

TTAP Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 11th, 2023

Meeting Opened by Kim Johnson at 10:30 am.

- Kim shared that annual NLTAPA conference will be happening July 17-20 in Columbus, OH
- New TTAP logo will be unveiled at NLTAPA Conference.
- Kim shared that the National Rural Road Safety Summit will be held in OKC in September
- Speakers are still needed.

TTAP Center Updates

- Surveying class was held June in Stillwater.
- Surveying class is being held currently in Stillwater.
- Several board members have attended/re in attendance currently.
- Skyler Matthews provided feedback on his experience: overall good class, serves as a good refresher for more knowledgeable participants or good information to have for those students brand new to the field.
- Two new classes are currently open for registration on website; Instructed by Patricia Echo-Hawk these courses will provide information on beneficial USFWS environmental services.
- Bridge Courses in the works; courses will provide one day of classroom instructions and one day of field instruction.
- Kim shared her recent visit to Kansas. She met with KS LTAP who will partner with TTAP to find instructors in the area. She was also able to meet with representatives from Sac & Fox Nation & Iowa Tribe whom we had previously been unable to reach. Kansas Kickapoo Tribal offices were closed but information about TTAP Center was left for them.
- Kim has been in contact with Texas BIA Tom Simpson and will be joining them to set up meet & greets soon. She is also working with Ricardo Barcena Jr., Kickapoo Traditional Tribe of Texas, who is interested in having training in their area.

Floor opened for discussion.

- Kim reminded everyone that FHWA would like them to meet/communicate once a month.
- Kim asked Robert if he could share contact info for Right of Way Class instructor; has heard lots of great feedback and have had several requests for the course.
- Amy Hill reminded everyone of the Intertribal this Thursday/Friday in Tulsa at Rivers Spirit Casino Resort in Tulsa.
- Terry Holman shared he would be going to the ODOT Strategic Highway Safety Plan training as he is working on the plan for the Chickasaw Nation.
- Skyler Matthews suggested it might be a good idea to hold off scheduling additional classes in September as it is a busy month; several other trainings, meetings, conference, and events already taking place.

- David Ford mentioned being interested in the Right of Way Classes.
- Rob reminded Kim of the need for a reduced list of training for the board members to look at. Kim shared that she would get that out to them soon as well as a list of classes from the needs assessments & LTAP courses that could be offered to TTAP if there is any interest.
- TTAP website was also discussed. Will be a great tool to allow participants to see what's coming up so that they may plan accordingly. Classes will be listed similarly to the LTAP site. Kim shared we try to plan courses 4-6 in advance. Once classes are planned and open for registration, we will also share our marketing material.
- Kim reminded members to let the Center know if you are interested in holding a class in your area. Individual tribes can also request to host, but we would still like to keep the classes open to all, if possible, to maximize grant funding.
- All members are welcome to have input on the classes as well as instruct a course if interested.
- Amy Hill inquired if there would be any virtual classes as she thought it could benefit the smaller tribes. Kim shared there is the definite possibility of both hybrid virtual classes and webinars.
- Kim shared her plan to start rolling out classes in all regions so we can begin to see what works and what doesn't in each of the areas. The Center desires to be as tribal Centric as possible.
- Skyler Matthews shared he may be potentially interested in teaching a drone course and will also look at the other courses.