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BUSINESS COMMITTEE VISITS UTE HEMP PRODUCTION FACILITY IN SISTER BAY, WISCONSIN

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In mid-September 2023, Business Committee Chairman Julius T. Murray III, Councilmen Mike Natchees, and Cleveland Murray, along with the Business Committee’s Executive Secretary, Reannin Tapoof, visited the Ute Hemp LLC production facility in Sister Bay, Wisconsin. The purpose of the visit was to officially tour the production site and the lab that produces the Ute Hemp LLC line of CBD products.

Ute Hemp LLC (“Ute Hemp”), is a Tribal corporation that makes and sells products in the form of topical ointments, inhalant sprays, and medicinal roll-ons using traditional Ute Indian Tribal plants formulated with CBD. The first line of Ute Hemp products hit the market in 2022 following several years of development. Ute Hemp product formulation and marketing is done by Luminary Medicine Company (“Luminary”) under the leadership of its CEO and Clinical Formulator – Elizabeth Moriarty.

The Business Committee wanted to take this opportunity to visit the Luminary facilities for the first time. During the tour, the Business Committee got to visit the Luminary product formulation lab and discuss the market feasibility of CBD and hemp products in 2023.

The Business Committee and Ms. Moriarty also discussed potential expansions to the Ute Hemp product line, offering traditional plant products in different forms and the feasibility of using the Ute Hemp platform as a broader business incubator for Tribal businesses. Regarding the visit and the Tribe’s foray into the hemp market, Chairman Murray stated, “We’re excited about the direction of the hemp market, both in terms of CBD and industrial hemp – it represents a unique opportunity to utilize our sovereignty to diversify the Tribe’s economy in a way that also respectfully incorporates and promotes the use of our own traditional plants.”



[Ms. Moriarty reviews products and market feasibility with Chairman Murray and Councilmen Natchees and Murray]



[Chairman Murray, Councilman Natchees, and Executive Secretary Reannin Tapoof examine lab equipment with Luminary Medicine lab technician]



[Chairman Murray and Councilmen Natchees and Murray observe product formulation lab with Luminary Medicine lab technician]



[Shot of product formulation lab equipment]



[Ms. Moriarty shows Chairman Murray and Councilmen Natchees and Murray boxes of Ute Hemp product and explains product storage]