



United States
Department of
Agriculture

Council for Native American Farming and Ranching

Tuesday, December 8, 2015

The Laughlin Room II, Flamingo Hotel
355 S. Las Vegas Boulevard, Las Vegas, Nevada

1. Call to Order and Roll Call: Mark Wadsworth, Chair, CNAFR 10:00
2. Blessing 10:05
3. Welcome to Council Members and Introductions: Dana Richey, Designated Federal Official 10:10
4. Review of Agenda: Mark Wadsworth 10:15
Review of Meeting Materials: Dana Richey
5. Fostering Private Enterprise on Reservations, Marketing and Business Planning, Housing and Community Facilities 10:30
 - A. Tony Hernandez, Administrator, Rural Housing Services, Rural Development
 - B. Arthur Neal, Deputy Administrator, Transportation and Marketing Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service
6. Lunch – On Your Own 11:30
7. Office of USDA Tribal Relations Update: Leslie Wheelock, Director 1:30
8. Public Comment Period 2:00
9. Break 4:00
10. CNAFR Working Session: 4:15
 - A. Reauthorization Update
 - B. Recommendations Status Review
 - C. Action Items from September 2015 Meeting Review
11. Recap and Possible Recommendations 5:30
12. Adjourn 6:00

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Wednesday, December 9, 2015

1. Call to Order and Roll Call: Mark Wadsworth 8:30
2. Blessing 8:35
3. Welcome to Council Members and Introductions: Dana Richey 8:40
Review of Travel Receipts Processing and Hotel Reimbursements: Josiah Griffin
4. STEM, Internships and Scholarships: Ann Bartuska, Deputy Under Secretary, Research, Education and Economics 9:00
5. Farm Service Agency (FSA) Updates on Farm Bill Activity, Farm Loan Programs and Conservation Programs 9:30
 - A. Update of Farm Bill Activity: Val Dolcini, Administrator
 - B. Programs for Wildfire-Related Loss Assistance: Val Dolcini
 - C. Farm Loan Programs Update and Use of FSA Conservation Programs: Jim Radintz, Deputy Administrator, Farm Loan Programs
 - Loan Programs Update
 - Update of consultations with Tribes
 - Highly Fractionated Indian Land Intermediary Relending Program
 - Microloans
 - Native Community Development Financial Institutions
 - Conservation Programs
6. Office of USDA Ombudsperson Update: Joanne Dea, Ombudsperson 10:30
7. Break 10:45
8. Intertribal Agriculture Council Update: Zach Ducheneaux 11:00
9. Irrigation Project Presentation: Gilbert Harrison, Council Member 11:30
10. Lunch – On Your Own Noon
11. Use of Natural Resources Conservation Service’s Conservation Programs: Barry Hamilton, National Tribal Relations Liaison Officer and Tribal Climate Change Coordinator, NRCS 1:30
12. Tribal Connections: Estelle Bowman, Assistant Director, 2:00

Office of Tribal Relations, Forest Service

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| 13. USDA Office of Advocacy and Outreach: Update | 2:30 |
| A. Carolyn Parker, Director | |
| B. Lawrence Shorty, Director, USDA 1994 Tribal Land-Grant Colleges and Universities Program Office | |
| 14. Break | 3:15 |
| 15. CNAFR Working Session | 3:30 |
| 16. Review of Recommendations and Closing Comments | 5:45 |
| 17. Adjourn | 6:00 |