

‘Substantive’ first meeting between governor, Turtle Mountain leadership

Gov. Kelly Armstrong hopes to turn those conversations into solutions

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BELCOURT – In their first meeting with Gov. Kelly Armstrong since his election, Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa leaders on Thursday had the opportunity to discuss a slate of concerns and challenges they face.

Among those concerns are federal budgets for tribal communities, economic development on the reservation, the impact of proposed budget cuts in the “One Big Beautiful Bill” on Turtle Mountain and other tribal nations, lags in Medicaid reimbursement, funding for new schools and more.

It was a good educational opportunity for everyone, especially local legislators in attendance, according to Turtle Mountain Chairman Jamie Azure.

“The answer isn’t how yesterday went,” Armstrong told the Grand Forks Herald on Friday. “It’s to make sure we follow through, on both sides, and work on making sure those conversations turn into solutions for ... some of the challenges (Turtle Mountain faces).”

Turtle Mountain, located about 175 miles from Grand Forks, is the first of the five tribal nations in North Dakota that Armstrong has visited in his first year in office. Armstrong announced he intends to visit all five tribes in his first year, and hopes to have equally productive conversations within the next four.

On Thursday, about 30 tables were set up with roundtable discussions. Participants switched tables every 25 minutes to encourage the flow of new ideas and new solutions.

Armstrong, along with some select cabinet members, also had the opportunity prior to the formal event to talk with tribal members in the tribal chambers, Azure said. Upwards of a dozen state agencies and numerous state legislators were also in attendance.

The event worked well, according to Azure, and generated ideas that were not conceivable before. Leaders had some hard conversations to find the solutions that Turtle Mountain needs to continue developing, Armstrong added.

“They were great hosts. There were substantive conversations,” Armstrong said. “ ... I had a meeting with my senior leadership this morning and said, ‘OK, that’s great, but now we have to make sure each and every one of our agencies is

following through on what happened, on what we took away from that.”

Now, Armstrong said he is ready to start bringing the concerns back to his office and get to work on them. Both Armstrong and Azure hope that there will be follow-through with the solutions found during the event and both plan to make it happen.

Not everyone was excited about tribal leadership sitting down with state leaders, according to Azure. Turtle Mountain typically votes overwhelmingly Democratic, so some members of the tribe don’t agree with talking to a Republican government. Azure doesn’t see it that way though. He believes talking government to government will encourage growth.

“The better the state does, the better this tribe does,” he said. “... We don’t



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Gov. Kelly Armstrong visits with attendees of an event held with Turtle Mountain leadership on Thursday in Belcourt.

have the luxury of picking and choosing on who we work with – Democrat, Republican, I don’t care what party. Parties go out the window. A friend of the tribe is a friend of the tribe ... That’s how we move forward.”

Turtle Mountain has great things going on, according to Armstrong, including new facilities, events, a new recovery center and more.

“They have a lot of really great things going on up there,” he said. “ ... We should spend more time talking about the positive

things and not just dwell on the negatives, because the negatives we can work on, but the positives should be celebrated as well.”

While the event yesterday went well for Armstrong and tribal leaders, he said they are still learning how to do these events the best way.

“We’re learning how to do these and we’ll take advice on how to make the next one better,” Armstrong said. “ ... If they’re all as productive as this, I’m excited about the next four.”

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Plaintiff, v.

Kevin Andreassen and SWS Credit Services, Inc., and any person in possession,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF REAL ESTATE SALE

CIVIL NUMBER: 47-2024-CV-00122

1. Judgment in the amount of \$113,474.49, having been entered in favor of Plaintiff and against Defendants, which Judgment was filed with the Clerk of Courts of Stutsman County, North Dakota, on July 11, 2024, for the foreclosure of a real estate mortgage.
2. Notice is hereby given pursuant to said Judgment that the real property described as:
Lot 5, Block 26, Lloyd's Second Addition to the City of Jamestown, Stutsman County, North Dakota.
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3. In order to realize the amount of \$113,474.49, as of July 11, 2024, plus interest accruing thereafter on said amount as awarded by the court, together with the costs and expenses of sale, will be sold subject to redemption as provided by law as one parcel of land at public auction, subject to the lien for unpaid real estate taxes and assessments of Stutsman County, North Dakota, and easements and restrictions of record, to the highest bidder for cash under the direction of the Sheriff of Stutsman County, North Dakota, at the main entrance of the Stutsman County Courthouse located at 511 2nd Avenue Southeast, Jamestown, ND 58401, on August 7, 2025 ("Sale Date"), at 10:00 AM.
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