

GREAT PLAINS WIND ENERGY SUMMIT
RAMKOTA HOTEL AND CONVENTION CENTER
RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA
TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, JULY 28-29, 2009

Day 1, Tuesday, July 28, 2009

All sessions will be held in the Pactola Room

7:30 **Registration and Continental Breakfast**

8:00 **Welcome – Emcee Lawrence Baker**

Acknowledgement of Co-sponsors:

Michael S. Black, *Regional Director, Great Plains Regional Office*

Robert Middleton, *Director, Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development*

Acknowledgement of Tribal Leaders

Acknowledgement of Representatives (SD, ND, and NE)

8:45 **Setting the Stage – Overview of the Great Plains Wind Energy Summit
The Green Power “Movement” and Wind Energy Policy**

Daryl Francois, *Chief, Division of Indian Energy Policy Development, Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development*

Robert Middleton, *Director, Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development*

9:00 **Basics of Tribal Wind Energy Development: From Met Towers to Turbines**

Introduction By: Louis Herman, *Intern Harvest Initiatives, Inc., Crow Creek, South Dakota*

Dustin Miller, *Harvest Initiatives, Inc., Crow Creek, South Dakota*

- a. *Siting and Wind Assessment*
- b. *Land Agreements and Developer Agreements*
- c. *Federal, State, and Tribal Agencies Affecting Wind Energy Development*
- d. *Economics of Wind: Paying for and Getting Paid for Wind*
- e. *Construction Agreements and Technology of Wind*
- f. *Power Purchase Agreements and Transmission Issues*
- g. *Local Interests – Workforce Development and Community Wind*

10:00 **Break**

10:15 **Panel 1 – The Economics of Wind: Paying for and Getting Paid for Wind**

Moderated By: Dustin Miller, *Harvest Initiatives, Inc., Crow Creek, South Dakota*

- Professor Neil Hamilton, *Director, Agricultural Law Center, Drake University*
- Stephen Many Deeds, *Division Chief, Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development*
- Steven M. Wegman, *Executive Director, South Dakota Wind Energy Association*

Question and Answer Session

Paying for wind energy development can be a complicated maze of grants, loans, tax credits, and other forms of financing. The costs per turbine are significant, yet the profits are relatively small in comparison. Come learn about the financial issues related to wind development feasibility in Indian Country and globally.

11:30 LUNCH – ON YOUR OWN

1:00 Panel 2 - Getting to Market – The Future of Indian Country Transmission

Moderated by: Paul Hofmann, *Supervisory Energy and Environmental Specialist, GPRO, BIA*

- Ron Rebenitsch, *Project Manager, Basin Electric Power Cooperative*
- Dusty Johnson, *Commissioner, South Dakota Public Utilities Commission*
- Kevin Cramer, *Commissioner, North Dakota Public Service Commission*

Question and Answer Session

The Great Plains is well-known for the quality of its wind resources. Transmission of generated power presents special issues, however, including system capacity, marketing studies, inter-connection queues, national and regional transmission planning and regulatory requirements. Potential bottlenecks exist for otherwise viable tribal projects. This session will explore the transmission situation on the plains, both from the point of view of individual projects and region-wide.

2:00 Panel 3 – Indian Country Wind Energy Models – Lessons Learned to Date

Moderated By: Cleve Her Many Horses, *Superintendent, Rosebud Agency, Rosebud, South Dakota*
Ken Haukaas, *Administrative Budget Analyst, Rosebud Sioux Tribe, SD*
Michael Connolly, *Campo Kumeyaay Nation – The Kumeyaay Wind Farm*

Question and Answer Session

Although wind energy is a nationwide topic of discussion in Indian Country, only one large-scale wind farm is in operation to-date, The Kumeyaay Wind Farm in California. In the Great Plains Region, the Rosebud Sioux Tribe has made significant strides towards being one of the next Tribes to embark on construction. This session provides the opportunity for you to hear from those involved with the development about the development, construction, and operation of Indian Country wind farms.

3:15 Break

3:30 Panel 4 – Policy Perspective – Intertribal Wind Alliances

Moderated By: Dani Daugherty, *Tribal Operations Specialist, GPRO, BIA*
Dave Archambault, *Vice President, Wind Energy Tribes United*
Pat Spears, *Intertribal COUP*

Question and Answer Session

As more Tribes become involved in wind development, they recognize the collective power of collaboration. This session discusses two such tribal collaborations working to share wind energy information, learn about issues with developers, collaborate on policy development and legislation, and to discuss the special requirements of wind development in Indian Country.

4:15 **Summary of Day One:** Paul Hofmann, *Supervisory Energy and Environmental Specialist, GPRO, BIA*

4:45 **Adjournment**

Day 2, Wednesday, July 29, 2009

All sessions will be held in the Pactola Room

7:30 **Registration and Continental Breakfast**

8:00 **Welcome and Summary of Day Two, Emcee**

8:15 **Panel 5 – Jurisdictional Impacts of Civil, Regulatory, and Taxing Authority**

Moderated by: Tracey Fischer, *President, Wind Energy Tribes United*

- Cheryl Three Stars - Valandra, *Supervising Attorney, Dakota Plains Legal Services*
- Roger Campbell, *Director, State Tribal Relations Office of South Dakota*

Question and Answer Session

Tribal wind energy development is subject to the laws of three jurisdictions and those laws can vary depending on the type of jurisdiction considered. This session explains the basics of federal, state, and tribal laws which might impact wind energy development in Indian Country.

9:15 **Panel 6 - DOI and Other Federal Agency Roles and Resources in the Development Process
Environmental, Cultural, and Natural Resource Considerations in Wind Energy Development**

Moderated by: Marilyn Bercier, *Regional Environmental Scientist, Division of Environment, Safety & Cultural Resources Management*

- Paul Hofmann, *Supervisory Energy and Environmental Specialist, GPRO, BIA*
- Diane Mann-Klager, *Regional Wildlife Biologist, GPRO, BIA*
- Jeff Towner, *U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services, Field Office Director, Bismarck, ND*
- Russell Eagle Bear, *Tribal Councilman and Tribal Historic Preservation Off., Rosebud, SD*

Question and Answer Session

The Department of Interior and Tribes have a responsibility to protect the environmental, cultural, and natural resource assets on Tribal lands while balancing these responsibilities with Tribal energy development. This session will

discuss this balance and how we these efforts can work collaboratively for sensible energy development in Indian Country.

11:00 **LUNCH – ON YOUR OWN**

12:30 **Panel 7 - DOI and OIEED Roles and Resources in the Development Process, continued
Land and Leasing Considerations in Wind Energy Development**

Moderated by: Jim Geffre, *Realty Officer, Division of Real Estate Services, GPRO, BIA*

- Rick Clifford, *Deputy Realty Officer - Tenure & Management, Division of Real Estate Services, GPRO, BIA*
- Larry Claypool, *Deputy State Director, Minerals and Lands, Wyoming Bureau of Land Management*
- Geoff Oliver, *ARA, Regional Supervisory Appraiser, Office of Appraisal Services (OAS), Office of Special Trustee*
- Stephen Many Deeds, *Division Chief, Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development*
- Joann Koda, *Deputy Superintendent-Trust Services, Southern California Agency, Riverside, CA*
- Sharon Pudwill, *Twin Cities Solicitor, Fort Snelling, Minnesota*

Question and Answer Session

The Department of Interior must assist with leases and rights-of-way related to wind energy project sites and transmission line placement. This session discusses the most efficient ways to complete these documents while advancing future wind energy development.

2:15 **Summary of Summit and Call to Action** – Paul Hofmann, *Supervisory Energy and Environmental Specialist, GPRO, BIA*

2:45 **Adjournment**

Speaker Biographies

Archambault, David II

Dave is an enrolled member of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and has an Associate's Degree from Sitting Bull College, Fort Yates, North Dakota, a Bachelor's in Business from North Dakota State University, and a Masters in Management from the University of Mary. Dave has long worked in economic development, including as TBIC Director and then six years as a business instructor at Sitting Bull College. During his time at Sitting Bull College, Dave helped create the accredited Bachelor's Business degree program. Dave also assisted in the development of the Standing Rock Business Equity Loan Program. In 2002, Dave became an entrepreneur with the purchase of the Cannon Ball Pit Stop. He was self employed for several years before returning to Sitting Bull College as the Institutional Research Director. Dave also enjoyed his duties as a boys basketball varsity

coach for 3 years from 2000 to 2003. Dave is currently a Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Coop Board Member and a Standing Rock Equine Board Member. He was recently elected to the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe's Tribal Council in October 2007, where he sits on the Tribal Council Economics Committee.

Baker, Lawrence

Lawrence Baker is an enrolled member of the Mandan, Hidatsa, tribes located on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, and a member of the Luiseno band of Mission Indians, from Rincon, California. He is a Prairie Chicken Clan member and child of the Water Buster Clan. His Indian name is Four Winds and Three Feathers. He has been a master of ceremonies for numerous gatherings throughout Indian country. The current gatherings are Black Hills pow-wow, Okalee Seminal Indian Village Festival, and the narrator for the Three Feathers Dance troupe. He currently works with the Three Affiliated Tribes Tribal Housing Division in North Dakota.

Bercier, Marilyn

Marilyn is the Regional Environmental Scientist and Branch Chief for the Division of Environmental, Safety and Cultural Resource Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs in Aberdeen, SD. She has a Bachelors' Degree in Environmental Science with an emphasis in Rural Planning and Environmental Policy. Marilyn has 21 years experience in the Federal Government with the last nine years specifically related to the environmental field. She is originally from Belcourt, ND and is an enrolled member of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa.

Black, Michael S.

Mr. Black began his career with the Bureau of Indian Affairs in the Aberdeen Area Office, as a General Engineer with the Branch of Facilities Management in January of 1987. In March of 1992, Mr. Black transferred to the Billings Area Office as the Regional Facility Manager where he provided oversight and management of the Facilities Construction and Operations & Maintenance Programs. In 2002, he was selected as the Division Chief, Engineering, providing oversight and management of the Regional Facility Management, Road Construction, Road Maintenance and Safety programs. In January of 2004, Mr. Black was selected as the Deputy Regional Director, Indian Services for the Rocky Mountain Region. As the Deputy Regional Director, he provided executive level management and oversight for Road Construction, Road Maintenance, Tribal Government, Credit, Housing, Self-Determination, Social Services, Safety, Environmental and Cultural Resource Management. Mr. Black is a member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe. He was raised in Aberdeen, South Dakota, graduating from Aberdeen Central High School in 1982. He attended the South Dakota School of Mines & Technology where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1986.

Campbell, Roger

Roger Campbell was appointed Director of the Office of Tribal Government Relations by Governor Mike Rounds in April 2003. Prior to coming to work for the state, Roger was Executive Director of the Oglala Sioux Tribe Partnership for Housing, Inc. in Pine Ridge from 1999 to 2003. From 1994 to 1999 he worked at Norwest Banks South Dakota in Rapid City as a Personal Banker. Roger received his Bachelor of Science degree from South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD, in 1993. Prior to achieving his degree, he served in the United States Marine Corps from 1986 to 1990. He graduated from high school in 1984 from Todd County High School in Mission, SD.

Roger was raised on the Rosebud Indian Reservation and is a member of the Pomo Tribe of the Round Valley Indian Reservation in Covelo, CA. Roger and his wife Corrie Ann married in 2006 and live in Pierre where they are currently raising their five children ages are 13, 11, 10, 9 and 1.

Claypool, Larry

Larry is the Deputy State Director for the Minerals and Lands Division of the Bureau of Land Management in Wyoming. He oversees the Fluid Mineral Program (oil and gas), the Solid Mineral Program (coal, solid locatable minerals, and mining law) and the Lands and Realty Programs. Prior to his current position, Larry was Chief of the Wyoming BLM Oil and Gas Reservoir Management Group. Larry has worked for the BLM for 26 years, has been married to his wife Carol for 30 years and has two children, Trent and Whitney.

Clifford, Rick

Rick Clifford is currently the Deputy Realty Officer (Contracts Management) for the Great Plains Region. He has 23 years of Government Service all in the Great Plains Regional Office. He began his career with the Indian Health Service in 1986, working in various positions in the finance department. He then transferred to the Land Titles and Records Office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs in 1991 and has been with the Division of Real Estate Services since 2001. Rick is a graduate of Bennett County High School in Martin, SD, and is an enrolled member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe.

Connolly, Michael L.

Michael Connolly is a Principal with High Pass Energy, Inc., a renewable energy consulting & development company and President of Laguna Resource Services, Inc., an environmental consulting company. He has worked for 19 years in management/consulting on environmental, energy and economic development projects. Prior experience includes 12 years of Manufacturing/Industrial Engineering and management in the aerospace industry. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Manufacturing Engineering and is an Adjunct Professor for San Diego State University and Kumeyaay Community College. He has two published books and many published papers on Kumeyaay history, environmental economics and energy. He has worked on the national policy level in the fields of energy, environment and economic development. He has held positions with the National Congress of American Indians, National Tribal Environmental Council, Rural Community Assistance Corporation and the Good Neighbor Environmental Board. He has served a total of 17 years in elected office to the Campo Kumeyaay Nation.

Cramer, Kevin

Kevin Cramer has served on the North Dakota Public Service Commission since 2003, receiving 65% of the vote in his last election. His distinguished career in public life includes eight years in the cabinet of Governor Ed Schafer as State Tourism Director (1993-1997) and then State Economic Development Director (1997-2000). Prior to becoming a commissioner, he served as the first director of the Harold Schafer Leadership Foundation at the University of Mary in Bismarck. Mr. Cramer is an adopted Mandan Indian and bears the name 'Sheheke', which means White Coyote.

Daugherty, Dani J.

Dani J. Daugherty is the Tribal Operations Specialist in the Great Plains Regional Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of Interior. Ms. Daugherty is an enrolled member of the Oglala Lakota Nation and was raised on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. She graduated from Oglala Lakota

College with her Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration in 2000. Ms. Daugherty went on to receive a joint degree in Public Administration and Law from the University of South Dakota (USD) in 2003. While at USD, Ms. Daugherty was the first Indian Editor-in-Chief of the Law School's primary law review. After law school, Ms. Daugherty went on to become the first Indian federal judicial clerk for the District of South Dakota. Just prior to her current position, Ms. Daugherty was in private practice, working for the firm of Bantz, Gosch & Cremer, specializing in Indian Law. Ms. Daugherty has published several law review articles and is the co-chair of the South Dakota Indian Business Alliance.

Eagle Bear, Russell

Russell is an enrolled member of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe, born in 1955. He was raised in Norris, South Dakota, and continues to reside there. Russell enlisted in the Army from 1979 to 1980. He is currently the Rosebud Sioux Tribal Historic Preservation Officer since 2004, and a Lakota History and Cultural Instructor, at the Sinte Gleska University in Mission, South Dakota. Russell has a Bachelor of Arts in Lakota Studies. Russell has been a Council representative for the Black Pipe/He Dog Communities/ District 11 from 1986 through 1989, 1999 through 2001, 2003 through 2005, 2005 through 2007, and 2007 through 2009 and has served on the Tribal Land Enterprise Board of Directors from 2003 thru 2004. Russell was designated to sit on the Sioux Nation Council in 1987, served on the Budget & Finance Committee in 1999, 2003 and 2005, Governmental Affairs Committee in 1999 and 2003, Land and Natural Committee in 1999, 2003, 2005 and 2007, Veterans Affairs Committee in 2005, Social Service Committee in 2005, Economic Development Committee in 1999, Judiciary Committee in 1999, and was selected as the Wakpa Sica Representative in 2007.

Fischer, Tracey

Tracey Fischer, a member of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, is an attorney with First Nations Oweesta Corporation (Oweesta) in Rapid City, South Dakota. Through Oweesta, Tracey provides training and technical assistance to Native communities throughout the United States on issues related to entrepreneurship and enterprise systems development. Tracey obtained her J.D. from Yale Law School in 1999. She also has a B.S. in business administration and accounting. Before attending law school Tracey worked as a lender for Norwest Bank (now Wells Fargo) and as an auditor for the South Dakota Department of Labor. Tracey has also taught as an adjunct professor at the University of South Dakota School of Law on Indian Country economic development and at Oglala Lakota College in Eagle Butte, South Dakota, on tribal governance issues. In late 2008, Tracey helped form a wholly owned corporation of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe that focuses on commercial-scale wind energy development on tribal lands. Through the wind energy work with her own tribe, Tracey has become active in an inter-tribal wind development organization called Wind Energy Tribes United. Tracey's legal background includes experience representing Tribal corporations and Tribal governments on such issues as tribal legal and physical infrastructure development, tribal financial and real estate transactions, and tribal/state relations. Tracey also served as the executive director of the South Dakota Equal Justice Commission and serves as of-counsel with the law firm of Fredericks, Peebles, and Morgan, L.L.P., a national Indian law firm based in Omaha, Nebraska.

Francois, Darryl

Mr. Francois, Chief of the Division of Indian Energy Policy Development of the Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development, is responsible for the implementation of regulations at 25 CFR Part 224

that provide for the review and evaluation of Tribal Energy Resource Agreements. In addition, he coordinates the overall development of DOI policies and regulations that relate to all energy and mineral resource development efforts in Indian country. He is also responsible for administration of projects designed to help tribes develop the administrative and technical capacity for energy resource development, and coordination of efforts to incorporate tribal experiences into the development of energy development policy. Mr. Francois' 29 year career with the Department of the Interior includes service with the U.S. Geological Survey, Minerals Management Service and Indian Affairs. He received his B.S. in Physics from Bradley University and his M.S. in Geophysics from the Pennsylvania State University.

Geffre, James E.

Jim Geffre has provided 32 years of Government service to the Indian people in the Great Plains Region. He began his career with the Bureau of Indian Affairs in the Aberdeen Area Office, in the Branch of Land Titles & Records in May of 1977. In May of 1986 Jim was selected as the LTRO Manager. In 2003, he served as interim Indian Land Consolidation Program Manager for the pilot office. In February of 2005, he was selected as the Regional Realty Officer for the Great Plains Region. Jim is a member of the Blackfeet Nation in Montana. He was raised in Aberdeen, South Dakota, graduating from Aberdeen Roncalli High School in 1974. After High School he attended Northern State University.

Hamilton, Neil D.

Prof. Neil D. Hamilton is the Dwight D. Opperman Chair of Law and Director of the Agricultural Law Center at Drake University Law School in Des Moines, Iowa. He lives with his wife, Khanh, on a 10-acre garden farm, Sunstead, near Waukee, Iowa, where they raise fresh vegetables for several local restaurants. He has taught agricultural law for 28 years and has written several books for farmers, including *The Legal Guide for Direct Farm Marketing* (July 1999). He has been the director of the Agricultural Law Center since 1983, and helped it establish a national and international reputation for excellence in research, education and public extension on food and agricultural law. He has received numerous awards for his writing and leadership on sustainable agriculture and food policy. He served on the Advisory Board of the Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture at Iowa State from its creation in 1987 to 2008, chairs the board of the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation, and is on the boards of the Seed Savers Exchange and the National Gardening Association. In April 2000 then Iowa Governor Tom Vilsack appointed him to chair the Iowa Food Policy Council, which he did until January 2007. Today he serves as an informal advisor to now Secretary of Agriculture Vilsack on issues relating to issues such as food policy, direct farm marketing and gardening. In April 2008, Prof. Hamilton developed and taught a two-credit course – Legal Issues in Wind Energy Development, making Drake only the third law school in the nation to offer such a class. In November 2008, Prof. Hamilton and the Agricultural Law Center sponsored a legal seminar – The Wind Rights Forum – focusing on issues for landowners. He has collected and reviewed nearly two dozen wind rights agreements used in the U.S.

Haukaas, Ken

Born on the Rosebud in 1950 to enrolled members of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe (RST) and the Crow Tribe of Montana, Mr. Haukaas enrolled in the Crow Tribe and has resided on the Rosebud Reservation until entering the United States Navy in March of 1969, achieving the highest rank of E-5. Mr. haukaas was assigned to Operation Intelligence Division and served in combat operations in

Vietnam, receiving an Honorable Discharge from active duty in March of 1973. Mr. Haukaas has worked in residential and light industrial construction as a carpenter since 1973 with different housing projects from Montana to South Dakota. Mr. Haukaas received his Associates in Applied Science in Forestry with a minor in Cultural Resource Management from Sinte Gleska University in 1989 and became a Rosebud Housing Authority Inspector that same year. Mr. Haukaas was hired in 1999, by the Sicangu Wicoti Awayankpe (TDHE) as Construction Superintendent with oversight on all new construction and remodeling. In 2003, was hired by the Rosebud Sioux Tribe to manage a DOE grant of \$450,000.00 to contract all pre-construction activities concerning the development of the Owl Feather War Bonnet Wind Farm near the town of St. Francis South Dakota. In 2005, Mr. Haukaas was transferred to the position of Planner/Grant writer within the tribe. In 2007, Mr. Haukaas transferred to the RST Forestry Department as Business Manager and in 2009 was appointed Budget Analyst within the Tribal Chairman's Office. Ken continues to work in the field of renewable energy for the Rosebud Sioux Tribe.

Her Many Horses, Cleve

Cleve Her Many Horses graduated with a B.S. degree in Political Science from Black Hills State University in 1985. Upon graduation he was commissioned as an Officer in the U.S. Army and served with both the 1st Infantry Division and the 82nd Airborne Division as a Tank Company Platoon Leader and Tank Company Executive Officer. In the 82nd Airborne Division, he specialized in air drop operations as a Division Staff Officer. After separating from the U.S. Army, he was employed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs as a Facility Manager, Administrative Officer and Superintendent at Lower Brule Agency, Wind River Agency and Rosebud Agency. He is also co-owner of a convenience store with his wife, Vicki, and they have four children.

Herman, Louis

Louis Herman is a recent high school graduate of Crow Creek Tribal Schools. He grew up on the Crow Creek Sioux Reservation and is an enrolled member of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians. Mr. Herman is the first Barry and Michele Griswell Fellow which is an internship program that supports the economic development work of the Harvest Initiative, Inc. at Crow Creek. This summer he has focused on wind energy development and assisted in the formation of Hunkpati Investments, Inc., Crow Creek's first Native CDFI. Louis has registered for classes and will be attending Northern State University in Aberdeen, SD to focus on business management.

Hofmann, Paul

Paul Hofmann is the BIA's regional division chief for energy and environment. A 14-year veteran of the civil service, his federal duties have featured start-up responsibilities. He was the first Integrated Water Quality Program manager while with the Department of Energy at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, where he worked on environmental restoration of legacy sites from World War II and the cold war. He joined the BIA in 1998 as the regional hydrologist and then, as the regional environmental scientist, built the Division of Environment, Safety and Cultural Resources Management. In 2008, burgeoning energy development on the Great Plains – including several wind proposals and the 400,000 acre oil and gas lease at Fort Berthold – led the BIA to create a division devoted entirely to energy planning and compliance. Mr. Hofmann's responsibilities include oil/gas, wind, geothermal, coal, hydropower and biomass development. He holds degrees in mathematics and hydrology, both from the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology.

Johnson, Dusty

Dustin "Dusty" Johnson was elected to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (PUC) in November 2004, becoming the youngest utilities commissioner in the nation. He is currently the PUC chairman, a post he first held in 2007. He has played a role in developing renewable energy resources, expanding broadband and wireless phone capabilities, keeping utility rates low and protecting consumers. Prior to joining the PUC, Mr. Johnson was part of the Attorney General's Open Government Task Force and served South Dakota Governor Mike Rounds as his senior policy advisor for economic development, energy, corrections and transportation issues. Mr. Johnson's experience also includes work for local governments in the Kansas City area, as an adjunct professor at Dakota Wesleyan University, and as a Truman Fellow for the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Mr. Johnson is on the board of directors and the electricity committee of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners and on the Western Interconnection Regional Advisory Board. He is on the board of directors for the W.O. Farber Fund and for Abbott House (a residential treatment center for girls).

Koda, Joann C.

JoAnn C. Koda was hired as Lease Compliance Technician at the Southern California Agency in 2000. Mrs. Koda advanced to Realty Specialist, Realty Officer, and now holds the position of Deputy Superintendent/Trust Services. Mrs. Koda is a member of the Lipay Nation of Santa Ysabel, Santa Ysabel, California. Prior to entry into Federal service Mrs. Koda was employed in the private sector as a litigation paralegal insurance defense/subrogation practice.

Mann-Klager, Diane

Diane Mann-Klager is the Great Plains Regional Wildlife Biologist and Deputy Natural Resources Officer for the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). She grew up in Wassaic, New York along the eastern border of New York near Connecticut and Massachusetts. She majored in biology at Canisius College in Buffalo, New York and took graduate level courses in ecology and physiology at SUNY Buffalo College. She worked on dairy and thoroughbred farms and as a veterinary technician throughout her school years and prior to starting her federal career. Before beginning work with the BIA in 2000, she was with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service in Cortland, New York for 10 years performing environmental contaminant studies, endangered species consultation, wetland and stream restorations, and; NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act) and federal permit reviews. As the BIA Great Plains Regional Biologist, she works on wildlife conservation and protection issues, as well as hunting and fishing rights and jurisdictional issues. Ms. Mann-Klager is the Bureau's Team Leader for the development of an Environmental Impact Statement for a proposed clean fuels refinery on Fort Berthold Reservation, the first refinery constructed nationwide in over 30 years. Ms. Mann-Klager works with the BIA Great Plains Regional Divisions and Agencies on Endangered Species Act Section 7 consultations for federal projects amongst numerous other duties.

Manydeeds, Stephen A.

Stephen Manydeeds is a geologist and an enrolled member of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe. He is the Division Chief for the Division of Energy and Mineral Development, which is responsible for all energy (both traditional and renewable) and mineral activity on Indian Trust lands nationwide. He has over 35 years experience in performing geologic and economic studies on both energy and mineral resources on nearly all western United States Tribal reservations. Since taking over the Division Chief position in 2004, he has redefined its mission to include not just assessment, but

development of the vast resources contained on Indian lands. These efforts focus on certain critical elements to insure that Tribes are successful in stimulating development on their lands. His expertise is in interpreting and translating highly diversified technical resources into a form useful for recommendation in the decision making process for BIA's field offices and Indian mineral owner. He manages nation-wide programs for the development and management of mineral resources. He provides direct assistance to Area and Agency Offices in the negotiation of agreements and monitoring compliance with the terms of mineral agreements, as well as liaison with other federal and state agencies. He meets with Tribal councils to assist them in developing plans, setting priorities, developing programs and budgets, developing and negotiating contracts, conducting needs analyses, and providing training. In the 35 years with the DEMD, he has provided geotechnical assistance to over 70 different Indian Tribes regarding their mineral resources.

Middleton, Bob

Bob Middleton currently serves as Director of the Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development, in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior. He assumed that position in October of 2004. From 2001 to 2004, Bob served as the Director of the White House Task Force on Energy Project Streamlining. The White House Task Force was a recommendation in the President's National Energy Policy and was instituted by Presidential Executive Order 13212. Prior to joining the Task Force, Bob served for 8 years as Chief of Staff for the Minerals Management Service, the federal agency responsible for managing offshore oil and gas activities and for collecting and distributing all of the revenues generated from mineral development on federal and Indian lands. During his 23-year career in the Department of the Interior, he has had the opportunity to participate in a number of high-profile projects related to energy and environmental issues. He was the project manager for the Department of the Interior's Hungary Initiative in the early 1990's, where he led development of a Hungarian government agency to manage state-owned mineral activity in a free-market economy. He also initiated environmental training programs for natural gas development in Western Siberia, Russia and was a member of a U.S. delegation working with the Bangladesh government to address management of their onshore and offshore natural gas resources. Bob's education is in Marine Biology and he received his Masters and Doctorate degrees from the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia.

Miller, Dustin

Dustin Miller is the Director of Development & Marketing for The Harvest Initiative, Inc. The purpose of the organization is to invest locally in native grown ideas and support socially responsible business development to move Crow Creek Sioux Reservation toward a commercially viable, self-sustaining economic environment. Part of the work with the Harvest Initiative has centered on assisting the Crow Creek Tribal Council in becoming an attractive place for wind energy and transmission development. Together the two groups have developed a renewable energy code and worked to formalize a strategic plan to draw developers. Previous to starting with The Harvest Initiative, Miller interned in London with the Houses of Parliament and specifically for Alistair Burt MP from Northeast Bedfordshire. Mr. Burt's keen interest in international development issues allowed Mr. Miller to work on the Millennium Development goals and the kickoff of the Make Poverty History Campaign. After returning from London he attended Drake Law School in Des Moines, Iowa. While a law student he spent his summers working with Opportunity International, a microfinance institution in Kisumu, Kenya and at the International Food Policy Research Institute in Washington DC. He also spent time interning with USDA Rural Development in Des Moines, IA. Miller earned a J.D. from Drake

University Law School in 2008 with certificates in Public Service and Food & Agricultural Law. He also took the inaugural Wind Law Course through Drake's Agricultural Law Center which was only the third class of its kind to be offered in the United States. He also earned an undergraduate degree from the University of Iowa in History and Secondary Education.

Oliver, Geoff

Geoff Oliver, ARA, has been with the Federal Government since 1991 when he started with the BIA as an appraiser trainee in Anadarko, Oklahoma. He received his State Certified General appraiser license in 1993 and his Accredited Rural Appraiser Designation (ARA) in 2007 and has 643 hours of appraisal education. Geoff has been the Great Plains Regional Appraiser since 2004 and has done appraisal work in 10 states.

Pudwill, Sharon

Sharon Pudwill began working as an attorney with the Department of the Interior in the Twin Cities Field Solicitors Office in Minnesota in 2000, after clerking for a judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. At the Solicitor's Office, Sharon provides legal advice to two regional offices of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and one regional office of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service within an 11-state area in the Midwest. Sharon's primary practice areas are real property, law enforcement, environmental law, land use (including oil & gas and timber), in addition to a general practice in torts and contracting.

Rebenitsch, Ron

Ron Rebenitsch is Manager of Alternative Technologies at Basin Electric, where he is responsible for Basin's green and renewable green resources. His primary responsibilities include wind energy and distributed energy resources, such as recovered waste heat generation. He manages the administration and marketing of the renewable energy credits (Green Tags) and is the project manager for two wind projects under construction by Basin Electric's PrairieWinds subsidiaries. A 120 MW (80 turbines) system in North Dakota and a 150 MW (101 turbines) system in South Dakota will add to Basin's existing 136 MW of wind resources. Ron is a board director on the Utility Wind Integration Group – a national association researching issues related to integrating wind energy into the grid. He is a former chair of the Renewable & Distributed Energy Group for the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's Cooperative Research Network, which directs research funds to developing energy technologies. Ron has a civil engineering degree from North Dakota State University and an MBA from the University of North Dakota. He is a Registered Professional Engineer in the states of North Dakota, Colorado and Wyoming.

Spears, Patrick

Mr. Patrick Spears is the co-founder and President of the Intertribal Council On Utility Policy (COUP), representing thirteen Tribes in the Dakotas, Wyoming, and Nebraska. Intertribal COUP is involved in policy issues and outreach education to Tribal governments, Tribal Colleges, and indigenous environmental organizations on climate change, energy planning, energy efficiency and renewable energy development. Mr. Spears has worked in tribal government and Indian programs in various capacities over the past 30 years. He is a member of the Management Committee of NativeEnergy, a company that purchases the carbon offsets to assist in financing renewable energy projects. As a member of the development team, he assisted in the first commercial, utility scale wind turbine project (750 kW) at the Rosebud Casino and on feasibility and pre-development of the 30 MW wind

project for the Rosebud Sioux Tribe. He provides consultant services on feasibility and development of community and commercial wind projects for a number of Tribes. Spears co-manages the wind energy feasibility and development for community and commercial wind power for the eight COUP Tribes in the 80-400 MW Intertribal Wind Project. He is also working with Honor the Earth as a team member on the KILI Radio wind turbine project on the Pine Ridge reservation. He has worked as a consultant to the DOE Wind Powering America program providing outreach services to Tribes in several regions on the development of wind energy resources. Spears also works with ICLEI on developing partnerships with cities and tribes to reduce global warming through renewable energy on tribal lands. He also co-chaired the national assessment's Native Peoples/Native Homelands Climate Change Workshop, part of the national assessment on climate change and variability through the United States Global Change Research Program. Mr. Spears is a member of the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe and completed undergraduate work in Sociology with emphases in Anthropology and Indian Studies from the University of South Dakota, and graduate study in Public Administration at the Washington D.C. Public Affairs Center, University of Southern California.

Three Stars Valandra, Cheryl

Cheryl Three Stars Valandra is the Supervising Attorney for the Indian Land Tenure Foundation (ILTF) project at Dakota Plains Legal Services (DPLS) in Mission, SD. She is also an Associate Justice for the Supreme Court of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe. Prior to her employment with DPLS, Cheryl served as the Chief Judge for the Oglala Sioux Tribal Court on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation and as an Associate/Juvenile Judge for the Rosebud Sioux Tribal Court on the Rosebud Reservation.

Towner, Jeffrey K.

Jeff has a Bachelor of Science degree in Zoology from Ohio State University and a Master of Science from Michigan State University. He began his professional career with the Ohio Department of Health as a field and lab technician in the Entomology Unit, working on disease vectors of human encephalitis. He served two assignments in the Peace Corps in West Africa in the fisheries and national park programs. He also spent a year working as an anti-poaching advisor for the World Wildlife Fund's mountain gorilla project in Rwanda, East Africa. He has been chief of the Regulatory Branch, Army Corps of Engineers in the Chicago District, assistant branch chief of the Environmental Analysis Branch of the Corps in the Detroit District, chief of the enforcement program, Regulatory Branch, Alaska District, field supervisor of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's West Virginia Field Office, and is currently field supervisor of the Fish and Wildlife Service's North Dakota Field Office. Jeff enjoys all that the outdoors and the natural world has to offer. He is married and has a daughter and a son.

Wegman, Steven

Mr. Wegman became the Executive Director of the South Dakota Wind Energy Association in 2009. Prior to this designation, Mr. Wegman was an Analyst for the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission in Pierre, SD, since 2003 and also previously from 1990 to 1997. Prior to 2003, Mr. Wegman was Senior Staff for the South Dakota Governor's Office in Pierre, South Dakota where he assisted with various projects, including the Governor's House project, wiring the schools, and various disaster recovery efforts. Mr. Wegman is also a Certified Building Instructor for the State of Minnesota.