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Board of Director's Conference Call
April 26, 2010

Present: Wayne Rausch, Dave Johnson, Chris Goetz, Chris Smith, Daryl Wheeler, Paul Wilde, Dave Sasser, Mike Kane, Vaughn Killeen

Item: Benewah County/Coeur d'Alene Tribe dispute over cross deputization. Mike Kane and Vaughn Killeen provided an update as to H500 and the current status of signing a cross deputization agreement negotiated between Benewah and the Tribe in order to stop H500 from moving forward. Benewah County and the Coeur d'Alene Tribe appear to be at an impasse regarding the changes Benewah County made to the agreement as presented to the House Judiciary and Rules Committee on March 17, 2010.

Mike Kane recommended that he contact Representative Rich Wills and ask him to mediate the dispute as it is unlikely that the tribe or county will initiate resolution on their own (Representative Wills was involved in initial mediation between Benewah County and the Tribe during the legislative session in order to see if both sides could reach a middle ground. The ISA was asked to attend these negotiations by the legislature). Mike further said that it is in our best interest to do so because without resolution, H500 will return to the legislature next year.

Some members expressed concern that cross deputization is not supported by many citizens living in reservation areas and that assisting in negotiating an agreement would not be in their (citizens) best interests. Following a spirited discussion, it was decided that the best course of action, in order to keep H500 from returning to the legislature next year, is to support mediation in hopes of finding common ground for the county and tribe. Chris Smith made a motion, seconded by Dave Johnson, to contact Rich Wills to mediate the Benewah County/Coeur d'Alene Tribe dispute. The motion passed.

Item: Location of 2011 June Conference. Hotels take reservations at least one year or more out from conference dates so the location of the 2011 conference was discussed. It was decided without vote that we would keep the early June date for our early summer conference and that it will be held at the Sun Valley Lodge.

No further business was discussed and the meeting was adjourned.