

Draft agenda June 9, 2006
Minnesota Tribal Conservation Advisory Council
Tribal Outreach and Training Conference

Getting To Know Each Other and Caring For Mother Earth

August 8 – 9, 2006

Mille Lacs Grand Casino, Onamia, MN

Tuesday, August 8, 2006

8:00 am – 8:30 am

8:30 am – 9:00 am

Registration

Moderator – Joel Rohde, Red Lake

Opening Prayer

Welcome and Introductions - Mille Lacs

Purpose of Conference - Dick Gooby, Indian Nations Conservation Alliance

9:00 am – 10:00 am

**From Community to Conservation:
Tribes Past, Present and Future –**

10 minutes each

Mille Lacs

Upper Souix Community

White Earth

Grand Portage

Red Lake

10:00 am – 10:20 am

Break

10:20 am – 11:30 am

Tribal Training - continued

Bois Forte

Lower Sioux Community

Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux

Leech Lake

Prairie Island Community

Fond du Lac

11:30 am – 12:00 am

Land Ownership

Lisa Johnson, Mille Lacs

Dawn Kier, White Earth

12:00 am – 1:00 pm

Luncheon Speaker – USDA and Tribes Working Together – Mike Johanns, USDA Secretary of Agriculture (invited)

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- 1:00 pm – 1:30 pm **Working with Tribal Governments - How Tribal Governments Are Set Up, How They Operate**
Mille Lacs Tribal Government - Tadd Johnson, Acting Solicitor General (tent)
Red Lake Tribal Government - Joel Rohde, (tent)
- 1:30 am – 3:00 pm **Tribal Conservation Districts** – Dick Gooby
Tribal - NRCS Program Accomplishments – Anne Dubey (Invited)
Minnesota Association of Conservation Districts – Leann Buck, Executive Director
Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources - Ron Harnack (Invited)
Blackfeet Tribal Natural Resources Conservation District – Terry Tatsey, Chair
Establishing Your Tribal Conservation District – Dick Gooby
- Questions and Answers - Panel**
- 3:00 pm – 3:20 pm **Break**
- 3:20 pm – 3:40 pm **Seven Generations Planning Process** – Dick Gooby
- 3:40 pm – 5:00 pm **USDA Agencies – Who We Are – What We Do**
15 min each
NRCS – William Hunt, State Conservationist
FSA – John Monson, Executive, Director (invited)
RD – Steve Wenzel, State Director
NASS – Douglas Hartwig, Director
RMA – Craig Rice, Regional Director (invited)
- 5:00 pm **Adjourn for the day**

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Wednesday August 9, 2006

8:00 am – 8:50 am	Moderator - Dawn Kier, White Earth Prayer USDA Agencies – Who We Are – What We Do Extension Service - Dr. Beverly Durgan, Dean and Director Forest Service – Steven Bratkovich, State and Private Forestry APHIS – Kevin Connors, Director
8:50 am – 9:10 am	MARC&D - Jim Hall, Chair
9:10 am - 9:30 am	BIA and USDA - Terrance Virden, Director (invited)
9:30 am - 10:00 am	Woody Bio-Mass Success Story - Steven Bratkovich, Forest Service
10:00 am – 10:20 am	Break
10:20 am – 12:00 am	NRCS Programs Tribal Success Stories
12:00 am	Lunch
1:00pm – 1:30 pm	Moderator - Scott Hansen, Mille Lacs Bruce Knight, Chief, NRCS (invited)
1:30 pm – 2:00 pm	FSA Credit Outreach Tribal Success Stories – Lou Anne Kling, NTDA CRP and Farm Commodity Programs - Joel Rohde, Red Lake and FSA
2:00 pm – 2:20 pm	Break
2:20 pm – 2:40 pm	Agency Employment Opportunities USDA, State Agencies and Success Stories
2:40 pm - 3:00 pm	Where do we go from here with Tribal Conservation Districts? - Panel Discussion Dick Gooby, INCA; Scott Hansen, Mille Lacs; Dawn Kier, White Earth; Joel Rhode, Red Lake; Terry Tatsey, Blackfeet; Russel Zehier, Oglala Sioux
3:00 pm	Adjourn