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MIDWEST TRIBAL ENERGY RESOURCES ASSOCIATION

Intertribal Peer Review

May 21, 2019

Agenda

1. **Past** – formation of MTERA
2. **Present** – growth of MTERA
3. **Future** – where are we going?
4. **Lessons learned** and recommendations

Before the DOE Grant...

- Tribal energy managers frequently met at regional conferences
- Discussed energy issues and solutions
- Formed informal organization with 5 Member Tribes
- Met sporadically to facilitate discussions and information sharing

MTERA's Mission

To empower Midwest tribes to manage energy resources through collective action

The Best of Both Worlds

Individual Needs
of
Your Tribe



Collective Strength
of
All Midwest Tribes

MTERA's First Steps

Organizational Development

- Board Formation
- Staffing Approach
- RFP for Executive Director

Strategic Planning

- 2-Day Planning Workshop
- Mission, Values, Goals
- Documented in Strategic Plan



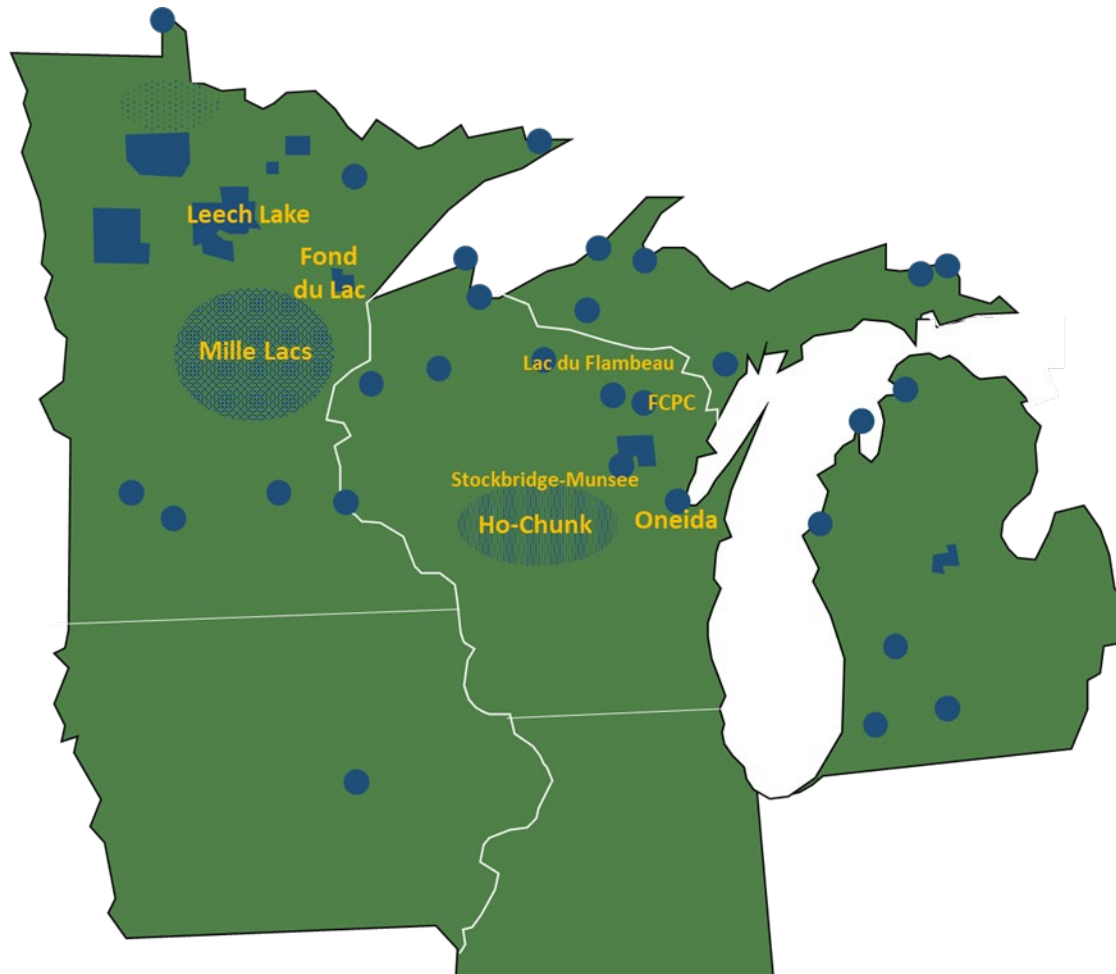
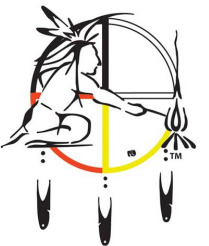
Staffing

- Sent Out RFP on 1/27
- Interviewed 3 Candidates
- Selected Avant Energy

Baseline Assessments

- Collected Utility Data
- Organized & Analyzed Data
- Developed Baseline Report

MTERA's Active Members



Success Factors

- Grow a strong **organization**
- Reduce barriers to successful **projects**
- Develop a network of skilled **people**
- Monitor and shape tribal energy **policy**

Organization

- Governance structure
 - Bylaws, Tribal Resolutions, Board Members
- Management
 - Accounting, reporting, Board Meetings
- Decision-making
 - Processes to accommodate diversity among Tribes



AGENDA
MTERA BOARD MEETING
May 7, 2:00 PM
(Conference Call Dial-in: 612.252.6545; PIN:2468)

A. Administrative & Organizational Development

- A.1 Minutes from the Previous Board Meeting (*Attachment*) **MOTION REQUESTED.**
- A.2 Financial Update
- A.3 DOE Quarterly Report
- A.4 Organizational Policy **MOTION REQUESTED.**
- A.5 Procurement Policy **MOTION REQUESTED.**
- A.6 Tribal Energy Profile
- A.7 Sustainability Plan

B. People

- B.1 Regional Energy Workshop
- B.2 Membership **MOTION REQUESTED.**
- B.3 Network & Resources
- B.4 Marketing & Outreach
- B.5 Upcoming Events

C. Projects

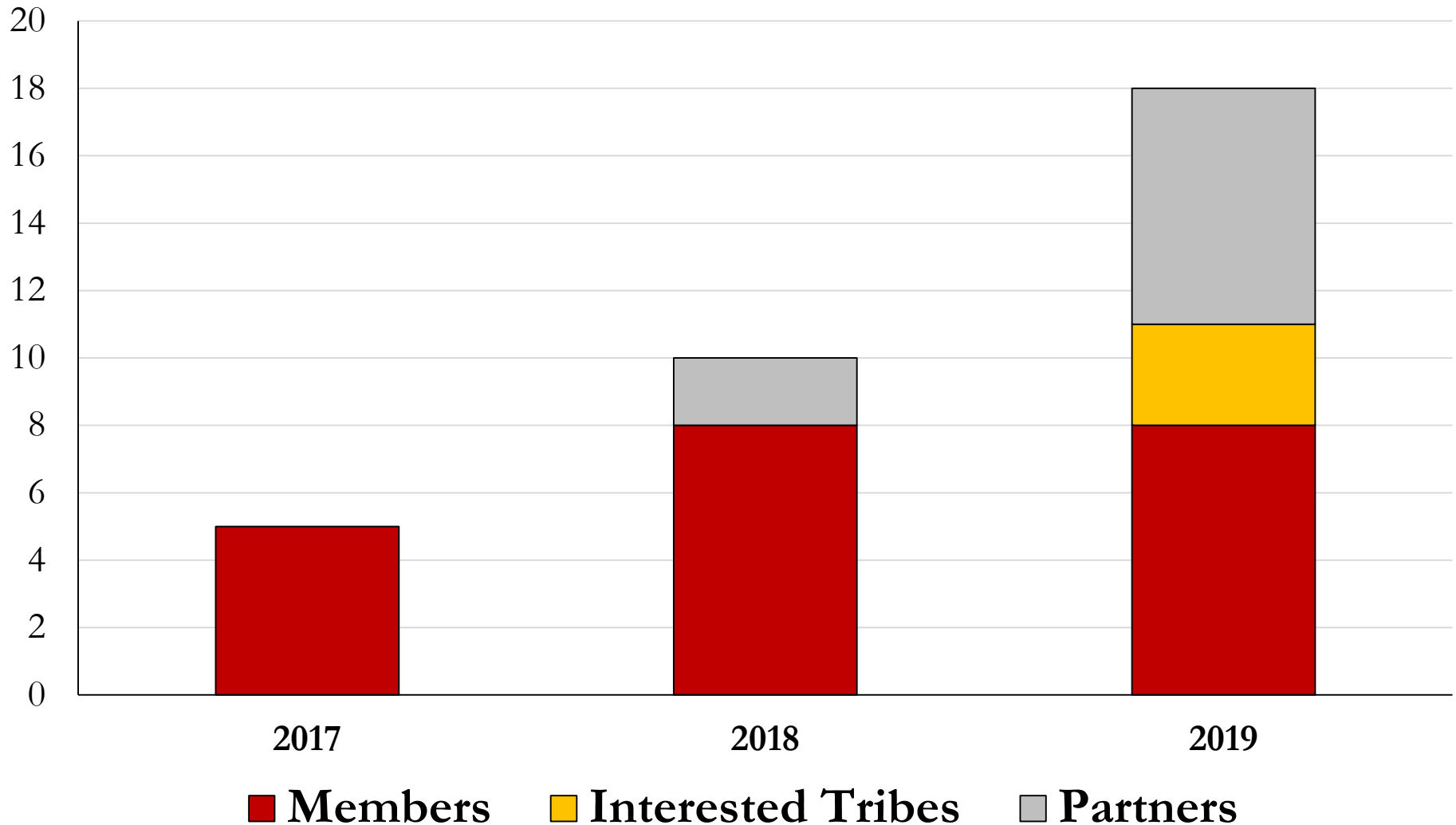
- C.1 MTERA Member Tribe Projects
- C.2 Energy Baselines

D. Policy

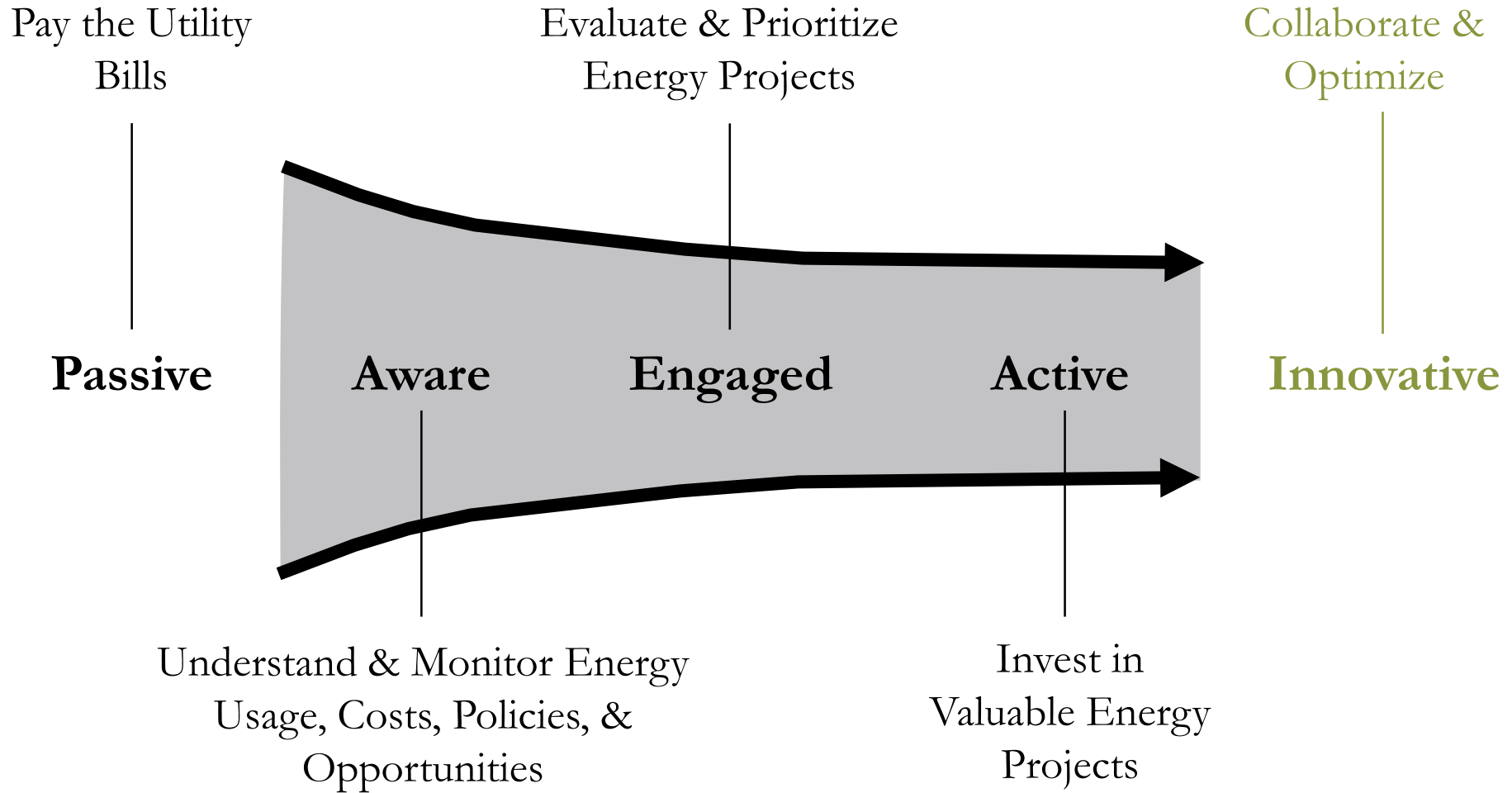
- D.1 DOE, Solar Energy Technologies Office – FOA **MOTION REQUESTED.**

E. Next Board Meeting – June 4, 2019

The Organization is Growing



MTERA's Energy Roadmap



Projects

- Baseline energy tracking
- Member-Tribe project proposals
- Collective action initiatives
- Information hub
 - Funding opportunities
 - Events/conferences/training
 - Approved vendor list
 - Templated forms/documents/contracts

We want to avoid this...



And create this...



People

- Created MTERA Website
- Quarterly Newsletters
- Lessons Learned Presentations
- 1st Annual Regional Energy Workshop

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MTERA Hosts its 1st Regional Energy Workshop for Midwest Tribes

On April 8-9, 2019, MTERA hosted its first Regional Energy Workshop for Midwest Tribes at the Potawatomi Hotel and Casino in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The workshop gathered Tribes, tribal utility representatives, state and federal departments, and energy experts. Over the two-day event, attendees participated in energy-related presentations, toured the Forest County Potawatomi Community Biodigester Facility, and networked. The workshop supported advancing energy opportunities for Tribes by sharing experiences, gathering information, and benefiting from expert industry knowledge.



Sherry Stout, NREL
Presenting on
"Powering Your Community with Tribal Energy"

Bringing Midwest Tribes **together** to create a clean, secure, sustainable **energy future** for **Tribes** and our neighbors.

Who Presented:

- Regional Tribal Representatives
- Department of Energy
- Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development
- National Renewable Energy Laboratory
- U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development
- Wisconsin Office of Energy Innovation
- Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority (GRICUA)
- Avant Energy, Inc.

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Policy

- Understand federal, state, and utility regulations and policies
- Discuss issues and opportunities
 - Utility interconnection policies
 - Utility rate schedules
 - Right-of-way management
- Shape policy, when necessary
- Create policy, when necessary

MTERA's Future

- Continue to grow
- Develop policies, process, and people to support decision-making
- Pursue collective action projects
- Finalize sustainability plan

Sustainability Plan

- Identify “must-have” vs. “nice-to-have” costs
- Develop funding approach for each
 - Grants and other funding opportunities
 - Membership fees
 - Conferences/events
 - Projects

Lessons Learned

- Making decisions is challenging
 - Accommodate a diverse group of Tribes
 - Balance fairness with desire to take action
 - The more MTERA grows, the harder it is to make decisions
- MTERA must be flexible adaptable
 - Industry is evolving
 - Tribal leadership and priorities are changing

Recommendations for DOE

- Continue intertribal grant
 - It has been critical to MTERA's success
 - It would support future growth of MTERA



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Questions?