**ITA MEETING MINUTES**

**March 25, 2021**

1. **Open/Introduction Mary Beth – ITA President**

Mary Beth called the meeting to order and called for introduction of the ITA Executive Committee and other meeting participants. Below are some of the meeting attendees. Please note there were additional attendees but only phone numbers were shown on the virtual meeting.

**Approval of the meeting Agenda Mary Beth**

**The Agenda was amended to add the USDOT Tribal Comment as item VIII. The Agenda was approved 6 Yeas and 0 Nays**

1. Mary Beth – ITA President
2. Gerry Hope – ITA Vice President
3. Jonah Begay – ITA Secretary
4. Bill Willard
5. Donna Frank
6. Bryna
7. Lorraine
8. Carla Edwards
9. Richard Rolland
10. Rachelle Bradley
11. CCWright
12. Damon
13. **Approval of the February Minutes Jonah Begay – ITA Secretary**

Jonah Begay provided a quick overview of the February meeting minutes. The Minutes was motioned to approved by Gerry Hope and 2nd by Sara Yockey. The Minutes approved 4 Yeas and 0 Nays

No discussion and question of the minutes.

1. **Overview ITA Monthly Activity**
2. **Governance Committee Report And Reauthorization Frame Work Gerry Hope**

Kenneth Martin, Sr Policy Analyst with Environment & Public Works (EPW) provide the highlights of the following from the March 8, 2020 virtual meeting

* Include TTP, Transit and other requests in the Roadmap and provide to Tom Carper, Chairman of the EPW
* Provide the “Ask” letter to Mr. Carper
* The “Ask” letter already drafted but will need further discussion. Letter dated 03/22/21
* The current highway bill, FAST ACT expired on 09/31/2020 but has been extended by a CR to 12/11/2021
* Request meeting with Kenneth Martin but Administration currently focusing on other priorities
* Deadline to submit the “Ask” letter is 03/31/2021 to Mr. Carper. (please see the attached “Ask” drafted letter (as of this meeting)
* Vote to accept the “Ask” letter: Motioned by Gerry Hope, 2nd by Jonah Begay. 6 Yeas and 0 Nays
* The TTP Funding Formula still needs to be discussed. Mr. Martin recommended the discussion be between the Tribes. The funding formula discussion not on the table for discussion with the EPW.
* There is another proposed bill regarding the funding formula by Senator Senema (AZ) and Senator Thune (SD) but hasn’t had much attention in Congress
* Recommendation for an Advisory Committee for Negotiated Rule Making S.358 but not enough traction either.
* Request Negotiated Rule Making in the “Ask” letter and also for the TTP funding formula discussion

NOTE: Due to time constraint a more detailed discussion was moved to March 26, 2021 as a special session.

* The move to schedule a special ITA meeting: Motioned by Gerry Hope and 2nd by Jonah Begay. The meeting is open to all who are interested.
* The HR 2 was passed last year and the proposed bill has the TTP piece in it.

1. **NCAI/ITA Task Force Upcoming Mtg**

* ITA Self Governance meeting will be coming up in the next few weeks**.**
* NCAI/ITA Task Force meeting
* What items can be on the meeting agenda – ITA can provide some recommendations.

1. **Funding Formula (Tribal Unity)**

* Funding formula discussion needs to happen among the Tribes
* ITA had briefly talked about the formula in previous meetings

1. **ITA Mid-Year Planning**
   * Mid-Year mtg still in discussion
   * Meeting will be virtual sometimes in June. Possibly before the NCAI meeting
2. **Other Items/Announcement**

**Next meeting tentatively scheduled on April 22, 2020**