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Editor

Like many other departments and divisions within the Ho-Chunk Nation, the Hocak Worak experienced financial hindrances resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Multiple Hocak Worak staff moved to a temporary layoff status in April. Proposed budgets befall rejection with requests to reduce spending amounts.

The newest approved 60-day budget resulted in a reduced number of pages published. Before the new budget year, the Hocak Worak published 16 pages. Now the Hocak Worak publishes 12 pages.

While reviewing this first 12-page issue, take note of the limited space available. Priority will go to paid advertisements, meeting minutes, Enrollment Eligibility Lists, legal notices, news, and Ho-Chunk Nation department or program updates.

The Hocak Worak staff have not yet returned from the layoff. Advanced notice of events or requests for event coverage is appreciated.

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No August Per Cap

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On July 7, 2020 there was a regular meeting of the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature at the Tribal Executive Offices near Black River Falls. A resolution regarding Per-Capita Declaration for August 1, 2020 was on the agenda. Those listening via Webex heard the resolution did not pass.

The Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Branch started utilizing Webex in recent months. Webex is a web conferencing or videoconferencing application. It aids working remotely and working securely. Individuals join a Webex meeting by

video or phone. A link or phone number is provided, along with a meeting number and access code. The Legislative office typically announces and sends this information to the Executive Legislative Information Officer prior to the meeting starting.

Those joining the meeting are requested to mute their microphones because background noise makes the meeting nearly impossible to continue at times. The host of the meeting has the capability of expelling individuals who do not comply.

Another capability of Webex is to move the meeting into another room. This

typically happens when the Legislature moves into executive session.

The regular meeting went into executive session before the Per-Capita Declaration for August 1, 2020 came up. The Legislature moved to open session again at 5:48 PM.

The Legislature looked at the revenue since the coronavirus has started to close our casinos and current revenue projections. The Nation's casinos had been closed for over three months and it severely impacted revenues. In facing the unprecedented threat, the Legislature had to con-
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Want something special placed in the Hocak Worak? Limited space is available so send your request in early. Submissions will be handled on a first come first serve basis.

A Letter from the President

Coronavirus is now on the rise and across the U.S. we're seeing many states tighten restrictions as hospitals reach capacity. Health professionals warn that low death rate should not give Americans reason to feel safe during the pandemic.

Now that our casino doors are open, we must stay vigilant with how we adhere to health and safety measures. This will decrease our chances of having to close our doors again.

Our goal is to resume full operations when we can ensure our employees and customers' safety, and our financial situation can support increased payroll expenses.

We have not entered the new fiscal year, but are operating on a 60-day continuation budget of FY 2019-2020 annual budgets. Legislature did hold budget hearings for each branch's FY 2020-2021 annual budgets but didn't vote to approve any of them.

The Executive branch stands ready to propose higher or lower annual budgets based on Legislative spending caps.

The Nation did receive CARES Relief Funding from the U.S. Treasury Department. These funds came with some restrictions.

It cannot be used to fund per capita payments. It can't

be used to replace lost revenue. It can't be used to fund governmentally budgeted expenses.

Essentially, these funds are to be used to navigate the impact of COVID-19.

If we don't spend it by December 30, 2020, we have to send it back.

These funds are subject to audits and we could incur penalties and interest on the full amount based on audit findings.

Executive Directors and my office met to prioritize and strategize on how and what we can propose in terms of departmental response to the pandemic and its impact to deploy the funds.

The departments were tasked with getting creative in their response and how to resume certain functions and introduce new programs.

The CARES Relief Funding can supplement our annual operating budget but cannot be used in place of it.

The Nation experienced no gaming revenue for nearly an entire quarter of the fiscal year and it caused layoffs of roughly 70 percent of our work force.

My take away from the financial impact of the pandemic, and hearing for years, decades that we want to diversify, is that we must diversify.

It's time to create and build our tribal economy.

With our CARES Relief Funding, we could build up our tribal infrastructure. It's a perfect time to fund broadband to our tribal communities.

We could fund a tribal radio or television station to get information out to our various communities.

Housing has a proposal to fund a tiny house project to address our housing needs.

Natural resources has a proposal to introduce agribusiness.

All of these proposal would create new jobs and build our economy.

At the Governor's Conference on Economic Development, one presenter stated that a dollar circulates in a black community for six hours. That's a pretty short time-frame.

They continued reporting a dollar circulates in a white community for 17 days, in a Jewish community for 20 days, and for 30 days in an Asian community.

I wonder how long a dollar circulates in a Ho-Chunk community?

Many tribal members pay mortgages or rental to a tribal entity. We can purchase gas, cigarettes, and other items at Whitetail Crossing c-stores.

We gamble at our casinos, but the majority of our money leaves our communities almost instantly.

That's something we should work on developing.

In my personal travel to a museum, I read something to the effect that societies grow when they build their homes, hotels, and financial houses.

Thinking of the Nation, we don't have a tribal bank. We had a credit union. We have a community development financial institution, First Nations Community Financial.

We could say our casinos act as our financial houses. We withdraw to fund our per capita and tribal government. We and others deposit when gambling at the casinos.

I'd say we have some growing to do.

How do you see us best spending our CARES Relief Funding?

I see it as an opportunity to fund projects to diversify and support our tribal economy, versus spending it on the outside.

We do have a choice.



Ho-Chunk Nation President Marlon WhiteEagle meets Republican candidate for Wisconsin's Third Congressional District Jessi Ebben during the Memorial Day observance at the Andrew Blackhawk Memorial Powwow Grounds.



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Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg Reopening: A Triumph!

Wittenberg, WI – On Monday, June 29, 2020, after 14 weeks of being closed, Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg anxiously reopened the facility doors; with new health and safety standards to help reduce the risk of the spread of COVID-19 to both customers and employees.

As 8am fast-approached, team huddles were taking place inside the facility to go over any last-minute details awaiting guests to enter. Just before 8am, Executive Manager, Fletcher Collins welcomed a line of enthusiastic guests eager to enter the doors to begin playing the machines they have missed; greeted by the top halves of employee's smiling faces and a display of balloon arches.

Customers showed their anticipation by going live on their personal Facebooks with some shouting, "If you're not first, you're last". Throughout the morning, live remotes took place from three Wausau stations including WIFC, WOZZ and WDEZ. Broadcasters from these stations were enthused by the excitement some guests showed, including one of their own, who is a regular Ho-Chunk Gaming guest.

Varieties of new measures have been adapted into becoming the norm of the new casino culture. Upon entering the facility, guests are required to sanitize hands prior, wear a facemask or shield and pass a temperature check of under 100°. Social distancing markers have been placed on the gaming floor along with additional hand sanitation stations in high traffic areas. We also offer complimentary drinks by Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg staff to avoid unsanitary self-serve beverage stations. Another extreme measure that has been implemented across the six Ho-Chunk Gaming facilities is a 100% smoke-free facility with a designated smoking area outside. We have also secured the services of ODM Madison to apply Zoono Microbe Shield; a surface sanitizer lasting up to 30 days.

Ho-Chunk Gaming is now open for to the public! Hours are as follows: Sunday-Thursday from 8am-Midnight, and Friday and Saturday from 8am-2am. Stop on by for your favorite gaming experience!

Hotel and Food and Beverage options will be available at a later date.

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Greendeer-Rave no longer serving as Attorney General

July 7, 2020

Ho-Chunk Nation President Marlon WhiteEagle today regrets to announce that Michelle Greendeer-Rave will no longer be serving as Ho-Chunk Nation Attorney General for the Department of Justice.

Michelle Greendeer-Rave has served as executive director since July 9, 2019 having been appointed by President WhiteEagle shortly after his inauguration.

"Michelle was willing to accept the Attorney General roles and she has been for many years a great service to the Ho-Chunk Nation," President WhiteEagle said. "I wish her the best as she will remain employed within the Department of Justice."

President WhiteEagle said a successor will be announced soon for the Department of Justice Attorney General position.



The HCN Legislature initiated an emergency relief program called COFA (CARES Other Financial Assistance) to assist tribal members that are impacted by the coronavirus pandemic.

This program is designed to meet critical needs of tribal members. This is NOT a per capita distribution. Tribal members will be required to submit an application to determine eligibility. Applications may be submitted online, passed through representatives, or to Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Treasury.

Once an application is approved, the treasury will be able to disburse those funds in the same manner as other payments from the Ho-Chunk Nation.

Dr. Marcus Lewis named director of the Mercile J. Lee Scholars Program

By Madison365 staff - Jul 7, 2020

Dr. Marcus Lewis has been selected as the new director of the Mercile J. Lee Scholars Program.

"I am thrilled to join UW-Madison's team as the new Mercile J. Lee Scholars director. Our Scholars are some of UW's best and brightest students," Lewis told UW news. "I want to make a positive difference in the lives of the Chancellor's and Powers-Knapp Scholars and appreciate the program's focus on student mentorship for under-represented populations and the infusion of much-needed support services that not only help students succeed, but thrive."

The Mercile J. Lee Scholars Program administers two of the university's longest-running scholarships: the Chancellor's Scholarship, which was established in 1984, and the Powers-Knapp Scholarship, which was established in 1989. The Chancellor's and Powers-Knapp Scholarship Program was renamed the Mercile J. Lee Scholars Program in 2018 in honor of the late founder of the schol-

arships, who retired in 2013 as assistant vice chancellor for academic affairs and died in the fall of 2018 at age 87.

Most recently, Lewis, who earned his doctorate of education from the University of Wisconsin-Stout, was the higher education director at the Ho-Chunk Nation Education Department where he designed a successful work-based learning internship program and increased the annual college graduation rate by 250 percent.

"Dr. Lewis' significant experience working with under-represented, non-traditional students and work in student affairs leadership makes him the perfect person for this role," says Dr. Cheryl Gittens, incoming interim UW-Madison Deputy Vice Chancellor for Diversity & Inclusion, in a statement. "With the leadership of Dr. Lewis, we'll celebrate the legacy of Mercile J. Lee while continuing to take the program in new directions to equip scholars for successes at UW-Madison and beyond."

Lewis begins his new role on August 3.



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sider revenue shortfalls under the tribe's revenue allocation plan. Another possible motivation for the action of the Legislature was to save as much as possible due to the potential for another shutdown.

This resulted in the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature initiating an emergency relief program called CARES Act Emergency Relief Assistance to Tribal Members. The program is intended to assist adult tribal members that are impacted by the coronavirus

pandemic.

The Emergency Relief Assistance is not a per cap. The federal CARES Act funds this program. Tribal members must submit an application to the Ho-Chunk Nation Treasury Department in order to receive assistance.

Applications for CARES Emergency Relief Assistance Program will be made available at the Area Meetings and online. Like and follow the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Branch or Hocak Worak pages for updates.

Attention: The Next Deadline of the Hocak Worak will be July 17th which will be published on July 24th. Please contact Hocak Worak at newsletter@ho-chunk.com if you have a change of address or would like to be placed on the mailing list.

HHCDA COVID-19 Update

First and foremost, here at HHcDA the safety and well-being of both our tenants and employees are of significant importance. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic we have updated a few of our guidelines, all of which are listed below.

To All HHcDA Tenants:

- The HHcDA office is closed
- If you need to contact a staff member please feel free to call or email
- Any and all HHcDA community buildings will not be rented out for events (the only exception to this is for wakes and funerals)
- Maintenance will only be responding to emergency work orders
- The only employees to be dispatched are those that do not exhibit any cold or flu symptoms
- Staff will not enter a unit if any household members of that unit are ill (you will be asked this when you call)
- Maintenance contacts:

Romona Manning	608-374-1245 ext. 8815 or 608-387-5153
Black River Falls – Dennis Boyle	608-343-1215
Tomah/Nekoosa/De Pere – Christian Bird	608-343-0515
Onalaska/West Salem – Christian Bird	608-343-0515
Wittenberg – Todd Zaddack	715-853-1746
Wisconsin Dells/Baraboo – John Emery	608-343-0714
Madison – Larry Alton	608-357-0026
Operations Director – Raven Rosin	608-343-0664

Please be clear and honest that all household members are free of illness when calling in for emergency work orders

- HHcDA will not be applying late fees for April rent not yet received by HHcDA (this is in accordance with the HHcDA Board's Resolution)
- If your hours have been reduced, you have been laid off, or any change in income, please provide Notice of reduction in hours, Layoff and/or your unemployment documentation if applicable, to HHcDA Tenant Services Department for recalculation of rent amount
- Tenant Services:
Elaina.Daugherty@ho-chunk.com
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Program Applications

In response to those affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, HHcDA has provided a few programs. If any of these programs corresponds with your current needs please review the policy, fill out the application, and provide all required documents:

- Covid-19 Rental Assistance Policy and Application

This application can either be emailed to Raven.Rosin@ho-chunk.com, mailed to P.O. Box 730 Tomah, WI 54660, or faxed to 608-374-1251

- Covid-19 Emergency Utility Loan Policy and Application
- Mortgage Assistance Application
- Utility Grant Assistance Application

The 3 applications above can either be emailed to Terri.Schilke@ho-chunk.com, mailed to P.O. Box 730 Tomah, WI 54660, or faxed to 608-374-1251

Using HCN courier delivery for any of the applications above will also work.

Please be sure to keep checking www.hhcda.com for new program releases in regards to our response to COVID-19.



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Census Takers to Start Follow Up with Nonresponding Households in Limited Areas in July

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JULY 1, 2020 – Today, the U.S. Census Bureau announced that it will begin following up with households that have not yet responded to the 2020 Census in a small number of locations in July. Based on the current self-response rate of 61.8%, the Census Bureau estimates it will need to visit approximately 56 million addresses to collect responses in person. Because of the scale of this operation, the Census Bureau will begin the work in a few areas before operations begin in earnest across the country.

Starting July 16, census takers will begin interviewing households that have yet to respond to the 2020 Census in areas managed by the following area census offices:

- Beckley, West Virginia
- Boise, Idaho
- Gardiner, Maine
- Kansas City, Missouri
- New Orleans, Louisiana
- Oklahoma County, Oklahoma

Between July 1 and 2, several Census Field Supervisors will make contact with about 80 households in a limited geography - within the Boise ACO and Nashville ACO - to ensure readiness of systems and processes for the soft launch which is scheduled for July 16.

In subsequent weeks the Census Bureau will announce additional census offices as it prepares to begin enumera-

tion activities nationwide. The majority of census offices across the country will begin follow-up work on August 11. All offices will conclude work no later than October 31.

Households can still respond now by completing and mailing back the paper questionnaire they received, responding online at 2020census.gov or by phone at 844-330-2020. Households can also respond online or by phone in one of 13 languages and find assistance in many more. Those that respond will not need to be visited to obtain their census response.

What Households Can Expect

Census takers will follow local public health guidelines when they visit. If masks are required in the area, census takers will wear them. Census takers must complete a virtual COVID-19 training on social distancing protocols and other health and safety guidance before beginning their work in neighborhoods.

Census takers are hired from local communities. All census takers speak English, and many are bilingual. If a census taker does not speak the householder's language, the household may request a return visit from a census taker who does. Census takers will also have materials on hand to help identify the household's language.

If no one is home when the census taker visits, the census taker will leave a notice of their visit with information

about how to respond online, by phone or by mail. People are encouraged to cooperate with census takers and ensure that everyone who was living in their household as of April 1, 2020, is counted.

How to Identify Census Takers

Census takers can be easily identified by a valid government ID badge with their photograph, a U.S. Department of Commerce watermark, and an expiration date on the badge. To confirm a census taker's identity, the public may contact their regional census center to speak with a Census Bureau representative.

How Are These Offices Selected for the Early Start to Deploying Census Takers?

Career Census Bureau operational leadership makes the decision on when and where area census offices will begin following up with households that have not yet responded to the 2020 Census. As part of the selection criteria, we ensured these offices offered a variety of situations to help roll out the systems. We also followed a thorough review of the operating status of a state, locality or tribal area; the key data that support that operating status as identified by federal, state and local guidance; and the ability of Census Bureau staff to safely resume operations, including the procurement of personal protective equipment.

About the 2020 Census

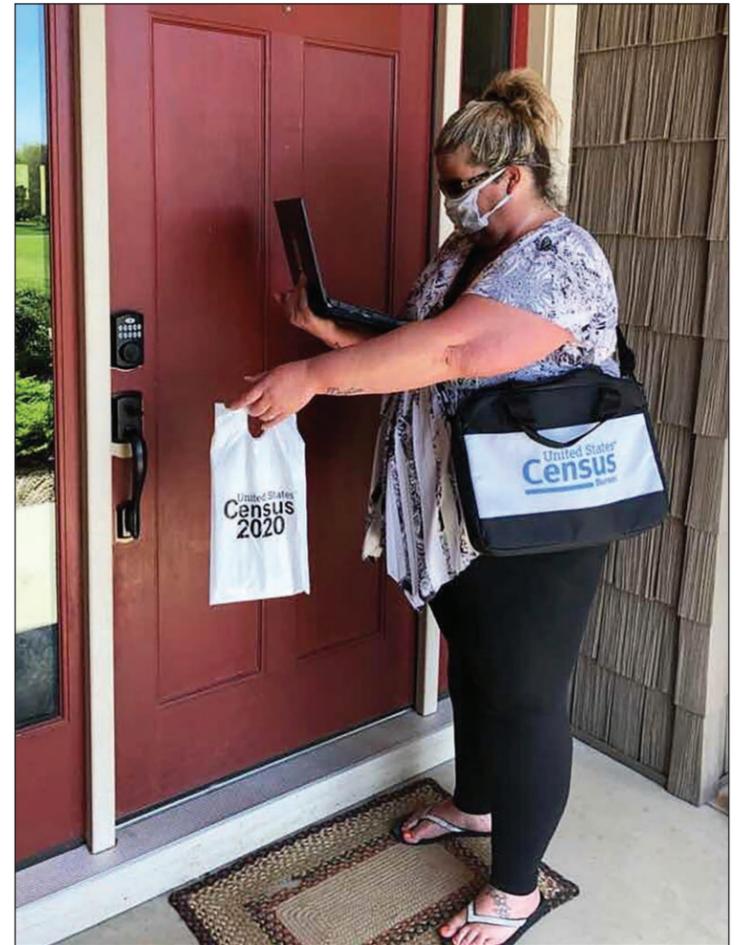
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dates a census of the population every 10 years. The goal of the 2020 Census is to count everyone who lives in the United States on April 1, 2020 (Census Day). Census statistics are used to determine the number of seats each state holds in the U.S. House of Representatives and informs

how billions of dollars in federal funds will be allocated by state, local, and federal lawmakers annually for the next 10 years.

For more information, visit 2020census.gov.

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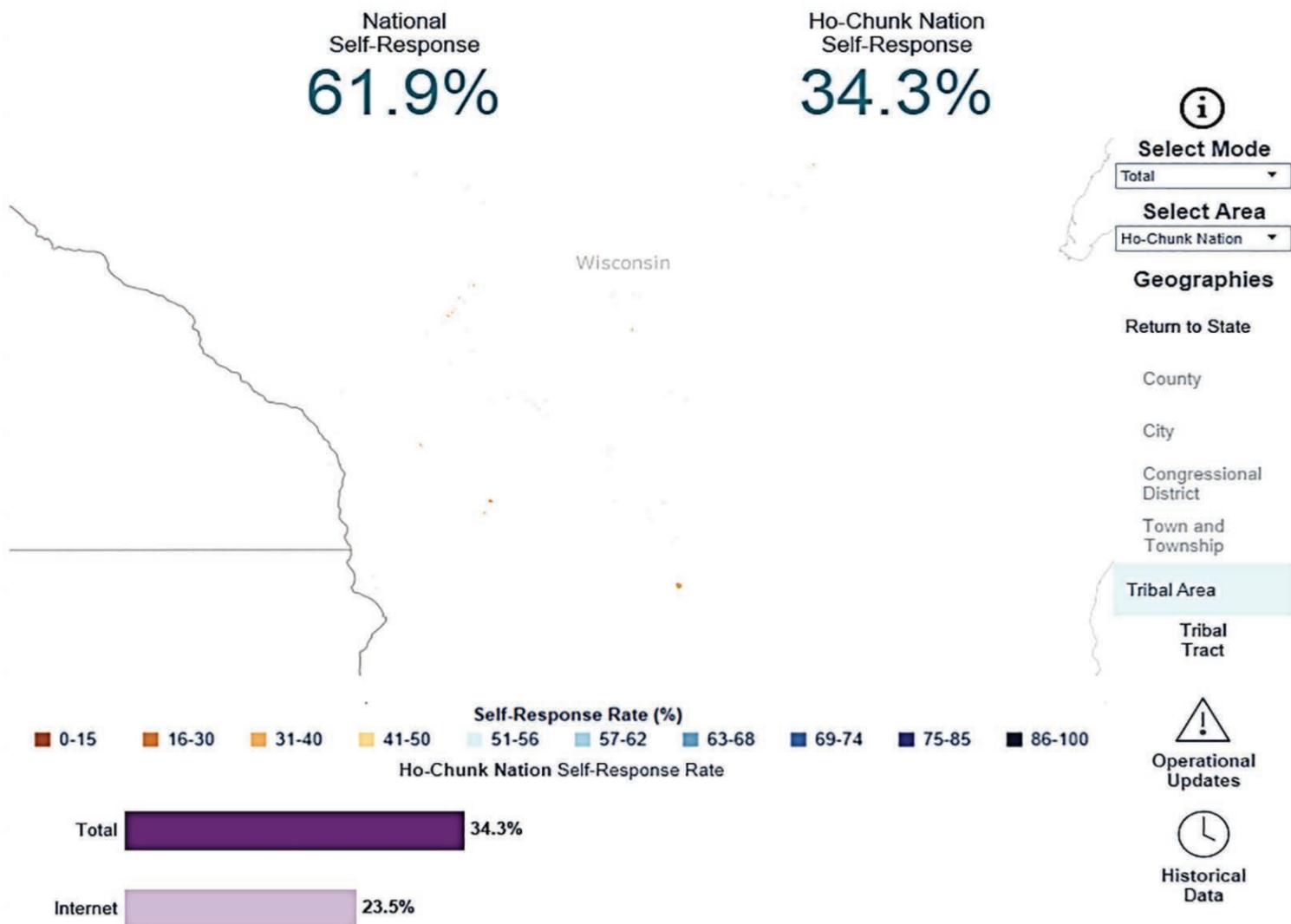


Census Bureau staff will follow local health official guidance when wearing Protective Personal Equipment.

Self-Response by Tribal Area

This map features self-response rates from households that responded to the 2020 Census online, by mail, or by phone. Rates can be viewed in [rankings here](#).

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Waxopini Pii visits the Tribal Office Building

Submitted by

Michelle Greendeer-Rave

The Otoe-Missouria Tribe transported and gifted this special horse to the Ho-Chunk Nation at the Labor Day Pow-Wow in September of 2018.

At the Memorial Day Pow-Wow in May of 2019, President Wilfrid Cleveland named him Waxopini Pii (Good Spirit).

Sweetgrass Stables, LLC has provided loving care the Waxopini Pii and he is now being carefully broke to ride as he has reached a mature age.

Waxopini Pii is the horse for the People of the Ho-Chunk Nation and he has attended all of the Ho-Chunk Nation Powwows in Black River Falls, where he stays to serve as a symbol of healing by and between our long-lost relatives of the Otoe-Missouria Nation of Oklahoma.

Sweetgrass Stables is a minority owned and disabled-veteran owned business owned and operated by Ho-Chunk Nation tribal members exclusively.



Waxopini Pii (Good Spirit) recently broke out by Memphis Cleveland. Photos by Hocak Worak.



The gift horse of the Otoe-Missouria Nation to the Ho-Chunk Nation visited the TOB. A painting was also gifted to display inside the building.

HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE REGULAR MEETING TRIBAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES

BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI
JUNE 23, 2020

Before the meeting was called to order, Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. stated that Oneida Nation donated PPE for the Ho-Chunk Nation's veterans. Rep. Walker delivered the PPE to Office of the President this morning. The Ho-Chunk Nation thanks Oneida Nation for the generous donation.

Call to Order: President Marlon White Eagle called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Roll Call:

President Marlon White Eagle-P
Vice President Karena Thundercloud-P
Rep. George Stacy-P (10:11 a.m.)
Rep. Hinu Smith-P
Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr.-VC
Rep. Stephanie Begay-P
Rep. Kristin White Eagle-VC
Rep. Darren Brinegar-VC
Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr.-P
Rep. Sarah Lemieux-VC
Rep. Matthew Mullen-VC
Rep. Robert TwoBears-VC
Rep. Paul Fox-P
Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit-P

VC-Video Conference

Determination of Quorum:

Quorum is established at 10:07 a.m.

Opening Prayer: President Marlon White Eagle offered a word of prayer.

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Legislative Meeting-June 9, 2020

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to approve the June 9, 2020 Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 12-0-1(Rep. George Stacy) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Special Finance Meeting-June 11, 2020

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to approve the June 11, 2020 Special Finance Committee Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Special Finance Meeting-June 15, 2020

MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to approve the June 15, 2020 Special Finance Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-1(Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr.) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Continuing Resolution for Annual Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budgets

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to adopt Resolution-Continuing Resolution for Annual Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budgets. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to TABLE until end of session today. Second concurs. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Legislative Counsel Michael Murphy stated that the numbers within the Resolution for the enterprises, non-gaming enterprises and the Nation's Health Care Center are not included, as the Legislative Budget Analyst is still compiling those numbers. The specifics are attached in a budgetary spreadsheet. Legislative Counsel mentioned that the Legislature has 15 days from

the last Finance Committee meeting, in order to adopt this resolution, which is June 30, 2020.

Resolution-Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Appropriations and Budget Process Act

Legislative Counsel expressed how the COVID-19 pandemic has affected the budget process. The revenues are uncertain at this point. As the previous agenda item stated, the Legislature is considering a continuing resolution for the annual budgets for Fiscal Year 2020-21 budget. Currently, the Appropriations and Budget Process Act allows for one continuing resolution. The proposed amendment would allow for more than one continuing resolution. This will provide the Finance Committee and the Legislature flexibility during uncertain times, like this.

The President asked the Department of Justice if they received this resolution. Attorney Amanda White Eagle replied that they did not receive this resolution. The President then stated that the branches of government try to work together and cooperatively, but when the Department of Justice does not get the resolutions, it shows action to the contrary.

Legislative Counsel stated that the Legislature does not receive things from the Department of Justice, or other departments, when they are proposing agenda items for the Legislative Agenda, either.

This resolution was sent to the Executive Branch through the electronic Legislative Meeting packet, which was sent Monday, June 22 at 3:01 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt *Resolution 06-23-20 A*, Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Appropriations and Budget Process Act. Second by Vice

President Karena Thundercloud. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Unfinished Business:

COVID-19 Executive Branch Update

Department of Health

Executive Director of Health Kiana Beaudin was available via Webex. Ms. Beaudin submitted a written report. The Department of Health has secured secondary jurisdiction in WEDSS for Sauk, Jackson, Shawano and Menominee counties. Mobile testing for casino employees and Tribal members has been going well. Last week, the Department of Health paired testing with the food distribution in Tomah and the turnout was great. The Department of Health plans to continue mobile testing in the outlying areas once per month. Tests can be accessed at both of the Ho-Chunk Clinics by appointment every day. Ho-Chunk Health Care Center currently has a rapid analyzer (results within 15 minutes), and one has been ordered for the House of Wellness.

Rep. Begay asked when Tribal members will receive their results from the COVID-19 testing in Tomah last Friday. Ms. Beaudin will look into this, and respond back to Rep. Begay.

Rep. Paul Fox mentioned that he would like to see the area meetings start back up again, and asked Ms. Beaudin if the Health Department could supply masks, hand sanitizer, gloves, and asked for Ms. Beaudin's opinion on holding area meetings. Ms. Beaudin advised for all participants of the area meetings to wear masks and social distance. In partnership with emergency management, masks have been distributed with the food distribution on Fridays.

Rep. Kristin White Eagle inquired with Ms. Beaudin that

if special accommodations will be made for those employees, who have underlying health conditions, when they are called back to work. Ms. Beaudin replied that those employees can self-identify as having underlying conditions. Ms. Beaudin is trying to work with the Executive Director of Personnel on this, but there were barriers to that. Ms. Beaudin also mentioned that some employees have come into the clinic requesting a note from their doctor to be exempt from wearing a mask while at work. Ms. Beaudin stated that Public Health supersedes, therefore, no notes will be given as an exemption from wearing a mask.

Rep. White Eagle mentioned that if an employee would be exempt from guidelines, they would have to go under an ADA exemption. Ms. Beaudin stated that she agrees, and special accommodations would have to be made for those individuals.

Office of the President

Nathaniel Longtail, Executive Compliance Officer, stated that there are 15 confirmed COVID-19 cases within the Ho-Chunk Nation jurisdiction. Right now, there are 25,068 positive COVID-19 cases in Wisconsin, but only 4,000 of those cases that are still active. Office of the President, along with volunteers from various departments, filled 1,777 bottles of hand sanitizer. The hand sanitizer will be distributed to tribal members.

Amanda Richmond, Emergency Management Incident Command, stated that she is still working a plan for distribution of face masks. Ms. Richmond stated that she has masks available for Legislators to pick-up today to distribute within their area. She is also working on getting more masks in, and the goal is that members and employees will have a couple of masks each.

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Ms. Richmond additionally mentioned that the Department of Labor will be onsite for the casino re-openings next Monday.

Department of Business

Scott Maracek, Business Analyst stated that Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls, Wisconsin Dells and Wittenberg will be opening June 29, 2020. There will be a final walk-through with the Department of Labor and the Gaming Commission. All three gaming facilities are ready for opening. Mr. Maracek shared revenue numbers from Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison. For the week ending June 20, 2020, Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison seen an increase of 45% in top line revenue.

Rep. Robert TwoBears requested Mr. Maracek's report in written format. Mr. Maracek will share that written report with the Legislature.

It was asked if the Department of Business is requiring all C-Store employees to wear masks. Mr. Maracek replied that yes, all C-Store employees are required to wear masks, and to use hand sanitizer frequently. Department of Business is also looking into putting in hand washing stations at the C-Stores.

Rep. White Eagle mentioned that the Legislature is still waiting on the Treasurer's numbers regarding the enterprises, so she appreciates Mr. Maracek's report. The Legislature needs to know what the bottom line is, and what type of return the Nation is seeing. Rep. White Eagle inquired about the Spectra separation, and getting those employees back working for the Nation. Interim Executive Director of Business Andrea Estebo stated that the termination of the Spectra contract occurred before she became the new Interim EDOB. She is working on bringing back those employees. She also understands that bridge service credit is a concern, and is working on that issue. Interim EDOB Estebo also stated that she understands the importance of the Legislature getting the financials of the enterprises.

Rep. Brinegar asked if each gaming facility has a stock of face masks, as masks are a requirement for each gaming facility. Mr. Maracek stated that each gaming facility is stocked up on masks, and that masks are provided free of charge to patrons. It was stated that Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa was not providing face masks to patrons. Interim EDOB Estebo stated that she will follow-up on this.

Office of General Council

Cari Fay was available via Webex. She is working with the President on picking another date for the annual General Council meeting. The President will be sending out a survey to the Tribal membership to get their thoughts on the annual meeting and the

possibility of holding a virtual meeting. Ms. Fay also mentioned that she will be setting up a meeting with the Election Board regarding a vote going out in the mail on holding a virtual meeting. Ms. Fay hopes the funding for the annual meeting could come from the COVID-19 relief funds, as the General Council Branch is performing tasks in a different manner than past precedence. She also mentioned that she will be positing the position of General Council Secretary. Ms. Fay is currently working from home during the State of Emergency.

Rep. White Eagle inquired about the volunteers from each area for the General Council Planning Committee, and if they have met. Ms. Fay replied that they have had one meeting, and only two volunteers showed up.

Illinois Gaming

No update.

Resolution-Quick Passage Procedure to Enact Ho-Chunk Nation Isolation and Quarantine of Communicable Diseases

Rep. Hinu Smith stated that she is waiting to hear back from Legislative Counsel. Legislative Counsel mentioned that there has been some internal discussion regarding this new law, however, it is not ready for adoption today. He will work on finalizing language for next session.

MOTION by Rep. Hinu Smith to TABLE Quick Passage Procedure to Enact Ho-Chunk Nation Isolation and Quarantine of Communicable Diseases to next Session. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. White Eagle would like it noted that this agenda item has been on the Legislative Agenda since April 15, 2020.

Follow-up to Resolution-Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Ho-Chunk Nation Employment Relations Act (6 HCC § 5) RE: Annual Leave Payout

This proposed amendment to the ERA was drafted by the Executive Director of Personnel, Kimberly Lonetree. The amendment states that "All annual leave an employee acquires during a fiscal year shall be used during that accrued year with an allowable eighty (80) hours of carry over to the next fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020."

Rep. Brinegar expressed his concern with this proposed amendment, as gaming staff is sometimes denied annual leave due to staffing shortages.

Department of Justice Attorney Wendy Huling stated that they were looking into ways where there would be no cost to the Nation.

The discussion then turned to the payout of annual leave. Jim Lambert, Human Resource Manager, stated that when an employee goes from

temporary to permanent lay-off, they will be paid out their annual leave. It was asked if the Nation will be deducting any debt to the Nation from the annual leave payout. Mr. Lambert replied yes, that there will be deductions, and gave the example of health insurance costs, although the Treasury Department is looking into seeing if the CARES Act funds can be used to cover the cost of employee health insurance costs.

The Treasurer stated that she is working on this, and what the big picture looks like for the cost of health insurance, but will not have the information ready by the end of today.

Executive Director of Personnel Lonetree stated that if this resolution is not passed, annual leave payouts will still occur.

MOTION by Rep. Hinu Smith to DENY Resolution-Resolution-Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Ho-Chunk Nation Employment Relations Act (6 HCC § 5). Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

District 4 Formerly District 5 Restricted Account Status

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to TABLE District 4 Formerly District 5 Restricted Account Status. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Gaming Licenses and Gaming Commission Update

Gaming Commission Chairperson Angie Liazuk mentioned that she has a couple months before her term is expired, and Commissioner Bird's last day will be June 30, 2020. Those Gaming Commission positions have been posted.

Gaming Commission Vice Chair Samantha Thaler over-viewed her written report with the Legislature.

Minors Trust Fund Communication

Rep. White Eagle stated that this agenda item continues to be on the agenda so the Legislature can get updates. Rep. White Eagle further stated that the Treasurer is involved in monitoring the minors trust funds, and the Treasurer chairs the Trust and Investment Committee. The Treasurer was unavailable to address this agenda item.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to TABLE Minors Trust Fund Communication. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Suspension of New Home Ownership Program Mortgages and Grants and New Elder Mortgage Suspensions

Rep. Hinu Smith stated that this resolution would temporarily halt the suspensions of HOP mortgages. It does not

change anything; it simply puts a two month pause on suspensions. Within the resolution, Department of Housing is requested to come back with a more sustainable plan on how to move forward with the suspensions.

MOTION by Rep. Hinu Smith to adopt Resolution-Suspension of New Home Ownership Program Mortgages and Grants and New Elder Mortgage Suspensions. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 4-8(Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit, Rep. George Stacy, Rep. Stephanie Begay, Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr., Rep. Kristin White Eagle, Rep. Darren Brinegar, Rep. Matt Mullen, Rep. Robert TwoBears)-1(Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr.) **MOTION DEFEATED.**

Hazard Pay

Rep. Smith mentioned that a report was provided by the Executive Director of Personnel, however she is still waiting for information from the Department of Business.

MOTION by Rep. Hinu Smith to request that Legislative Legal draft a resolution creating a Legislative workgroup dedicated to hazard pay with Department of Business, Personnel, Justice and Office of the President. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to adding Department of Health and that this resolution be brought back today. Second concurs. 8-4(Vice President Karena Thundercloud, Rep. Kristin White Eagle, Rep. Darren Brinegar, Rep. Robert TwoBears)-1(Rep. Matt Mullen) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Department of Justice Attorney Wendy Huling stated that the DOJ looked into hazard pay, and has a draft resolution. Attorney Huling stated that Legislature can review the resolution if it would like.

ATV/UTV Road Access

MOTION by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. to TABLE ATV/UTV Road Access. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-1(Rep. Robert TwoBears)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Area Meetings

Rep. Paul Fox would like to start area meetings back up in July, and he inquired on the process to start the meeting back up. Legislative Counsel stated that an updated directive or memo can come from the Vice President.

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to resume area meeting as of July 13, 2020 for all areas. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to discuss how Legislature will be doing payouts for constituents who participate in the meeting. Second concurs. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to resume and hold area meetings in July (date to determined), with a safer at home for each of the communities to hold an area meeting in a safer environment to maintain social

distancing and gatherings, also look at payouts for each participates that do attend the meetings in person. Second concurs. 6-7(Rep. George Stacy, Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr., Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr., Rep. Kristin White Eagle, Rep. Matt Mullen, Rep. Robert TwoBears, Rep. Darren Brinegar)-0 **MOTION DEFEATED.**

Currently, the budget does not allow for payouts for Tribal members who attend area meetings.

Rep. Mullen is in favor of continuing area meetings; however, he thinks July is too soon. He is in favor of starting the meeting back up in August.

Rep. TwoBears is opposed as he thinks starting meetings in July is too early. He would like to see the meetings in August.

Rep. Walker stated that he is uncomfortable with holding area meetings at this point. The Legislature has had no input from the Health Department as to whether or not holding large meeting is safe right now. He also asked if the meetings would be informational, and if so, how could that information be distributed aside from an area meeting?

Rep. White Eagle stated that she is not in favor of this motion. She expressed concern that the Legislature is in need to create something, in the interim, to replace the area meetings. She urged the administrative officers of the Legislature (Vice President and Tribal Secretary) to start working on how we can provide the information to our tribal members. She also supports what Rep. Mullen stated. She is also in support of virtual meetings, and stressed the importance of public health and safety. She has previously stated, and stated again that she needs her aide in support administratively in getting information that is needed out to the tribal members. Rep. White Eagle also stated that it was previously stated that the staff in the Legislative Office are not there to do that kind of work for us.

Rep. Smith clarified something that is not accurate, and that is the statement that Rep. White Eagle made that staff in the office are not allowed to assist Legislators with work of an aide. At a previous meeting, Rep. Fox made a statement that the current aides seem to have everything under control. At that previous meeting, Rep. Smith stated that the staff in the office are not aides. There is one clerk, one paralegal, and one budget analyst in the office. It was simply a clarification of their job titles. Rep. Smith never stated that the support staff in the office could not assist Legislators with any work they may have.

Rep. Brinegar expressed concern that District 3 is a COVID-19 hotspot with Dane, Milwaukee and Brown counties. He would like the motion maker to add a consideration

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for the Safer at Home orders for each community. He also stated that the Nation does not have money to pay for large meeting spaces to ensure social distancing. He also mentioned that the motion does not mention recalling the aides in order to assist with the area meetings, so he will be voting against this motion.

Rep. Stacy stated that he is in favor of distributing information to the Tribal membership, however he is not in favor of face to face meetings at this point in time.

Rep. Lone Tree-Whiterabbit stated that the Legislature did have area meetings in March.

Lunch Break:

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to break for lunch until 1:30 p.m. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

12:51 p.m.

Call to Order: President Marlon White Eagle called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

Roll Call:

President Marlon White Eagle-P
Vice President Karena Thundercloud-P(1:38 pm)
Rep. George Stacy-P
Rep. Hinu Smith-P
Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr.-VC
Rep. Stephanie Begay-P
Rep. Kristin White Eagle-VC
Rep. Darren Brinegar-VC
Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr.-P
Rep. Sarah Lemieux-VC
Rep. Matthew Mullen-VC
Rep. Robert TwoBears-VC
Rep. Paul Fox-P
Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit-P
VC-Video Conference

Determination of Quorum: Quorum is established at 1:35 p.m.

Area Meetings (Continued)

MOTION by Rep. George Stacy to resume area meetings via Webex or online format starting in July. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 9-4(Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr., Rep. Darren Brinegar, Rep. Sarah Lemieux, Rep. Matt Mullen)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Lemieux stated that the Legislative Public Relations Officer distributed a survey regarding area meetings, and District 3 stated that they are against this, so she will be voting against this strictly from the results of the survey that was put out.

It was stated that the Webex (virtual) area meetings would not be secure, therefore no confidential information will be released. This includes the Treasurer's report.

Rep. Brinegar asked if District 3 would have 5 separate Webex meetings, or one Webex meeting. It is up to each dis-

trict to decide what works best.

New Business:

Revisit Safer at Home Order (Jackson County Little League Request)

Rep. Hinu Smith mentioned that a District 1 Tribal member reached out as they have a child who plays in Jackson County Little League. Pre-pandemic, practices and games would take place on trust land at the Sandpillow baseball fields. Rep. Smith is unsure how the President's Executive Order that was issued yesterday. The President stated that he met with Health and the Emergency Management Team last Thursday. They are anticipating that Jackson County might re-visit what they are doing.

Rep. Smith will leave this as an update.

Rep. Stacy stated that games will be held in town.

HHCDA COVID-19 Funds

Neil Whitegull, Executive Director of HHCDA was available via Webex. HHCDA has money for energy assistance, mortgage assistance and rent assistance. In order to get assistance from HHCDA, Tribal members must show Tribal membership verification. Tribal Members that do not have a Tribal ID have been reaching out to Enrollment, but have not received word back from Enrollment, or the process is delayed. Mr. Whitegull stated that HHCDA is offering some flexibility to tribal members during this pandemic.

COVID-19 Job Descriptions

Attorney General Michelle Greendeer-Rave requested that the Response Project Manager and Office Support job descriptions be table until next session.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to TABLE COVID-19 Job Descriptions. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization for the HCN DNR Apply for Grant Funding Through the US Dept. of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service, Native American Programs and Tribal Wildlife Grants (TWG) Program in Order to Implement Conservation Practices FY 20 Funding

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to adopt **Resolution 06-23-20 C**, Authorization for the HCN DNR Apply for Grant Funding Through the US Dept. of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service, Native American Programs and Tribal Wildlife Grants (TWG) Program in Order to Implement Conservation Practices FY 20 Funding. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

P&C Insurance Renewal

Troy Hawkinson and Tyler Van Fossen from Gallagher

were available via Webex. They provided a brief comparison of the Nation's insurance, from 2019 vs 2020. A decision needs to be made regarding a \$10,000 or \$25,000 property deductible for non-casino locations. There is a cost savings of roughly \$45,000 by switching to the \$25,000 deductible.

There was discussion regarding bundling, business interruption insurance, return to workplace guidance. Mr. Hawkinson stated that if the Nation was interested in receiving the return to workplace guidance, they would be able to go over that information in a separate meeting.

Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit asked Mr. Van Fossen and Mr. Hawkinson if they can negotiate lower rates for the Tribe. She stated that the Ho-Chunk Nation is hurting right now, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. She is not happy to see the increase rate. Mr. Hawkinson replied that the challenge we are facing is that the insurance carriers are pushing back that they are paying out in claims. The only way to get that back is to increase premiums. Mr. Hawkinson mentioned that they are recommending to increase the deductible to get a slightly lower rate.

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to accept the renewal rate at \$25,000 deductible for non-casino location for 7-1-20 through 7-1-21. Second by Robert TwoBears. 12-1(Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Legislature requested that this information be presented with more notice. This is the first presentation of the insurance renewal, and the insurance is set to expire on July 1, 2020.

Resolution-Authorization to Place Proposed Draft to the TERO Ordinance Out for 45 Day Public Comment

The Attorney General discussed the main updates within the Ordinance.

MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to TABLE Resolution-Authorization to Place Proposed Draft to the TERO Ordinance Out for 45 Day Public Comment and request a redline version for the next meeting. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Attorney General stated that there is no redline version because this is a new ordinance, as the last one was repealed.

Resolution-Quick Passage Employment Relations Act for Essential Duties/Services

Executive Director of Personnel Kimberly Lonetree submitted this proposed amendment to the ERA. The amendment is the Section 5.70.c, creating a new subsection as follows:

“While there is a declared State of Emergency, employees may

be recalled from layoff to fill needed positions different than their position before layoff. This temporary recall/assignment may last until the end of the State of Emergency. Once the State of Emergency has ended, the employee shall be transferred back to the position they were laid off from, if the position is vacant and available. If not, the employee may be transferred to another position they qualify for, or if there are no other positions they are qualified for or they do not want to transfer into, the employee can be placed on layoff. This date shall be their new layoff date for bridge service credit purposes.”

It was stated that Legislative Counsel did not review this resolution. Legislative Counsel will analyze this resolution and discuss with the Department of Justice and Personnel.

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to TABLE Resolution-Quick Passage Employment Relations Act for Essential Duties/Services. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-1(Rep. Robert TwoBears)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Quick Passage Employment Relations Act Recalled Employees Serving a 90 Day Performance Probationary Period

The Legislature asked how this resolution is different than the resolution that passed at the last meeting? Jim Lambert replied that it is the same thing, worded differently.

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to STRIKE Resolution-Quick Passage Employment Relations Act Recalled Employees Serving a 90 Day Performance Probationary Period. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to DENY Resolution-Quick Passage Employment Relations Act Recalled Employees Serving a 90 Day Performance Probationary Period. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Place Business Employment Relations Act out for 45 Day Public Comment

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to REFER Resolution-Place Business Employment Relations Act out for 45 Day Public Comment to the ERA Workgroup. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Gaming Facilities Bar Budgets

The Fiscal Year 2021 Bar budgets were submitted for Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells, Wittenberg and Black River Falls. It was stated that these are added to the Legislature's consideration for the Fiscal Year 2021 budgets.

Interim Executive Director of Business Andrea Estebo mentioned there are a few budget mods for the bars in order to get up and running once these

gaming locations re-open. The budget mods were not included in the packet for today.

MOTION by Rep. Hinu Smith to TABLE Gaming Facilities Bar Budgets to listen to the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration Presentation by Lee Shirley. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Presentation:

U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration Presentation

Becky Albert-Breed and Lee Shirley were present via Webex. The Economic Development Administration (EDA) promotes innovation and competitiveness and prepares American regions for growth and success. The EDA offers many types of assistance, including planning assistance, local technical assistance, public works assistance and economic adjustment assistance. Additionally, there are other services EDA offers.

MOTION by Rep. Hinu Smith to refer this information to the Development Committee so the Nation can pursue these funding opportunities, particularly the economic recovery position, and for further review and development of opportunities. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Gaming Facilities Bar Budgets (Continued)

MOTION by Rep. Robert TwoBears to TABLE the budget mods for review. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit out of the room.

Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. did not respond during vote count due to technical difficulties.

Resolution-Nomination to Wisconsin State-Tribal Relations Committee and Rescission of Resolution 05-18-16 H

MOTION by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to adopt **Resolution 06-23-20 D**, Nomination to Wisconsin State-Tribal Relations Committee and Rescission of Resolution 05-18-16 H. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-1(Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr.) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Executive Session:

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to move into Executive Session. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

3:45 p.m.

During Executive Session, a motion was made to recess to tomorrow, June 24, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

The Legislative Meeting recessed at 6:16 p.m.

**HO-CHUNK NATION
LEGISLATURE
RECONVENED MEETING
TRIBAL EXECUTIVE
OFFICES
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI
JUNE 24, 2020**

NOTE: The Legislative Meeting recessed yesterday, June 23, 2020 while in Executive Session. The meeting was called back to order in Executive Session.

MOTION by Rep. Hinu Smith to release the call to order, roll call, and determination of quorum to Open Session. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit did not respond due to technical difficulty.

Call to Order: President Marlon White Eagle called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Roll Call:

President Marlon White Eagle-P
Vice President Karena Thundercloud-VC
Rep. George Stacy-P
Rep. Hinu Smith-VC
Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr.-VC
Rep. Stephanie Begay-P (10:05 a.m.)
Rep. Kristin White Eagle-VC
Rep. Darren Brinegar-VC
Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr.-EX
Rep. Sarah Lemieux-VC
Rep. Matthew Mullen-VC
Rep. Robert TwoBears-EX
Rep. Paul Fox-VC
Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit-VC
VC-Video Conference

Determination of Quorum: Quorum is established at 10:03 a.m.

The meeting returned to Open Session at 2:12 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (Re-visited):

Resolution-Continuing Resolution for Annual Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budgets

Attorney General Michelle Greendeer-Rave questioned why this is a 60-day budget, rather than a 90-day budget. She mentioned that the Presi-

dent stood by the budget that the Executive Branch proposed. The Attorney General requested that the Legislature hold hearings on the 60-day budget. She had concern of the cut grant-funded positions, and stated that the proposed budget is "capricious."

President White Eagle requested that the department budgets would be approved at the numbers that were submitted, for the 60-day budget.

Legislative Counsel stated that the wording of the Budget Act is narrow. It allows for a continuing resolution, to be funded at the amount of the current fiscal year budget, or less. The proposed 60-day budget would fall under the "less" language.

It was asked if the budget could be tabled until next Tuesday, June 30, to allow for more discussion. Rose Adams, Finance Director, stated that if the budget did not get approval until June 30, 2020, there would be no budgets in the system for the new fiscal year, which is July 1, 2020. Treasury would need more time. In the past, as budgets are approved, Treasury could have them uploaded in the system within a week, that is if they don't have any other interruptions. Ms. Adams stated that in order to have budgets by July 1, Treasury would need something today.

It was asked if the 60-day budget were to go off of the original Executive Branch proposed budget, how would those dollar amounts be determined? Ms. Adams stated that it would be 2/12 of each line item.

Attorney General Michelle Greendeer-Rave offered another alternative, which would be to use the current COOP budgets and plans for essential workers, because that is what's working right now.

Rep. Stephanie Begay stated that there has been a lot of talk about being transparent. However, there is no transparency between branches of government. The Legislature has not received the COOP plans or layoff plans, on top of other information requested from the Executive Branch. The Legislature hears its information from third parties or on Facebook. There is no communication with the Executive Branch. The President stated that he would not make cuts to the Executive Branch bud-

get. Rep. Begay expressed her concern for the tribal membership, and stated that she has received many calls from tribal members crying that they lost their job and have so much uncertainty. She feels for the tribal membership. The tribal membership elected us to make these difficult decisions. Rep. Begay also stated that the only way the 60-day budget could be modified is to submit budget modifications.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 06-24-20 B**, Continuing Resolution for Annual Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 8-2(Rep. Kristin White Eagle, Rep. Matt Mullen)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Angela Ward, Executive Director of Labor stated that she does not get transparency from Office of the President. Information is not relayed to the departments. She expressed the issues the Department of Labor will now face with the cuts to the budget. She stated that her staff does important jobs during this pandemic. This is for the safety of the Nation.

Tina Brown, Executive Director of DNR, called for transparency and working together.

Heather Cloud, Executive Director of Housing, stated that she is not in agreement with the current resolution or the motion on the floor. She expressed her opinions, and that if cuts were going to be made, the executive directors should have had the opportunity to be there and discuss and answer questions about their budget. Executive Director of Housing Cloud stated that she would like the Home Ownership Program Manager and Construction II Worker restored. She also stated that if somebody has political views about her personally, she is respectfully asking that they put that to the side. She asked that the Legislature look at the Housing CAERS proposal.

If departments feel they need additional staff, departments can submit budget mods to the Legislature.

Rosella Stanley, Executive Director of Social Services stated that after going through the budget, there have been positions that are grant funded that have been cut. She expressed her concerns with the budget and stated that it's not fair to be handed an amount

and have positions defunded. She agrees with the previous statement about transparency. It's difficult to move with directives from the President that are constantly changing. She would like to know why her CARES Act proposal was kicked back.

Rose Adams, Finance Director, stated that Executive Director Stanley's CARES Act proposal was not in the format Treasury created, which is why it was kicked back.

Chief Judge Lowe stated that she also has concerns about the lack of consultation. The Judiciary Establishment Act has specific requirements. She respectfully requests the concerns that have been said today are heard, and that those are concerns not only of the Executive Branch, but also the Judiciary Branch too.

Rep. George Stacy stated that around 4-6 months ago, he could not communicate with the Executive Directors, as this was a directive from the President. Rep. Stacy further stated that it has been difficult to work with the Executive Branch. Once COVID-19 hit, and the budget process came, the Nation went into crisis mode and working with the Executive Branch became even more difficult, especially in receiving information the Legislature needs in regards to the annual budgets. He would like to see better communication and the branches of government working together.

President White Eagle stated that in 1994, the Nation adopt its Constitution and went from a Business Committee to a four-branch government. President White Eagle stated that from his very first day, he was told that the Legislature is going to try to micromanage the departments. The Executive Directors are the ones who are doing the work. They propose their budgets. We need to rely on the departments because they have the in-depth knowledge of what their department needs. If you listen to one side of the story, you are only half listening. He is proposing that the Legislature use the budgets that were previously proposed, at a 60-day budget.

President White Eagle also stated that 60-day budget that was presented today is not being transparent. President White Eagle stated that you are saying the President is not transparent. Prove that he is

not transparent and that you are. He went onto to say, show me how you set the spending caps, show me the policies within the Legislature, and that if you're going to call him on transparency, you got to "walk that walk."

Department of Justice Attorney Huling expressed concern of grant funded positions and programs that were cut from the 60-day budget. Grant money is dependent upon those positions and programs.

Resolution-Establishment of Legislative Workgroup to Study Hazard Pay for Ho-Chunk Nation Employees

MOTION by Rep. Hinu Smith to adopt Resolution-Establishment of Legislative Workgroup to Study Hazard Pay for Ho-Chunk Nation Employees. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 4-6(Vice President Karena Thundercloud, Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr., Rep. Stephanie Begay, Rep. Kristin White Eagle, Rep. Darren Brinegar, Rep. Robert TwoBears)-0 **MOTION DEFEATED.**

Before the meeting adjourned, Executive Director of DNR Tina Brown returned to the room and asked if, given the 60-day budget approval, are we set for another round of permanent layoffs to our employees? The President will have to read the specifics of the resolution, and get back to her regarding her question.

Additionally, Executive Director of Labor Angela Ward returned to the room and stated that the Emergency Management Coordinator person was laid off. She is the only person who can order PPE for the Nation. The Vice President stated that this position can be funded through CARES Act funds.

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Matt Mullen to adjourn. The next meeting, which will be a Special Legislative Meeting will take place Tuesday, June 30, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, WI. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Stephanie Begay was offline during vote count.

The Reconvened Legislative Meeting adjourned at 3:29 p.m.

**HO-CHUNK NATION
LEGISLATURE
SPECIAL MEETING
TRIBAL EXECUTIVE
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BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI
JUNE 30, 2020**

Call to Order: Vice President Karena Thundercloud called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Roll Call:

President Marlon White Eagle-EX

Vice President Karena Thundercloud-P
Rep. George Stacy-P
Rep. Hinu Smith-VC, P (11:14 a.m.)
Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr.-VC
Rep. Stephanie Begay-P
Rep. Kristin White Eagle-VC
Rep. Darren Brinegar-VC
Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr.-VC
Rep. Sarah Lemieux-P
Rep. Matthew Mullen-VC (10:39 a.m.)
Rep. Robert TwoBears-EX

Rep. Paul Fox-P
Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit-P

VC-Video Conference

Determination of Quorum: Quorum is established at 10:02 a.m.

Opening Prayer: Rep. Paul Fox offered a word of prayer.

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the agenda

with adding under New Business F. Area Meetings and move up after Approval of Agenda and under New Business E. 14.5 Maintenance Budget Mod. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 10-1(Rep. Darren Brinegar)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

New Business:

Area Meetings

Tribal Elders were present to address the Legislature and

express their concerns for area meetings.

Tribal Elder Jim Greendeer stated that he has spoken to his District 2 Legislators regarding area meetings. Some District 2 members met at Mr. Greendeer's home to discuss concerns of the community and the continuation of area meetings effective in July.

Tribal member Robert Funmaker referenced the Constitution *Continued on Page 9*

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tution, and that Legislators are required to hold area meetings. He expressed concerns of lack of communication to the Tribal membership. He would like to see the area meetings continue, so Tribal members can be more informed on what is happening within the Nation.

Tribal Elder Jim Delarosa mentioned the elimination of the payout to attend area meetings, stating that true Ho-Chunks will show up, regardless of the money. He urged all branches of government to work together, stating that a house divided will not stand.

Tribal member Tara Chapman asked why the Legislature voted, at a previous meeting, to hold area meetings. District 2 members are asking for one District 2 Legislator to call for District 2 area meetings. She also referred to the Constitution that allows for recall or removal of Legislators who are not holding area meetings.

Rep. Stephanie Begay stated that she will be calling for District 2 Tomah area meeting for July 14, 2020.

Tribal Elder Richard Mann stated that long ago, Tribal members gathered to discuss issues and everyone had an opportunity to speak. The Chief would listen, but he wasn't a ruler, he was a caretaker of the people. No one got paid then. He stated that he does not need to get paid to attend an area meeting or General Council. He stated that the whole Nation is about money. Mr. Mann also stated that Office of the President and the Legislature need to work together.

Tribal Elder Jim Delarosa called for all Legislators to cut mileage.

Tribal Elder Roberta Decorah shared that she started the fire again ever since there has been turmoil in the Nation. She is praying for everyone. She stated that the President's lack of cooperation needs to change for the sake of all of our People. If you don't work together, there will be turmoil. She encourages the President to reach out to the Legislators to sit down together to come to a resolution for our entire Nation. She will continue burning the fire and praying for everyone.

Tribal Elder Francis Decorah stated that when you are elected to your position, you are representing the People. The President is not exempt from working for the People. You should have work for betterment of the Tribal members, and have that in your heart, if you don't it's going to show. Action speaks louder than words, like we have all seen what's going on right now within the Nation.

Amanda Richmond, Emergency Management Coordinator, recommended to hold the area meetings at a location that allows for social distancing. Ms. Richmond stated that if Legislators would like to provide

masks at the area meetings, masks are available at Department of Labor.

Vice President Karena Thundercloud will be calling for a District 1 Black River Falls area meeting Wednesday, July 8, 2020.

Rep. Paul Fox stated he will be calling for District 4 area meetings for July 13, 2020 in Chicago at the Branch Office and for July 16, 2020 at the All Nations Church in Minneapolis.

Rep. Sarah Lemieux stated that she will be calling for District 3 area meetings on their regularly scheduled date.

It was mentioned that the motion regarding area meetings that was made at the last meeting is still on the books, which could be a violation of the Constitution.

Legislative Counsel stated that, as with any motion, the Legislature has the ability to supplement, rescind, restate, or strike it, although the Legislature does not need a motion to hold an area meeting. The intention of the motion made at the previous meeting was to get all Districts on the same page. That has already happened today.

Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit stated that these are unprecedented times. She has been a Legislator for 20+ years. This is probably the hardest decision making time that we have had to endure. This is not an easy job. It's difficult because the casinos closed, and we don't have that revenue to rely on right now.

Tribal Elder Jim Delarosa asked if the Legislature can notify their respective areas that the Nation is doing okay. There are a lot of Tribal members that think the Nation is going downhill.

Legislative Counsel stated that he has been with the Nation since 1996. These are difficult times, and it is sad when everyone does not come together to get something accomplished. Counsel Murphy mentioned that when he first started working for the Nation there was a court injunction in place barring the President and the Legislature from even speaking to each other. Sometimes, informally, that's how it really is. It doesn't help the Tribe, whether that is branch to branch, or people, constituents, legislators, families, not coming together. The Legislature has difficult decisions to make regarding budgets. He thanked the Tribal members for showing up today and letting their voice be heard.

Vice President Thundercloud thanked everyone for coming. We will take it all to heart, stating that it is always great to hear from the Elders.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to request the Vice President to have the Legislative Office staff prepare the Legislative Happenings for

the upcoming Area Meetings. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** Rep. Hinu Smith and Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. did not respond during vote count due to technical difficulty.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Legislative Meeting-June 23, 2020

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the June 23, 2020 Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. did not respond during vote count due to technical difficulty.

Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. is online at 10:39 a.m.

Reconvened Legislative Meeting-June 24, 2020

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the June 24, 2020 Reconvened Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. did not respond during vote count due to technical difficulty.

Unfinished Business:

COVID-19 Executive Branch Update-(Standing Agenda Item)

Department of Health

Executive Director of Health Kiana Beaudin stated that there are 19 positive COVID-19 cases within the jurisdiction of the Nation, with 18 cases that have recovered.

Department of Health is working with individuals who were affected by the permanent layoffs, in regards to insurance.

Office of the President

Amanda Richmond, Emergency Management Coordinator, requested that the Legislators submit safety plans for the area meetings, and that no more than 50 people attend the gathering. If there will be more than 50 people, she would encourage a virtual meeting. If the Legislators need guidance, please reach out to the Safety Division.

Department of Business

Interim Executive Director of Business (EDOB) Andrea Estebo stated that openings went smoothly. The revenue audits have yet to report slot revenue. Interim EDOB Estebo reviewed the coin-in numbers with the Legislature. Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells, Black River Falls and Wittenberg were all performing over projections.

Interim EDOB Estebo shared that last Thursday she received a directive from the President regarding the workforce on temporary layoff. All temporary layoffs turned into permanent layoff per the directive from President White Eagle.

Interim EDOB Estebo requested that the budget modification for the bars be struck from the agenda today. Department of Business will be able to open the bars within the casinos tomorrow without a budget modification.

Masks are required to be worn at all Ho-Chunk Gaming facilities, and all floors have been reconfigured to comply with social distancing.

Interim EDOB Estebo stated that previously, there was a resolution on the table allowing bridge service credit for Spectra employees. That resolution was tabled, and no action was taken. That resolution is still before the Legislature for consideration.

Rep. Smith asked how many employees transitioned from the Nation to Spectra and remained, and how many non-tribal members. What is the date of their layoff? Department of Business does not have that information right now, but they can forward that information later today.

Interim EDOB Estebo also stated that Department of Business does not have knowledge of what the layoff letters from Spectra said. Rep. Begay mentioned that on June 17, 2020 Spectra employees at Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells received permanent lay off letters.

Legislative Counsel asked the Department of Business if they have a running total of upgrades the gaming facilities have made in response to COVID-19, such as the plexi glass and PPE. Scott Maracek, Business Analyst replied that he does not have that exact information today, but that costs was calculated out by each facility.

It was asked how many enterprise employees were permanently laid off? DOB will have that later today

MOTION by Rep. Hinu Smith to request Legal to draft a resolution addressing bridge service for Spectra employees to be presented later today. **MOTION DIES FOR LACK OF A SECOND.**

Rep. Brinegar inquired about the postings for LTE workers for Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg, given the permanent layoffs. Interim EDOB Estebo replied that LTE workers are needed for the bar at Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg, and that the fastest way to get workers in was to hire them as LTE workers. Interim EDOB Estebo stated that the goal is to bring back the employees that were laid off, including the Spectra employees, practicing Ho-Chunk preference.

Resolution-Quick Passage Procedure to Enact Ho-Chunk Nation Isolation and Quarantine of Communicable Diseases

Legislative Counsel Murphy stated that an updated redline will be ready for next meeting

MOTION by Rep. George Stacy to TABLE Resolution-Quick Passage Procedure to Enact Ho-Chunk Nation Isolation and Quarantine of Communicable Diseases. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. did not respond during vote count due to technical difficulties.

Gaming Licenses and Gaming Commission Update

The Gaming Commission was present to address the Legislature. A written report was submitted the day of the meeting.

Minors Trust Fund Communication

Rep. Kristin White Eagle stated that an updated letter will be sent out, detailing contact information for Providence and Key Bank in order for Tribal members to get their questions answered.

Gaming Facilities Bar Budget Mods

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to STRIKE Gaming Facilities Bar Budget Mods per request of Interim Executive Director of Business. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. was offline during vote count.

COVID-19 Job Descriptions: Response Project Manager, and Office Support

The job descriptions that were submitted are one sided, and are missing the second page of the job descriptions.

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to TABLE COVID-19 Job Descriptions Response Project Manager and Office Support. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Quick Passage Employment Relations Act for Essential Duties/Services

There was discussion regarding the language of the proposed amendment to the ERA. Department of Personnel will draft new language regarding essential duties/services.

MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to TABLE Resolution-Quick Passage Employment Relations Act for Essential Duties/Services and request updated and revised language from the Executive Director of Personnel. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. **MOTION IS AMENDED** for the resolution to include Ho-Chunk preference. Second concurs. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

CARES Act Funding Proposals

Collaboration Strategy-Administration/IT

Laptops-Administration/IT

UV Lights for HVAC-Administration/Maintenance

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Build a Shed for Disinfecting PPE and Vehicles-Administration/Maintenance

DOJ Drug Enforcement Coordinator

Judiciary Branch CARES Act Proposal

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to TABLE CARES Act Funding Proposals until the Special Legislative Meeting on Thursday, July 2, 2020. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to include New Business C. DOJ Drug Enforcement Coordinator and Judiciary Branch CARES Act Proposal. Second concurs. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Lunch Break:

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to break for lunch until 1:00 p.m. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** Rep. Darren Brinegar did not respond during vote count due to technical difficulty.

12:18 p.m.

Call to Order: Vice President Karena Thundercloud called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

President Marlon White Eagle-EX
Vice President Karena Thundercloud-P
Rep. George Stacy-P
Rep. Hinu Smith-VC
Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr.-VC
Rep. Stephanie Begay-P
Rep. Kristin White Eagle-VC
Rep. Darren Brinegar-VC
Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr.-VC (1:07 p.m.)
Rep. Sarah Lemieux-P
Rep. Matthew Mullen-VC
Rep. Robert TwoBears-EX
Rep. Paul Fox-P
Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit-P

VC-Video Conference

Determination of Quorum:

Quorum is established at 1:01 p.m.

Amendment to the Agenda:

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to add New Business G. D4 District Concern, and to move that agenda item up to right now, and add New Business E25. Language Budget Modification. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 10-1(Rep. Darren Brinegar)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

New Business:

Libby Fairchild, District 4 Tribal Member was present to address the Legislature. She is concerned about the employees who received permanent layoff. She expressed the importance of recalling those employees. Additionally, Libby Fairchild stated that there needs to be communication to the elders and tribal members. She also stated that the Legislature and Office of the

President need to figure out a way to work together, without going public.

New Business:

Continuation of Health Insurance Benefits

Vice President Karena Thundercloud stated that she added this to agenda to discuss possibilities of continuing health insurance for employees who were affected by the permanent layoffs.

Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. is online at 1:07 p.m.

Executive Director of Health Kiana Beaudin stated that Preferred Care will pay for insurance premiums and co-pays, if it is through the Affordable Care Act. Affected employees would have to sign up for the Affordable Care Act. Preferred Care is the payer of last resort.

Rep. Kristin White Eagle asked if the Executive Director of Health could include this information in a summary document to be shared with constituents at area meetings.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to request the Executive Director of Health create a summary document regarding insurance for tribal members who were affected by the layoffs. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Legislative Public Relations Officer will work alongside the Executive Director of Health to create the document.

Resolution-Transfer of Funds from Higher Education Scholarship Line Item to Josephine White Eagle Restricted Account

Dr. Lewis stated that the Higher Education Division wishes to strike this from the agenda, as they have means on the Executive Branch side.

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to STRIKE Resolution-Transfer of Funds from Higher Education Scholarship Line Item to Josephine White Eagle Restricted Account. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Dr. Lewis mentioned that the money will be spent down quickly through distributing scholarships. There are currently 106 applications for Fall semester support. Those applications will be processed immediately.

Judiciary Branch Requests

Grant Applications

Chief Judge Lowe was not online.

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to TABLE Grant Applications. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Chief Judge Lowe is now online.

Chief Judge Lowe brought it

to the attention of the Legislature that the Judiciary Branch will be seeking BIA grant funding. She will be returning with that information once received. The Judiciary Branch will continue to look for other funding opportunities.

Budget Mod-True Increase \$62,986

Chief Judge Lowe overviewed her budget modification with the Legislature. Judge Lowe also discussed the staff positions that are essential to the Court. They have a busy case load. The judges alone cannot perform all the tasks that are needed. Chief Judge Lowe stated that the judges need the support staff.

It was asked if Tribal Court is open. Chief Judge Lowe replied that yes, Tribal Court is open, and that all judges have been conducting hearings from home.

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to TABLE the Judiciary true increase in the amount of \$62,986. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Executive Branch Budget Modifications

Department of Business \$19,246

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to approve the Department of Business budget modification in the amount of \$19,246. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Department of Justice-True Increase

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to TABLE all true increases until the meeting. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. did not respond during vote count due to technical difficulties.

Compliance \$14,200

It was asked why Compliance was requesting both the budget modification, as well as the CARES Act proposal. Joe Buse, Compliance Director stated that Compliance submitted the paperwork for the CARES Act proposal prior to the adoption of the 60-day budget. If the CARES Act proposal is approved on Thursday, it will be paid through grant funds.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to approve the Compliance budget modification in the amount of \$14,200. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. did not respond during vote count due to technical difficulties.

Department of Natural Resources \$7,184

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to approve the Department of Natural Resources budget modification in the amount of \$7,184. Second by

Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Department of Personnel \$12,000

There was discussion regarding the Secretary II position. Executive Director of Personnel Kimberly Lonetree stated that the Secretary II employee is needed and essential, although it was defunded from the 60-day budget. It was stated that the Secretary II position only requires \$8,000, however Department of Personnel is requesting to mod the entire \$12,000.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to approve the Department of Personnel budget modification. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to approve in the amount of \$8,000. Second concurs. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Department of Administration \$2,080

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to approve the Department of Administration budget modification in the amount of \$2,080. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Information Technology \$50,939

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to approve the Information Technology budget modification in the amount of \$50,939. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Wittenberg Community Center \$200

St. Paul Branch Office \$300

Green Bay Branch Office \$250

La Crosse Branch Office \$500

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to approve the Wittenberg Community Center budget modification in the amount of \$200, the St. Paul Branch Office budget modification in the amount of \$300, the Green Bay Branch Office budget modification in the amount of \$250, and the La Crosse Branch Office budget modification in the amount of \$500. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Maintenance Budget Mod \$18,295

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to approve the Maintenance budget modification in the amount of \$18,295. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

CFS \$30,444

MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to approve the CFS budget modification in the amount of \$30,444. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** Rep. Kristin White Eagle did not re-

spond during vote count due to technical difficulty. Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit out of the room.

CFS \$22,500

MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to approve the CFS budget modification in the amount of \$22,500. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** Rep. Kristin White Eagle did not respond during vote count due to technical difficulty. Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit out of the room.

Community Supportive Services \$14,593

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to approve the Community Supportive Services budget modification in the amount of \$14,593. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit out of the room.

Social Services Decrease \$4,141

Independent Living Facility Increase \$4,141

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to approve the Social Services decrease in the amount of \$4,141 and the Independent Living Facility increase in the amount of \$4,141. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit out of the room.

Language Budget Mod \$9,103

Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit back in the room.

Adrienne Thunder and Henning Garvin were present to address the Legislature. Two budget modifications were presented to the Legislature the day of the meeting. One of the presented budget modifications zeroed out four eminent speaker line items and the money will be moved to the Language Education Coordinator, LAP Manager, HA Program Manager, and Division Manager, for a total of \$26,538.

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to approve the Language budget modification in the amount of \$26,538. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. **SECOND IS WITHDRAWN.** Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. **MOTION IS WITHDRAWN.**

MOTION by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to approve the budget modification as is. **MOTION DIES FOR LACK OF A SECOND.**

The Legislature would like Language to keep the eminent speakers on. Language will work on providing that budget modification and information later in the meeting.

Re-visit True Increases

Judiciary Branch-True Increase \$62,986

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Surveillance-Dells-True Increase \$34,655

Surveillance-Nekoosa-True Increase \$20,052

Surveillance-BRF-True Increase \$32,480

Surveillance-Madison-True Increase \$17,651

Surveillance-Wittenberg-True Increase \$17,769

Law Enforcement-True Increase \$8,812

Department of Labor-True Increase \$32,875

Transportation-True Increase \$5,662

Language-True Increase \$9,103

Treasurer Crystal Deschinny was present to address the Legislature. She stated that if the true increases are approved today, there still is opportunity for Treasury to see if the CARES Act funding would allow for some of the increases. They believe they could fund out of CARES if structured properly, but they need to have the opportunity to shift them over. They will not know until

after the CARES Act presentations on Thursday.

The Treasurer's recommendation is to table the true increases until after Thursday's CARES Act proposals. Her concern is that there could be employees who could be laid off while Treasury is figuring out to cover their cost, knowing that CARES could potentially pick up the cost of their position.

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to approve the true increase to the LAP and HAPM in Language, in the amount of \$9,103. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 9-1(Vice President Karena Thundercloud)-1(Rep. Darren Brinegar) **MOTION CARRIED.** Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. did not respond during vote count due to technical difficulty.

Attorney General Michelle Greendeer-Rave suggested approving the true increase, contingent on whether or not CARES Act funding can be utilized, and that NPD can be used as payer of last resort.

It was asked if the Nation could afford all true increases, if they were not funded through the CARES Act funding. The Treasurer stated that

these are true increases, but increases to what? The total of all proposed true increases amounts to \$250,000.

Legislative Counsel Murphy stated that this approach would be consistent with what the Legislature did in the 60-day budget resolution, stating that any funds that are appropriated in the 60-day budget that eventually can be funded by CARES Act, those NPD funds will be reimbursed to ourselves.

~~**MOTION** by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to approve all true increases (Judiciary Branch, Department of Justice, Surveillance for Dells, Nekoosa, BRF, Madison and Wittenberg, Law Enforcement Department of Labor, Transportation, and Language) on the condition that CARES Act funding is sought for each; but if they are not approved through CARES Act funding, the understanding is that they shall be approved by NPD funds. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 9-3(Rep. Sarah Lemieux, Rep. Darren Brinegar, Rep. George Stacy)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**~~

NOTE: Per the ratification at the July 2, 2020 Special Legislative Meeting.

With the true increase, the instructor coordinator is now on. There is \$6,200 left in the Eminent Speaker line item. One of the COVID project that they are looking at an extension of the Rapid Word Collection project. With that project, they would need to bring on Linguist Documentation Specialists. Many apprentices fit the bill for those positions.

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to approve a true increase for the 6 apprentices identified to become instructors. **MOTION IS RESCINDED.**

Executive Session:

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to move into Executive Session, with only the Legislature and the Legislative Staff in the room. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

3:03 p.m.

Rep. Matt Mullen was excused from the meeting at 4:16 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to move into Open Session. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

4:20 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

New Business (Continued):

EMERGENCY MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to approve the true increase for the Language LAP Manager and Hoocak Academy Program Manager that were already approved earlier today. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 9-2(Vice President Karena Thundercloud, Rep. Darren Brinegar)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** Emergency Motion requires an affirmative vote of 2/3 of all present Legislators in order for action to be taken in accordance with the motion.

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to adjourn. The next Special Legislative Meeting will take place Thursday, July 2, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, WI. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Special Legislative Meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

IN THE
HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

In the Matter of the Estate of:
Erin M. Winneshiek

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Case No. PR 20-02

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF: Erin M. Winneshiek

1. A Petition for Probate was filed in the Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court, located at W9598 Hwy 54 East, P.O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615.
2. The decedent, with date of birth January 10, 1974 and date of death November 16, 2019, was domiciled in Sauk County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of S1085 Clara Avenue Unit 39, Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin.
3. You have (90) days from June 12, 2020, the date of the first publication of this notice, to present your claims to Ms. Leah Winneshiek, Personal Representative, c/o Atty. William F. Gardner, P.O. Box 837, Black River Falls, WI 54615; or to the Ho-Chunk Nation Clerk of Court, W9598 Hwy 54 East, P.O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615.
4. The deadline for filing claims is **September 21, 2020**. Only those claims so presented may be paid from the estate.

Dated this 20th day of May 2020.

Mary F. Thunder
Mary F. Thunder, Clerk of Court

HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT, For Official Use

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Amended
Owen Cyrus Mike **Notice of Hearing on**
Petition for Probate

Case No. PR 20-01

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. A Petition for Probate was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 08/23/1941 and date of death 11/18/2014 was domiciled in Clark County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of W7052 Bush Road, Neillsville, WI 54456.
3. The names or addresses of the following interested person are not known or reasonably ascertainable:

4. The petition will be heard at Wa Ehi Hoci, W9598 Hwy 54 E, Black River Falls, WI, 54615, before Judge Lowe, on (Date) July 16, 2020 at (Time) 1:30pm.

You do not need to appear unless you object. The petition may be granted if there is no objection.

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Notice must be given by publication of this form in the official newsletter of the Ho-Chunk Nation for three (3) consecutive issues with the first publication occurring at least forty-five (45) calendar days prior to the hearing date noted in Section 4.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH



What to Expect When You Visit the Ho-Chunk Nation Clinics:

The Ho-Chunk Health Department has been monitoring and responding to the COVID-19 pandemic over the last several months. We continue to work with our local, county, state, and federal partners to monitor and gather the most current data on COVID-19. The Ho-Chunk Health Care Center and House of Wellness Clinics have been reviewing the guidance from the Centers for Disease Control in regards to providing a safe environment for patients and staff. The Health Department is using this as part of the Phased approach to re-opening services in a safe manner. **You will notice some differences when you visit our facilities. Some of the things that you might notice the next time you come for an appointment include:**

- Security at the front door at HHCC
- Temperature and symptom screening of all patients and visitors
- Masks required of all patients and visitors
- Only Curbside pick for Pharmacy
- Clinic staff will wear personal protective equipment during all visits which may include mask, face shield, goggles, and/or gown
- Waiting area seating spaced so that social distancing can be done appropriately
- Patient areas and employee areas are separated (example restrooms)
- Walk in appointments not accepted at this time but same day appointments are done over the phone
- Visitor limitations. We are limiting people attending with the patient. No siblings or other family members other than 2 parents for minors. One support person for adults who require assistance.

It is important to know that we are actively taking steps to protect our community members and our employees' from COVID-19. We appreciate everyone's patients and understanding and thank you for all of your efforts to keep your family, friends, and co-workers safe!

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 N6520 Lumberjack Guy Road
 Black River Falls, WI 54615
 Ph. 715-284-9851 FAX 715-284-5150

House of Wellness
 52845 White Eagle Rd
 Baraboo, WI 53913
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PUBLIC NOTIFICATION: POSSIBLE COVID-19 EXPOSURE IN JUNEAU COUNTY ESTABLISHMENT

The Juneau County Health Department and Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health are reporting a COVID-19 outbreak at Ho-Chunk RV Resort & Campground in Lyndon Station, WI. An outbreak is defined by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services as two or more laboratory-confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the same facility or associated with a single event, with onset within two maximum COVID-19 incubation periods of each other (28 days). The health departments and the establishment have been working together to review and strengthen existing prevention measures.

If you visited this establishment on Saturday June 27th, 2020 between 4 pm and Midnight, you may have been exposed to COVID-19. If you are experiencing any symptoms (headache, fatigue, cough, shortness of breath, fever, digestive discomfort), please contact your healthcare provider. You can view a list of symptoms here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>

The Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health, in collaboration with Juneau County Health Department, is actively completing its investigation regarding the positive cases. The Health Department identified those with "close contact" and requested that they quarantine. In addition, the possibly affected areas have been cleaned and sanitized.

At this time, the Ho-Chunk Nation Business Department notes that the public may still enter Ho-Chunk RV Resort and Campground at their own risk. Any reservations may be rescheduled by contacting Terrance Johnson, Campground Manager at 608-432-2165 or John Phillip, Executive Manager at 337-244-0623.

COVID-19 can spread from person to person. There is currently no vaccine and no treatment, so prevention is key. To stop the spread of illness, it is important to:

- Practice social distancing and keep six feet of distance between you and non-household members.
- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for 20 seconds, or use hand sanitizer.
- Wear a cloth face-covering while in public.
- Stay home when sick.
- Avoid touching your face.

To receive the most up-to-date information regarding the COVID-19 response in Juneau County, please follow the Juneau County Health Department on Facebook or refer to the Juneau County Emergency Information Page: <https://www.co.juneau.wi.gov/emergency-information.html>

For more information please visit the Ho-Chunk nation Health Department website at: <http://health.ho-chunk.com/>





HO-CHUNK NATION DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH COVID-19 CASE UPDATE

Monday, 7/6/2020

COUNTY	POSITIVE	DEATHS
Adams	33	2
Clark	87	7
Columbia	101	1
Crawford	41	0
Dane	2457	32
Eau Claire	290	0
Jackson	27	1
Juneau	43	1
La Crosse	519	0
Marathon	225	1
Monroe	88	1
Sauk	123	3
Shawano	86	0
Vernon	38	0
Wood	86	1
COUNTY TOTALS:	4244	50
*HCN TOTALS:	23	2

AMERICAN INDIANS TESTED POSITIVE IN WISCONSIN IS 298

*Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health's service delivery area includes 15 counties in WI. We are reporting the Ho-Chunk tribal members, enrolled members of federally recognized tribes that use our clinics as primary care, and employees that use our clinics as primary care. Please find the data above for COVID-19 cases. Each HCN positive case is reflected in the individual's county of residence.

Counties included within our service delivery area are: Adams, Clark, Columbia, Crawford, Dane, Eau Claire, Jackson, Juneau, La Crosse, Marathon, Monroe, Sauk, Shawano, Vernon, and Wood.

