

Burial Preservation Board
November 22, 2010

Present: Shannon Lewis, Mike Manion, Steve Platt, Marilyn Silva, Ruthann Knudson, Morris Belgard, Joetta Buckhouse, Videll Stump, Reuben Mathias, MSU-Northern Professor, Robert Four Star.

Reuben called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m.

Opening Prayer: Videll Stump opened the meeting with a prayer.

Administrative Rules Debrief:

Mike Manion gave a debrief of the Administrative Rules Hearing. Mike will send out the draft comments to David Niss. Mike is proposing that The board appoint a subcommittee to comment on Rosemary Cyae's comments. Then Mike can draft the Board's response to Rosemary's comments. Mike, Steve Platt, Stan Wilmoth, and Ruthann Knudson will work on the response to her comments. Sherry Hut in Washington D.C. Sherry Hut is the attorney of the Tim McQuinn is the national NAGPRA. To see if they are implementing NAGPRA on the state level in other states. Ruthann will call and send an email to the NAGPRA staff.

The subcommittee will consist of: Steve, Ruthann, Videll, John, Reuben, and Ruthann, Mike, Robert. Shannon and Mike will coordinate the meetings.

The board will grant Rosemary Caye 30 days to complete her research and comment on the rules.

Mike and Shannon will contact Rosemary Caye and grant her 30 days to complete her comments

Ruthann will contact Tim and Sherry in D.C. to ask about other states and their incorporation of NAGPRA.

Shannon will email the comments to all board members and Jo'Etta.

Shannon will place emails on the Burial Board website.

Shannon will contact Randy Randolph and Linwood Tall Bull by letter to see their interest in participating in the Burial Preservation Board.

Neutral Location:

FWP is willing to have a neutral burial site at the First People's Buffalo Jump State Park and they are happy to provide a location for unclaimed remains.

Fort Peck Tribes have also provided a location for unclaimed remains.

Update on Unclaimed Remains:

Miles City: Steve was working with Linwood Tall Bull on these remains, Robert Four Star has also expressed the sentiment that the Fort Peck Tribes may also be willing to accept the remains.

Conrad Fisher, who will also be on the board soon, may also weigh in on the remains.

The paperwork that accompanied the remains is very incomplete, and the remains did not come with any remains. Ft. Belknap is also interested in the remains, as it may be an "above-ground" burial.

Shannon will work with Stan when he gets back to give an update on the outstanding remains.

Videl: What to do with remains that tribes don't claim, how can tribes go about getting remains back when they are located elsewhere. The tribe can write a letter making an inquiry about remains, and the board can support the tribe's effort in getting remains returned to Tribes.

NAGPRA Remains Questions and Update:

Marilyn asked about the NAGPRA databases and notices. Usually, when a notice is published to the NAGPRA database, there is a long history of NAGPRA working with the Tribes.

NAGPRA does have meetings a few times a year, and there is schooling for individuals who need to learn about NAGPRA.

Remains Found on Surface:

Mike Manion and Steve Platt stated that remains found on the surface have been found on the surface, the law applies.

Friday, May 13 will be the next Burial Board Meeting, in Havre.

Marilyn: Agenda Items for May meeting
Reburial plan for unclaimed remains
Article in newspaper about skulls that were sent to BYU.

BYU skulls may be a Burial Preservation Board issue. Mike, Steve, and Mark Baumler will prepare a letter to BYU from Reuben Mathias to take care of the remains.

We will copy the Utah SHPO office.

The Burial Preservation Board Adjourned at 12:25 p.m.