure.pdf>) to read "Reservation & Treaty Boundary Signs". Requests for signs must be made be a tribe. Tribe must identify locations of their request. The signs must have uniformity in design. Jim Johnson, motion second. Motion approved.
  3. **“No Wolf Hunting” signage:** This discussion was postponed until the April 19 ACTT quarterly meeting.

### **MN Tribal-State Relations Training**

Linda Aitken and Cindy Bellefeuille provided an update on the training project being developed for all state agency employees who work with tribal issues. A PPT handout was provided as well as a training matrix of the 4 training modules being developed – a 15 hr certification class, a condensed version, topic specific training and tribal government specific training. The 15 hour certification class will be piloted this summer.

### **2013 T&T Conference**

John Velat, MI TTAP, via telephone call-in, proposed to the ACTT the opportunity to hold the Tribes & Transportation Conference with the National Tribal Transportation Conference in MN. Variations of the conference were discussed – combined or separate during the same week. Preferred time for conference, by ACTT, is late August or early September at Mystic Lake. The ACTT approved the combined conference.

### **MAP21 UPDATE**

A discussion was led by Derrell Turner from a handout “TTP update for FY 2013” provided by Bob Sparrow, Tribal Transportation Program Manager, FLH. Discussion included Federal Lands Access Program, safety and Buy America.

### **New Business**

#### **GOO “Growing Our Own”**

Lynnette Geschwind and Cindy Bellefeuille presented the new developing imitative of GOO – Growing Our Own. THE GOAL – “To hire and develop diverse (including those in protected classes; Vets, American Indians, etc...), high-potential trainees, apply individualized training plans, and efficiently produce highly and specifically prepared workers to migrate into HEM/HEFM positions Statewide.” Training is on the floor through MnSCU.

**ACTION:** Linda will contact the Districts to coordinate. Charles Charboneau, HEM at District 4, and Lynnette, Affirmative Action Director, will attend the next TERO meeting to present GOO. Janet Miller will send GOO info to Linda who will distribute to ACTT.

## **Round Robin**

*Presenters: ACTT Members*

*Millie Baird:*

- Shared how to get Centerline Steering coordinated.

*Tom Fronk::*

- BIA Regional meeting at Wisconsin – same week as next ACTT meeting..

*Derrell Turner:*

- MN Tribal colleges applied for Summer Transportation Institute. He would like to be invited to the Tribal Colleges for a visit. Derrell will follow-up as to who applied.
- Asked if Commissioner Zelle would visit the next ACTT meeting.

*Mike Moilanen:*

- Reported that the next TTPCC meeting would be on January 29-31 in Albuquerque. Any question for updates – call Mike or Todd Kennedy.

*Jennie Rowland.*

- Bois Forte transit was funded through the state – 50/50 match. Virginia to Vermillion route. She is working with Don Mohawk, D1 – Tribal Transit Coordinator.

*Jason Hollinday:*

- Reported on Fond du Lac's bilingual sign projects. They've ordered their signs – will be put up on county roads. He will keep us informed on their progress.

*Linda Aitken:*

- Reported due to the retirement of Nelrae Succio from MnDOT, it created a vacancy on the ACTT for the District Engineer member.
- Informed the ACTT that Teresa Martin would be assigned to work on tribal issues for a period of four months..

The next ACTT meeting would be April 19<sup>th</sup> at Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community.

## **Adjourn**

Mike Moilanen motioned to adjourn the ACTT meeting; Jason Hollinday, seconded. Meeting adjourned.