

Southern TTAP Center

Southern Plains and Eastern Oklahoma BIA Regions

Steering Committee Meeting May 16, 2023

10am -12pm Central

Minutes

10:03-10:09: Kim Johnson- Welcome and Announcements

- **Call for Artwork**
- Deadline June 30th, 2023
- Announced July 17th at the FHWA Nationals
- **Build A Better Mouse Trap**
- Deadline June 9th, 2023
- Announced July 17th FHWA Columbus, Ohio
- Bruce asks about what Build a Better Mouse Trap was. Kim showed a video from the website about the program.

10:09 –10:12: FHWA Steering Committee New Member Introductions

- David Ford from Muskogee Creek Nation
- Robert Endicott from Cherokee Nation

10:12 –10:14: Bruce asked about a new bridge he built in his county and how the system works and discussed this with Robert Endicott from Cherokee Nation

10:13-10:23: Bruce asked questions on their direct funding for their tribe and other questions about why there isn't any truss bridges any more just the more standard commercial bridges

10:24: Kim Johnson interrupts the conversation between Bruce and Robert and redirects the meeting towards the agenda, to be respectful of the committee's time.

10:24: Southern TTAP Center Activities

- Web-site Update
- Can email for custom classes.
- Student registration portal was displayed and explained.
- Portal gives details about the classes including, time, date, instructor, location, description.

10:25: NHTSA Meeting, Possible Pilot

- Pilot Program Workshop in Southern TTAP more information to come.
- Tabatha Harris New Position for NHTSA has previously worked for Southern TTAP Center.

10:27 Glenpool Tribal Conference

- Was a Great Conference
- TTAP is excited to be involved in the next conference.
- Great information for all

10:29: OTTC Meeting

- FHWA Approved for TTAP to become a member.

10:30: RTAP Meeting

- TTAP trying to build relationships to maximize resources.
- 2-day Tribal Transit training in Oklahoma City
- Kim has a meeting on 5-24 with a National RTAP Representative

10:32: US Fish and Wildlife

- Patricia EchoHawk is our resource person; she has offered to teach classes.
- We expect to kick off training in 2 months.
- Patricia is working on curriculum.

10:33: FHWA OTT Environmental Specialist

- David Cremer reached out and is interested in training.

10:34-11:02: Meet and Greet' Progress and Data Analysis

- 7 areas were proposed in the work plan, moved to 6 areas for Meet and Greets approved in last board meeting.
- We still need to schedule an event in Texas.
- We have data to date, of what classes were the most desired.
- 86 Assessments Completed
- 18 Different Tribes Responded
- In the TTAP contract we need to complete 2 assessments each year, we need to find a simple and convenient way to reach tribes for responses. Possible QR code added to course evaluations.
- Opinions were that the assessment may have been too long.

11:02-11:17: Break

11:17 to 11:25: Assessment Discussion/Input Continued

- The Assessment data handout was reviewed, question by question.

11:26: Activities and Suggestions for Next Quarter

- BIA requested for GIS to GPS training-Have Albuquerque come do training here for the tribes that need help, especially the smaller ones.
- Kim suggested offering some of the courses with options for Beginner, intermediate and Advanced participants. Board responded positively to the suggestion.

11:27- 11:35: Comments and suggestions from members Sonny Biggoose, Robert Endicott, and Kim on various course ideas.

11:36-11:43 Bruce asked questions, what is most important first with Kim and Robert?

- Crash Data Training-ODOT can train for high accident areas suggestions by Robert.
- Kim proposed to the committee to start marketing training asap, board approved and agreed.

11:47: Kim said she would send a doodle poll out for the next Steering Meeting date and location.

- Kim proposed scheduling training according to the needs assessment for the next quarter, board agreed and approved.

11:52 AM Adjourn