As a tribal citizen and an alum of the WMU MPA program, Mr. Troland Clay will share his experience in leading the economic development initiatives of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi and how this interfaces with the broader agenda for community development. Given his unique background and experience, this presents a rare opportunity for students, alumni, and community members to engage in a dialogue focusing on the tribal nations and governance, intergovernmental relations, community economic development, and leadership.

Tribal Non-Gaming Economic Development

Troland “Troy” Clay
President and CEO, Mno-Bmadsen
Pokagon Band of Potawatomi

As president and CEO of Mno-Bmadsen’s Family of Companies, Troy leads the investment strategy of its board of directors. He also heads the management team of its direct investment portfolios focusing on professional services, manufacturing, construction, and real estate.

Troy served in the elected office of tribal treasurer before becoming Mno-Bmadsen’s founding CEO. In that capacity, he chaired the tribe’s finance board and was treasurer of the Four Winds Casino Resort gaming authority. Prior appointments with the Pokagon Band include chairman of the Family Welfare Commission, secretary of the Election Commission, and member of the Enrollment Committee. Troy is the associate pastor, adult Bible teacher, mission director, and treasurer at New Day Church in his hometown of Watervliet, MI. He also currently serves as chairman of the Business Partnership of Cass County, MI and is a director emeritus of Southwest Michigan First.

Troy is a recipient of an award from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development for Innovative Housing and Development in Indian Country. He is recognized by Native Business Magazine as one of the top 30 CEO’s in Indian Country.

A graduate of the WMU MPA program, Troy is a veteran of the US Navy.

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