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# LAC DU FLAMBEAU BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR CHIPPEWA INDIANS FEE TO TRUST ACQUISITION FOR A CLASS III DESTINATION GAMING RESORT CASINO, Shullsburg, WI

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS)** 

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#### **Scoping Summary**

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), as lead agency intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) regarding the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians (the Tribe) proposed fee-to-trust acquisition and Class III destination gaming resort casino on 20 acres of land, located in the City of Shullsburg, Lafayette County, Wisconsin.

#### **The EIS Scoping Process**

Scoping is the term used in the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations implementing the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) [40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 1500 et seq.] to define the early and open process for determining the scope of issues to be addressed in the EIS. Scoping is the process through which cooperating agencies and interested persons are identified and significant issues and alternatives to be addressed in the EIS are determined. BIA's NEPA guidebook (59 IAM 3-H, as amended) states that a scoping report explains the purpose and need for the proposed action, describes the proposed action and alternatives considered, summarizes the issues identified during the scoping process, lists the cooperating agencies, summarizes scoping meetings, and is available to anyone that requests a copy. The scoping of NEPA documents begins with a standard outline of resources that might be impacted by alternative federal actions. The standard list is contained in the BIA NEPA Guidebook (Section 4.4.E). This provides an outline for EIS chapters 3 and 4 in which all of the issues and concerns identified in the scoping process will be categorized for the EIS analysis process.

#### The Role of Atkins

Atkins is acting as the third party contractor selected by and at the direction of the BIA. Under the terms of a three-party agreement with BIA and the Tribe, Atkins takes direction from, and is under the sole control of, the BIA, which is the entity responsible for the review and approval of the EIS to be prepared by Atkins. Atkins is an independent consulting firm, and neither it, nor its principals, employees, or agents are employees of the Tribe or the BIA. Atkins is submitting all work products, reports and studies prepared by Atkins or assembled under its direction and oversight directly to the BIA. Atkins has asserted to the BIA that it has no financial or other interests in the outcome of the project, including but not limited to results of the environmental analysis or the BIA's decision

regarding the approvals for the project. Atkins has also submitted a disclosure form to the BIA which has been incorporated into the administrative record that states "Pursuant to the requirements of 40 CFR Part 1506.5, the Consultant declares under oath that it has no interest, financial or otherwise, in the outcome of this project."

#### **Federal Actions**

The Tribe has submitted an application requesting the BIA, under 25 CFR 151.4, accept into trust status for the benefit of the Lac du Flambeau Band certain real property on the Tribe's behalf, 20 acres of land which are located in Lafayette County, in the City of Shullsburg, Wisconsin, to develop a Class III destination gaming resort casino to provide revenue needed to meet the unmet needs of the tribal members. The rule 25 CFR 151.4 allows for the Secretary of the Interior to oversee the "Unrestricted land owned by an individual Indian or a tribe to be conveyed into trust status, including a conveyance to trust for the owner, subject to the provisions of this part." Proposed development for the property includes a Class III gaming facility (to be operated in accordance with the federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA), 25 U.S.C. §2701 et seq.) with restaurants, retail, entertainment and convention areas, 300-room hotel, 100-pad recreational vehicle park, youth non-gaming center, cultural resource center, sportsman club and 1,500 surface parking spaces.

#### **Purpose and Need**

The purpose of this project is to create necessary revenue and job opportunities through the development of a resort casino development. The need for increased revenue was illustrated most recently in the "Lac du Flambeau Nation Unmet Needs Study." The study shows an immediate unmet need of \$6,683,248 for operation and capital expenses that will allow the Tribe to meet its responsibilities in 2013. In addition, the analysis estimated an unmet need of \$191,232,251 for initial, operation and capital expenses to meet its responsibilities for the next 10 years. The Unmet Needs Study identifies tribal programs and services which include many services to the community that are not supported by state and local taxes. When these resources are secured, the Lac du Flambeau Band will be able to provide for health care, social services, housing, cultural planning and preservation and efficient government services for its people and become a truly self-sufficient sovereign Nation.

#### **Alternatives to be Analyzed**

Two build alternatives and a no action alternative will be considered in the EIS. The two build alternatives would be located on the Shullsburg property and would include the development of 20 acres held in trust in southern Wisconsin and development of commercial activities to generate revenues in support of the purpose and need of the Tribe. The preferred alternative would include the development of a class III destination gaming resort including a hotel facilities, restaurants/bars, conference/meeting facilities, small retail outlets, youth/family entertainment center, and spa.

The nongaming alternative would be located at the same location as the preferred alternative but would not include the class III gaming operation. The Tribe is currently conducting a market feasibility study to determine what commercial activity would be most suitable for the Shullsburg location.

Under the No Action Alternative, the Shullsburg site would not be placed into federal trust status for the benefit of the Tribe; further the current land uses on this parcel would continue or could be changed in accordance with applicable state and local law.

#### Resource Areas to be Examined

The resource areas to be examined include a wide breadth of subjects associated with the human environment. The existing environmental resources that might be impacted by the proposed action or alternatives will be described. Impacts will be considered on land resources, water resources, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, socioeconomic conditions, resources use patterns, public services, and environmental justice. Each of these broad resources areas has multiple specific subjects of concern that will be investigated. For example, the specific issues regarding public services that will be examined include water supply concerns, wastewater services, solid waste service, power/telecommunications, and public health and safety. Each of these resources will be examined to determine what the impacts, if any, the build alternatives will have on them.

#### **Notice of Intent**

A Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an EIS was published in the Federal Register on July 29th, 2013 with the comment period extending to September 5, 2013. The EIS scoping process is initiated with the publication of a Notice of Intent in the *Federal Register* and local public media, and also requires a public scoping meeting.

Individual letters were sent out August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013, to a mailing list of federal, state, local entities and identified concerned citizens. These letters provided some basic details about the proposed project and announced the public scoping meeting. Public notices announcing the scoping meeting were published in the Republican Journal on August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013, Quad City Times on August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013, Wisconsin State Journal on August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013, and the Galena Gazette on August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013. A copy of the ad as it appeared in all four papers has been included in Appendix B 2.0. Copies of the NOI, the mailing list and the affidavits for the newspaper publications are included in Appendix B.

During the scoping period, comments could be sent directly to the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) or be submitted during the public scoping meeting. Public comments were received via oral remarks and comment cards returned at the scoping meeting and from written comments received from interested individuals, organizations, and government agencies. All forms of public comment will be taken into consideration during the preparation of the EIS. The comments provide a mechanism by which public input can be incorporated into the impacts analysis for the proposed action and alternatives.

#### **Public Information Meeting**

The BIA held a public scoping meeting August 15<sup>th</sup> to solicit public comment regarding the Tribe's proposal. The meeting was held at the Shullsburg School District building in Shullsburg, WI. Attendees were asked to sign in and fill out comment cards, which included a check box to be marked if they wanted an opportunity to speak. Handouts were available that explained the intention of the meeting, project details and contact information for Scott Doig, the BIA representative and team leader for the EIS process. Copies of the sign-in sheets and handout are available in Appendix C. The proposed project location and four boards displaying the property survey and three schematics for the proposed casino destination resort were available for the public to review before and after the presentation. The project location was shown on a large screen during the presentation and open comment period for reference. Copies of the display boards and proposed project location imagery are provided in Appendix C.

The purpose of the meeting was to explain the EIS process and the proposed project to the public and provide a forum for the public to comment. Comments are used to help identify key issues, concerns, and evaluation criteria for the upcoming EIS analysis. One hundred thirty-five individuals signed in at the meeting, 11 provided written comment cards, and 26 provided verbal comments. Additionally, a petition created by local citizens in support of the proposed project was signed by 353 community members and delivered to the BIA during the scoping meeting. A copy of the petition is provided along with a list of all the signatories in Appendix E. The meeting began at 7:00 P.M. eastern daylight time and was concluded at approximately 8:30 P.M. Scott Doig, on behalf of the BIA, opened the meeting by welcoming everyone, introducing the panel, and explaining the purpose of the meeting. Scott then introduced Chris Miller with Atkins who further reiterated the process. Following the presentation, those who wanted to speak were called to the microphone one at a time and were given three minutes to address the BIA and the room. A certified court reporter was available to record the proceedings and comments. A record of the transcripts is provided in Appendix D. A summary of all the comments received during the meeting is provided in Table 1 and copies are included in Appendix E.

Table 1.0 Summary of Comments Received Written and Verbally During Scoping Meetings

Originator	Summary/Copy of Scoping Comments	Provide Verbal Comment
Gary McCrea	1) He feels the project will be overwhelmingly positive for the area, creating jobs, increase school enrollment, and bolster small businesses.	Yes
Brooks Big John	1) Gaming has greatly improved the lives of the Lac du Flambeau Band members. 2) Feels that Shullsburg will benefit in a similar way.	Yes
Tom Lethlean	1) Great opportunity for Shullsburg and surrounding area.2) It will create 600 jobs and spend money on goods and services.3) The Shullsburg casino resort would increase our tourist traffic, home construction, local tax base and related revenue, school enrollment.	Yes

Deb Lethlean	1) Delivered signed letters of support. 2) She strongly supports the project and jobs it will provide.	Yes		
Howard Marklein	1) Feels that jobs are the most important concern for the community. 2) Wants to know how the public feels about the project to report back to the governor and personal knowledge.			
Bob Boyle	1) Strongly supports the project. 2) Discussed the declines in school enrollment in the area. 3) Feels the region needs growth, especially outside of agriculture. 4) Stated that people do not have to gamble if they don't want. 5) Stated that the risk to the community is worth the potential rewards of the project.			
Ruben Santiesteban	1) He stated that the Lac du Flambeau Band is the largest employer in Vilas County. 2) He stated that gaming as increased the quality of life for Band members and will do the same for Shullsburg,	Yes		
Jim Paquette	1) He stated that tax costs in Shullsburg are increasing. 2) Discussed the history of the proposed project. 3) He believes that there may be some negatives associated with the casino but the positives outweigh them.	Yes		
Fred Norder	1) He stated that the casino will provide needed jobs for the community. 2) He has been to the Casino in Lac du Flambeau stated it has benefited Vilas County. 3) Believes the casino will provide similar benefits to Shullsburg.	Yes		
Brandon Thoms	1) Stated that he is originally from Lac du Flambeau and has seen the improvements to the area that gaming has provided. 2) He discussed that a gaming complex is more than just gambling but opportunities for national entertainment acts, which also bring in visitors. 3) He believes that the casino can provide opportunities to improve local small businesses.	Yes		
Micheal Bradley	1) He has concerns about Lac du Flambeau Band default of \$50 million and other failed business ventures. 2) He stated that jobs provided would be entry level and low paying. 3) He stated that the tribes will not pay taxes and the financial burden associated with infrastructure costs of the casino will be passed on to local taxpayers. 4) He expressed concerns about potential lack of recourse for employee grievances due to tribes having their own government.	Yes		
Dave Leahy	1) He is against the casino development. 2) He would like to know if the casino is going to purchase local goods and services. 2) He would like the local paper to provide more information on the development.3) He expressed concerns that the wages provided by casino jobs would be low.	Yes		
La Vonn Berge	1) She currently works in a casino and stated wages are above the federal minimum. 2) She stated that the jobs offered by the casino will provide people an opportunity to work locally.	Yes		
Steve Netheny	1) He discussed four-wheel trail that was developed in town and benefits it has provided. 2) He stated that the County is economically depressed. 3) He has been to Lac du Flambeau and is impressed with the area. 4) He stated his strong support for the casino project. 5) He believes the development will provide tax revenue for the city and county.	Yes		
Jeff Doyle	1) Stated that the county needs jobs. 2) He believes that the casino will cause visitors to spend money in Shullsburg. 3) He stated that the casino will provide opportunities for new businesses in the area. 4) He believes that the city	Yes		

	needs the additional housing development provided by the project, which will provide taxes and money for utilities. 5) He believes that the development will increase local schools enrollment. 6) He stated that the casino will increase tourism to the county. 7) He repeated that the referendum that was held on the casino was 87% in favor.	
Jack Sauer	1) Described the businesses that have disappeared over his lifetime in Lafayette County. 2) He paraphrased an article from the Republican Journal describing the positive aspects of the proposed development. 3) He stated the need for jobs that the casino development will provide.	Yes
Duane Chapman	1) He stated that from the Lac du Flambeau's standpoint, the most important aspect of the EIS process is to ensure that the proposed project is not detrimental to the surrounding community. 2) Stated that the goal of the project is to grow the communities together.	Yes
Dan Morrissey	1) He discussed how long the proposed casino has been in development. 2) He stated that Shullsburg and the Lac du Flambeau have been good working partners. 3) He would like to see the development happen more quickly.	Yes
Dale Schultz	1) Stated that many in the community and Lac du Flambeau have worked hard to build a team. 2) He sits on the state tribal committee and wants to make sure that the relationship is win/win for everyone. 3) He believes that the tribe can be a good partner with Lafayette county and he will do what is necessary to aid the partnership.	Yes
Joe Diedrich	1) Would like to know if having a casino will increase businesses downtown. 2) Stated he doesn't know if a casino is the answer for Shullsburg's problems but it is the only option. 3) Stated his support for the casino and the local jobs it will provide.	Yes
Ted Kearns	1) Stated he meets people everyday driving through to gamble in Dubuque, IA and would like to keep the money in WI.	Yes
Phil Gordon	1) Formerly on the County board and voted to enter discussions with casinos. 2) Stated that the community needs something but would like to see a more active involvement from within the community. 3) He lives adjacent to the property and would like more information on noise and lighting impacts. 4) He is also would like to know what will be done with the roads to handle additional traffic. 5) He also has questions about water and sewage usage. Will the city be able to handle it?	Yes
Nathan Russell	1) Stated that when the project began 13 years ago, he was not in favor of it. 2) Stated that the casino should be allowed to invest in the community. 3) He believes that something needs to be done so that people will be able to live and work in the community. 4) He is excited about the opportunity for entrepreneurship that the casino will bring.	Yes
Joseph Hunt	1) Works in Indian gaming as an executive manager. 2) He stated that the tribes have improved greatly in the last 25 years due to gaming. 3) He believes that jobs will help Shullsburg too.	Yes

Gary Weiskircher Mark	saturated. 4) He does not think that visitors to the casino will go anywhere in town. 5) He stated that the casino is only about money. 6) In his experience, the wages at casinos are low. 7) He is concerned about who will pay for the infrastructure associated with the casino. 8) He does not believe that the casino will help local businesses.  1) Is in favor of the casino because it will provide jobs. 2) Currently works in	
Muehleip	gaming industry and his current position is the second best paid he has had. 3) Would like to see a health care facility like in Lac du Flambeau.	Yes
Odella Woodworth	I support the Casino because it will help the community in many ways. I don't believe people come only to gamble, but will also increase business. Good people make a great community. There will be homes sold, businesses opened, school enrollment increased among other things	No
Masha Einsweiler	Great opportunity!	No
Brandon Thoms	I fully support the proposed project. It will provide jobs for many people	No
Bruce Dussell	I think it will be a positive economic impact for Shullsburg	No
Jack Sauer	I think the casino would be great for Lafayette County.	No
Micheal Bradley	Default on \$50 million loan. Mississippi riverboat low type entry level jobs.  Pays no taxes, maybe low taxes for infrastructure. No state agency if you are an employee of the tribe. \$3 million hit.	
Kathy Becke	What a great opportunity for our town to get a casino. I go 4 to 6 times a week for 19 years. In Iowa, all the cars are mostly from Wisconsin and Illinois. I hope there is a poker room and also bingo hall. It will be great for people who need to get a job. I love people and I wouldn't even mind being a hostess. I am so excited for the casino to come. I have lived here 13 years and I have been 4 times to the restaurants in town. I go to the casinos for good food.	No
Mary and Micheal Bradley	1) What weight in the decision process of approving the LDF Tribe's application for building an off-reservation casino is given to its poor financial history and serious business failures? The 50 million dollar default lawsuit brought against the LDF Tribe by Wells Fargo and Saybrook Trust is still in litigation. Shullsburg (population of 1,100) would be crushed by a bad business partnership 2) The current Asst. Secretary of Bureau of Indian Affairs, Kevin Washburn, was the former General Counsel for the National Indian Gaming Commission. As recently as September 2011, Kevin Washburn represented the Lac du Flambeau Tribe in bancruptcy proceedings leveraged by Wells Fargo and Saybrook Trust. With this glaring conflict of interest, as BIA considers LDF	No

	Tribe's application for an off-reservation casino in Shullsburg, WI, will Kevin	
	Washburn be recused as a participator?	
	3) Shullsburg is an historic community (third oldest in Wisconsin) with a rich	
	lead mining history. A gambling casino is not in keeping with Shullsburg's	
	character. If the casino is approved what, if any, measures will be taken to	
	insure the casino facility and grounds will be designed with historical	
	sensitivity in both architecture and layout?	
Albert	I am in favor of the Lac du Flambeau Casino/hotel project planned for	No
Gensler	Shullsburg. I think it will be an asset to Lafayette County/Shullsburg tax payers	
	plus: create jobs.	
Diance Hook	I am very much in favor of this project. This area desperately needs the jobs	No
	and other benefits it would bring.	
Len Hook	I would like to see this come. As fast as possible! For the jobs and help the	No
	community. This looks very good to me.	
Richard and	We support this project 100%. We need the jobs, we need to increase the	No
Mary Reyna	enrollment in our schools, the betterment of our community, etc. No one has	
	come up with a better plan. Let's get this done!	
Shirley	I strongly believe the proposed casino project is a win-win situation for	No
Gensler	Lafayette County and of course Shullsburg. My husband and I both had to	
	drive to the neighboring state of Iowa for employment! Our childern left the	
	area also for work. So the jobs alone would be an asset. We have been to the	
	Lac du Flambeau reservation and tehy have done a great job of keeping	
	improving the area.	
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#### **Other Comments**

In response to the notices mailed out to the mailing list, the published NOI and/or information provided at the scoping meeting, five comments were received during the scoping period. These comments are summarized in Table 2.0 and copies are included in Appendices F.

Table 2.0 Summary of Scoping Comments Received in Letter Form or Via Email

Date	Originator	Summary of Scoping Comments	
8/29/2013	Brad Mootz	1) Would like to know who the development would have fiduciary responsibility to. Does the LDF have any other legal responsibility to the City of Shullsburg or Lafayette County?  2) Stated that the casino market is saturated and wonders where the expected market for the Shullsburg Casino will come from? Will this casino serve to increase the amount of gambling currently occurring in	
		the state, or will it be simply taking revenue that would already go to	

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		other casinos in Wisconsin?
		3) What are the base assumptions of the Economic Impact Study
		regarding operating costs, revenue, labor costs and profit?
		4) Due to recent market trends which have shown a decrease in gambling
		revenues in Wisconsin, what impact will this have on the Shullsburg
		Casino? How will development of the proposed casinos in Kenosha,
		Sheboygan and Beloit impact the revenue and profit projections?
		5) What percentage of revenue will directly impact the community,
		through either direct payment or jobs which are held by Lafayette County residents?
		6) How much money will be reinvested in the community, and how much
		will be returned to the LDF tribe?
		7) What guarantee will the City of Shullsburg and Lafayette County have
		that the agreement signed by the LDF will be honored, given the LDF's
		recent record of defaults? Will the tribe be legally bound to honor all agreements?
		8) What are the reason(s) that the LDF casino expansion has been
		rejected by other Wisconsin communities? What changes has the LDF
		made to the proposed development to reflect the comments/concerns of
		those residents?
		9) In the event of a market decline or due to faulty market analysis, what
		will the LDF tribe do in reaction to net losses during operations? At what
		point will the casino be closed?
		10) Will a management company be hired to operate the casino? What is
		the guaranteed distribution of jobs that will be offered to City of
		Shullsburg and Lafayette County residents?
		11) Governor Walker has indicated that he would only approve the
		Shullsburg casino given that it has local support, does not increase
		gambling in the state, and would be approved by all Wisconsin tribes.
		Given that this project by definition will need to take revenue from other
		casinos in order to be approved, does the LDF expect any challenges from
		other Wisconsin tribes on the construction of the Shullsburg Casino?
8/25/2013	Robin Cichy	Feels jobs that would be provided by casino are unnecessary due to low
0,23,2013	indom clamy	unemployment in the county.
		2) Concerned about increased traffic, crime, environmental degradation,
		and economic problems that would accompany a casino.
		3) States that there are two casinos 25 miles away in Dubuque, IA for
		those who wish to gamble.
		those this work to garillate.

8/30/2013	Emily M.	1) Concerned about strain on Shullsburg utility infrastructure and Public
	Lubcke	services.
		2) New casino will cannibalize business from the multiple other casinos in
		close proximity.
		3) Feels if the casino needs a traffic light to control increased vehicle
		volumes, it will destroy the quaint charm that currently goes along with
		the county not having a traffic light.
		4) Concerned about the amount of light pollution that will be generated
		by the facility from lights on and around the building, lights in the parking
		lot, around the maintenance facility, and the campground. Too much light
		in the night sky is detrimental to human health (circadian rhythm,
		melatonin imbalance, sleep disorders, chronic illness) and wildlife
		(migration disruption, reproduction decline, increase vulnerability to
		predators, loss of the night ecosystem). We enjoy viewing the stars
		and the light pollution from this facility will dull that experience.
		5) Social problems will increase and may include gambling addiction,
		bankruptcy, increase in drug and alcohol abuse, and increase in crime.
		6) Does not think the casino will aid businesses in Shullsburg and will
		actually be detrimental to them.
8/20/2013	Mary D.	1) Letter is expressing opposition to proposed casino.
	Foltz	2) Is concerned that State Hwy 11 is not suited to heavy traffic use.
		3) She is concerned that few local residents would be hired and does not
		believe that the development would provide quality jobs.
		4) She is concerned about damaging the historic and cultural resources of
		the area.
8/19/2013	Michael and	1) Letter is expressing opposition to proposed casino.
	Mary	2) They are concerned about past financial history of the LDF Tribe.
	Bradley	Believe that Shullsburg would be hurt by a bad business partnership.
		3) They have concerns about potential conflicts of interest for Assistant
		Secretary of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Kevin Washburn.
		4) They are concerned about the casino not fitting in with the mining
		history of Shullsburg.

#### **Cooperating Agency List**

According to the Bureau of Indian Affairs Guidebook a cooperating agency is "any federal agency which has jurisdiction by law or special expertise with respect to any environmental impact involved in a proposed action may become a cooperating agency. (See 40 CFR 1501.6; 43 CFR 46.225)". The agencies listed below have been requested to be cooperating agencies; only the USACE, EPA, and Lac du Flambeau have replied. The EPA and Lac du Flambeau have accepted the invitation and USACE has declined. The response letters have been included in Appendix A.

U.S Environmental Protection Agency Indian Environmental Office 77 West Jackson Blvd (R-19J) Chicago, IL 60604-3590

U.S Army Corps of Engineers Rock Island District, Mississippi Valley Division Clock Tower Building 1500 Rock Island Drive Rock Island, IL 61201

U.S Department of Interior-Fish and Wildlife Service Midwest Regional Office 5600 American Blvd. West, Suite 990 Bloomington, MN 55437-1458

National Indian Gaming Commission National Headquarters 1441 L Street NW Suite 9100 Washington, DC 20005

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources South Central Region 3911 Fish Hatchery Rd Fitchburg, WI 53711

Wisconsin Department of Transportation Southwest Region 2101 Wright Street Madison, WI 53704-2583

Shullsburg City Offices 190 N. Judgement Street Shullsburg, WI 53586

Lafayette County 626 Main Street Darlington, WI 53530

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# **Appendix A- Cooperating Agency Letters**



# LAC DU FLAMBEAU BAND

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RE: NEPA Cooperating Agency Invitation - Lac du Flambeau Casino EIS

Dear Ms. Rosen and Mr. Doig:

The Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians (Tribe) received your letter dated on June 4, 2013, inviting the Tribe to participate as a Cooperating Agency in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process as defined in 4 C.F.R. 1508.5.

The Lac du Flambeau Tribe is accepting the invitation because of the Tribe offers special expertise in project design and projected site use, and has the capacity to implement mitigation measures through alterations in project design. The Tribe also offers expertise on the relationship between economic effects and the physical and cultural health of the Tribal community. Finally, the Tribe would gain jurisdiction to enact environmental ordinances over the property should the United States elect to acquire trust title to the project site.

If you have questions or require more information, please do not hesitate to call Mr. Duane Chapman, Shullsburg Project Manager at 715-588-4454 or DChapman3@ldftribe.com

My best regards,

President, Tom Maulson



#### DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, ROCK ISLAND DISTRICT PO BOX 2004 CLOCK TOWER BUILDING ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS 61204-2004

June 25, 2013

Regional Planning and Environmental Division North

DOI – Bureau of Indian Affairs Midwest Regional Office Attn: Mrs. Diane Rosen Norman Point II, 5600 West American Boulevard, Suite 500 Bloomington, Minnesota 55437

Dear Mrs. Rosen:

I received your letter dated June 4, 2013, concerning the US Army Corps of Engineers participating as a Cooperating Agency for the preparation of the Lac du Flambeau Casino EIS for compliance with NEPA. The Rock Island District Corps of Engineers staff reviewed the information you provided and have the following comments:

- a. Your proposal does not involve Rock Island District administered land; therefore, no further Rock Island District real estate coordination is necessary.
- b. The project location (Lafayette County, WI) falls into the St. Paul District's regulatory jurisdiction which covers Minnesota and Wisconsin. The Corps' Regulatory Programs includes Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. Any proposed placement of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States (including jurisdictional wetlands) requires Department of the Army authorization under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

In regards to any permit requirements under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act or possible involvement by the US Army Corps of Engineers St. Paul District as a cooperating agency would require you to contact:

Waukesha Field Office – St. Paul District 20711 Watertown Road, Suite F Waukesha, WI 53186 262-717-9345

- c. The Responsible Federal Agency should coordinate with Mr. Jim Draeger, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, Division of Historic Preservation, The State Historical Society of Wisconsin, 816 State Street, Madison, Wisconsin 53706-1488, to determine impacts to historic properties.
- d. The Green Bay Field Office of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service should be contacted to determine if any federally listed endangered species are being impacted and, if so, how to avoid or minimize impacts. The Green Bay Field Office address is: 2661 Scott Tower Drive, New Franken, Wisconsin 54229. Mr. Peter Fasbender is the Field Supervisor. You can reach him by calling 920/866-1717.

No other concerns surfaced during our review. Thank you for the opportunity to comment. If you need more information, please call Ms. Wendy Frohlich of our Environmental Compliance Branch, telephone 309/794-5573.

You may find additional information about the Corps' Rock Island District on our website at http://www.mvr.usace.army.mil. To find out about other Districts within the Corps, you may visit: http://www.usace.army.mil/Locations.aspx.

Kenneth A. Barr

Chief, Environmental Planning Branch (RPEDN)





#### UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 5 77 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD CHICAGO, IL 60604-3590

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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF

Diane K. Rosen Regional Director Bureau of Indian Affairs Midwest Regional Office Norman Point II 5600 West American Boulevard, Suite 500 Bloomington, Minnesota 55437

RE: Cooperating Agency Request - Lac Du Flambeau Casino EIS, Shullsburg, Wisconsin

Dear Ms. Rosen:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency accepts your invitation of June 4, 2013, to be a cooperating agency for Environmental Impact Statement to be prepared for the proposed gaming resort complex in Shullsburg, Lafayette County, Wisconsin. This project is proposed by the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians. Our role as a cooperating agency will be consistent with our responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act. In this role, we will participate in scoping, and provide comments on submitted environmental documents.

Feel free to contact me at <a href="westlake.kenneth@epa.gov">westlake.kenneth@epa.gov</a>, 312-886-2910, or Robert O'Brien of my staff at obrien.robert@epa.gov, 312-886-3283, if you have any question regarding our cooperating agency role.

Sincerely,

Kenneth A. Westlake

Chief, NEPA Implementation Section

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# **Appendix B- Notice of Intent Documents**



nongovernmental organizations, and others who are in a position to provide expertise and support to the Task Force. No individual who is currently registered as a Federal lobbyist is eligible to serve as a member of the Council.

#### Certification

I hereby certify that the Advisory Council on Wildlife Trafficking is necessary and is in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties pursuant to the Department of the

Interior's authority under Executive Order 13648, "Combating Wildlife Trafficking."

July 1, 2013.

Dated: July 24, 2013.

#### Sally Jewell,

Secretary of the Interior.

[FR Doc. 2013-18194 Filed 7-25-13; 11:15 am] BILLING CODE 4310-55-P

#### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

#### Bureau of Indian Affairs [K00621 1314 R3B30]

Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Lac du Flambeau Band Fee-to-Trust Acquisition and Casino Project in Shullsburg, Wisconsin

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), of 1969, this notice advises the public that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) intends to gather the information necessary for preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a fee-to-trust transfer and casino project in the City of Shullsburg, Wisconsin, proposed by the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians (Tribe). This notice also announces a public scoping meeting to identify potential issues, alternatives, and content for inclusion in the EIS.

DATES: The public scoping meeting will be held Thursday, August 15, 2013, and will begin at 6 p.m. and last until the last public comment is received. Written comments on the scope of the EIS or implementation of the proposal must arrive by August 30, 2013.

ADDRESSES: The public scoping meeting will be held at the Shullsburg High School, 444 N. Judgement Street, Shullsburg, Wisconsin, You may mail, hand deliver, or telefax written comments to Diane Rosen, Regional Director, Midwest Regional Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 5600 West American Boulevard, Suite 500, Bloomington, Minnesota 55437, Telefax (612) 713–4401.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Scott Doig, Regional Environmental Protection Specialist, Midwest Regional Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 5600 West American Boulevard, Suite 500, Bloomington, Minnesots 55437; telephone: (612) 725–4514.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Tribe's application requests the Department to transfer into trust 20 acres of land located within the municipal limits of the City of Shullsburg, Wisconsin. The purpose of the proposed action is to help meet the Tribe's economic development needs in Wisconsin. This would be accomplished by development of a gaming resort facility with Class III and Class II gaming, hotel, restaurant and retail facilities, entertainment and convention facilities, recreational vehicle park, sportsman's club, maintenance facilities, and surface parking. The property is located along the north side of State Highway 11 (SH-11) near the City of Shullsburg, Lafayette County, Wisconsin, approximately one-half mile west of the intersection of SH-11 and County Road O. The site is proposed to be accessible from SH-11.

Areas of environmental concern so far identified that the EIS will address include soils and geology, air quality, water supply, wastewater and storm water, biological resources, traffic and transportation, cultural and historic resources, socioeconomics, public health and safety, noise, and visual resources/aesthetics. Alternatives identified for analysis include the proposed action, a no-action alternative, a non-gaming alternative, and an alternative gaming site location. The range of issues addressed in the EIS may also be revised based on the comments received at the scoping meeting and in response to this notice.

Submittal of Public Comments: Please include your name, return address and the caption specifying "Scoping Comments for Proposed Lac du Flambeau Band Casino" on the first page of your written comments.

Public Comment Availability:
Comments, including names and addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the BIA address shown in the ADDRESSES section during regular business hours, 6 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Before including your address, telephone number, email

address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask in your comment that your personal identifying information be withheld from public review, the BIA cannot guarantee that this will occur.

Authority: This notice is published in accordance with § 1503.1 of the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR 1500 et seq.) and the Department of the Interior Regulations (43 CFR part 46) implementing the procedural requirements of the NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), and in accordance with the exercise of authority delegated to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by part 209 of the Department Manual.

Dated: July 22, 2013.

#### Lawrence S. Roberts,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

[FR Doc. 2013-18114 Filed 7-26-13; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 4310-W7-P

#### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

#### National Park Service

[NPS-WASO-NRNHL-13508; PPWOCRADIO, PCU00RP14.R50000]

#### National Register of Historic Places; Notification of Pending Nominations and Related Actions

Nominations for the following properties being considered for listing or related actions in the National Register were received by the National Park Service before July 06, 2013. Pursuant to section 60.13 of 36 CFR Part 60, written comments are being accepted concerning the significance of the nominated properties under the National Register criteria for evaluation. Comments may be forwarded by United States Postal Service, to the National Register of Historic Places, National Park Service, 1849 C St. NW., MS 2280, Washington, DC 20240; by all other carriers, National Register of Historic Places, National Park Service, 1201 Eye St. NW., 8th floor, Washington, DC 20005; or by fax, 202-371-6447. Written or faxed comments should be submitted by August 13, 2013. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying



#### Bureau of Indian Affairs

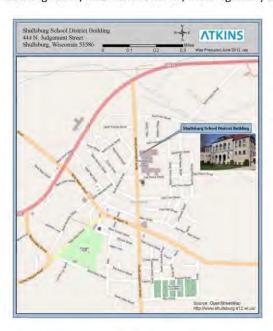
#### **PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING**

Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians Fee-to-Trust Acquisition and Casino Resort Complex

> August 15, 2013 Begins at 6:00 PM

Shullsburg School District 444 N. Judgment Street Shullsburg, WI 53586

The meeting is primarily a forum to identify potential issues, alternatives, and content for inclusion in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed development. The EIS will be for the development of a class III and class II gaming facility, hotel, and entertainment complex off-reservation in the City of Shullsburg, Wisconsin. The proposed development would consist of a casino, restaurants, retail, entertainment and convention areas, a 300-room hotel, a 100-pad recreational vehicle park, youth non-gaming center, cultural resource center, sportsman club, and 1,500 surface parking spaces. The facility would also have space devoted to support services including casino/tribal administration, tribal regulatory and employee services.



Building and meeting room are ADA compliant.

The proposed development would provide the unmet revenue needed for operational and capital expenses necessary for the tribe to meet its responsibilities. These responsibilities were outlined in a recent Unmet Needs Study (Thering 2013) which summarized the result of the Sustainability Futures Analysis process. This process identified broad based goals for the ten Essential Elements of a sustainable future and the capacity of the tribe to meet these goals. These Essential Elements are:

- Economic development
- Natural resources
- Health & wellness
- · Public works & infrastructure
- Governmental administration
- Culture
- Education
- Housing & community facilities
- Social services
- Land use & planning

The point of contact for comments or questions is Scott Doig, Regional Environmental Protection Specialist, Midwest Regional Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 5600 West American Boulevard, Suite 500, Bloomington, MN 55437; telephone (612) 725-4514.

<sup>\*</sup>Thering, Susan, PhD. 2013. Lac Du Flambeau Nation Unmet Needs Study. Design Coalition Institute, Madison, WI

Agency	Region/Division	Contact Individual-Title	Address
US Environmental Protection Agency	Region 5		77 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60604
US Environmental Protection Agency US Army Corps of Engineers	Region 5 Indian Environmental Office  Rock Island District	Darrel Harmon-Director	77 West Jackson Blvd. (R-19J), Chicago, IL 60604 P.O. Box 2004 Clock Tower Building, Rock Island, IL
US Department of Agricultural-NRCS	Darlington Service Center	Melissa Bartz-District Conservationist	1900 Ervin Johnson Drive, Darlington, WI 53530
US Department of the Interior	Great Lakes Agency	Kimberly Bouchard-Superintendent	916 West Lakeshore Drive, Askland, WI 54806
Bureau of Indian Affairs USDOI Geological Survey	Wisconsin Water Science Center		8505 Research Way, Middleton, WI 53562
US Fish and Wildlife Service	Green Bay Field Office	Peter Fasbender-Supervisor	2661 Scott Tower Drive, Green Bay, WI 54229
US Department of the Interior National Park Service	Midwest Region	Michael Reynolds-Regional Director	601 Riverfront Drive, Omaha, NE 68102
Federal Emergency Management Agency	Region 5		536 South Clark Street 6th Floor, Chicago, IL 60605
US Department of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration	Great Lakes Region	Barry Cooper-Regional Administrator	O'Hare Lake Office Center, 2300 East Devon Avenue, Des Plaines, IL 60018
US Department of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration	Regional Administrator's Field Representative	John Thiem-Manager	4915 S. Howell Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53207
Federal Housing Administration	Wisconsin Division	George Poirier-Division Administrator	525 Junction Road, Suite 8000, Madison, WI 53717
US Department of Justice	Wisconsin Equal Rights Division	Joe Handrick-Division Administrator	201 E. Washinghton Ave Room A100 P.O. Box 8928, Madison, WI 53708
US Department of Labor-OSHA	Madison Area Office		4802 E. Broadway, Madison, WI 53716
National Indian Gaming Commission	St. Paul Regional Office	Linda Durbin-Regional Director	380 Jackson Street, Suite 420, St. Paul, MN 55101
Federal Emergency Management Agency	Region VII (includes IA)		9221 Ward Parkway, Suite 3000, Kansas City, MO 64114
National Indian Gaming Commission	Washington DC Regional Office		1441 L Street NW, Suite 9100, Washington, DC 20005
US Department of Agriculture NRCS	Area 3 (includes IA)	Matthew Drechsel-Assistant State Conservationist	120 North Industrial Parkway, Suite 4, West Union, IA 52175
US Department of Agriculture NRCS	Area 5 (includes IA)	Lane Collins- Assistant State Conservationist	1805 West Jefferson Ave, Suite 2, Fairfield, IA 52556
US Department of Agriculture NRCS	Area 4 (includes (L)	Tessa Chadwick-Assistant State Conservationist	233 South Soangetaha Road, Galesburg, IL 61401
US Department of Agriculture NRCS	SW Area (includes WI)	Jeff Deniger	1850 Bohman Drive, Suite G, Richland Center, Wi 53581
US Department of Agriculture NRCS	SE Area (includes WI)	Jeremy Ziegler	451 West North Street, Juneau, WI 53039
US Department of Justice	Northern District of Iowa		111 7th Ave SE Box #1, Cedar Rapids, IA 52401 100 W. Randolph Street, Suite 10-100, Chicago, IL
US Department of Justice	Illinois Department of Human Rights		60601
US Department of Labor	Iowa Division of Labor Services	Joe Costigan-Director	1000 E. Grand Ave, Des Moines, IA 50319
US Department of Labor US Department of Transportation	Illinois Department of Labor Central Region (includes IA)	Joe Costigan-Director	900 South Spring St., Springfield , IL 62702 Airports Division (ACE-600), Room 364, 901 Locust,
Federal Aviation Administration US Dept of Transportation	Iowa Division	Lubin Quinones-Division Administrator	105 6th Street, Ames, IA 50010
Federal Highway Administration US Dept of Transportation	Illinois Division	Catherine Batey-Division Administrator	3250 Executive Park Drive, Springfield , IL 62703
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US Environmental Protection Agency US Environmental Protection Agency	Region 7 Region 7 Tribal Program	Stanley Holder	11201 Renner Blvd., Lenexa , KS 66219 11201 Renner Blvd., Lenexa , KS 66219
US Fish and Wildlife Service	Midwest Region (includes IA, IL, and WI)	Tom Melius-Regional Director	5600 American Blvd. West, Suite 990, Bloomington, MN 55437
US Geological Survey	Midwest Region (includes IA, IL, and WI)	Leon Carl-Regional Director	1451 Green Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48105
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Wisconsin Department of Transportation	Southwest Region-Madison Office	Rose Phetteplace-Deputy Director	2101 Wright Street, Madison, WI 53704
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Darlington Chamber of Commerce			439 Main St, Darlington, WI 53530

Lafayette Development Corporation			PO Box 133, 627 Washington St, Darlington, WI 53530
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Shullsburg Police Department	City of Shullsburg	Rick Moyer, Chief Verne Jackson	190 N. Judgement Street, Shullsburg, WI 53586
Shullsburg Sewer Department Shullsburg Street Department	City of Shullsburg City of Shullsburg	Don Dickinson	780 W. Water Street, Shullsburg, WI 53586 190 N. Judgement Street, Shullsburg, WI 53586
Shullsburg Water Department	City of Shullsburg	Steve Staver	4976 County Road U, Shullsburg, WI 53586
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Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin			P.O. Box 365, Oneida , WI 54155
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Richland County Board of Supervisors		Jeanetta Kirkpatrick-Board Chair	13846 County Rd I, Viola, WI 54664
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owa Governor's Office	Office of Governor Terry Branstad		1007 E Grand Ave, Des Moines, IA 50319
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Illinois State Police		Hiram Grau-Director	801 South 7th St, Suite 1100 - S, Springfield, JL 6270
Illinois Department of Public Health			535 West Jefferson St, Springfield, JL 62761
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llinois Racing Board			100 W Randolf, Suite 11-100, Chicago, IL 60601
Illinois Department of Commerce &Economic Opportunity		Adam Pollet-Director	100 W Randolf, Chicago, IL 60601
Illinois Sheriff's Association			401 E Washington, Suite 1000, Springfield, IL 6270
Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives			PO Box 3787, Springfield, IL 62708-3787
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Rep. Tammy Duckworth	8th District		60173
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<sup>\*</sup>red text denotes undeliverable address and returned scoping notice

#### **Quad City Times**

Public Meeting for the
Lac Du Hambeau
land development proposal
SHULLSBURG, WI - The Bureau of Indian Alfairs will ask for public feedback
during a public meeting on the Lac Du
Flambeau Band of the Lake Superior
Chippewa Indians' pending land trust application and Environmental Impact
Statement (EIS) for proposed development. The proposed development would

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The public meeting, part of what is called the 'scoping' process, will be held August 15th, 2013, at 6:00 pm, at the Shullsburg School District Building: 444 N. Judge ment Street, Shullsburg, WI 535:95. The Bureau of Indian Affairs published in the Federal Register on July 29th a notice of intent to prepare an EIS or the development of approximately 20 acres of tribal property in Shullsburg.

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#### Wisconsin State Journal

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# **Appendix C- Public Information Meeting Materials**



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#### Bureau of Indian Affairs

#### PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING

Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians Fee-to-Trust Acquisition and Casino Resort Complex

> August 15, 2013 Begins at 6:00 PM

Shullsburg School District Building 444 N. Judgement Street Shullsburg, WI 53586

This public meeting is to inform the public about the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process and how it will be used to evaluate the proposed tribal band fee-to-trust acquisition and casino. The meeting is also a forum to identify potential issues, alternatives, and content for inclusion in the EIS. The EIS will be for the development of a class III and class II gaming facility, hotel, and entertainment complex off-reservation in the city of Shullsburg, Wisconsin. The proposed development will consist of a casino, restaurants, retail, entertainment and convention areas, a 300-room hotel, a 100-pad recreational vehicle park, youth non-gaming center, cultural resource center, sportsman club, and 1,500 surface parking spaces. The facility will also have space devoted to support services including casino/tribal administration, tribal regulatory and employee services.



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The proposed development would provide the unmet revenue needed for operational and capital expenses necessary for the tribe to meet its responsibilities. These responsibilities were outlined in a recent Unmet Needs Study (Thering 2013) which summarized the result of the Sustainability Futures Analysis process. This process identified broad based goals for the ten Essential Elements of a sustainable future and the capacity of the tribe to meet these goals. These Essential Elements are:

- Economic development
- Natural resources
- Health & wellness
- Public works & infrastructure
- · Governmental administration
- Culture
- Education
- Housing & community facilities
- Social services
- Land use & planning

<sup>\*</sup>Thering, Susan, PhD. 2013. Lac Du Flambeau Nation Unmet Needs Study. Design Coalition Institute, Madison, WI.

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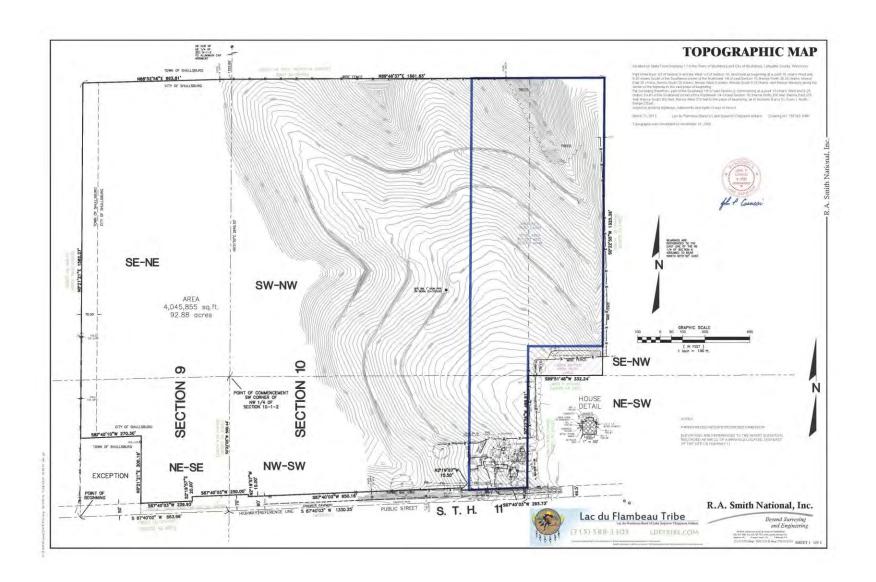
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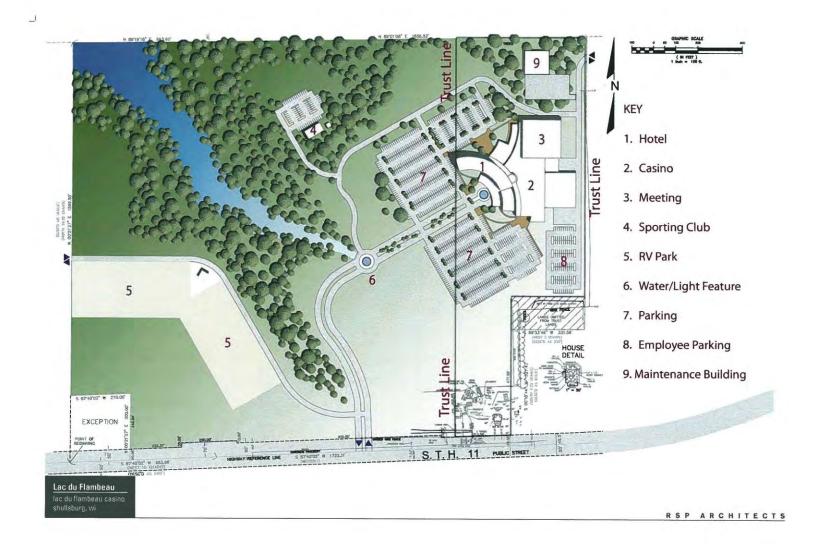
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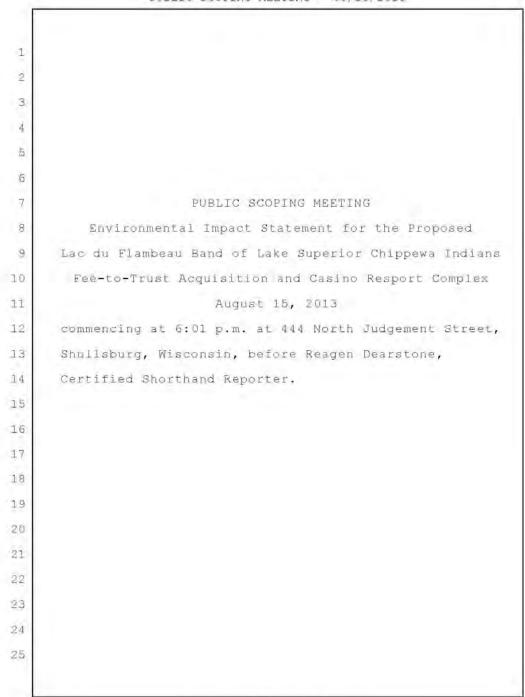






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## **Appendix D- Public Information Meeting Transcripts**



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MR. DOIG: Okay. Ladies and gentlemen, I think we'll go ahead and get started. Can everybody hear me okay? Raise your hand if you can't hear me. Okay. Excellent. Well, thanks, everybody, for coming this evening. My name's Scott Doig. I'm an environmental protection specialist with the Bureau of Indian Affairs in the Midwest Region. I'm here in my environmental expertise not my public speaking skills, so if I appear nervous up here it's because I am, so I apologize for that, so we'll get through this.

The purpose for the meeting tonight, the reason that we're here to collect these comments is the Bureau of Indian Affairs received an application for a fee-to-trust acquisition for the Lac du Flambeau tribe in Shullsburg, Wisconsin. Once the Bureau of Indian Affairs receives that application, we begin the process of going from fee-to-trust. Part of that process is when a federal agency receives -- has a federal action that may contribute significant impacts to the human environment that triggers what we call -- what's known as the National Environmental Policy Act. There are a number of ways to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act, and with the nature of the application, because it is gaming related, we always -- the type of document we use to comply with

1 it is called an environmental impact statement. An environmental impact statement is the 2 3 most inclusive and in-depth document there is for 4 NEPA, so to begin that process, we go through a 5 process called the scoping period, and that scoping period is what we're doing tonight. And the scoping 6 7 period is to determine what the scope of that environmental impact statement will cover. We know 9 that there are certain things that are always kind of 10 covered in these documents such as what are the impacts going to be to air quality, what are the 11 impacts going to be to water quality, some of these 12 kind of standard things. But one of the things we 13 like to do is have the scoping period so that we can 14 15 get comments from people who are in the area as to what they feel some of those impacts are going to be. 16 The scoping period for this environmental impact 17 18 statement runs till August 30th, so for those of you 19 who, you know, don't necessarily want to comment this 20 evening, you can certainly write on a comment card and 21 you can mail it in to myself, and my contact 22 information will be up here. Is it on the cards also? 23 24 MR. MILLER: Yes, it's on the cards. MR. DOIG: Okay. And that goes to my regional 25

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director but finds the way to me eventually. So once we receive all the comments, we put together what's called a scoping document, and that document lays the framework for the environmental impact statement, and it tells us in the environmental impact statement what are all the concerns that we will be looking at through this process.

This is not the first time that -- I'm sorry. This is not the only time that the public will have a chance to comment on the environmental impact statement as it goes through the process. Once we begin the environmental impact statement, we publish what's called the draft environmental impact statement. That goes out there. The environmental impact statement is usually in the twelve to sixteen inch range for thickness, so it's a very large document, and it covers a large number of potential impacts to the environment. And at that point it will be published. When that comes out, it will be published in the national register and noticed that it's available. We usually have it available at local libraries and we publish a notice in the local paper, so that will be another opportunity for everybody to comment.

Once the environmental impact statement

is completed, the Bureau of Indian Affairs will put together what's called a draft record of decision.

The draft record of decision is a lengthy document.

Again, it's in the somewhere around 60 to 90 pages that the regional director sends up to Washington,

D.C., to our central office, and the assistant secretary is the one that makes the final decision on whether or not this fee-to-trust acquisition occurs.

That's kind of just a brief synopsis of what the EIS process is.

So are there any questions on that process? Yes, ma'am. I'm sorry. We have a court reporter this evening, so when you do speak, if you can just say your name also.

MARY BRADLEY: My name is Mary Bradley. I'm a resident of Shullsburg or the town of Shullsburg. So as you're describing this, one of the things that comes to mind is in the creation of the Bureau of Indian Affairs group, would you say that this organization is an impartial group? In other words, when they do environmental impacts, when you do environmental impact statements, are you representing any particular group of people, or are you just impartially evaluating information? In this situation would you have any responsibilities to the City of

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MR. DOIG: That would be a perfect comment for you to submit this evening. The only questions I can really answer tonight are on the process itself. One of the reasons we are here is so that we can gather those comments. We have a court reporter to collect all that information and give us time to thoughtfully respond to all those questions. And every question that is asked will be responded to, so I would ask that you submit it at that time. Thank you.

EMILY LUBCKE: I can talk loud. My name's Emily Lubcke. I live here in Shullsburg, and I was wondering -- you mentioned that the draft report would be available at the library. When I was researching what went into the EIS reports, I found a lot of projects, other casinos online. Would there be a similar comprehensive website for this project on the Internet?

MR. DOIG: Yes, the draft will be online. EMILY LUBCKE: Thank you.

MR. DOIG: You're welcome.

Okay. I guess to touch on my next subject a little bit, unfortunately, at this time we don't respond to individual questions because of what I -- what I kind of laid out before is that it gives

us enough time to kind of thoughtfully think through each of the questions and respond in writing to what your comments and concerns are. So the process tonight we -- there are comment cards up there if you haven't received one already.

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Chris Miller, this is Chris Miller. He's from Atkins. He is the contractor that the federal government uses to develop the environmental impact statement, and Chris will be -- he'll be walking the microphone, so when you have a comment, if you're able to please come down to the front, state your name, speak very clearly so the court reporter can hear you, and she said she'll speak up if she doesn't catch your name or can't hear you, so.

And then we ask that you keep your comments to three minutes in length. We don't have any kind of hook to pull you off stage or anything if you go over, but usually three minutes is a fairly long period of time when you start speaking. Again, you can -- you can submit written comments until August 30th. There you go, and this is where you can submit those written comments to (indicating).

Actually, that's my phone number, so if you want to give me a call if you have any questions about the process, I'd

be more than happy to answer those questions. It's not my home number so that's okay.

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Okay. So if you have a -- well, first of all, are there any elected officials who want to make comments?

Okay. So, Chris, if we could start from the mayor, correct, from right to left and please state your name.

TOM LETHLEAN: My name is Tom Lethlean. I live at 421 West Clinton Street in Shullsburg. I am presently the mayor of the City of Shullsburg. My opinions are based on being a citizen of Shullsburg and also from my elected office as mayor.

The proposed Shullsburg casino resort project presents a great opportunity for our local area well beyond the boundaries of Shullsburg. On April 22nd, 2013, the Lac du Flambeau tribal council presented their business and building plans to the general public. Included in the informational brochure are their job and economic impact projections. The Shullsburg casino resort would create -- would result in 800 construction jobs and employment of 600 in day-to-day operations. The annual payroll is stated at 20 million and 25 million to be spent annually for the purchase of goods and

services. I feel it is very important for people to understand the economic impact these numbers would have on our local economy.

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The economics of the past decade apparent across the United States have also been felt in our area. It has resulted in limited expansion by employers and placed financial burdens on governmental agencies. In order for the public to survive and provide, it requires individuals to generate earnings. To generate earnings it must be obtained through employment as a wage earner or as a business owner. The Shullsburg casino resort greatly enhances both possibilities in the creation of 600 new employment jobs, support existing businesses and promote new business ventures. The expansion of existing businesses and the promotion of new business ventures would indirectly increase the total number of jobs associated with the Shullsburg casino resort. I believe the Shullsburg casino resort would increase our tourist traffic, home construction, local tax base and related revenue, school enrollment. The general economy of southwest Wisconsin is directly tied to agriculture. The cyclical trends of agriculture are very difficult to predict. Job opportunities associated with the Shullsburg casino resort would

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There are individuals that oppose this project at this point in time that are fairly new to the area. I would ask those people to who have lived here for decades that have seen the reduced enrollments in our schools, the migration of people from the general area due to the fact that they need to create a living wage. There is a saying in business: If you are not growing, you are dying. It is vital to the City of Shullsburg to continue to grow and increase its tax base. The Shullsburg casino resort represents a great opportunity for the city to attract new growth. Thank you.

HOWARD MARKLEIN: I'm Howard Marklein, state

HOWARD MARKLEIN: I'm Howard Marklein, state representative for the 51st assembly district, which includes the City of Shullsburg and Lafayette County. I've been interested in this project since it started a few years ago. I think I have attended every meeting that the City has had regarding this project.

My concern is primarily jobs. Jobs are essential for the continued survival, quite honestly, of our small rural communities. And as the mayor said, you know, our schools and all of our infrastructure is dependent upon jobs in the area, so that's my primary interest in this project.

Public input is going to be essential as we go through this process. I've carried the message to the governor's office. The governor wants to know how the public feels, so, again, the public input is essential to not only the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the governor's office, but to me personally. So I'm grateful to be here tonight, and I want to listen. Thank you.

JACK SAUER: I'm Jack Sauer. I'm the county board chairman, and if I may, I'd like to defer my comments to the last or at the end.

GARY McCREA: I'm Gary McCrea, village president in Benton, Wisconsin, ten miles west of here, and I think this project will be the best thing that's ever happened in this town as long as I've lived here, and that's all my life. It'll create jobs. It'll create more population to the schools, and it'll help every little business we have in the county. It's a win/win situation, and I'm 150 percent behind it. I thank Tom for all his work in this. Thank you.

MR. DOIG: Any other elected officials?

BOB BOYLE: My name is Bob Boyle, and I'm a current member of the Lafayette County Board of Supervisors. I represent the 7th District, which

comprises the first, second and sixth wards of the City of Darlington. I, too, wish to express strongly my support for this project. I guess some of the reasons already stated, certainly economics and jobs.

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Prior to being elected in April of 2010, I taught at this high school for 37 years. God, that's a long time. In its heyday in the mid '70s, Shullsburg High School had 260 students. Today it is below one hundred. In fact, I'm a football referee as well. And I give the guy a bulletin, and this year in September to get enrollments of all the schools as the playoffs are about to begin. Last year the seven high schools in Lafayette County physical -- Cuba City would not be included here -- there are 770 total students. If you think of that, that's a hundred and ten student average. Darlington High led with 232. Four other schools are below 100. We certainly are fighting for survival. I say this because simply the -- the decline in one degree is certainly a very stagnant economy. We need economic growth, and this is certainly no way to -- to deal with it.

To a second degree, we need growth outside the agricultural area. We love the ag and all the jobs that go with it. However, not everybody can be a farmer and be engaged in that. We need good,

decent paying jobs so our citizens can pay taxes and certainly support their families.

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Thirdly, Thomas Jefferson told us that the fairest tax of all was the lottery tax because you had the choice to pay it or not. I'd like to use the same comparison with a casino. For some reason if you are against this, you certainly do not have to come in and gamble. You certainly do not have to pay to sustain the casino.

Finally, I think we're all aware of the risk/reward ratio. Certainly more risk that we're willing to take, certainly the better rewards. We could either as the City of Shullsburg here and Darlington and all of Lafayette County, we can sit back and watch our economy and watch our towns spiral downward. I think we've had enough of that. Let's be positive, proactive. Let's get going with this project. We're doing something about it with this project. I think change and challenges are insecurities, and I think as we move forward with this time will indicate that we made the right decision. Thank you.

MR. DOIG: I just wanted to add if -- while you're speaking, if you're wondering how much time you have, Amy here has the cards, and as long as you're

green, you're good, or yellow, but then red is after your three minutes, so thank you.

MR. MILLER: And we won't hesitate to flash the red card if we have to.

UNIDENTIFIED: Boozhoo, I just want to let people know we're elected officials, too, and if this thing comes to fruition maybe down the road a ways, some of our people will be, you know, coming into the venture and staying in this particular area because we have to have documentation and identify (inaudible) and we've been in a Prairie du Chien (inaudible).

I want to let you know that gaming has done well for our people back home. We're the biggest employers in Vilas County or Oneida County and Iron County or Price County. We employ well over a thousand people, and gaming has done well for our people.

You know, there was a lot of negativity when we first started gaming about all the things that would happen that people watch on television, but I just want to say this much to you people right here. Things work out. We're going to be good partners, and it's going to be good for my people back home and their endeavor to come and visit and see exactly what, you know, the Lac du Flambeau brought to this small

community, and this community or this county that is really struggling out here.

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We're willing to partner up with Tom and his people, and hopefully we can make that happen. Like Tom said or anybody said, you know, you don't have to game, you don't have to gaming. You don't have to go there. You know, no different than everybody's religion. You know, everybody's different. But I just want to let people know gaming's done well for our people back home. You know, put a lot of our young people into schools and went in that direction. And I think Lac du Flambeau, as we call in swagineen (sic) can make it happen here in Shullsburg also. So I want to say this much, that I support it and I'll work hard to do whatever we've got to do. Thank you very much.

BROOKS BIG JOHN: My name is Brooks Big John from Lac du Flambeau, Wisconsin, a member of our tribal council and a tribal member citizen. I'm kind of echoing the words of our chairman and some of your leaders that spoke here tonight.

I think back to the days where our members and our people were living in their own kind of tar paper shacks and stuff. You know, they've been able to progress to the point through our economic

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adventures and specifically with our gaming adventures to the point now where we've got nice new homes in Lac du Flambeau. We're driving nice cars. We've got a brand new school there. We've got a \$12 million clinic there. We have a beautiful 26-seat dental facility that we just built. Okay. We have a new justice center that we just built a few years ago. We have a green national resource building that we built. All this is not -- not able -- we were not able to do this without these gaming dollars, and I can see Shullsburg able to hop in and do a lot of the great things that we did back home. So you should be excited. Let me see some smiles out there. You know, it's good times here.

I was here before a few times, and some of the old-timers, Jack and -- not saying you're old, Jack, but it was a while since we were here. And let me just tell you this, our team has been working diligently to meet a couple times a week, many hours. You should see the packet in the application itself and how thick this was to fill out, and, you know -- so they really accomplished a lot over this time and, again, we need to ask you to be patient. You heard it before. But with patience comes -- great things can come through patience.