

Land Grant Committee Strategic Planning Report

Date of review: 11/05/2014

FUNCTION: To provide recommendations on teaching, research, and outreach functions to improve the quality of life for the Standing Rock Nation as related to land grant activities.

SCOPE: To cover all matters of support for food and agriculture, through teaching, research, and extension programs on the Standing Rock Nation.

GOAL 1: To increase outreach to the community through agriculturally based activities.

<i>Objective A</i>	Build a 40x100 or 40x80 barn, with water and electricity, in South Dakota by June 30, 2015.
Measurement Tool (who, what, when, how)	The committee will review the progress on the barn project on a monthly basis.
Measurement Goal	The barn will be erected by June 30, 2015.
Findings/Results	The final agreement between Ron Brownotter and Sitting Bull College for the land for the barn was finalized in March, 2015. The barn site was cleared by the Tribal Historic Preservation Office for construction of the barn on March 17, 2015. However, the contractor hired to erect the barn needs to fit us into his schedule.
Data Analysis	We learned that working with contractors to build a barn can be a slow process. The barn will not be erected by June 20, 2015; but is now scheduled to be up by July 30, 2015.
Action/Recommendation	Continue with monthly meetings regarding the barn, and allow construction to take place on the new time-table.

GOAL 2: To increase the size of the buffalo herd at Sitting Bull College.

<i>Objective A</i>	Research land leasing possibilities for the purposes of increasing the size of SBC's bison herd.
Measurement Tool (who, what, how, when)	The committee will review land leasing opportunities monthly.
Measurement Goal	Identify new land leasing opportunities by June 30, 2015.
Findings/Results	All of the land contracts are up for renewal this year, but in order to secure a new parcel for the buffalo we would probably need to outbid someone on an existing lease that they hold. However, an agreement was reached with Ron Brownotter to house up to 100 head of bison on his land for five years.
Data Analysis	There seemed to be a fair amount of concern with bidding against Tribal members over land. The herd will grow on Ron Brownotter's land.
Action/Recommendation	The issues surrounding land leasing will be studied further and more discussions will take place re them in an effort to be ready to move the herd at Ron Brownotter's at the end of the five year agreement.

GOAL 3: To expand horsemanship for the Standing Rock Nation.

<i>Objective A</i>	Expand awareness of and participation in horsemanship activities to all districts on the Standing Rock Nation through Equine Assisted Learning, clinics, and Rodeo Club.
Measurement Tool (who, what, how, when)	The committee will review avenues of possible expansion and advertising of these programs on a monthly basis.
Measurement Goal	Participation in these programs will have increased by June 30, 2015.
Findings/Results	A series of clinics involving Youth Horsemanship has been developed for summer 2015. The focus is to encourage kids aged 4-12 to learn the basics in horsemanship, so that they can be better prepared to care for their own horses, participate in rides, and enter rodeo events.
Data Analysis	After reaching out to the Standing Rock communities, it was determined that Youth Horsemanship clinics that focused on the basics of horse care would enhance the abilities of the youth of the community to engage in horse-related activities. It is hoped that the clinics would continue indefinitely, and that the knowledge gained from them would both develop and enhance the bond Lakota/Dakota children had historically with their horses. It is also hoped that the knowledge and skills learned will last a lifetime.
Action/Recommendation	It is recommended that the Youth Horsemanship clinics be continued each summer because the Lakota/Dakota People are both the Buffalo Nation and Horse Nation, and connections back to that history encourages community/family/self-identity and worth.

GOAL 4: To enhance health and wellness of the members of the Standing Rock Nation.

<i>Objective A</i>	SBC Extension programs will collaborate with various stakeholders with the goal of increasing community participation in food sovereignty activities on the Standing Rock Nation.
Measurement Tool (who, what, how, when)	The committee will review the garden building projects on a monthly basis.
Measurement Goal	New community gardens will be planted at the rate of two per year. Two new gardens will be established by June 30, 2015.
Findings/Results	New gardens have been established in Wakpala, Cannonball, and McLaughlin. There is also a new garden area at Sitting Bull College.
Data Analysis	Community members were excited to have the communal gardens put in, support was strong, and each new garden has a group of supporters who will maintain the garden with support and suggestions from the Ag Division.
Action/Recommendation	Continue on our projected time-line for the gardens.