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**Gambling Alert  
Jan. 26 Hearing on Tribal Casino**



**Jan. 26 Hearing on 24-hour Bingo Hall (Casino) in Shabbona**

The U.S. Department of Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs has announced that a public forum, will be held at **6:30 p.m. Jan. 26 at the Kishwaukee College Conference Center, 21193 Malta Road, Malta**. It is a first step in crafting an environmental impact study and an impact statement on the tribe's plans to bring casino gambling to the area.

The purpose of the meeting is to gather comments from the public regarding the scope of the project," said Scott Doig, the bureau's acting regional environmental scientist.

**Residents and other stakeholders will have an opportunity to speak at the meeting, and federal representatives will use the information to gauge what benefits or distress the gambling would have on Shabbona and the region.**

**You may also mail written comments** to Diane Rosen, Regional Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Midwest Region, Norman Pointe II Building, 5600 W. American Blvd., Suite 500, Bloomington, Minnesota 55437. Include your name, return address, and "NOI Comments, Prairie Band Project" on the first page of your written comments. [Read the Federal Register notice](#)

The tribe will pay for the environmental impact study, which could take up to two years to finish. The hearing marks the latest movement by the federal government on the land-in-trust application tribal leaders said was begun 14 months ago, the *Daily Chronicle* reported.

Members of the citizens group DeKalb County Taxpayers Against the Casino are also planning to attend the scoping hearing. . . . "There would be a few jobs, but the financial burden outweighs the financial benefit," said Peter Dordal, the organization's president. "If you look at the the dollars coming in versus the dollars going out, casinos extract a lot more money than they generate." [Read more](#)

Please read this [op-ed](#) from a former Connecticut Congressman about the impact of tribal casinos.

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**FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION**

1. If you live in De Kalb County, please attend this important hearing. If this off-reservation casino is approved, it could open up the State to other tribal casino proposals.
2. If you know anyone living in DeKalb County, invite them to attend this hearing.
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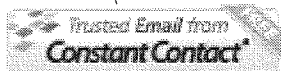
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