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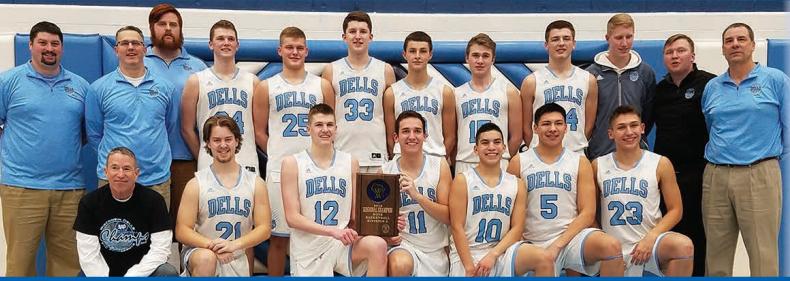
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Ho-Chunk Nation looks into supportive housing for tribal members

Tim Wohlers
Staff Writer

Members of Ho-Chunk's Tribal Coordinating Committee toured supportive housing in Duluth last month, to learn the ins and outs of operating a successful safe house.

They visited Gimaajii, owned and operated by the American Indian Community Housing Organization (AICHO).

The building opened in 2012, and serves as a home to people who might not have one otherwise. As of last month, Gimaajii had more than 80 residents who were homeless prior to their arrival.

"The only eligibility criteria is that (residents) have to be long-term homeless," said Executive Director Michelle LeBeau. "Our focus is Native Americans first. But we also do fair housing, so anybody really can apply."

Over the past six years, LeBeau's program has helped hundreds of people get back onto their feet. Some have even had to move out, because their income had risen to a level that was too high to be eligible

for further rental assistance.

The director shared her expertise with the dozen or so committee members that attended, who are in the planning stage of providing safe houses for their tribal members.

"One of the reasons that we love to meet with other programs who are developing is because it's a struggle to get started," LeBeau said. "You need to have a program that's adaptable."

She spent much of the afternoon answering questions about funding, a major concern of the tribe. For a limited budget could prevent the committee from providing all the services it needs to. Therefore, members discussed various grants that may be available to them.

LeBeau said her organization receives hundreds of thousands of dollars.

"We have tons of grants," LeBeau said. "We get a pretty large grant from HUD, and a grant from the Department of Human Services for working with families with mental-health issues."

The safe houses Ho-Chunk plans to provide would be slightly different from Gimaajii, though.

For one thing, they would only provide temporary housing to their residents –



Members of Ho-Chunk's Tribal Coordinating Committee stand inside the entrance to Gimaajii, a permanent supportive housing unit owned and operated by the American Indian Community Housing Organization (AICHO).

opposed to the permanent housing offered at Gimaajii.

"We could have somebody move in and live here forever," LeBeau said. "And this will probably be the last place where many do live."

Ho-Chunk's safe houses would provide a short-term sanctuary while individuals await treatment.

"A lot of people are looking at transitional housing," LeBeau said. "But we've found that transitional hous-

ing does not work very well. People need a longer stay."

Committee members have not decided whether counseling will be available to residents, either. According to the executive director, though, mental-health services should be a part of any program.

"There is a strong relationship between chemical dependency and mental-health issues," LeBeau said. "So if you do supportive housing, you're going to run into that."

District 3 Representative Kathy DeCamp proposed that the Ho-Chunk Police Department offer drug-abuse prevention training at the houses. Other committee members seemed to be in support of the idea.

Executive Director of Housing Myra Price said that, whatever their safe houses look like, she is hopeful that the Ho-Chunk Nation will one day have a program as successful as Gimaajii.



Gimaajii staff take committee members on a tour throughout the building.



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Hocak Worak's Letters page provides a voice for our readership

Marlon WhiteEagle

Editor

If you're reading this, you may already know what I'm about to say. This page has always been about readers writing letters regarding their concerns about the Ho-Chunk Nation. That includes the good and the bad.

Of course, we all know nobody is perfect. That includes our tribal government.

This page has always been the sounding board for our readership and establishes the Ho-Chunk Nation's commitment to freedom of speech, and of the press, that our Ho-Chunk Nation Bill of Rights affords.

The Hocak Worak has served as the tribal media, or press, since the formation of our tribal government.

Tribal members have a right to know where and how their government spends tribal dollars.

Last year, the General Council voted move the Hocak Worak from the Executive to the General Council branch to avoid governmental censorship and to situate the newsletter for the people. However, that resolution is now stuck in

court.

We need a free press law. It should protect sources for news articles and provide tribal dollars to subsidize our independent press.

Tribal members often stop by, call, or email, the Hocak Worak office with story ideas. Reporters will attempt to look into getting the information for a news story, but lack the ability to obtain the information effectively.

It's difficult to get a return phone call or email from officials within the Ho-Chunk Nation.

Tribal government shielding its expenditures doesn't promote transparency or accountability. Limiting access to public records demonstrates the opposite.

The Hocak Worak could not operate without tribal dollars funding it, and it isn't viable for the paper to operate as a for-profit entity of the Ho-Chunk Nation.

To keep reporting on tribal government happenings for the tribal membership and interested parties' knowledge, the paper needs to be subsidized by tribal dollars.

It's scary when the Ho-

Chunk Nation Legislature controls the purse strings that determine continued funding of news and information reaching the tribal membership.

Tribal members should also be concerned when their government wants to shield certain information, mainly how tribal dollars are used, whether it be not returning phone calls and emails, or preventing the tribal media from reporting on open meetings.

Some people are unaware that the Letters page was for readers to share their opinions on matters of the Ho-Chunk Nation.

As the editor, I write editorials, just like the one you're reading now.

Once again, I write on topics of interest to tribal members. More often than not, a tribal member talked with me about the issue and gave me the inspiration to write the editorial.

I write what tribal members are concerned about.

I encourage them to write a

letter to the editor, but when they are employees, they are concerned for their continued funding as well, meaning the future of their employment might be in jeopardy if they speak up.

Sometimes, departments and/or the Legislature eliminate job positions altogether when they don't like something.

Recently, a Hocak Worak reporter went to the Finance Committee meeting to gather information for a follow up story, but the committee quickly went into executive session, thus the reporter had to leave.

Nobody knows if the Legislature is misusing the executive session to discuss matters that should be discussed in open session.

Why the secrecy? Open session topics belong in open session.

Perhaps we need "executive session police" to ensure only matters qualified for executive session are discussed. A point of order is needed for them to stay on topic.

Then, when they return to open session, votes are taken before people can return to the room and see how each representative voted.

One item on that agenda was moving funds from the General Fund to the Legislative budget.

In this instance, only the full Legislature and those people requesting funds attended the meeting.

Tribal members don't always have the time or means to attend each meeting, but a reporter can write about what action occurred in various meetings.

For roughly an hour, the Bill of Rights was thrown out the window when the Hocak Worak staff wasn't allowed to report on an open meeting.

It seems the ones who should know the laws, don't know the laws. Incompetency rules.

The Hocak Worak is committed to telling the story of the Ho-Chunk people. Please consider writing a letter to the editor when concerns arise in your neck of the woods.

Banner Journal's Indian Report

Printed from March 12, 1941
Written By Charles Low Cloud

Pretty bad road yesterday from here to Wisconsin Dells, too much snow and slippery.

Mr. and Mrs. Russica Decorah were here yesterday at Indian Mission. Mrs. Decorah received a telegram at Wisconsin Dells last Monday notify her her brother died Sunday morning. He was heart trouble and they were shock those who were there. We will tell more about this matter next week.

Thomas Decorah passed away last Monday morning at Tomah Indian school hospital. The cause of died is T. B. and pneumonia. He is young man 21 years old, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Beverly Decorah, his father lived in Chicago and he married one white woman, had some children too. Only his mother live with her here at Indian Mission at all time. Survive his mother and his sister Edna, Decorah.

Mrs. John Stacy went to Greenwood to see her grandchild at Stacy's farm in Clark county.

Jacob Stucki is always busy on wood business, prepare for the future. Alvin Stacy has been prepare for wood next winter, to sawing by hand



a quite number cords last a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Russica Decorah were here this week at Indian Mission to attend funeral to be held this week some time of Mr. Lee Sam. Mrs. Decorah brother of Lee. This is terrible shocks to all of them who were there Sunday forenoon, and forenoon when news boys come round he bought one paper, and read a news paper, and after while it seemed he don't feel very well. He breathe coupl times long breath and he lay down and suffocated.

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Judge dismisses declaratory case against President Cleveland

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

The judge in a declaratory case, Gary Funmaker vs Wilfrid Cleveland, has accepted the motion to dismiss the case, therefore not advancing to make a decision on whether Cleveland is a felon or not.

The conclusion was issued in a "Memorandum Decision" on Feb. 15.

Trempealeau County Circuit Court Judge Rian W. Radtke granted Cleveland's request, basing his decision that the outcome does not have a direct impact on Funmaker and the fact that a decision would not have any teeth without a followup action by the Ho-Chunk Nation.

Funmaker requested a judge to determine whether President Wilfrid Cleveland was a felon based on a Feb. 7, 1972, incident. If it were decided that Cleveland was indeed a felon, he would not be able to serve as Ho-Chunk Nation president.

In Radtke's decision, the conclusion states, "For the foregoing reasons, the court finds that there are no conditions under which the plaintiff can recover. The Defendant's motion to dismiss in this matter is granted. Defendant DOJ and Defendant Cleveland may prepare an order consistent with the court's decision."

According to the decision, Funmaker filed a declaratory judgment action, asking the court to declare whether or not Cleveland was convicted of a felony or misdemeanor in the referenced criminal matter. Funmaker alleged that such declaration will assist the Ho-Chunk Nation in evaluating and determining Cleveland's qualifications to run for future office.

The decision states that Cleveland filed a motion to dismiss the declaratory action, joined by the state Department of Justice, on the basis of lack of subject matter jurisdiction, failure to state a claim upon which relief may be granted, lack of standing, and issue preclusion (which means it has already been litigated).

In the analysis portion of the decision, Cleveland argued that the court's jurisdiction is preempted by federal law, claiming any decision by the state court would be an intrusion into internal and social relations adopted by the Ho-Chunk Nation.

Funmaker countered with "if this court provided the declaratory judgment sought, the Ho-Chunk Nation will remain free to interpret its own constitution and laws as it wishes."

"The requested relief does not ask the court to apply any decree to the Ho-Chunk Nation law and does not ask the

court to impose any decree on the Ho-Chunk Nation," the written decision states. "While the complaint alleges that a decision in this matter will assist the Ho-Chunk Nation, the Ho-Chunk Nation is not a part of this action. The court finds that the reference of the Ho-Chunk Nation laws in the complaint was provided as context to develop an argument for the alleged controversy."

The decision goes on to state that, for a declaration to be obtained, there must be a justiciable controversy. A controversy is justiciable when (1) A controversy has a claim of someone against another who has an interest in contesting it, (2) The controversy is between persons who interests are adverse, (3) the person seeking relief has a legal interest in the controversy, and (4) the issue must be ripe for judicial determination.

"If all four factors are satisfied, the controversy is justiciable, and it is proper to entertain an action for declaratory judgment," Radtke wrote.

The declaratory suit was filed by Funmaker against Cleveland and the Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ).

"The Wisconsin declaratory judgment statutes do not make any provision for suits against the state, and the Wisconsin Supreme Court had held that declaratory judgments against the state are barred by sovereign immunity. Therefore, any action against the State of Wisconsin in this matter is hereby dismissed on the grounds of sovereign immunity."

While sovereign immunity bars action against the State of Wisconsin, it does not bar this action against the Department of Justice. The State of Wisconsin and the Department of Justice are not considered as the same entity, so it did not bar the action against the DOJ.

However, the decision statement said that, in the 1972 case of State versus Cleveland, the Jackson County District Attorney and not the DOJ represents the "State."

The document stated that the first two requirements against the DOJ, (1) A controversy has a claim of someone against another who has an interest in contesting it, (2) The controversy is between persons who interests are adverse, are not met, therefore the court dismissed the action against the DOJ.

"Defendant Cleveland filed a motion to dismiss this matter on the grounds that: The Plaintiff has failed to state a claim upon which relief can be granted, the Plaintiff lacks standing to sue in this matter, and the matter is barred by

issue preclusion. The underlying argument by both parties on the defenses of failure to state a claim upon which relief can be granted and lack of standing is whether there is a justiciable controversy."

Judge Radtke concluded that a declaratory judgment would not terminate the controversy.

"In addition to lack of a justiciable controversy, the court finds that any declaratory judgment in this matter would not terminate the uncertainty or controversy, giving rise to the proceeding. The court may refuse to enter a declaratory judgment in such a case."

Radtke stated that his verdict alone would not decide the issue.

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The declaratory judgment case of Gary Funmaker vs. Wilfrid Cleveland was filed in Jackson County Court. Judge Rian W. Radtke recently accepted the motion to dismiss the case.

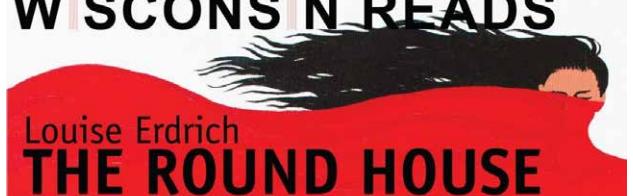
leged controversy would be resolved is if the Ho-Chunk Nation government accepts this court's determination of Defendant Cleveland's 1972 criminal conviction status."

No remedy is possible sole-

ly from the court that would terminate the controversy.

The court would not address Cleveland's claim that the issue has already been addressed since the case was dismissed on other grounds.

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- **Rick Spoentgen** (Assistant Sauk County District Attorney)
- **Anna Raschein** (Sexual Assault Services Associate for Hope House of South Central Wisconsin)
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Legal briefs received on lawsuits involving Legislature and General Council

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

Briefings have been filed on Feb. 16 in Ho-Chunk Trial Court in the two cases of Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature vs. Gerald Cleveland (CV 1734), and General Council vs. Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature (CV 1735).

The two cases have been combined in Trial Court, even though they are two separate cases.

In the Legislature vs. Gerald Cleveland case, Legislature claims Cleveland overstepped his authority when he continued the Sept. 16, 2017 General Council meeting.

In the General Council vs. Legislature suit, General Council is suing Legislature for not acting on resolutions passed at the same meeting, contrary to directives to Legislature as defined in the Ho-Chunk Constitution.

According to the briefings filed, Legislature Attorney Michael Murphy states that the Office of General Council doesn't have the right to file a lawsuit; that Attorney Daniel Finerty should not be allowed to represent the General Council; and that the lawsuits between Legislature and General Council should be heard in Trial Court and not Supreme Court.

In Finerty's briefings, on behalf of General Council, he states that the Office of General Council is authorized to represent General Council, therefore able to file lawsuit; that Finerty was offered a contract to represent Office of General Council which was approved by Legislature; and that the Ho-Chunk Constitution states that the Supreme Court has original jurisdiction in the case of General Council against Legislature.

Murphy stated that the Office of General Council was established after the General Council Agency (GCA) was eliminated with a resolution at 2016 General Council meeting. Following that action, the Legislature established the Office of General Council with the Establishment Act.

"The Office of General Council shall provide such support and advocacy as are required by the job descriptions for the Office, duly approved by the Legislature of the Nation, and as may be further required by the General Council of the Nation," Murphy wrote.

He goes on to state that the General Council, General Council Agency, and the Office of General Council are different.

"While the General Council, as an entity, would be a real party in interest to file litigation pursuant to Article IV, Section 3(a) of the Constitution, the same cannot be said for the Office of General Council. The Constitution does not authorize the Office of General Council to file suit," Murphy stated.

Finerty disagrees in his briefing.

"Having set for the history, the Office is empowered by the Constitution with a grant of constitutional authority

by the General Council 'to accomplish the tasks mandated by the General Council,'" Finerty wrote.

"A plain reading of this language in the context suggests that, when the General Council considers and adopts, by the majority of qualified voters, binding policy, as it did on ten (10) separate occasions of Sept. 16, 2017, each passage is a grant of authority by the General Council to the Office to see to it that the policy set by General Council is carried out by the Legislative Branch and the Executive Branches," Finerty stated.

Murphy contends that Finerty has no right to represent General Council, since he was approved by Legislature to represent the Office of General Council.

Legislature approved an attorney contract and engagement for the law firm of Lindner & Marsack to provide legal representation to the Office of General Council. The Legislature approved the contract by Resolution 8-22-17G, Murphy stated.

"It is disingenuous for the Defendants to suggest they approved the engagement but they did not approve the engagement detailed in the engagement letter they signed."

- Attorney Daniel Finerty

"According to the contract with Lindner & Marsack, the sole client of the firm (and Finerty) was to be the Office of General Council," Murphy wrote. "At this point, it is clear the existing contract with Lindner & Marsack does not allow plaintiff's counsel to represent the General Council."

Finerty counters that Murphy's claim is unfounded, saying the purpose of the Office of General Council is to represent General Council on all aspects.

"As no such constitutional restriction or limitation exists, any obligation suggested by the Legislature that some authority is required to proceed here is unfounded. It is not found in the Constitution and, therefore, does not exist. Further to the extent the Legislature attempts to create or impose barriers to the General Council's suit, by way of obstructing the Office's relationship with its attorney, which it already approved, such actions are directly asserted in the Amended Complaint as attempts to interfere with the Plaintiff's exercise of the rights granted under Article IV and part of this litigation," Finerty wrote.

"It is disingenuous for the Defendants to suggest they approved the engagement but they did not approve the engagement detailed in the engagement letter they signed," Finerty stated.

Murphy made the argument that there appears to be a conflict in the Constitution as to the court with original jurisdiction.

"The language about Supreme Court having original jurisdiction can be

read if different ways," Murphy wrote. "It could mean that the Supreme Court can hear appeal, or take up an original case, within fifteen days of when the General Council files a case in the Trial Court of the Nation. This could amount to something akin to removing an action from the Trial Court to the Supreme Court before the Trial Court even rules on the matter.

"On the other hand, if the reference to 'original jurisdiction' means that a case under Article IV, Section 3(a) can bypass the Trial Court, appears to conflict with the Constitutional language in Article VII, Section 5(a), 'Any such case or controversy arising within the jurisdiction of the Ho-Chunk Nation shall be filed in the Trial Court before any other court.' Yet another way to read the provision is the parties have fifteen days to file an appeal in the Supreme Court after the final decision in the Trial Court," Murphy stated.

Finerty refers to the Constitution, which says the Supreme Court has jurisdiction when General Council sues Legislature for inaction on resolutions.

"Accordingly, the Plaintiff's filing against the Defendants was timely and appropriate under Article IV, Section 3(a). The language above compels the Trial Court to forward this matter to the Supreme Court so that it can hear the Plaintiff's claim in the first instance," he wrote.

Finerty does recognize the apparent contradiction in the Constitution, with Article IV, Section 3(a) in conflict with Article VII, Section 5(a), but offers a view that Article IV, Section 3(a) has precedence.

"When considering that Article IV, Section 3(a) was adopted in Amendment X to the Constitution in 2012 at a time when the foregoing language of Article VII, Section 5(a) was already present, that latter adopted should prevail over the earlier adopted provision," Finerty wrote.

"A body, such as the Nation which knows of the earlier provisions of the Constitution when voting on later amendments which trumps the earlier language, the later adopted language



Two cases concerning the proceedings of the Sept. 16, 2017, General Council meeting are in Ho-Chunk Trial Court, awaiting a decision if one of the cases should be held in Supreme Court.

in Article IV, Section 3(a) should prevail," Finerty stated.

On that issue, Judge Mary Jo Hunter, presiding judge of the two cases, issued a written question to Supreme Court Chief Justice Todd Matha, Justice Samantha Skenandore, and Justice Tricia Zunker.

In the letter, Hunter asked:

"What is the meaning of 'the Supreme Court shall have original jurisdiction within fifteen (15) days of filing of suit' from Article IV, Section 3(a) of the HCN Constitution? a. That the case should be removed from the Trial Court to the Supreme Court; or b. That a party may appeal a Trial Court decision to the Supreme Court within fifteen (15) days after the issuance of a Trial Court decision."

"The Trial Court has stayed the proceedings in the underlying Trial Court cases until a response from Supreme Court is received by the Trial Court," the letter states.

The Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution states, "The Supreme Court shall not have the power to make findings of fact except as provided by enactment of Legislature."

The legislature has the responsibility to uphold the Constitution, including Amendment X, which allows Supreme Court to have original jurisdiction.

According to Amendment X, the Supreme Court had the responsibility to hear the case CV 1735 before Dec. 1.

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Clarification and training on criminal jurisdiction

Submitted by Amanda L. WhiteEagle, Ho-Chunk Nation Attorney General

The Ho-Chunk Nation enacted its criminal code on May 5, 2015. The Ho-Chunk Nation does not investigate or prosecute cases that occurred prior to that time. The reasoning behind this position is simple: the acts were not a violation of Ho-Chunk Nation law, if committed prior to May 5, 2015. Written laws provide the authority for positions promulgated by the Nation. The Nation, including its police department and

Department of Justice, would be acting outside of the scope of the law, if it were to address potential violations prior to the Nation's criminal code enactment. Prior to enactment, the Ho-Chunk Nation had concurrent criminal jurisdiction with the State of Wisconsin; nonetheless, the State determined the criminality of actions because the Nation had not legislated concerning criminal jurisdiction.

For example, if an individual contacts the police today regarding an act of "criminal recklessness" that occurred

on April 15, 2015, the Nation will not launch an investigation or file a case regarding the underlying act involving "criminal recklessness" in Tribal Court. However, the Nation encourages reporting and may work with its sister jurisdiction in some instances. The CONSTITUTION OF THE HO-CHUNK NATION indicates that the "Nation, in exercising its powers of self-government, shall not pass any . . . ex post facto law." CONST., Art. X, §1. This means that the Nation cannot retroactively enforce a crimi-

nal code prior to its enactment, as individuals neither had notice as to what he or she may have been violating, nor potential repercussions of such violations.

Criminal jurisdiction in the State of Wisconsin is very complex, due in large part to aspects of concurrent jurisdiction, which is pursuant to Public Law 83-280, commonly known as PL 280. If this topic interests you or you would like to know more information about the Nation's criminal jurisdiction and PL 280, then please consider at-

tending the Nation's Public Law 280 training on April 17-18, 2018 at Ho-Chunk Gaming-Wisconsin Dells. Currently, the Ho-Chunk Nation maintains five (5) police officers, as well as a prosecutor and paralegal. The Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Justice welcomes Prosecutor Nicholas Layland, who is assisting with the prosecution of all new criminal cases within the Nation's jurisdiction.

Ho-Chunk Nation collaborates with Wisconsin Judicare

Submitted by Amanda L. WhiteEagle, Ho-Chunk Nation Attorney General

For the past several years, Wisconsin Judicare has offered a Wills Caravan for Ho-Chunk Nation tribal members. The collaboration has been wildly successful. Judicare estimates that approximately 300 wills have been drafted for the benefit of the tribal membership. Many individuals do not have a will. Whether this is due to cultural beliefs, the fear of unreasonable attorney fees, or a lack of understanding, the lack of a will may cause consequences. Mainly, the inability to distribute property or assets as the individual would have

wished, or if the individual has children, the inability to have selected an appropriate guardian or guardians for his or her minor children.

Judicare Indian Law Office Manager Howard Bichler notes that Columbia Law Students provide the service to tribal clients throughout the State of Wisconsin during their respective spring break. Attorney Bichler states, "Wisconsin Judicare is proud to offer this service to all Wisconsin tribal nations each year. Judicare is thankful for the Ho-Chunk Nation Office of the President and the departments of Business, Administration, and Justice for their donation of both space

and in-kind services." This year, Wisconsin Judicare and the Columbia Law Students will have sessions available in Black River Falls and Nekoosa. The Wills Caravan begins in Black River Falls on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the new District 1 Community Center, and the next day the Wills Caravan will be on Wednesday, March 14, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Ho-Chunk Gaming-Nekoosa at the Banquet Hall. For more information, please contact Wisconsin Judicare at (715) 842-1681 or toll free at (800) 472-1638.

SUMMONS (First Publication) IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Ho-Chunk Nation CSA and State of Minnesota and Michelle L. Kelly, Petitioner, v. Lawrence J. Hengel, Respondent.

Case : CSFJ 17-41

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED: Lawrence J. Hengel

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The Trial Court is physically located at Wa Ehi Hocira, W9598 Highway 54 East, Black River Falls, (Jackson County) Wisconsin. The Trial Court's mailing address is P. O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The telephone number is (715) 284-2722, or toll free 800-434-4070, and the facsimile number is (715) 284-3136.

SUMMONS (Second Publication) IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Ho-Chunk Nation Dept. of Housing, Plaintiff(s), v. Carrie Winneshiek, W1627 Taima Lane, Lyndon Station, WI. 53944, Defendant(s).

Case : CV 18-03

**TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT(S):
Carrie Winneshiek**

You are hereby informed that you have been named a defendant in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Complaint* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Complaint* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons* in the Hocak Worak. See *Ho-Chunk Nation Rules of Civil Procedure*, Rules 5(C)(1) (f), 6(A). Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record and provide the Court with a *Certificate of Service*. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed can result in a default judgment being entered against you. *Id.*, Rule 54.

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SUMMONS (Second Publication) IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Ho-Chunk Nation Dept. of Housing, "Home Ownership Program", Plaintiff(s), v. Travis Oknewski, Personally and Individually, and TJ Rayne Designs, LLC, R10542 River Road, Ringle, WI. 54471, Defendant(s).

Case : CV 18-05

**TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT(S):
Travis Oknewski**

You are hereby informed that you have been named a defendant in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Complaint* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Complaint* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons* in the Hocak Worak. See *Ho-Chunk Nation Rules of Civil Procedure*, Rules 5(C)(1) (f), 6(A). Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record and provide the Court with a *Certificate of Service*. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed can result in a default judgment being entered against you. *Id.*, Rule 54.

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SUMMONS (Second Publication) IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Ho-Chunk Nation CSA, State of Wisconsin and Dawn M. Burkett, Petitioner, v. Lawrence J. Hengel, Respondent.

Case : CSFJ 17-40

**TO THE ABOVE-NAMED:
Lawrence J. Hengel**

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Tomah residents talk to a community-rights expert about the ‘right’ way to protect the environment

Tim Wohlers

Staff Writer

Concerned citizens attended a workshop in Tomah last month, to learn about the community-rights movement and ways that they might be able to get involved.

Leading the workshop was environmental activist Paul Cienfuegos.

“The community-rights movement is basically a movement of people who are sick and tired of waiting for our government to protect our health and welfare,” Cienfuegos said. “We have and can exercise our authority to govern ourselves.”

Cienfuegos has visited various communities in Wisconsin, Iowa and Minnesota over the last four years – educating residents about the way to secure their right to a safe and healthy environment.

He brought his expertise to Tomah after the city’s residents expressed interest in his

workshop.

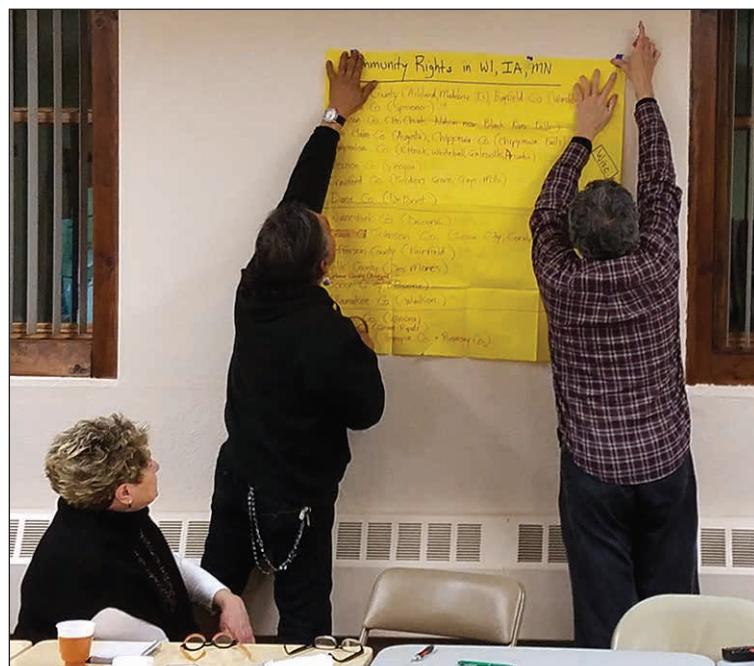
To start the seminar, the community-rights educator explained how the movement began nearly two decades ago in a rural farming community called Wells Township, PA.

“It’s a mostly republican farm community with about 500 farmers,” Cienfuegos said. “And they were sick and tired of trying to figure out how to stop this 15,000-head factory farm of hogs from moving into their town.”

He recounted the town’s early efforts to stop the factory farm from coming to their community, including a visit to the capitol so that residents could speak someone in the Dept. of Agriculture.

They asked the assistant director of the department to deny the factory farm’s permit application.

The state employee explained that his job was not to prohibit corporate activity, but to regulate it. He said



Ho-Chunk tribal member Bill Greendeer helps the organizer hang a poster listing the communities he has visited.

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Theme: Former WWBC names or likeness, Ho-Chunk Basketry
Historic Artistry and Tribal Culture.



Contact District II
HCN Representatives

715-284-9343 Ext. 1286 or



Community-rights educator Paul Cienfuegos talks to Tomah residents about pursuing environmental protection.

that was the sole purpose of a regulatory agency such as his.

So the residents of Wells Township sought help from a public interest, environmental law firm called the Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund (CELDF). They asked the firm to draft an ordinance that would ban corporate farming in their community, even if it were illegal.

The township supervisors passed the ordinance unanimously.

“The local community did something which is illegal,” Cienfuegos said. “It was a direct challenge to corporate right, state preemption and Dillon’s Rule. But the company still left.”

Word spread quickly about what Wells Township had done, and other communities began to pass the ordinance as well. Within three or four years, 20 conservative farming communities had enacted it into law.

“It just took off from there,” Cienfuegos said. “Within a few more years, 80 communities in rural Pennsylvania had banned corporations from dumping sewage sludge on

their farmland.”

Cienfuegos then cited two recent cases involving community-rights ordinances.

He handed out copies of each ordinance, so that participants could see what such laws look like. The group spent the remainder of their time going over one of the proposals, which would ban frac sand mining in Winneshiek County, IA.

“We go over one of them in the last hour of the work-



Decorah City Council member Steve Luse discusses the ordinance he helped write for Winneshiek County, IA.



Monroe County board member Paul Steele (District 11) talks about the limitations of local government.

National Nutrition Month

Go Further with Food

Submitted by HCN Registered Dietitian Nutritionists

It is easy to see how this year's National Nutrition Month® theme, "Go Further with Food" is well-timed, due to the Olympics this year. Naturally, good nutrition has many health benefits, including fueling all of us to perform our best, whether that be at school, work, or in sports. However, the theme this year also refers to making our food go further as well – by limiting food waste.

Before heading to the grocery store, or eating out, look to see what food you have on hand in the refrigerator or freezer that might need to be

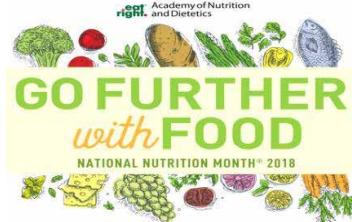
used up soon.

- Consider planning meals to use what could go to waste soon.
- Do an on-line search, if needed, to find recipes to use foods that need to be used up.
- Consider preparing food on weekends to take for lunch or snacks or to help minimize preparation for the evening meal. For example, if you have raw hamburger in the refrigerator that needs to be used up, consider cooking it with taco seasonings and freezing it if needed. Then it can be thawed later for a quick taco night.

Cooked or leftover foods can generally be stored in the

refrigerator for 3-4 days.

- Food can certainly be re-heated steaming hot and served as-is again in this time frame, such as for lunch or dinner the next day.



- Or, get creative and "re-purpose" foods into a new meal. For example, chili could be served another time over a baked potato, wrapped in a tortilla, or over lettuce for a taco salad. A roast can be

added into sandwiches, soup, stir-fry, or over a salad.

- If you cannot use it up, consider freezing it within this time frame. Cooked meats, grains, soups, stews, casseroles, and vegetables tend to freeze well. Label and date it so you know what it is later, and use within 3-4 months.

- Leftover bits of cooked meat, veggies, and grains can be frozen together in a large freezer bag. When it's full, make a delicious soup!

Buy only what can be eaten or frozen in the next few days.

- Divide large family packs of meat into meal-size portions, label, and freeze.

- Buy only enough fresh fruit that can be eaten before it gets over-ripe. Then, enjoy



canned or frozen fruit until you can get to the grocery store again.

• Over-ripe bananas can be peeled and frozen in a freezer bag for fruit smoothies down the road – just break them into chunks before blending – they make the smoothie cold and creamy!

For further nutrition information, contact a HCN Registered Dietitian Nutritionist BRF, Tomah, and Wittenberg areas: (888) 685-4422, ext. 5335

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BRMH hosts Grief Support Group

Submitted by Barbara Brower
Community Relations Coordinator, Black River Memorial Hospital

A Grief Support Group for people who are grieving the loss of a loved one will be meeting for six weeks beginning March 27. The meetings will run Tuesdays from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at B-Home Services and Supplies, 311 County Highway A, Black River Falls. There is no cost

to attend the sessions.

Material and information on the grieving process will be shared with the participants. These sessions will provide those who have lost a loved one the chance to meet with others who are feeling the same sense of loss. Tools will be provided to help people go through the grieving process.

To register for the sessions or for more information, please contact Kevin Newell at 715-284-3662.



Elders Birthdays

1	Marlene Hopinkah
	Anthony Kingswan
	Bruce Decorah
	Harold Brooks
2	John Whitewing
	Gregory Butterfield
	Thomas Powers
3	Richard Funmaker
4	Norma Greengrass
7	Mildred Moyer
8	Samuel Thundercloud
	Frank Wilson
	Lee Brown Jr.
	Albert Orozco
	Gary Phillips
9	Ira Dean Funmaker
	Regina Reel
	Martin Littlewolf Jr.
	Phyllis Big Soldier
10	Dean Whitewater
	Bonita Clairmont
	Teala Edwards
	Aurelia Hopinkah
	Michael Hopinka
	Roberta Hall
	Alan Kehe
11	Linda Reider
	Raymond Cabasos
	Denise Ullrich
	Annette Littlewolf
	Spencer Lonetree
12	Roger Perry
13	Bonnie Tech
14	Leona Mc Kee
15	Roger Pettibone
	Gary Whitewing
	Barbara Whitewater
16	Lois Behrens
	Reginald Pettibone
17	James Greendeer
	Beverly Inman
	Roger Snake
	Robert Bird
	Kenneth Whitehorse
18	Ruth Decorah
19	Earl Blackdeer
20	Kim Whitegull
21	Stuart Taylor
22	Ila Waller
	Nathaniel Cloud
	Dorothy Decorah
	Rita Gardner
	Sharon Ornellas
23	Suzanne McComas
	Ernestine Helgesen
	Sue Krivitz
24	Betty Preece
	Dolly Finn
	Barbara Two Bears
	Verna Rieder
	Victoria Blackcoon
25	Frank Tudahl
	Martin Falcon
	Howard Walker Jr
	Allen Whitegull
	Roger Allen
	Joan Miller
26	Sandra Sliwicki
	Jacob Lonetree
	Inez Lizotte
28	Duane Turner
	Lora Popple
29	Bartola Enright
	Charles Miner
30	Samelia Pettibone

Harvest of the Month

The Harvest of the Month for March is Lentils/ Dry Beans.

Barley and Lentil Soup

Ingredients:

- 3 medium carrots, washed, peeled, and diced
- 2 medium onions, washed, peeled, and diced
- 3 large cloves garlic, peeled and minced (or substitute 1/2 tsp. garlic powder)
- 3/4 cup pearl barley, rinsed with cold water
- 1 Tablespoon cooking oil
- 1 teaspoon ground paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cayenne pepper
- 6 cups water
- 4 cups lower sodium chicken or vegetable broth
- 1 cup dried lentils
- 1 (14.5 oz) can diced tomatoes, no salt added
- 1 teaspoon salt (if desired)
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper



Eating beans and lentils more often may reduce your risk of heart disease, cancer, diabetes and becoming overweight.

Try a meatless meal using beans or lentils for protein once or twice a week.

Directions:

In a large pot, add oil and heat over medium-high heat. Add carrots and onions. Cook until slightly soft, about 5 minutes. Add garlic, paprika, and cayenne pepper to pot. Cook and stir for 30 seconds. Add barley, water and broth to pot. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low. Partially cover with a lid and simmer for 15 minutes. In a colander, rinse lentils with cold water and check for small pebbles or debris. Add lentils to pot, along with tomatoes. Cover and simmer for 30 minutes. Add salt and pepper and stir. Optional: stir in 4 cups of fresh washed spinach in the last 5 minutes of cooking. Keeps 3-4 days in the refrigerator and freezes well!

Makes 8 servings, 1 cup each. Per 1 cup serving: 230 calories, 3 g. fat, 370 mg. sodium, 41 g. carbohydrate, 13 g. protein, and 8 g. fiber. Source for photo/recipe: Cooking Matters.

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Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health

Community is invited to an open house to meet our providers & learn about our health services.

March 14th, 2017

4:30-6:30 p.m. - Remarks at 5:00 p.m.

Ho-Chunk Health Care Center—Eileen Decorah Conference Room

16520 Lumberjack Guy Rd.

Black River Falls, WI 54615

For questions contact Rebecca Shawley, Clinic Office Manager at (715) 284-9851 Ext. 5331

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Wisconsin Dells wins regional championship in basketball

Tim Wohlers
Staff Writer

The Wisconsin Dells boys' basketball team won regionals at the WIAA tournament this year, after defeating the first two schools that they played against.

Their first win came against West Salem in the regional semifinal.

Wisconsin Dells ran a three-quarter-court press, wearing down their opponents early in the game. Because of the constant pressure, West Salem made many bad decisions that led to turnovers.

"The pressure from the press gives us a lot of transition opportunities," said

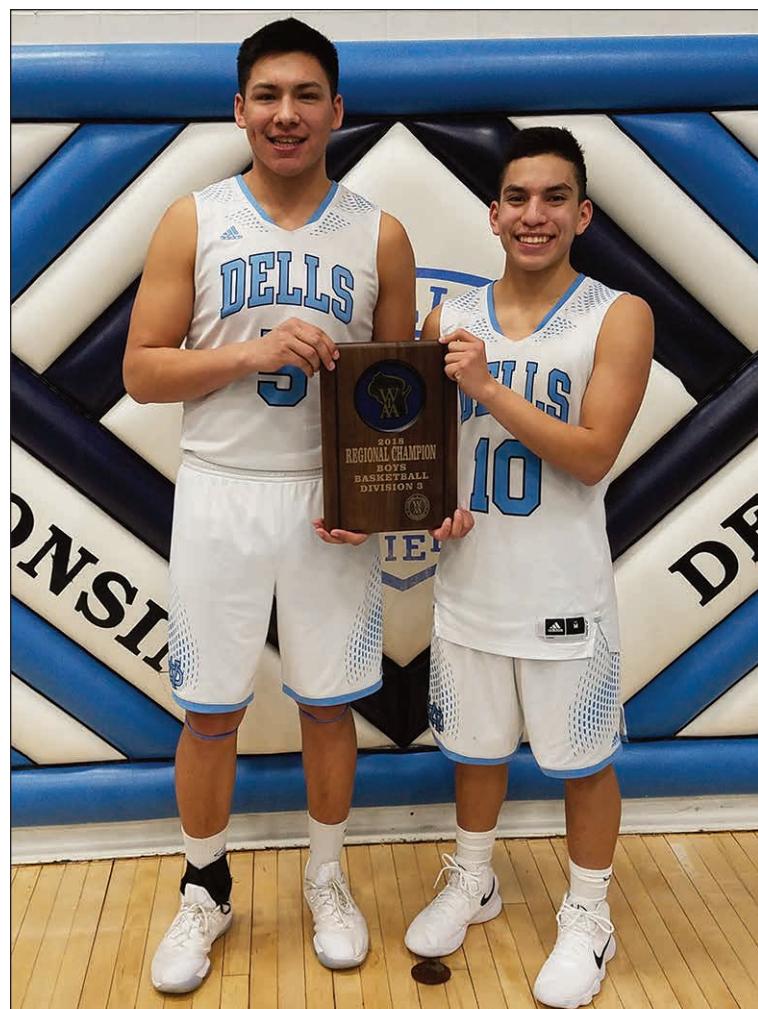
Coach Brad Rohling. "We can take advantage of wearing teams down a little bit. We're all about getting deflections in our press, and making it tough on the other team."

Midway through the second half, Wisconsin Dells already had a 20-point lead over the Panthers. They would hold on to win by a score of 65-46.

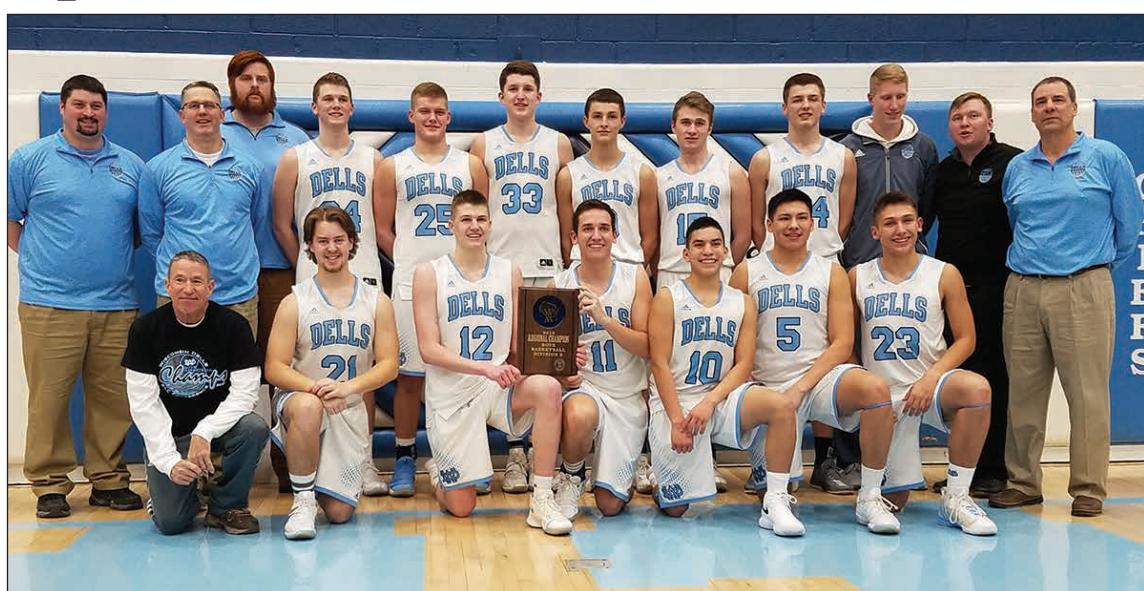
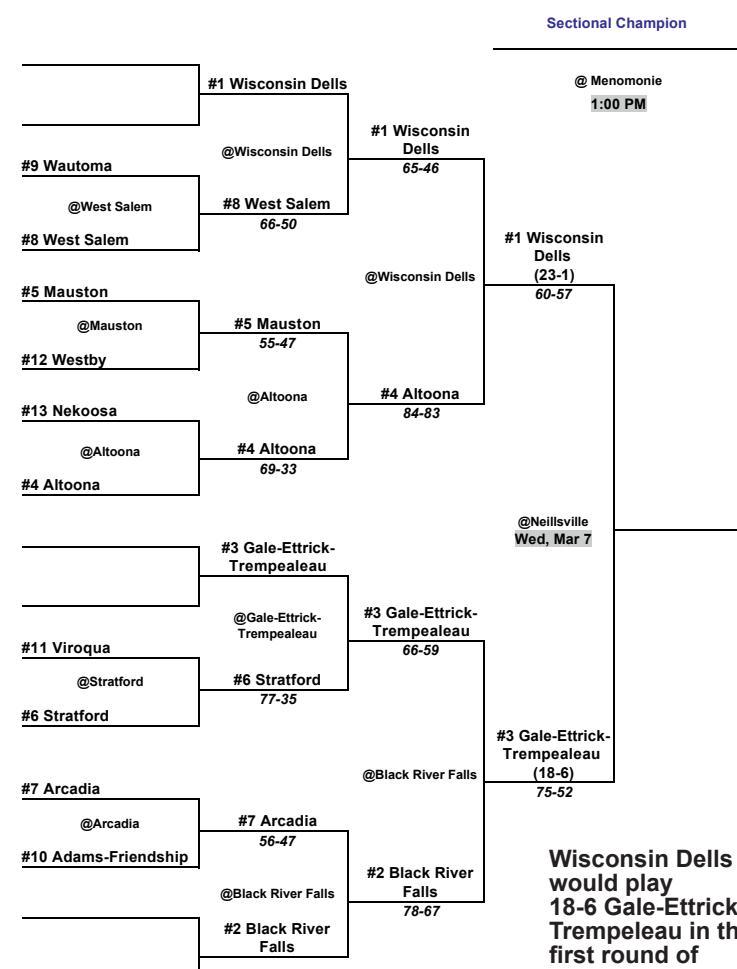
Sophomore point guard Bryson Funmaker said that teamwork played a large part in the win.

"I think we did really well as a team," Funmaker said. "We played together throughout the whole game."

The Chiefs' second win would come in the regional



Senior Darius Mackinnis (left) and sophomore Bryson Funmaker (right) celebrate after winning the 2018 WIAA regional championship in Division 3 basketball.



The 2018 regional champions pose for fan pictures after the big win.

final against Altoona, who have now lost the regional championship three out of the last four years. In 2016, the team failed to make it past the second round.

The Railroaders were up by nine in the second half, before Wisconsin Dells staged a comeback.

"There were a lot of ups and downs," Funmaker said. "We started off slow, but were able to get back into things and pick it up."

The sophomore scored the last two points of the game on free throws, breaking his scoreless streak. Those late baskets would help the Chiefs to a three-point victory, and

the 2018 WIAA regional championship.

Coach Rohling said he was proud of this year's team, including the two Ho-Chunk players on it – Funmaker and senior Darius Mackinnis.

"Those two are definitely a big part of our conference-championship team," Rohling said.

Wisconsin Dells would play its next game on March 7, against Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau in the first round of sectionals.



Right photo: Sophomore point guard Bryson Funmaker hugs his family members after scoring the final points in the regional championship game.

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Tigers boys basketball makes a run in the WIAA tournament

Marlon WhiteEagle
Editor

Black River Falls Tigers boys basketball makes a run in the WIAA tournament. The Tigers finished the season playing two games at home during their tournament run.

The Tigers, who won the Coulee Conference championship, first played Arcadia Raiders in the regional semifinal.

The Tigers were led by seniors Ethan Anderson and Bryce Seiber and sophomore Elliot Bird, one of three Ho-Chunk on the team. Gavyn Littlewolf also player, and Greg Bird is an assistant coach.

At the half, the Tigers were down 37 to 35.

Anderson and Seiber both had 11 points, and Bird scored 8 points.

For the Raiders, Curtis Weltzien led all scorers with 13 points, while Nolan Martin added 10 points.

In the second half, Black River Falls played better defense and outscored Arcadia. The Raiders were held to 30 points, while the Tigers

scored 43 more points.

Black River Falls won 78 to 67.

Anderson finished with 23 points, Seiber had 20 points, Bird had 13 points, and Isaac Cowles added 11 points.

The Tigers advanced to the Regional Final to face G-E-T Red Hawks. The final was played at home the following night.

The Tigers split conference games with Galesville-Ettrick-Trempealeau, losing 71 to 65 on Dec. 5 and winning 65 to 60 on Jan. 15 during conference play.

Again, Anderson and Bird led the way for the Tigers. Bird hit an early 3-pointer to give the Tigers the lead.

Anderson finished the half with 12 points. Jacob Woods added 7 points for the Tigers, while Bird had 5 points.

Bryce Seiber struggled, only scoring 4 points in the game, all in the first half. Seiber fouled out of the game.

The Tigers did lead at the half, 28 to 24.

The second half was a different story for the Tigers, who were outscored 51 to 24.



Black River Falls sophomore point guard Elliot Bird prepares to shoot a free throw during the Tigers' WIAA tournament run.

The Red Hawks came up big with six 3-pointers in the second half. Chris Thompson knocked down three of those 3-pointers for G-E-T.

David Kuistad added 10 points in the second half for the Red Hawks.

Chris Thompson finished with 28 points for the G-E-T. Kuistad was the only other Red Hawk in double figures, with 10 points.

Ethan Anderson finished with 20 points for the Tigers, while Bird added 12 points

and Jacob Woods added 11 points.

The Tigers had a great season, finishing 18-7 overall, and 11-2 in conference play.



Congratulations to the Black River Falls girls varsity basketball team on a job well done

The team faced a lot of adversity in their 2017-2018 season. They were a young team, with no seniors and a handful of freshmen.

They finished the season 1-23 overall, and 1-11 in conference play. Their one victory was over the Viroqua Blackhawks near the end of the season.

"This season was about passion. Passion means going through pain and suffering," said Coach Olson.
"We worked hard every day at practice."

The photo is from their end of the season banquet.

In the front row is: Miyako Deloney, McKenna Dutton, Zyanna Deloney, Madison Eberhardt.

In the back row is: Coach Yanske, Coach Hanson, Asia Rave, Katie Dobson, Alena Cornelius, Madison McCormick, Abby Ross, Coach Olson



Baraboo/Reedsburg/Portage/Sauk Prairie/Mauston Wis. Dells/Adams Friendship ~ JOM Meeting H.O.W. Food Court

March 21st 2018 @6pm S2845 White Eagle Rd. Baraboo

Don't forget to bring copies of your child's/children's report card(s).

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Ho-Chunk Nation Indian Education Committee

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**HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE
REGULAR MEETING
TRIBAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI
JANUARY 25, 2018**

Call to Order: Vice President Douglas Greengrass called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Roll Call:

President Wilfrid Cleveland-EX
Vice President Doug Greengrass-P
Rep. Andrea Estebo-P
Rep. Karena Thundercloud-EX
Rep. Carly Lincoln-P
Rep. Hinu Smith-P
Rep. Kristin White Eagle-P
Rep. Shelby Visintin-P
Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit-P
Rep. Kathy DeCamp-P
Rep. Matt Mullen-P
Rep. Robert TwoBears-P
Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr.-P
Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit-P
cc: conference call

Determination of Quorum: Quorum is established at 10:05 a.m.

Opening Prayer: Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. offered a word of prayer.

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to approve the agenda with hearing a presentation on the Otoe-Missouria Winter Encampment; adding Under New Business E. Resolution-Appointment of Carly Lincoln to the Sauk County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council; F. Resolution-NCAI and voting; G. Resolution-Ho-Chunk Nation Appointments to the Joint Planning Committee with the City of Madison. Second by Rep. Carly Lincoln. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Presentation-Otoe-Missouria

Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. provided a brief presentation on the visit to the Otoe-Missouria Winter Encampment. He presented to the Office of the President the gifts that were given to the Ho-Chunk Nation from the encampment. A custom made blanket and a drum were presented to the President from the Legislature. Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. mentions that the Ho-Chunk Nation was the first in 130 years to unite with the Ote-Missouri Nation.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Legislative Meeting – January 12, 2018

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to approve the January 12, 2018 Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Committee Reports:

Housing Committee-December 21, 2017- Abandon Houses

Myra Jo Price, Executive Director of Housing was present. She discussed a future meeting with LCO and will make contact with the Legislators when this occurs.

MOTION by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to approve the December 21, 2017 Housing Committee Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 11-0-1(Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit) MOTION CARRIED.

Unfinished Business:

Office of General Council

No report provided.

Economic Diversification

The next Economic Diversification Meeting will take place on January 30, 2018 following the Health, Social Services and Insurance Committee Meeting.

Budget Modification CFS/ICW/Clan Mothers

MOTION by Rep. Hinu Smith to TABLE the Budget Modification CFS/ICW/Clan Mothers. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

District 3 Wisconsin Dells District Meeting-November 14, 2017

MOTION by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to TABLE the District 3 Wisconsin Dells District Meeting minutes of November 14, 2017, until the District 3 Legislators can take it to the District Meeting and ask the area members what their intentions are. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Memorandum of Understanding Between the House of Wellness Pharmacy and the Sauk County Health Department

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen

Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to TABLE the Resolution-Memorandum of Understanding Between the House of Wellness Pharmacy and the Sauk County Health Department. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Authorization of Land Lease on Wittenberg Property Tract #439 T 2157 and 439 T 2148 for Matsche Farms, Inc.

MOTION by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to adopt Resolution 01-25-18 A, Authorization of Land Lease on Wittenberg Property Tract #439 T 2157 and 439 T 2148 for Matsche Farms, Inc. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

New Business:

Resolution-Memorandum of Understanding for Law Enforcement Field Training Between the Ho-Chunk Nation & City of Reedsburg

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to adopt Resolution 1-25-18 B, Memorandum of Understanding for Law Enforcement Field Training Between the Ho-Chunk Nation & City of Reedsburg.

Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Rescission of Resolution 10-03-95 C an Authorization of Land Lease on Lot #18 of the Indian Mission #439 T 2090 for Emma Funmaker

1st Executive Session

MOTION by Rep. Hinu Smith to move into Executive Session. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

10:38 a.m.

Rep. Andrea Estebo is out of the room.

MOTION by Rep. Matt Mullen to move out of Executive Session. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

10:58 a.m.

Resolution-Rescission of Resolution 10-03-95 C and Authorization of Land Lease on Lot #18 of the Indian Mission #439 T 2090 for Emma Funmaker

MOTION by Rep. Matt Mullen to TABLE the resolution, Rescission of Resolution 10-03-95 C and Authorization of Land Lease on Lot #18 of the Indian Mission #439 T 2090 for Emma Funmaker, until the February 20, 2018 Legislative Meeting. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Placing Lot 2 Timber Run Property 5.043 Acres Into Trust for the Ho-Chunk Nation

MOTION by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to adopt Resolution 1-25-18 C, Placing Lot 2 Timber Run Property 5.043 Acres Into Trust for the Ho-Chunk Nation. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Appointment of Legislative Liaisons to Ho-Chunk Nation Family Wellness Court

MOTION by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to adopt Resolution 1-25-18 D, Appointment of Legislative Liaisons to Ho-Chunk Nation Family Wellness Court. Second by Rep. Matt Mullen. 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Appointment of Carly Lincoln to the Sauk County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

MOTION by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to adopt Resolution 1-25-18 E, Appointment of Carly Lincoln to the Sauk County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Appointment of Carly Lincoln to the Sauk County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

MOTION by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to adopt Resolution 1-25-18 F, Ho-Chunk Nation Appointments to the Joint Planning Committee with the City of Madison.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt Resolution 1-25-18 F, Ho-Chunk Nation Appointments to the Joint Planning Committee with the City of Madison.

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CARRIED.

Building Native Communities: Financial Skills for Families Train-the-Trainer

MOTION by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to approve up to three Legislators to attend the Building Native Communities: Financial Skills for Families Train-the-Trainer Conference on March 20-22, 2018 in Hollywood, FL. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

District Meetings:

District 2 Madison District Meeting – January 17, 2018

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Dan Blumer that the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature provide no additional capital to Twelve Clans, Inc., unless the Twelve Clans, Inc. Charter requires the Board to be comprised of enrolled Ho-Chunk members, and that the Board is in fact comprised entirely of enrolled Ho-Chunk members. *Rep. Carly Lincoln is out of the room.*

District 3 Wittenberg District Meeting – January 15, 2018

MOTION by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to refer to HHCDA, Office of the President, Realty Division, BIA Roads, and Administration Department the MOTION by Lanette Walker to put in three security/safety lights along W17634 Radkte Road for security and safety purposes. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to refer to Office of the President and Department of Administration the MOTION by Gloria Visintin to request signage near Robin Road and the Siga Funmaker Center Building. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 10-0-1 (Rep. Shelby Visintin) MOTION CARRIED.

District 3 Wisconsin Dells District Meeting – January 16, 2018

MOTION by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to refer to HHCDA the MOTION by Heather Cloud to support the building of HHCDA rental homes in WaksikMa. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Gerald Cleveland to move Roger Thundercloud to LEC Delegate. *Rep. Carly Lincoln returns.*

MOTION by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to refer to HHCDA the MOTION by Heather Cloud to request the use of the Indian Heights Community Center for cultural use with waiver of payment. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to refer to HHCDA the MOTION by Heather Cloud to request the use of the Indian Heights Community Building three times a month for the Fathers of Tradition. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to refer to HHCDA the MOTION by Roger Thundercloud to utilize a secure area within the Indian Heights Community Building for storage of arts and crafts materials for the Fathers of Tradition Program. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

District 4 Milwaukee District Meeting – January 17, 2018

No motions.

Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. out of the room.

District 5 St. Paul District Meeting – January 18, 2018

MOTION by Rep. Robert Two-Bears to refer to HHCDA the MOTION by Stephanie Yellowbank the Minneapolis area is requesting an update on the housing program from Neil Whitegull regarding the Metro Rent Subsidy Program. Second by Rep. Matt Mullen. 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Rep. Robert Two-Bears to confirm Rhonda Hunt to the Election Board as Delegate. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

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Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. returns.

2nd Executive Session

MOTION by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to move into Executive Session. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

11: 27 a.m.

Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit and Rep. Matt Mullen are excused from the meeting.

MOTION by Rep. Shelby Visintin to move out of Executive Session. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Shelby Visintin to adjourn the meeting and for the next Legislative Meeting to be held on February 6, 2018 at the Tribal Executive Offices in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

The Legislative meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Andrea Estebo, Tribal Secretary

**HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE
REGULAR MEETING**

**TRIBAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI**

FEBRUARY 6, 2018

Call to Order: Vice President Douglas Greengrass called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call:

President Wilfrid Cleveland-EX
Vice President Doug Greengrass-P
Rep. Andrea Estebo-P
Rep. Karena Thundercloud-P
Rep. Carly Lincoln-cc (10:05 a.m.)

Rep. Hinu Smith-P
Rep. Kristin White Eagle-P
Rep. Shelby Visintin-P (cc)
Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit-P
Rep. Kathy DeCamp-P
Rep. Matt Mullen-P
Rep. Robert TwoBears-P
Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr.-P

Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit-P
cc: conference call

Determination of Quorum: Quorum is established at 10:00 a.m.

Opening Prayer: Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit offered a word of prayer.

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Rep. Robert Two-Bears to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Rep. Robert Two-Bears to refer to HHCDA the MOTION by Heather Cloud to request the use of the Indian Heights Community Building three times a month for the Fathers of Tradition. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Rep. Robert Two-Bears to refer to HHCDA the MOTION by Roger Thundercloud to utilize a secure area within the Indian Heights Community Building for storage of arts and crafts materials for the Fathers of Tradition Program. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Rep. Robert Two-Bears to refer to HHCDA the MOTION by Roger Thundercloud to utilize a secure area within the Indian Heights Community Building for storage of arts and crafts materials for the Fathers of Tradition Program. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Legislative Redistricting Update

Submitted by Lynette LeGarde, HCN Legislative Chief Communications Officer

There is still time to submit a redistricting scenario to the Ho-Chunk Nation. Submissions will be accepted from Ho-Chunk Nation tribal members until April 13, 2018 at 4:30pm. Submissions can be sent to Jeff Crone at Jeff.Crone@ho-chunk.com or Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Office, Attn: Jeff Crone, P.O. Box 667, Black River Falls, Wisconsin 54615. There are tools to assist with the redistricting planning process on the Ho-Chunk Nation website. There is a blank redistricting map, guidelines for redistricting, and a formula for redistricting available on Ho-ChunkNation.com.

A Redistricting Open Forum will be held for tribal members to explain in detail about their redistricting scenario submissions on April 30, 2018. This will be time to share your vision of the new districts for the Ho-Chunk Nation.

The Legislature will hold a Special Legislative Meeting in May to select the scenarios from the submitted redistricting scenarios. Presentations of the scenarios will be conducted in June and July at the District Meetings. A Special Election will occur in the fall of 2018. Be sure to get your submissions in! We look forward to seeing everyone at the Redistricting Open Forum in April!! Have a great week!

Legislation Minutes

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a Temporary Construction Easement for Construction on the Potch Ha Chee Walking Trail with the added language to not waive sovereign immunity. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Family Wellness Court/NADCP Conference Attendance

Rep. Carly Lincoln noted for the record that she will attend the Family Wellness Conference on May 30, 2018 to June 2, 2018. The expense for the trip is funded through the Judiciary Branch. Rep. Karena Thundercloud will also be attending.

District Meetings:

District 2 Baraboo District Meeting – February 5, 2018

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to TABLE the District 2 Baraboo District Meeting minutes of February 5, 2018. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

District 3 Green Bay District Meeting – January 24, 2018

No motions.

District 3 Wisconsin Rapids District Meeting – January 29, 2018

READ FOR THE RECORD: MOTION by Nettie Kingsley to support the Peacemaker Project as presented.

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Hope Smith to oppose the Town of Port Edwards request for funding.

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Taylor Smith to request \$5,000.00 from the Native American Awareness Fund line item for Nekoosa Culture Event on April 5, 2018. Check payable to Taylor Smith.

MOTION by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to refer to the Finance Committee the MOTION by Greg Smith to request for funding for a plaque at Korean War Memorial in Plover, WI for PFC John C. Houghton. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Executive Session:

MOTION by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to move into Executive Session. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

10:35 a.m.

Rep. Andrea Estebo was out of the room.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to move out of Executive Session. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

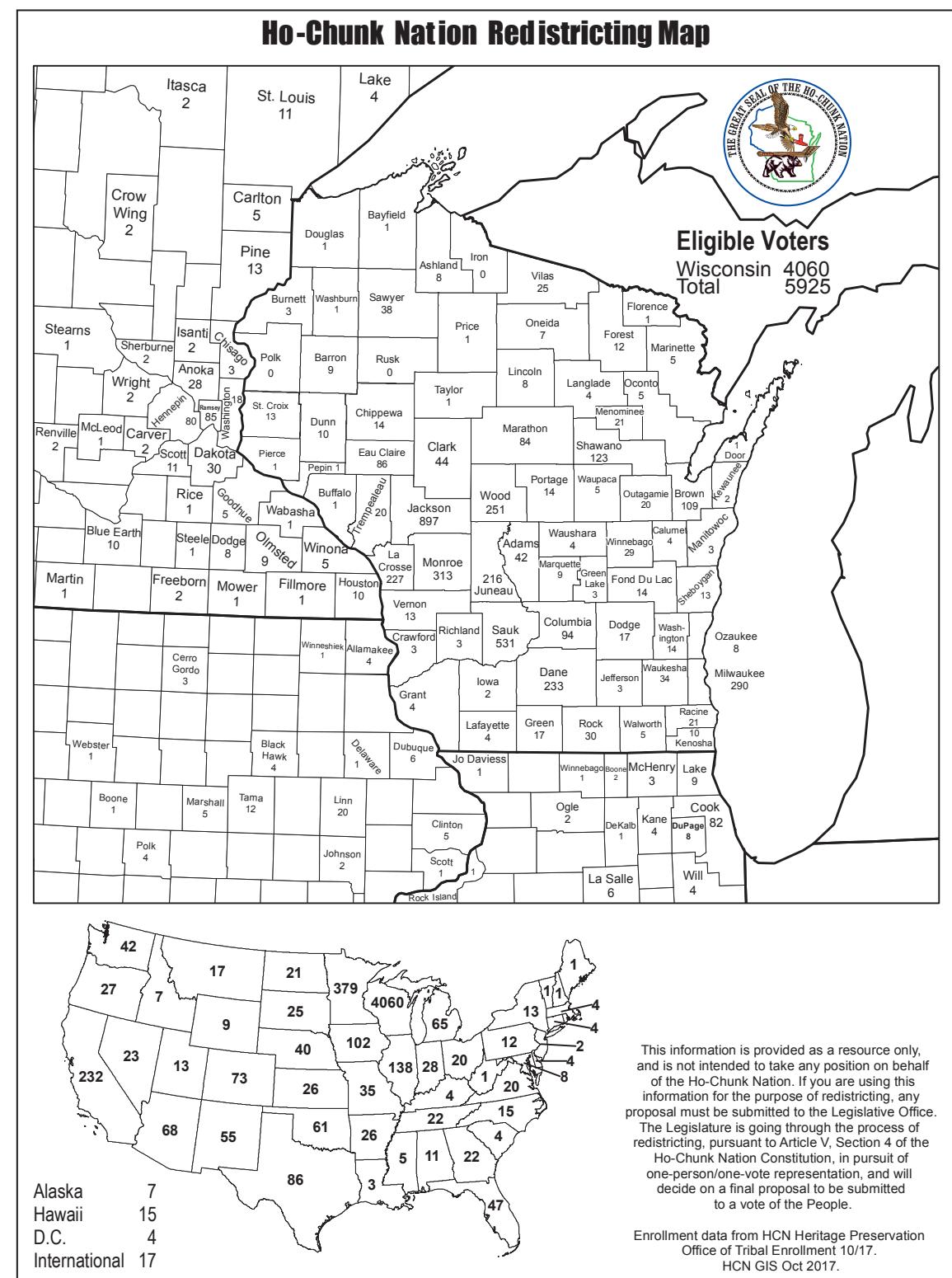
4:57 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Kathleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Rep. Andrea Estebo returns.

Release to Open Session:

Tribal Transportation Unity Caucus Travel



Legislative Update

Submitted by
Lynette LeGarde,
HCN Legislative Chief
Communications Officer

The Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature has continued to move forward with numerous projects. They have held 4 Legislative meetings in 2018. Legislative meetings are scheduled on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month.

January 25, 2018

Ho-Chunk Nation Representatives attended the Otoe-Missouria Winter Encampment and were honored guests along with the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska. It has been 130 years since a reunion with the Otoe-Missouria Tribe has taken place. Representative Lawrence Walker Jr, Representative Kathy DeCamp and Representative Andrea Estebo attended the Otoe-Missouria Winter Encampment. An Economic Diversification Meeting was scheduled for January 30, 2018. A resolu-

tion to authorize a land lease on Wittenberg Property Tract #439 T 2157 and 439 T 2148 for Matsche Farms was approved. An MOU for Law Enforcement Field Training with the Ho-Chunk Nation and the City of Reedsburg was passed. A resolution to place Lot 2 Timber Run Property into trust for the Ho-Chunk Nation was approved. A resolution was passed for an appointment of the Legislative Liaisons to the HCN Family Wellness Court. An appointment was adopted for Rep. Carly Lincoln to the Sauk County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. A resolution was adopted which provided appointments to the Joint Planning Committee with the City of Madison.

February 6, 2018

A resolution to support the Health Department to pursue a CDC and Prevention Tribal Practices for Wellness in Indian County Grant was passed. An MOU with the House of Wellness Pharmacy

and the Sauk County Health Department was approved. An ICDBG Application Designated for Osseo-Eau Claire Community Center was approved. A resolution to support the Chakh Hah Chee Gymnasium was approved. A resolution to approve the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 budgetary spending limits was passed. A quick passage resolution was passed to amend the tax code regarding alcohol beverage tax for two weeks. The Tribal Transportation Program Town of Komensky Cooperative Agreement Campground was passed. A resolution rescission of Resolution 10-03-09C was passed. The Legislature passed a resolution that supports the Tribal Transportation Unity Caucus Discussion Draft Bill.

The next Legislative Meeting is scheduled for March 6, 2018. The February 23, 2018 Legislative Meeting Minutes will be ratified at the March 6th Legislative Session.

The Legislative meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m.
Respectfully submitted by,
Andrea Estebo, Tribal Secretary



Aniwa resident wins Jeep 4X4 at Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg

Katrina M. Wychesit
Senior Public Relations
Manager | Ho-Chunk Gaming
Wittenberg

On Saturday, February 24, 2018, Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg wrapped up its Adventure Awaits monthly promotion by awarding Pamela Z. of Aniwa, Wisconsin, an eye-catching 2018 Jeep 4x4 Compass Trailhawk along with \$2,000 cash.

The Law of Attraction worked in Pamela's favor, "I told my Grandson I was coming to the casino to win a car!" Pamela had five minutes to properly identify herself at the Rewards Club Booth as the Grand Prize winner. The upscale red SUV, valued at \$35,000 was purchased at Brickner's of Wausau and was showcased near the Main En-

trance during the entire month of February.

Throughout the promotion day, guests racked up their points in order to obtain additional entries and Rewards Play in hopes of scoring the 4X4. Rain, sleet and snow during the evening hours did not prevent Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg guests from traveling, near and far, and from joining in on the action-packed, recently renovated gaming floor.

Fletcher Collins, Executive Manager said, "It's incredibly gratifying to award Pamela this Jeep! We're appreciative to all of our Guests that we're present despite Mother Nature's interference. It made for an exciting evening."##



Native Song Writing Retreat

Submitted by Sabrina Hemken, Wisconsin Native American Playwright Festival

On March 31st, 2018 from 4 – 6PM at the Oneida Community Education Center, 2632 Packerland Dr, Green Bay, WI 54313. In the time honoured tradition of the rich storytellers of Native American people, we are proud to present Raconteur's Recount. Bring your best ten-minute story and get on stage and share it with the world.

All stories must be true and be your story to tell. We are looking for stories that make us care about you and your

fears, desires, and dilemmas. Impress the audience with observations that are uniquely yours. Performances will be recorded for future use.

We are not looking for stand-up routines, rants, props, accents, sound effects, or confessions.

Prizes will be given for the best story told. Pre-registration is appreciated.

For questions or more information please visit the Wisconsin Native American Playwright Festival Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/wisconsinapp

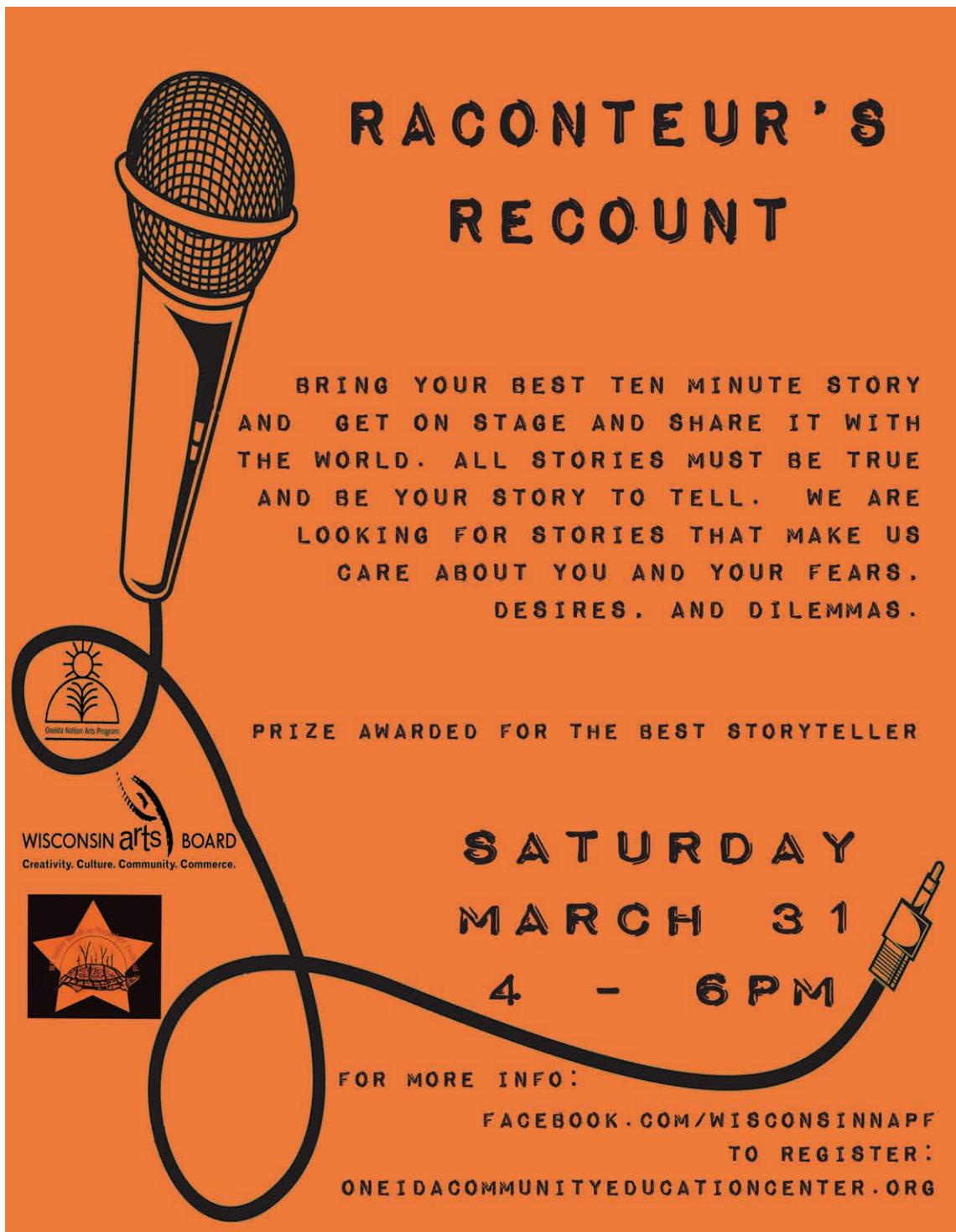
NACA Announcement

Submitted by Executive Director Becky Albert-Breed, First Nations Community Financial

FNCF has made strides this past year, as the Acting Director Francesca Bird successfully pursued the US Department of the Treasury's Community Development Financial Institutions Fund (CDFI Fund) Native American CDFI Assistance (NACA) grant award. It was announced on September 19, 2017 that \$140,995 is awarded to First Nations Community Financial (FNCF) of Black River Falls, Wisconsin to grow our products and services for the Communities.

The Board of Directors have most recently, stressed the importance of growth and making a larger positive difference in the Ho-Chunk, Native and surrounding communities with financial education, literacy, products, and more opportunities. A new strategic plan has been developed that will provide more avenues for vital growth with small business, new product offerings and additional services.

Stay tuned...much more exciting changes ahead for FNCF and our advancement with serving our Communities!



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REGISTER MARCH 1 -25
DRAWINGS MARCH 25 | 5PM-7PM

Anyone 21 years or older is welcome to play in the Casino. Those 18 years or older are welcome to play Bingo.
Ho-Chunk Gaming reserves the right to cancel or alter promotions at any time.

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MAR. 24, 2018 JOM IEC TRAINING

PARENTS! IEC MEMBERS!

Join us at HCG Wisconsin Dells

Come along with us and enjoy breakfast, snacks, lunch and door prizes while we walk you through a JOM 101 course, lead you through individualized training for IEC officers, hold a mock IEC meeting, and give an overview/review of the paperwork and forms offered through Johnson O'Malley and PreK-12 programs. The first 25 participants will receive a \$20 gas card just for attending! **Parents are encouraged to NOT bring their children for this adult learning opportunity.** We hope to see you there!!



School Community Relations
Ho-Chunk Nation Education Department



School-Community Relations Division

Parent Training

March 24, 2018

Ho-Chunk Casino WI Dells

Registration

Parent/IEC Member Name: _____

IEC Area: _____

Contact Information:

Telephone: _____

Address: _____

EMAIL: _____

I am an IEC officer Position: _____

I am a parent

Please return by March 16th to:

Ho-Chunk Nation-School-Community Relations Department

Email to: SCR@Ho-chunk.com or

Fax (715) 284-1760

Door Prizes!

JOM 101!

Individual Officer
Training!

Mock IEC
Meeting!

\$20 Gas Cards to
first 25
participants!

HCN EDUCATION DEPT

School Community

Relations Division

PO Box 667

Black River Falls, WI

54615

(800) 362-4476

SCR@ho-chunk.com

Ho-chunknation.com/prek-

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fax: 715-284-1760



REQUESTS FOR VERIFICATION OF PER CAPITA RECEIVED

Requests for Verification of Per Capita received are processed by the Justice Department. Due to the large volume of requests, this task will be returned to the Treasury Department beginning **February 1, 2018**.

Depending on how per cap is received, per capita advices or pay stubs are mailed by Treasury to each tribal member as payments are disbursed. The advices or pay stubs can be used as verification of per capita received and contain year-to-date information.

For reprints of per capita advices or pay stubs plus additional verification requests, Treasury will charge a \$5.00 fee similar to the fee charged for reprints of 1099's and W-2's.

A completed notarized form along with payments can be directed to the Treasury Department Front Desk. Per Capita Verification Request Forms are available in Treasury and will be posted on the Ho-Chunk Nation website. Thank you

Meeting Notice

Health Accreditation Board of
Directors Meeting

Friday, March 16, 2018
9:00 am

Eileen Decorah
Conference Classroom

Ho-Chunk Health Care Center
N 6520 Lumberjack Guy Rd
Black River Falls WI 54615

The Health Accreditation Board of Directors meeting is subject to the Open Meeting Act.
Public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Notice of HHCDA Monthly Meeting

Thurs., March 22, 2018
11:00 a.m.

Ho-Chunk Housing & Community Development
Agency
(HUD Housing)

HHCDA Commissioners Lee Brown Jr., Francis Decorah, Martin Littlewolf Jr., Leonard Walker, Gerald Cleveland, Cheri Byhre, Mike Goze, John Dall, and Lori Pettibone. Will meet on Thursday, March 22nd, 2018, at 11:00 a.m., at the HHCDA Office in Tomah (Corner of Monowau Street & Sime Avenue). Agenda items due by noon on March 14th, 2018 to the Board Secretary at 608-374-1245, extension 222. (Note: The Board of Commissioners are meeting at 11:00 a.m. for the months of January, February, and March)

Notice to Creditors of the estate of
Carol Mae Whitethunder:

You have 90 Days from the date of this fist publication of this notice to present your claim to the personal Representative.

Tina L. Brown, 114 South Red Pine Trail, Black River Falls, WI 54615. Only those claims so presented may be paid from the estate.

Wisconsin Judicare and the Columbia Law School present: The 2018 Indian Wills Caravan



Judicare staff and students from the Columbia Law School will be at the following locations to assist any tribal member who wants to draft a will, power of attorney, or other basic estate planning services at no cost.

Black River Falls, District 1 Community Center
N7160 Low Cloud Road, Black River Falls, Wisconsin 54615
March 13th, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Nekoosa, Ho-Chunk Gaming-Nekoosa Banquet Hall
949 County Road G, Nekoosa, Wisconsin 54457
March 14th, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

To schedule an appointment, call Wisconsin Judicare at (715) 842-1681 (tell the receptionist you want to schedule a will appointment for the caravan). Once you have scheduled an appointment, we will send you the materials we need to prepare the documents for you, so make sure you provide a mailing address, and make sure to make your appointment as soon as possible!

These services are free of charge to any enrolled Native American regardless of age or income. This event is intended to be by appointment, and while we will attempt to assist walk-in clients, we cannot guarantee services without an appointment. Appointments will be made on a first come, first serve basis.

NOTICE OF VACANCY

Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Aging Unit Elderly Advisory Board Member (1 vacancy)

District 1: Black River Falls Area

According to Ho-Chunk Tribal Aging Unit Advisory Board Establishment Act and Organization Act;

Terms: Board members shall serve for a three (3) year term and may serve more than one (1) term.

Term for Board Member will be from April 18, 2018 to September 10, 2018

Selection/Appointment: The members of the TAU Board shall be selected by the Elders from each of their respective Districts. Each District shall choose its member selection process.

The election will be held at the Black River Falls TAU meal site on April 9, 2018, from 7:30am-3pm

You may Contact TAU/BRF at 715-284-0811 for further information.

NOTICE OF VACANCY

Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Aging Unit Elderly Advisory

Board Member (1 vacancy)

District 2: Madison Area (Teejop)

According to Ho-Chunk Tribal Aging Unit (TAU) Advisory

Board Establishment Act and Organization Act;

Terms: Board members shall serve for a three (3) year term and may serve more than one (1) term.

Selection/Appointment: The members of the TAU Board shall be selected by the Elders from each of their respective Districts. Each District shall choose its member selection process.



Contact Annette Crowder, TAU Community Elder Representative at 608-576-1940 for further information

Ho-Chunk Housing & Community Development Agency (HUD)

BOARD VACANCY NOTICE

for

District 2 Commissioners

(1) Baraboo & Madison

(1) La Crosse

Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency Located at: 1102 & 1106 Monowau Street, Tomah, WI 54660

Term of Office: 4 years.

Regular meeting: Fourth Thursday of each month, unless otherwise specified

A Board member is nominated by the District, then confirmed by the Legislature.

Qualifications:

- (a) Possess housing, community development, and board experience
- (b) Expertise to carry out the duties of a Commissioner and collectively as a board
- (c) Ability to contribute to the Agency to achieve the goals established by the Agency's Charter
- (d) Possess the abilities to carry out duties as Commissioner of a Non-Profit Agency
- (e) Must be able to take Board & NAHASDA Essential Training within 1 year

Eligibility:

- (a) Must have proof of a valid driver's license and vehicle insurance
- (b) Board Member(s) shall not be an immediate relative of a Legislator, the President, or appointed staff of the President,
- (b) Board Member(s) may not participate or be counted in matters of personal interest
- (c) Shall not be a member of more than one other Board (2 maximum)
- (d) Tenant(s) of HHCDA are eligible to be a Board Member
- (e) Members and non-members of the Ho-Chunk Nation are eligible to be a Board Member

Responsibilities:

- (a) Board is responsible for following HUD (government) Regulations
- (b) Board is responsible for long range planning of the agency
- (c) Board is responsible for policy making
- (c) Board Member is responsible to act as a whole and to serve the community as a whole
- (d) Board Member is responsible to follow policies established by the Board
- (e) Board Member is responsible to know and follow Non-Profit Status of the Agency
- (f) Board Member is responsible to act in good faith and in the interest of the Agency
- (g) Board Member is responsible to report to their area quarterly
- (h) Board Member is responsible to attend board meetings

Contact Ho-Chunk Housing & Community Development Agency at (608) 374-1245
Applications available at HHCDA ext. 222

HO-CHUNK NATION

TRUST & INVESTMENT COMMITTEE VACANCY

The Ho-Chunk Nation's Trust & Investment Committee is currently seeking one (1) qualified candidate to serve as Committee members responsible for the oversight of the Nation's investments.

Eligibility for an interview: Must be an enrolled member of the Ho-Chunk Nation and have one or more of the following qualifications:

- ♦ Certified Public Accountant or Chartered Financial Analyst
- ♦ An Associate's or, preferably, a Bachelor's degree in accounting, business or finance
- ♦ Possess a Financial Professional Certification: CFP, CFS, CFC, CIC, CIMA, CMT, and PFS.
- ♦ At least three years proven experience managing investments as a fiduciary on another's behalf
- ♦ Must be able to obtain a financial bond

All potential Committee members shall undergo a credit check and criminal background check. Potential Committee members shall not be eligible for service if the criminal background check reveals a felony or any crime of dishonesty, including, but limited to, fraud, misrepresentation, theft, or deception in any form.

Qualified individuals must submit a letter of interest and extended resume by: April 27, 2018 to:



Ho-Chunk Nation
Treasury Department
Attn: Anthony Falcon, Investment Officer
PO Box 640
Black River Falls, WI 54615
anthony.falcon@ho-chunk.com

NOTICE AND RULES OF SECRETARIAL ELECTION

THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 2018



Notice is hereby served to all eligible voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation that the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board, in accordance with the Election Code 2 HCC § 6:

21. Constitutional Elections.

Constitutional and other Legal Requirements.

Article XIII of the Constitution provides: "Section 1. Requirements. This Constitution may be amended by a majority vote of the qualified voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation voting at an election called for that purpose by the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board, provided, that at least thirty (30) percent of those entitled to vote shall vote in such election. The Election Code (2 HCC § 6);

Article XIII of the Constitution provides:

"Section 2. Requests for a Secretarial Election. It shall be the duty of the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board to call and hold an election on any proposed amendment to this Constitution at the request of two thirds (2/3) of the entire Legislature, at the request of the General Council, or upon presentation of a petition signed by thirty (30) percent of the eligible voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation."

d. Requirements for General Council Request.

(1) In an instance of a Resolution passed by the General Council, the General Council will provide the Resolution to the Election Board. The Resolution will contain the full language of the proposed amendment, the name of any attorney consulted in drafting the amendment, a vote count showing the full number of voters at the General Council, and the tally of those in favor, opposing, abstaining, and not voted. Upon receipt the Election Board will verify that a majority of voters at the General Council voted for the Constitutional Amendment.

e. Secretarial Election Procedures.

(1) Upon certification of a request via petition under Section 21.b, or General Council under Section 21.d, the Attorney General will be given thirty (30) days in which to formulate an Attorney General's opinion as it relates to the constitutionality and legality of the proposed amendment. Once the Attorney General has formulated that opinion, it will be posted in the Nation's newsletter for two consecutive printings along with the text of the proposed Amendment.

(2) After the publication of the Attorney General opinion in Section 21.e.(1) the Election Board will then post notice at the Election Board office, the Nation's Newsletter, and on the Nation's social media as to the Secretarial Election(s). The notice will contain the following:

(a) The full text of any proposed Amendments and, if more than one, their Amendment Number using Arabic numerals (Amendment Number 1, Amendment Number 2, etc);
(b) The day when Ballots will be mailed;
(c) The day, time, and location of certification;

(d) The day of the Election when Ballots must be returned.

(3) All Secretarial Elections will be conducted within sixty (60) calendar days of the posting of the Notice of the Secretarial Election.

(4) All Secretarial Elections will be conducted by mail.

(5) The Election Board will mail out Ballots no later than twenty (20) calendar days before the Election.

(a) Each Ballot will be accompanied by a packet containing the language for each proposed amendment along with the amendment number, instructions, ballot, an outer envelope, ballot secrecy envelope, and return envelope.

(b) The Voter will mark the ballot and place it in the ballot secrecy envelope and seal it. The Voter will then place the ballot secrecy envelope inside the return envelope and seal it. The return envelope will be signed by the Voter as his or her name appears on the return envelope, then notarized, and he or she will then return it by United States Mail to the location designated by the Election Board pursuant to section 14.a.(2).

(a) The voter's signature must be notarized to be valid.

(c) The Board will verify that the returned envelope bears the signature of the voter and is notarized. If the envelope is not signed, the ballot will be rejected. The entire rejected ballot will be deposited unopened in a separate, secure box for invalid ballots. If the envelope is signed, the ballot will be deposited in the locked ballot box. For ballots placed in the locked ballot box, the Election Board will make a notation in the poll book, next to the Voter's name, that indicates that the Voter has returned his or her ballot.

(6) A voter may make a request to replace a lost ballot no later than ten (10) days before the Election. The Election Board will overnight the ballot. It will be the voter's responsibility to ensure the ballot is returned by the due date.

f. Counting Ballots and Results.

(1) The Election Board will meet and count the ballots by the third day after the election. When Tallying results, the Election Board will do the following:

(a) The Election Board will first compare the number of ballots collected against the total number of eligible voters as verified by the Office of Tribal Enrollment. If the number of ballots returned does not equal 30% of the eligible voters of the Nation, then the Amendment will be declared as rejected. In an

instance where thirty percent of the ballots is a fractional number, the Board will round up to the nearest whole number in determining the thirty percent threshold.

(b) If at least 30% of the eligible voters returned ballots, the Election Board will then count the ballots. If a majority of voters voted in favor of the Amendment, it will be declared adopted. If a majority of voters voted against the Amendment, it will be declared rejected.

g. Challenges to Results; Amendments.

(1) Challenges to the results of the Election may be made pursuant to Section 18 of this CODE.

(2) The Election Board is not responsible for the legality or constitutionality of any amendments. If a member believes that an adopted amendment is in violation of the CONSTITUTION, or applicable federal law such as the *Indian Civil Rights Act of 1968 25 USC Ch. 15*, such suit will be brought against the proponent of the Amendment, either the petitioner, Legislature, or General Council.

The following amendments will be on the ballot:

AMENDMENT 1

This amendment changes Article VI, Section 1(b) to read as follows:

The Executive Branch shall be composed of any administrative departments created by the Legislature, including a Department of Treasury, Justice, Administration, Housing, Business, Health, Social Services, Education, Labor, Natural Resources, Agriculture, and other Departments deemed necessary by the Legislature. Each Department shall include an Executive Director, a Board of Directors and necessary employees.

AMENDMENT 2

This amendment creates Article X, Section 2 to read as follows:

(a) The Ho-Chunk Nation, in exercising its powers of self-government, shall:

(1) Give legal standing to nature. This legal standing will enable legal structures that protect conditions necessary for the thriving of all living plants, animals and the environment in which all living entities and organisms reside. Provide legal protections to promote, protect, maintain and aid in the regeneration of natural life cycles, structure, and function.
(2) All Ho-Chunk people can call upon Elected and Appointed Officials to enforce the rights of nature under the following principles:

(i) Nature has the right to be restored. This restoration shall be separate and apart from the obligation of the Nation and natural persons or legal entities to compensate individuals and communities that depend on affected natural systems.
(ii) In those cases of severe or permanent environmental impact, including those caused by the exploitation of nonrenewable natural resources, the Nation shall establish the most effective mechanisms to achieve the restoration and shall adopt adequate measures to eliminate or mitigate harmful environmental consequences.

(iii) The Nation shall apply preventive and restrictive measures on activities that might lead to the pollution of air, water and soil, affect the abundance of surface and groundwater, destroy Ho-Chunk food and medicine plants, decrease habitat for important Ho-Chunk plant and animal communities, cause the extinction of species, lead to the destruction of ecosystems and the permanent alteration of natural cycles.

(iv) People shall have the right to benefit from the environment and the natural wealth enabling them to enjoy the good way of living.

(v) The Nation shall give incentives to natural persons and legal entities and to communities to protect nature and to promote respect for all the elements comprising an ecosystem.

(vi) The Nation shall apply preventive and restrictive measures on activities that might lead to the extinction of species, the destruction of ecosystems and the permanent alteration of natural cycles.

(vii) The introduction of organisms and organic and inorganic material that might definitively alter the nation's genetic assets is forbidden.

(viii) Persons, communities, and people shall have the right to benefit from the environment and the natural wealth enabling them to enjoy the good way of living.

(ix) Environmental services shall not be subject to appropriation; their production, delivery, use and development shall be regulated by the Nation.

ELIGIBLE VOTERS:

Any enrolled member of the Ho-Chunk Nation who is at least eighteen (18) years old and who has resided in their respective district for at least three (3) months. *See Election Code Sec. 11 (a) (6).*

ELIGIBILITY DISPUTES:

Any individual whose name does not appear on the eligible voters list can claim the right to vote by presenting a written challenge to the Election Board. Any eligible voter may challenge the eligibility of an individual's name appearing on the eligible voters list by presenting a written challenge to the Election Board.

The Election Board shall rule on all written challenges to the list of eligible voters immediately after the close of the challenge period.

Section 11. c. ii.

(Deadline Friday, March 26, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.)

Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board
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NOTE THAT FEDEX and UPS NEXT DAY AIR DOES NOT DELIVER IN BLACK RIVER FALLS ON SATURDAYS.

POSTING ELECTION RESULTS:

The Election Board shall certify and post the official election results within three (3) days after the date of election.

CONTESTING OF ELECTION RESULTS:

Any member of the Ho-Chunk Nation may challenge the results of any election results within ten (10) days after the Election Board certifies the results. The Trial Court shall hear and decide a challenge to any election within twenty (20) days after the challenge is filed in the Trial Court.

SECRETARIAL ELECTION

Thursday, April 5, 2018

POST NOTICE OF ELECTION

Monday, February 5, 2018

POST ELIGIBLE VOTERS LIST

Tuesday, March 6, 2018

**CHALLENGES TO THE
ELIGIBLE VOTERS LIST
MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR
TO 4:00 P.M.**

Friday, March 16, 2018

BALLOTS WILL BE MAILED

Friday, March 16, 2018

**LAST DAY TO REQUEST
REPLACEMENT BALLOT**

4:00 P.M.

Monday, March 26, 2018

**ALL MAIL BALLOTS DUE TO
THE DESIGNATED ELECTION
BOARD POST OFFICE BOX**

BY 4:00 P.M.

Thursday, April 5, 2018

POSTED 2/05/2018