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# Hocak families gather at Maa Wákačak perpetuating culture

Submitted by DriftlessNow.com

Once hailed as the world's largest ammunition plant and having been turned back over to its rightful caretakers, the Hocak (Ho-Chunk), the Badger Ammunition plant recently played host to several Hocak families for a cooperative art project.

The plant, built in 1941, would see munitions productions for several wars before being closed and considered excess to the Department of the Army.

Eventually, in the early 2000's, the General Services Administration (GSO), the government's real estate manager, would take in interests from other federal agencies, including the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA).

Today, over 1500 acres of the former Badger Ammunition is managed and overseen by the Hocak Nation via a land transfer.

Renamed Maa Wákačak (Holy land), the tribe has realized, for a lack of better terms, a cultural re-birth. Prairie and wildlife restoration have been in the forefront in the Hocak Nation's plan for the property, and recently a cooperative art project led by the Little Eagle Arts Foundation.

With the Great Sauk Trail Southeast of Maa Wákačak, and the general area the indigenous lands of the Hocak, it was fitting that a mural depicting the sacredness of the land to the Hocak people be incorporated on the trail.

"I think it started with the knowledge that there was a public art opportunity on the Great Sauk Trail and that came through the River Arts Incorporated", said Little Eagle Arts Foundation (LEAF) Founder and Director Melanie Tallmadge-Sainz. "They're the fiscal agent, where then the Hocak Nation donated and Sauk County donated."

Somebody planted a seed in Melanie that there was a public art opportunity that the foundation might want to look into. That was in the spring or summer of 2019.

Melanie began exploring the opportunities, and holding a degree in ceramics, thought it would be "cool" to do a community tile project. "Both my parents worked here when it was Badger Ordinance. I know a lot of Ho-Chunk families



**L to R - Laura LaMere, Angie Lowe, Lenore Sweet, and Gysela Ortega.**

worked here. So, there's a connection," Melanie said.

Visiting Artist in Residence Muneer Bahauddeen and Project Apprentice Martina Patterson, worked with Hocak families that reside in Sauk County and the surrounding areas, to create ceramic tiles for a mural during the week of August 3rd - 7th. The mural will consist

of three sections - Earth, Sky, and Water, and will speak to Ho-Chunk history and lifeways. The public art installation also honors land surrounding the trail.

"So, I wrote that up thinking of bringing the youth in to do the tile work and stuff," Melanie said.

Then Covid-19 hit, shuttering the foundation's

planned activities and possibly the Great Sauk Trail project. "I was thinking, was this this project really going to happen?"

A concern was with the Sauk County Arts and Culture, because LEAF had put out so many grant projects to be funded with them, with all the cancellations, *Continued on Page 6*

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# A Letter from the President

By the time you read this, we'll be well over 70 days into the new fiscal year. Our Ho-Chunk Nation fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30. But we still don't have an FY 2020-2021 annual budget for any branch of the government.

An annual budget would cover the fiscal year timeframe.

Essentially, we are stuck in the last fiscal year. I find this to be problematic.

The legislature has passed a continuing resolution for the then-allowable 60-day timeframe into the new fiscal year. The branches were to be given time to propose a reasonable budget, but we haven't received word from the Finance Committee of the new spending caps.

The legislature has gone on to amend the Appropriations and Budget Process Act, via Quick Passage, to allow them to do consecutive continuing resolutions, now for 90-day periods.

As far as I'm aware, no work or communication has been done to enact an annual budget for the new fiscal year.

The Nation's Per Capita Ordinance outlines planned percentages of revenue to be allocated for various needs and services. This is known as the Tribal Revenue Allocation Plan (TRAP) or the Revenue Allocation Plan (RAP).

If you remember years ago, to increase per capita payments to tribal members, there was talk of an "80/20" initiative. That would have enacted a TRAP to allocate 80 percent of the revenue to tribal members' per capita payments, and 20 percent back to the government services.

Annual budgets are based on the TRAP, yet money for per capita payments was not allocated in the 60-day budget.

Violating the "TRAP" seems elusive to me.

The annual budgets have decreased over the last few years. Going into the new fiscal year, we were looking at a decrease of 22 percent from the previous fiscal year. Over the past two fiscal years, the Executive Branch has experienced a decrease of 30 percent.

This is largely due to our underperforming Project Forward. We financed the project, resulting in years of loan payments. The project fell prey to tribal politics and ignored industry standards and business practices.

Recently, the Legislature is relying more on the Quick Passage procedure of the Legislative Organization Act (LOA) to amend our laws.

On August 31, the Legislature voted by Quick Passage to amend the Confirmation Act. This was an item that was added to the agenda on the day of the meeting without Executive Branch review.

Earlier in the month, on August 18, the Legislature voted down these amendments to the Act.

The amendment adds a definition to "acting appointments," which requires acting appointments to meet the minimum qualification of the job description.

The amendment doesn't allow a person with a felony to be named "acting."

The change requires legislative notification of "acting" appointments.

It requires a credit check and a review of the interim director's gaming license application during the background investigation.

Also, it prohibits anyone who was previously denied a confirmation from being an acting director.

The LOA states that to use Quick Passage procedures,

"Normal Legislation Process would unduly harm a person, multiple persons, or the Nation and the Legislature determine that immediate action is needed."

Resolution 8-31-20B, which amends the Confirmation Act, states, "because the Nation's government is presently going through multiple Executive Director nominations, and vacancies," as the reason not following the Normal Legislation Process.

Before the confirmation of Robert Mudd as Executive Director of Business, then-President Wilfrid Cleveland nominated more than 10 candidates to that position.

No amendments or quick passages occurred at that time.

I've nominated two Busi-

ness directors, two Attorney Generals thus far. These candidates possessed the education, skill, and experience but were denied nomination or confirmation to these positions.

Due to a resignation, I'll be nominating a new Treasurer as well, which requires the proper education and certification.

It seems that the Legislature wants to make the process harder for tribal members to take these leadership positions, and not to follow normal procedures.

For an Attorney General candidate's nomination hearing, a resolution surfaced from 2002 that stated a candidate must be Ho-Chunk.

Yet we've had an Attorney

General after 2002 that wasn't Ho-Chunk confirmed twice.

Our previous Treasurer wasn't an enrolled Ho-Chunk, but Forrest County Potawatomi. Meanwhile, our legislative attorneys aren't Ho-Chunk and neither are outside counsel or lobbyists.

I wonder how many tribal members possess a four-year degree in Accounting and are Certified Public Accountants to meet the requirements of the Treasurer position?

Many of the legislative decisions or opinions are arbitrary to the detriment of all of us.

This is how our tribal politics hamper our tribal government operations, but we will persist.



Ho-Chunk Nation Vice President Karena Thundercloud, Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers, and Ho-Chunk Nation President Marlon WhiteEagle pose for a photo during a Milwaukee Brewers game last season.

## Judge Hunter schedules possible Contempt of Court charges hearing for Sept. 17

Press Release –  
For Immediate Release  
Sept. 1, 2020  
Submitted by: Ken Luchterhand, Public Relations Officer

On Monday, Aug. 31, Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court Judge Mary Jo Hunter scheduled a "show cause" hearing telephonically for 10 am Thursday, Sept. 17, of a court violation by the Ho-Chunk Legislature.

The hearing is to listen to argument why Judge Hunter should not hold Vice President Karena Thundercloud and Legislative Attorney Mike Murphy with Contempt of Court.

The "show cause order," also called an "order to show cause," mandates that an individual or corporation make a court appearance to explain why the court should not take a proposed

action.

Judge Hunter stated that she wasn't sure if she would be charging other Legislature members present at the meeting with Contempt of Court.

At concern is a possible violation of the "Ex Parte Temporary Restraining Order" issued on Friday, Aug. 28. The order was for members of the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature not to act upon any budgetary issues that were scheduled for a regular meeting on Monday, Aug. 31.

However, the Legislature did act upon those budget matters by holding a special meeting of the Legislature on Saturday, Aug. 29.

Also under inspection is an Open Meetings violation in which notice and an agenda must be publicly displayed at least 48 hours before the start of the meeting.



Ho-Chunk Nation Office of Tribal Enrollment

### 2020 ANNUAL ADDRESS VERIFICATION Notice from the HCN Office of Tribal Enrollment

#### 2020 AVF

In previous notifications, the Ho-Chunk Nation Enrollment Office stated that it would be distributing the 2020 Annual Address Verification form on September 1, 2020.

However, due to the lack of funding, the Enrollment Office neither has the resources, nor the staff to ensure that it occurs as planned.

Therefore, the issuance of the 2020 AVF is **suspended** until further notice. If the situation changes an update will be forthcoming.

Sincerely,  
Rita Gardner  
Enrollment Officer

# Olivia Curley: Signed Letter of Intent to Play Basketball at Lakeland University

By: Dan Ninham,  
NDNSPORTS.com  
September 1, 2020

Olivia Curley is Ho-Chunk from her mother Kelly Funmaker and Navajo from her late father Jim Curley. "I am Bear clan from my mother and am born for the Folded Arms People clan from my father. My Indian name is doe-chuing-gang-ga meaning 'Leader of warriors.' I am 18 years old. I live in Wittenberg, Wisconsin. I went to school at Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School, Wittenberg, Wisconsin."

Olivia was named second team All-Conference last season 2019-20 and received the four-year senior award. She was the team captain senior year. She also led the team in steals as a senior and assists as a junior. She was named Most Improved as a JV payer her sophomore season and Most Improved as a varsity player her junior season. She was also named the Rookie of the Year in swimming her sophomore year.

"I played for the Wisconsin Blizzard for AAU summer basketball during sixth, seventh and eighth grades," said Olivia. "During my junior summer I played for Wisconsin Blaze. I was also a part of Team Wisconsin in the North American Indigenous Games in Toronto and we won a bronze medal in the 16U division."

"When I was younger and played basketball or any type of sport I was in, I always had my family there to support me in what I was doing," said Olivia. "My core values started with my family, rather than instilled by my tribe. My family taught me to finish things that I started including school, a different sport, or even day-to-day activities. They taught me no matter how bad you want something you will always have to work your hardest. They have taught me that no matter what happens, family will always have your back in good and in bad times."



Olivia Curley played on Team Wisconsin in the North American Indigenous Games in Toronto and won a bronze medal in the 16U Division. Photo Credit: Anna Marie Photography

"My family taught me to grow from my mistakes and take in the good and leave the bad. No matter what you're thinking where you are at, the people who are missing from your life will always be there for you in spirit or watching over you. My family had a very huge impact on my life and they have taught me so much from my little time I have been on this earth. They have given me so much encouragement for lessons, to laughs and even cries. I know my family has pushed me to do well in my life and has led me to my next phase in my life: college," added Olivia.

"I plan on keeping them proud and let them ride this roller coaster of life with me," said Olivia. "My tribe and culture have also allowed me to feel safe knowing I'm not like other people. It has made me feel comfortable to stand out and be my own individual. I fell proud and confident saying 'Hi, my name is Olivia Curley and I am Native American.' Makes me feel unique and proud. Especially when people ask me questions about me and are interested in our culture."

"My sister BreeAnna Walker has been a huge influence on my life," said Olivia. "Not only in life but also on the basketball court. I remember countless times after games I would be so angry and so mad at everyone in the world. She would be diving me home and telling me that if I would just listen and not get frustrated with everyone and myself I could be better. I was not the girl that would listen most of the time, but I knew I was totally in the wrong when my sister have to get after me for my attitude. She would always be my go to if I had any questions about basketball and she would tell me the wrongs and rights, and answer my questions about life. My sister has been a rock so to say when it came to my life. She would always say the right things to make me feel better or even make me

listen."

"My family have all influenced me throughout my high school student-athlete journey," said Olivia. "I have my Nani's (moms) helping me understand that everything is going to be okay, when things aren't looking good. I can always count on them to help ensure myself about decisions I have to make. My tega's (uncles) are always being the ones to make me feel safe and sound and not ever having to worry about being alone. I have my sister to make sure I will always have a friend to go to, and opening up their lives and kids' lives to me making sure I have never have to feel unwanted."

"I have my brothers who are always watching out for me and making sure I stay out of trouble. Also making sure I get annoyed by tem teasing me. Then I have my choka (grandfather) who is always there to talk to when life gets too overwhelming, and gives me a good laugh," added Olivia.

"My mom is there for me at home and puts a roof over my head," said Olivia. "She allows me not to worry because I will always have a place to stay. Everyone in my family has been an influencer in my life. But I have also had bad ones also, even in my family. They are brought into our lives to teach us lessons and I feel like those are to be shared also not just positive people. But that is for a different time."

"As a parent, I've watched her play ball since the third grade and all those years her game grew right along with her," said Kelly. "Her mental game wasn't always where it is now and I do believe she has a lot more to learn, and that is what I'm hoping for her college hoops. Better coaches, better teammates, better facilities and more insight."

"She has the drive, she has the tools, and she has the opportunity to go where she wants. My first hope is she gets and education before all and to keep with it. She can go overseas and play next year with her team and that will be a great experience for



Olivia Curley (Ho-Chunk/Navajo) from Wittenberg, Wisconsin. Photo Credit: The Shawano Leader

her," added Kelly.

"My high school basketball coaches have been part of my journey," said Olivia. "We didn't always see eye-to-eye but I knew my place and I understood what I had to do each game and practice."

"I started with Coach Nick Mechekle on JV my freshman year," said Olivia. "Then he got moved to head coach. I was part JV and varsity. During my time I got to play under him I can say for me it was very challenging to conform to his coaching methods. He wanted to change my shooting from the step I took into my shot and I just didn't like it. As I got to be a junior and senior I looked back and I see how much I have changed and grew from a little un-coachable freshman to a team leader of varsity as a senior."

"Olivia has a great passion for the game of basketball," said Nick Mechekle, head girls' basketball coach at Wittenberg-Birnamwood high school. "Olivia has been a part of the Charger basketball program since kindergarten when she joined in the Charger basketball camps. Liv's talents grew throughout her high school career, I saw that Liv's demeanor changed about the game of basketball. Olivia earned a captain's role and was ready to help lead the team."

"Liv provided the grit to last year's team. She wasn't afraid to take charge or dive on the ground to get that loose ball. She finished her senior averaging 7.5 ppg, 4.3 apg, and led the team in steals with 87. The Chargers finished the season as Central Wisconsin East Conference Champions

and advanced to the Regional Final losing to a great Freedom team," added Nick.

"Olivia's dream was to play college basketball and it was granted at Lakeland University. I wish Liv the best and hope she continues to have passion for the game of basketball," added Nick.

"I never really got to play under Coach Chelsa Lehman since she was the JV coach, but she was always there for me on the bench in varsity games," said Olivia. "She would be the one to calm me down when I was getting frustrated and tell me what wasn't working and what was. I would always be messing with her in practice and getting yelled at for never being focused but that's okay, I'm just that type of person. I truly thought of her as a friend more than coach, but nonetheless I still respected her as one."

"I am close to my family and this college life will take a little time for me to adjust to but I love taking new adventures and seeing where it takes me," said Olivia. "I am not afraid of what my life holds just as long as I have my family egging me on to do bigger and better things. I am freshman at Lakeland University, located in Plymouth, Wisconsin. I am playing on the women's basketball team. I enjoy traveling and trying new things. I love taking pictures of landscapes and people. I plan to major in exercise science and minor in photography."

"I'm just excited to start this new chapter in my life," said Olivia.

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# Households May Receive Follow-Up Visits From 2020 Census Takers

## Visits Serve as Quality Checks to Ensure Everyone Is Counted

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AUG. 31, 2020 — With door-to-door visits by census takers now underway, the U.S. Census Bureau is informing households that they may also receive a follow-up visit to ensure everyone is counted in the 2020 Census. So far, 64.9% of all housing units have responded online, by phone or by mail, and another 17.5% have been counted by census takers and other field data collection operations. In



The Census Bureau requires that census takers wear a mask while conducting their work. They will follow CDC and local public health guidelines when they visit.

total, over 82.4% of all housing units throughout the nation have been accounted for in the 2020 Census as of Aug. 30. The Census Bureau is working to count the remaining households—about 1 in every 5 households across the nation.

On a daily basis, the Census Bureau updates its list of households that have responded. It is possible that a locally hired census taker will still visit the address as part of the Census Bureau's quality assurance program for the 2020 Census even if a household has already responded. The public is encouraged to cooperate with census takers as they follow up.

For example, census takers are visiting households where there may be some confusion about the address. If the community's addresses recently changed or the household responded with an address that does not match the Census Bureau's address list, census takers will visit to verify the address and collect a response in person. Please respond when the census taker visits. If a census taker left a notice of their visit, you can respond online or by phone using the Census ID provided on the notice. This ID links your address to your response and ensures you are counted in the right place. The Census Bureau has rigorous methods

and processes to resolve any duplicate responses.

In some cases, a second census taker may visit a household to conduct a short interview. This additional interview is one of the ways we check the quality of census takers' work.

In addition, other Census Bureau representatives continue visiting homes for ongoing

surveys that are occurring at the same time as the 2020 Census, such as the American Community Survey. These ongoing surveys affect only a small number of households nationwide and provide valuable information to help community leaders plan for hospitals and schools, improve emergency services, and make informed decisions about cre-

ating jobs.

Households can still respond to the 2020 Census by going online at 2020census.gov, by phone at 844-330-2020, or by completing and mailing back the paper questionnaire they received.

No news release associated with this announcement. Tip Sheet only.

## COMPLETE YOUR 2020 CENSUS!



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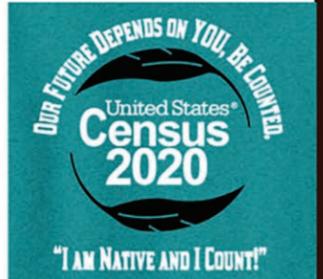
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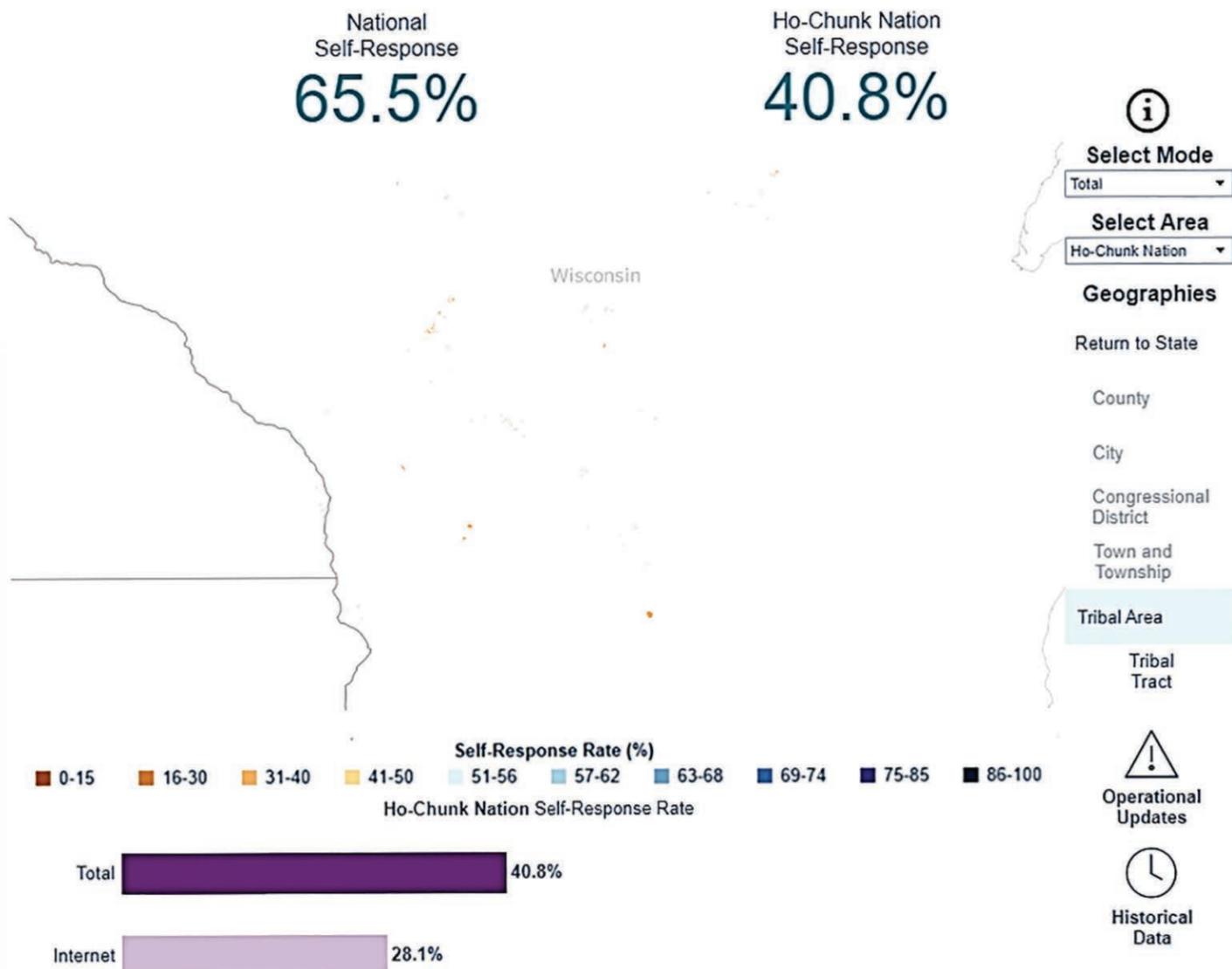
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### Self-Response by Tribal Area

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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# Community Art Project Honors the Land and its People

(Sauk County, WI) - Earth, Sky, Water, a public art installation on the Great Sauk Trail, will officially be unveiled during Fermentation Fest in Sauk County. This project showcases the connection of the Ho-Chunk people to Maa Wakacak (English translation - Sacred Land), the land stewarded by the Ho-Chunk Nation.

This ceramic tile mural will be permanently installed on repurposed stem walls, remnants of the site's historical past as the Badger Ammunition plant, on Highway 12 between Baraboo and Sauk City. Little Eagle Arts Foundation (LEAF) of Wisconsin Dells is the principal organizer of this project.

Lead artists include: Melanie Tallmadge Sainz, Muneer Bahauddeen, Martina Patterson, Felix Sainz, Jr., and Kate Clausius.

Ho-Chunk Families of Sauk County/ participants/ artists/ tile makers include:

Eli Leonard and family: Morningstar Leonard, Elizah Leonard, Elijah Leonard, Eleana Leonard, Elise Leonard, and Elicia Leonard; JoAnn Jones and family: Naawahuu, Toree Jones, Joyce Warner, and Tom Jones; Nela Stacy and family: Devinn Sky, Cole Sky, Ravinn Hilterbrand, Robbie Hilterbrand, Sr.; Connie Lonetree and family: Daryl Lonetree, and the Lenore Sweet family: Laura LaMere, Giana Ortega, Gysela Ortega,

Angie Lowe, and Adrian Lowe.

A celebration of Native arts has been set for September 26 - October 4, at LEAF's Maa Wakacak ceramic studio, the former firehouse at Badger Ordnance across the highway from the village of Bluffview.

Activities include: Ho-Chunk artist demonstrations and sales September 26, 27, October 3, & 4, 10am - 4pm; and Earth, Sky, Water, mural dedication, October 4, 1pm.

The required event parking passes will be issued at the LEAF studio. Visitors attending the mural dedication are invited to walk or bike to the mural site on the Great Sauk Trail.

This collaborative project was made possible through a donation from the Ho-Chunk Nation to the Friends of the Great Sauk State Trail, with additional grant funding provided by the Sauk County Extension, Arts & Culture Committee, and the Wisconsin Arts Board with funds from the State of Wisconsin. This project has been organized with the River Arts Inc. of Prairie du Sac.

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*In loving memory*

**Iris Jean Thundercloud Cleveland**

**Wednesday September 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> 2020**

**Supper at 5pm and church services to follow when ready.**

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**News Release**

**Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison Responds to Inaccurate Reporting in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel**

Madison, WI August 28, 2020 – On Wednesday, August 27, 2020, the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel newspaper, Wisconsin's largest news organization published an online report about a right wing radio personality on WIBA FM, Vicky McKenna. During her show yesterday she made incendiary comments supporting the 17 year boy who allegedly shot and killed two protesters in Kenosha, WI and wounded another. Her comments are drawing tremendous ire throughout Wisconsin and more specifically for Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin.

Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison does not sponsor or endorse any radio personalities or their views on any subject matter. Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison does not sponsor any shows on WIBA AM or iHeart Media but rather, run radio commercials across several of their radio station market. Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison and Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin advertise with many markets throughout the Wisconsin and Illinois region. "Our ad ran at the most inopportune and multiple times during her show while controversial topics were being discussed", stated Daniel Brown, Executive Manager, Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison, "In turn, we have pulled our ads from WIBA AM."

Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison was contacted yesterday for comment by Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, Daniel Bice. "I received the initial inquiry from Daniel Bice and advised I would get back to him once I had the opportunity to collect advertising information from our Marketing department related to our participation with this show", stated Missy Tracy, Municipal Relations Coordinator, Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison. However, the story ran before Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison had the opportunity to respond and thus the inaccurate report was published. "It is most unfortunate this occurred as it lends to the appearance the eagerness to portray Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison, a tribal casino, with a negative image rather than awaiting investigative factual reporting to transpire," Brown relayed.

As a consequence, Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin has received a flurry of criticism and adverse commentary. "As of this writing, we have not had the opportunity to confirm whether or not the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel has corrected the inaccuracy of this story as they stated they would," Brown said.

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Thank you from the Jordan Emanuel Miller family

Good day (Hocicinik), Son Jordan. Love & miss ya. You fulfilled the Lords plan for you then he called you home. He sent you to earth to be a good example, and to let his people know what a kind, loving, merciful, faithful father he is. To always be grateful and to know he is God Almighty. Creator of heaven & earth. It is He who hath made us and not we ourselves. We are his children and the sheep of his pasture.

I look forward to holding you in my arms again and our loved ❤️ ones past. Even famous rock and movie stars, history makers.

I have a happy ❤️ knowing you are with our heavenly father.

I'm sending this thank you note to God, all the relatives and friends who helped us with your send off. It was beautiful beginning to end. I would have liked to list all those who comforted us and there are many. Please know any gestures, flowers, gifts, kind words and expressions to Jordan's children, Autumn & Miller/Falcon families are sincerely appreciated. "God and I know who you are." Rest assured the Great Spirit will bless you all for your prayers and kindness. Sincerely, Miller/Falcon relatives.



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funds from them had to be returned. But there was hope.

Sauk County Arts and Culture released a second round of emergency funding that LEAF could apply for. Melanie decided that if LEAF was going to have any public art education programs and/or cultural arts programs in the near future, LEAF would need to make everything COVID friendly.

So, she wrote and submitted a grant to Sauk County Arts and Culture stressing that it would be COVID friendly. Originally, it was going to be her and some volunteers working with the kids, but thought if LEAF could get families involved, great, but Plan B if they couldn't. She wanted people knowledgeable about the art form like Bahauddeen and Patterson to help complete the project.

Maa Wąkażak seemed a perfect venue to promote social distancing for this project. Fortunately, because LEAF obtained all the supplies, cleaning supplies, masks, shields, and the open-air space at Maa Wąkażak, the project could be deemed COVID-friendly.

"This has been a collaboration between she (Project Apprentice Martina Patterson) and I," said Bahauddeen. Melanie and her husband Felix have been working with

Muneer and Martina to help bring in another woman artist to help. "She's also an art teacher. Her name is Kate Clausius, and she has been fabricating metal frames that will actually hold these pieces (ceramic tiles). I've yet to meet her but I understand the end project is going well," Muneer said with a smile.

Muneer stated that he was thankful to be involved with the mural, a feeling echoed by Martina. "This is not only for me and artistic expression and the experience with it. I'm feeling the spiritual experience to this as well. It's an honor to be working with the Hoocąk Nation, feeling closely connected working with three families," Muneer said. Not new to this work, Muneer works in residences all the time primarily with individual children and others.

Muneer added, "The difference here is I'm working with whole families and the attitude and the enthusiasm about working with whole families is just so much more calming and peaceful. I just truly enjoy it. I'm glad to be here and thankful that over the years, Melanie had remembered my work and called on me to do this project."

Muneer and Martina are part of a flow group that is a connection between the rural and urban people in the Sauk and Milwaukee counties. "We

are doing like cultural and artistic exchange, some people from Sauk County have been doing work in Milwaukee and vice versa. So, we're part of the flow," Muneer said. "When they came down to Milwaukee, they came to my studio. That's when I first met Melanie. And things went on, and maybe two years later now, she's reconnected with me, and has brought me in on this project."

Muneer pointed out the project has had Hoocąk families participate. The Eli Leonard, Joann Jones, Nela Stacey, Connie Lonetree, and Lenore Sweet families all worked on contributing tiles for the mural. "This is the last of the four. Martina, Melanie, and I, will actually do the touch up work tomorrow preparing these tiles for firing. We're trying to get these ready for next the Wormfarms' Fermentation Fest in October."

Working on their mural tiles that day, were members of the Sweet and Lonetree families. Each working with great focus, care and artistic expression, of what the land in their native homelands means to them. A sort of spiritual and cultural connection.

"I was just thinking, you know that we need to look more at how we try to keep our country and our air and water safe," said elder Connie Lonetree. "You know, try



Some of the tiles for the mural strung together.

to really work at improving our waste and how we live because we live so frivolous without thinking about what we're doing, about our waste and how we're using the water and that kind of thing. It's really hard to live real economically, and try to save our planet. I guess. It's kind of worries me. We need to be greener. Yeah, it really needs to be improved 100% because it's just not happening. It's not happening."

Lonetree shared that it was good to be out in the fresh air working on the mural for the Great Sauk Trail. She feels that it will bring a top of mind awareness to those that use the trail of who the original people were in the area, and what was important to them, their culture and connection to the land.

Daryl Lonetree, Connie's son, accompanied her to the work on the project as well. "Well, my mom was talking about it for a couple of days. I didn't have any idea what this was about. So, I just drove her down. So, I guess she kind of knew what this was about. I got involved so I'm kind of just doing this little art piece," said Daryl while working on his tile.

He continued, "So, I really

enjoy it. It's a lot of fun. Other Ho-Chunk families have been coming down. There are different parts of the mural and then they've been doing their parts."

When asked what the project meant to him Daryl shared, "Of course, it's your piece that you're having in there, but also, you know Hoocąk are going to have kind of like a connection for people that come through the trail to see that. You know, the Hoocąk, they've always been here, this is sacred land to them."

In working on his tile, Daryl has incorporated Maa (land). "There is the earth, sky, and water. So, I put in the Earth part because of belonging to the bear clan, I care about the earth." He acknowledged that there's no wrong way of doing this, he just picked out this part because that's what he thought about.

"I'm glad that they are having this for Hoocąk community members to come together and do this mural and participate in it, what they're doing I think it's pretty nice. It's going to be on display sometime in the future. It's a good idea."

Lenore Sweet, another elder  
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Giana Ortega looks on as visiting Artist in Residence Muneer Bahauddeen, crops Giana's tile.



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Date	Location	Time
September 16 <sup>th</sup>	Nekoosa TAU / Head Start 4910 Winneshiek Ln	9:00 a.m.— 11:30 a.m.
September 16 <sup>th</sup>	Blue Wing Community Center 320 Epinal Ln	1:30 p.m. — 4:00 p.m.
September 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Winnebago Heights TAU E8863 Winneshiek Rd	9:30 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.
September 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Ho-Chunk Village / HOW S2845 White Eagle Ln	2:00 p.m. — 4:00 p.m.
October 7 <sup>th</sup>	Wittenberg: Community Center W17634 Radke Rd	11:00 a.m.— 2:00 p.m.
October 14 <sup>th</sup>	BRF Indian Mission/Pavilion W8802 Mission Rd	9:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.
October 14 <sup>th</sup>	BRF Sand Pillow Community Center	1:30 p.m. — 4:30 p.m.

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## UPCOMING COMMUNITY TESTING EVENTS

**-FOR TRIBAL MEMBERS & EMPLOYEES-**

**WED. 9/2, 9AM-2PM  
LA CROSSE BRANCH OFFICE**

**FRI. 9/4, 9AM-12PM  
SIGA FUNMAKER COMMUNITY CENTER, WITTENBERG**

**WED. 9/9, 9AM-2PM  
MADISON BRANCH OFFICE**

**WED. 9/16, 9AM-2PM  
NEKOOSA HEALTH OFFICE**

**FRI. 9/18, 9AM-12  
DISTRICT 1 COMMUNITY CENTER, BLACK RIVER FALLS**

**WED. 9/23, 9AM-2PM  
TOMAH HEALTH OFFICE**

**FRI. 9/25, 9AM-12  
HOUSE OF WELLNESS**

**ALL TESTING SITES ARE OUTSIDE & DRIVE-THRU OR WALK-UP.**

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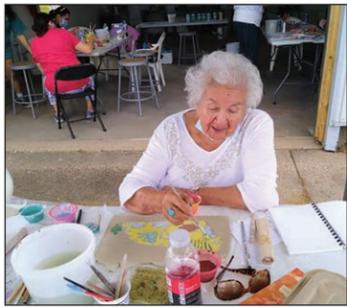
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there with family, found the project as “getting back to her academia roots”. “I haven’t done this kind of activity in 50 years. Back in college. We had to do a lot of different stuff like this. I was an art major and so, you know, we had a lot of different activity and I haven’t done anything like this in quite a while.”

Also enjoying being outside, Sweet said, “Especially now when we’re kind of confined to our homes. You need your mind to be thinking about other things other than just, you know, the pandemic. Having the opportunity to work with family on the mural, she said, “We’re pretty close. Everything we do is pretty much always together.”

Lindsey Giese. Executive Director of River Arts Inc. in Prairie Du Sac, and a Friend of the Great Sauk State Trail, shared that there are a couple of levels of financial connection as far as this project goes.

When the trail was first being created, the River Arts Inc. eventually would take on an official title as administrators of Art Along the Trail. They initially were charged with public art pieces, but that developed into benches, mile markers, and any artistic element to the trail. “We are a



**Connie Lonetree enjoying the open air while working.**

part of curating that and those decisions,” Lindsey said.

Like Muneer and Martina, Lindsey’s involvement was one that evolved as well. “When the trail extended into what’s now called the Sauk Prairie Recreation Area, which goes through Hoocak lands, it was very important to honor that history of the Hoocak people, and the Hoocak Nation gave a very, very generous donation to make the trail happen.” With every donation that went to the trail, a portion of that was used for art recognition in the form of a public art piece. That is when she became involved, connecting the donor with an art piece that worked and made sense for them, and in turn honoring that gift.

Giese shared, “I helped to put out a call for artists, we definitely wanted a Hoocak artist to create this piece. It’s from a Hoocak gift, it’s next to Hoocak land, and seems silly to do it any other way than to honor a Hoocak artist.”

That was part of the call for artists and several submissions were received. Melanie’s was one of them through LEAF. Eventually, through a River Arts Inc. committee and some Hoocak Nation representatives, LEAF was juried and selected. LEAF’s art piece was selected to be the art piece recognizing the Hoocak Nation gifts to the Great Sauk State Trail.

“So now we’ve been working with Melanie on making it happen and things have had to change because of COVID. But I know we’re both excited. She’s been wonderful and adapting to the times to figure out how to still do a collaborative art project with

social distancing and safety in mind. She’s done a great job to make some of those changes.”

Originally, the project was planned to involve students from different schools. Lindsey stated, due to COVID and alternatives in educating, Melanie found a great way to still include families. “That’s kind of where I come in and help. I help with stuff not as glamorous as some of the art stuff as the creation, but the logistics of where will it go,” Lindsey said enthusiastically.

She continued, “It’s a public state trail, so there are some regulations on how we how we can do the art pieces, where they can be, even down to the vegetation that’s around it, and the signage and lots of details like that. I’m helping coordinate that with Melanie, but she is the one making all the magic happen. She’s wonderful.”

There were several different funders, which Lindsey acknowledged was amazing, because the project itself is collaborative as is the funding, which she admitted was unusual. “For the other pieces on the trail, most of those were from a single donor, and just projects in general, most of them come from one significant donor and then maybe a couple other sources, but this was very much a group effort.” The Hoocak Nation donation to the trail was the most significant and was followed up by Sauk County Arts and Humanities grants. Melanie acquired some of her own funding as well. It is not really the norm where artists will go out and seek extra funding. Melanie saw the need for additional funds in order to make the project



**L to R - Daryl Lonetree and Gysela Ortega work on their tiles.**



COVID friendly and she met that need.

Melanie sees the mural and the Hoocak Nation’s involvement as a way to educate the public about Native American culture. In her work with LEAF, having previously run an art gallery in downtown Wisconsin Dells, recalled that involvement and connection to educating.

“At the gallery, we would have people come up from Chicago with their families, and when I would tell them that I’m a member of the Hoocak Nation, I’m Native American, some of those kids were just like, ‘really, you’re a live Indian?’ Well, first of all, I don’t call myself Indian because I’ve never been there. You know, it’s on my bucket list,” she said with a chuckle.

“But yeah, there are real live indigenous people, you know, whose ancestors met Columbus before he came here or the Vikings before they came here, we’re still here. And so that education we need, we need it, you know, and it’s not just for the non-Indians, but also the broader community, and for our local Hoocak families to have an opportunity to make a tile commemorated to their

grandma who’s Buffalo clan, and they depicted her name on a tile. That’s a memory. The tile mural, we’re constructing that because we want it to last a long time. So, we couldn’t be more blessed to be first of all, out here at Maa Wakaçak, to be able to bring our Hoocak people out of their homes in a safe environment. So, it’s just been a real blessing. And for me too, because having LEAF’s programs postponed or canceled altogether.”

Melanie pointed out there is an air of uncertainty that the COVID pandemic has brought about for everyone sharing, “I mean, I was even second guessing. What am I doing? Maybe I should go back, maybe I should get a desk job at a motel. But the Creator brought me here as an Eagle clan member and a member of our Hoocak Nation to organize things that are good for our people. I put a lot of prayers into it. And it’s happening, I’m very thankful. Very thankful. Every day I get to come out here is just, it’s just so amazing. This is for our ancestors. This is their land.”

For more information visit LEAF, Wormfarm, and the Fermentation Fest.

## Injunction issued to HCN Legislature on making any budgetary decisions

Press release:

For immediate release

August 29, 2020

Submitted by: Ken Luchterhand, Public Relations Officer

A legal action has determined that the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature must refrain from making any budgetary decisions until a hearing can be made on Monday, Aug. 31

An “Ex Parte Temporary Restraining Order and Scheduling Preliminary Injunction Hearing” has been issued by the Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court. The hearing is scheduled for Monday, Aug. 31.

The Honorable Associate Trial Court Judge Mary Jo B. Hunter ruled on the matter.

Ho-Chunk Nation Executive Branch and Marlon WhiteEagle, in his official capacity as president of the Ho-Chunk Nation, sought the injunction against the Ho-Chunk Legislature after the Legislature passed a 60-day budget.

WhiteEagle and the Executive Branch contended, by filing for the injunction, that the Legislature exceeded its Constitutional authority by passing a line-item budget. Resolution 6-24-20B, passed by the Legislature, incorporated specific line-item budgets for each department of the Executive Branch.

In the ruling, Judge Hunter

explained that the Court adopted a four-prong test for the purpose of evaluating requests for preliminary injunctions. The request from the Executive Branch and WhiteEagle met all four of those criteria.

The first prong for an injunction is the “No Adequate Remedy at Law,” meaning that money damages will not address the harm caused by the Legislature. In this case, the injunction is sought to “prevent the HCN Legislature from further interfering with the duties of the Executive Branch. Such relief is non-monetary and is only achievable through seeking an injunction as the plaintiffs are now doing. Therefore, the Court finds that the plaintiff has met the first prong,” the court document stated.

The second prong is “The threatened injury outweighs the harm of issuing an injunction.” The plaintiffs argue that the Legislature’s choice of reducing the Executive Branch’s 60-day budget with specific line items resulted in irreparable harm. Specifically, the plaintiffs allege that the line-item budget cuts led to layoffs of Executive Department staff without input of the president or other Executive Department staff, Judge Hunter stated in the document.

The plaintiffs state that this resulted in the firing of many employees within the Execu-

tive Branch and that many of those fired were members of the Ho-Chunk Nation. The result of the Legislature’s line-item budget, the plaintiffs allege, constituted a violation of the constitutionally guaranteed separation of powers.

“The plaintiffs’ allegations are extremely serious concerns that have potentially grave consequences for the Nation as the Legislature’s line-item budgets passed through continuing resolution appropriation bills could potentially have the effect of encroaching on the Executive Branch’s ability to ‘execute, administer, and enforce the laws of the Ho-Chunk Nation necessary to exercise all powers delegated by the General Council and the Legislature...’” the court document stated.

Should the Court not grant the temporary restraining order, the Executive Branch could suffer irreparable harm, Judge Hunter stated in the document.

The third prong is “There is a reasonable likelihood of success on the merits.”

The plaintiffs’ contended that the Legislature’s actions “disguise a direct encroachment of the constitutionally-mandated duties of the Executive Branch and of the President by choosing not to appropriate funds for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year.” The

plaintiffs’ further allege that the HCN Legislature cannot demonstrate any constitutional basis for its exercise of issuing the budgets in continuing resolutions in the manner that occurred.”

Judge Hunter wrote that “the Court cannot find anything in Article V of the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution that would allow such line-item budgeting to be passed through legislation in the manner referenced above. This implies a reasonable likelihood that the Legislature violated the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution’s separation of powers clause under Article III § 3. Thus, the Court finds that there is a reasonable likelihood of success on the merits.

The fourth and final prong of the preliminary injunction is “Granting the injunction serves the public interest.”

“A restraining order and preliminary injunction in this matter upholds the Ho-Chunk Nation’s Constitution, the Nation’s laws, and protects employees of the Ho-Chunk Nation, many of whom are members of the Nation, from potentially unnecessary layoffs. The Ho-Chunk Nation’s Constitution clearly states that ‘No branch of government shall exercise the powers or function delegated to another branch.’” Judge Hunter wrote in her decision.

“A violation of this clause has the effect of damaging the separate-but-equal constitutional framework of the Nation. Additionally there are many people’s jobs that are stake when another branch unilaterally determines where and much money can be appropriated for type of expense incurred within each branch and department of government. Consequently, the Court finds that granting the temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction serves the public interest,” Judge Hunter stated.

Judge Hunter declared that the Court will convene a Temporary Restraining Order Hearing telephonically at 9:00 am Aug. 31, 2020, CDT.

“The defendants shall refrain from addressing any legislative budgetary matters schedule on August 31, 2020, until the Court is able to render a decision regarding the plaintiff’s complaint, which the Court intends to do on an expedited basis,” Judge Hunter wrote.

However, the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature met for an Emergency Legislative Meeting on Saturday, Aug. 29, and passed a 63-day budget. The court has not issued a statement on whether or not the Legislature’s action is a violation of the court order declared the prior day.

**HO-CHUNK NATION  
LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR MEETING  
TRIBAL EXECUTIVE  
OFFICES  
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI  
AUGUST 18, 2020**

**Call to Order:** President Marlon White Eagle called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

**Roll Call:**

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

**Determination of Quorum:** Quorum is established at 10:03 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. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:**

**Legislative Meeting-August 4, 2020**

**MOTION** by Rep. Darren Brinegar to approve the August 4, 2020 Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Special Legislative Meeting-August 11, 2020**

**MOTION** by Rep. Darren Brinegar to approve the August 11, 2020 Special Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Unfinished Business:**

**COVID-19 Executive Branch Update**

**Department of Health**

Executive Director of Health Kiana Beaudin was present via Webex. She stated that as of this morning, there are 84 positive cases on of COVID-19 within Ho-Chunk Nation jurisdiction. Executive Director Beaudin also mentioned that key staff at Health have resigned, which has been overwhelming for remaining staff.

Legislative Counsel asked Executive Director Beaudin if the Masking Ordinance is being enforced. Executive Director Beaudin did not know, and had no update at this time. Rep. Brinegar requested sig-

nage at all Whitetail Crossings stating that the Nation now has a Masking Ordinance. Additionally, most employees are unaware the Nation has the Masking Ordinance.

**Office of the President**

No report.

**Department of Business**

Scott Marecek, Business Analyst was present to address the Legislature. He will update signage at Whitetail Crossings referencing the Masking Ordinance. Mr. Marecek reported on the Ho-Chunk Gaming operations status update.

Rep. Kristin White Eagle thanked the Department of Business for their work and reports during the re-opening phases of the gaming facilities. Rep. White Eagle inquired how Department of Business is holding up during the pandemic, with this being a critical time to be short-staffed.

Mr. Marecek stated that with the number of properties and operations and limited staff, the Department of Business has put some items on the back burner that they would rather not. Mr. Marecek mentioned that each property has skilled management teams. Mr. Marecek stated that Department of Business will be looking at seeking additional positions with the future Executive Director of Business.

It was asked who has oversight of Department of Business right now. The President stated that the Executive Managers have oversight of each property and Scott Marecek has signature authority within Department of Business. The President also stated that he submitted a nomination of Executive Director of Business to the Legislature for consideration.

*10:36 a.m. President Marlon White Eagle and Scott Marecek left the meeting to meet with Tribal Members Lisa Nichols and Robert Funmaker regarding a personnel issue. Vice President Karena Thundercloud chairs the meeting.*

Tribal Members that were in attendance at the meeting brought forward personnel concerns at the gaming facilities. Specifically, that non-Ho-Chunks were recalled before Ho-Chunk employees. Tribal Member Robert Funmaker stated that if these personnel issues are not going to be resolved, the Legislature needs to take action.

**NOTED FOR THE RECORD:** On April 28, 2020, the Legislature adopted Resolution 04-28-20 A Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Ho-Chunk Nation Employment Relations Act (6 HCC § 5) which added "In the event that Ho-Chunk Nation tribal member employee layoffs occur pursuant to an Emergency Declaration under Chapter IX of the Employment Relations Act, all Ho-Chunk Nation tribal member employees who have been laid off shall be re-

called, based upon a timeline determined by the Executive Director of Personnel and consistent with operational need."

**Office of General Council**

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to TABLE Office of General Council until Cari Fay is present. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Status Report of Previous General Council Resolutions**

Legislative Counsel mentioned that this is a work in progress.

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to TABLE Status Report of Previous General Council Resolution. Second by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Illinois Gaming**

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to TABLE Illinois Gaming. Second by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**District 4 Formerly District 5 Restricted Account Status**

**MOTION** by Rep. Paul Fox to TABLE District 4 Formerly District 5 Restricted Account Status. Second by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Gaming Licenses and Gaming Commission Update**

Angie Liazuk, Gaming Commissioner Chairperson was present to address the Legislature. She reviewed her report, which spoke to: vendor and gaming licensures, monthly meetings, and an update on each gaming facility.

**Minors Trust Fund Communication**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2020 Investment Commentary was forwarded to the Legislature from the Treasurer. This was mailed out to all parents with children with trust funds.

**Online Gaming**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to move Online Gaming agenda item to Executive Session for today. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Cranmoor School House**

**MOTION** by Rep. Darren Brinegar to STRIKE Cranmoor School House. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Authorization of a Business Site Land Lease on Lot 6 of the Blue Wing East Property #439 T 2163 for Chester Dick & Courtney Funmaker-Dick**

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to TABLE Resolution-Authorization of a Business Site Land Lease on Lot 6 of the Blue Wing East Property #439 T 2163 for Chester Dick & Courtney Funmaker-Dick until after the area meetings for next month. Second by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. 11-0-0

**MOTION CARRIED.**

It was mentioned that this was brought to the August 11, 2020 Tomah Area Meeting. The area made a motion to table this until next month.

Tribal Member Roberta Decora mentioned that she thinks the land is intended for residential, and not for business. She expressed concerns over the increased traffic and parking issues if this lease were to be approved. Also, if this lease was approved, it would take away from Tribal Members who would like to build a home on that lot.

It was stated that this is listed as a Business Lease, but it is really for religious purposes. Melanie Mudd, Realty Division, stated a site for religious purposes falls under the Business Site Leasing Code.

**New Business:**

**Resolution-Authorizing Application by the Judiciary Branch for Bureau of Indian Affairs Grant**

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to TABLE Resolution-Authorizing Application by the Judiciary Branch for Bureau of Indian Affairs Grant at Judiciary's request. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-In Support of the 477 Federal Program Grant Application and Approval of Master Plan for July 2020-June 2024**

The Legislature inquired about the Ho-Chunk Nation's unemployment numbers. Department of Labor will forward that information to the Legislature.

**MOTION** by Rep. George Stacy to adopt **Resolution 08-18-20 A**, In Support of the 477 Federal Program Grant Application and Approval of Master Plan for July 2020-June 2024. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Support for the University of Wisconsin-Madison and Nelson Institute to Apply for the National Science Foundation ITEST Grant Funding for the Earth Partnership Indigenous Arts and Sciences Initiative**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 08-18-20 B**, Support for the University of Wisconsin-Madison and Nelson Institute to Apply for the National Science Foundation ITEST Grant Funding for the Earth Partnership Indigenous Arts and Sciences Initiative. Second by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Support for the Health Department to Pursue an MOA with Indian Health Service for the IHS CARES Act Funding**

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to adopt **Resolution 08-18-20 C**, Support for the Health Department to Pursue an MOA with Indian Health Service for the IHS CARES

Act Funding. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Ho-Chunk Nation Employment Relations Act**

**MOTION** by Rep. Darren Brinegar to adopt **Resolution 08-18-20 D**, Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Ho-Chunk Nation Employment Relations Act. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 7-3(Rep. Hinu Smith, Rep. Kristin White Eagle, Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr.)-1(Rep. Matt Mullen) **MOTION DEFEATED.**

*Quick Passage requires a 2/3 affirmative vote.*

Rep. Kristin White Eagle expressed her concerns of discretionary transfers being done without the job being posted.

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to request Legislative Counsel to bring forth a resolution to amend the ERA that Ho-Chunk tribal members will be sought out for the position first. **MOTION DIES FOR A LACK OF A SECOND.**

*11:30 a.m. Rep. Stephanie Begay was excused from the meeting. Rep. Begay will return later in the meeting.*

Rep. Kristin White Eagle stated that the Legislature has to take action to ensure Ho-Chunk preference is exercised when a discretionary transfer takes place.

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to request Legislative Counsel to draft an amendment to the ERA stating that Discretionary Transfers must adhere to Ho-Chunk preference, and that any other instances should follow the process. **MOTION DIES FOR A LACK OF A SECOND.**

Rep. Kristin White Eagle mentioned that she will continue to work on an ERA amendment regarding Discretionary Transfers and add that to an upcoming Legislative Meeting agenda.

**Otoe Horse Bill**

Rep. Hinu Smith stated that currently there is no money in the budget for this bill.

**MOTION** by Rep. Hinu Smith to TABLE Otoe Horse Bill. Second by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**U.S. EDA CARES Proposal-Legislative Program Manager**

Rep. Hinu Smith mentioned that this a follow-up to what the Legislature approved at last session.

**MOTION** by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. to TABLE U.S. EDA CARES Proposal-Legislative Program Manager until after Executive Session. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 9-1(Rep. Hinu Smith)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

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**Resolution-Quick Passage to Amend the Confirmation of Executive Directors Act**

**MOTION** by Rep. Hinu Smith to adopt **Resolution 08-18-20 E**, Quick Passage to Amend the Confirmation of Executive Directors Act. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 6-3(Rep. Darren Brinegar, Rep. Kristin White Eagle, Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr.)-1(Rep. Paul Fox) **MOTION DEFEATED.**

*Quick Passage requires a 2/3 affirmative vote.*

*Tribal Member Carol Garvin requested ELIO Longtail to request the President to return to the meeting.*

**Office of General Council (Revisited)**

Cari Fay, General Council Advocate was present via Webex. We are still waiting to revise the contract for the AV vendor. She mentioned that there was an ad in the Worak regarding the online meeting for the Annual General Council on December 5, 2020. Ms. Fay also mentioned a "Mock Meeting" that will take place before the Annual Meeting.

Tribal Member Carol Garvin stated that in the latest issue of the Worak, the President writes about the former Attorney General opinion and that the only way General Council could meet virtually is if it had procedures already in place, so General Council would have to meet in person to pass such procedures to allow for a virtual meeting. General Council has not voted on a virtual meeting, and she is unsure how the Nation can make this happen because those procedures were to be in place. Ms. Garvin expressed her concerns that the Office of General Council is taking it upon themselves, when the Office of General Council's duty is to implement those procedures that the General Council votes on or passes. She is not in agreement with the virtual meeting. She is unsure if the votes will be legal.

Ms. Fay stated that as far as virtual meetings go, there is nothing in the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution that prohibits a virtual meeting. As far as voting on that, that can be done in a virtual format. Payout is dependent on funds availability. As far as in-person goes, (Executive Director of Health) Kiana Beaudin stated that mass gatherings is a high risk for people to contract COVID-19. Ms. Fay stated that she is not in favor of an in-person meeting.

Tribal Member Carol Garvin stated that again, we have an office making decisions for the General Council. We can't suppress the voters. As Ho-Chunk People we have the right to meet. She stated that at the District 1 area meeting, a motion was made to host the Special General Council meeting at the Pow-Wow grounds in Black River Falls, and opting to have it on Trust Land. She mentioned that it is safer

to meet outside than in an enclosed room.

*12:03 p.m. President White Eagle returns to the meeting, and chairs the meeting.*

Tribal Member Carol Garvin asked the President why he has not called for a Special General Council meeting yet. The President replied that there has not been a budget approved for the Special General Council meeting and there are no procedures in place. The meeting would have to be in person, and there are no procedures for a virtual meeting. The President also stated that one of the procedures of General Council is paying Tribal Members \$150. The procedures are only set by the body when they are together. The current procedures is that you have to pay the Tribal Members \$150. President White Eagle also stated that an annual budget has not been approved yet. To look at it financially, it's not even feasible. Not only that, health-wise, he is not going to put anyone in danger.

Tribal Member Jim Delarosa stated a payout is not needed, and it wouldn't hurt to send out a survey to see who would attend the meeting without a payout.

Tribal Member Carol Garvin mentioned that she does not think it is fair to those areas who made motions at area meeting to call for a Special General Council for the President to ignore their request.

Tribal Member Roberta Decorah stated that there have been times in the past when there has been no payout at General Council. Mrs. Decorah spoke to the President and said that it is disheartening to hear that the Executive Branch is not working with the Legislative Branch. If we are going to get out of this pandemic, we need to work together. Mrs. Decorah also mentioned the turnover in staff within the President's Administration.

The President stated that if he could see procedures that are being proposed for a virtual meeting, and he thinks he outlined this pretty well in his letter in the Worak. The meeting has to occur with everyone there, and that's not safe. He is willing to keep everyone safe, as far as even saying "sue me." He is going to keep people safe first. The President stated that the court is right over there, to file something, but you will have to wait 60 days until after the resolution passes (referring to Resolution 07-21-20 A, Request for Special General Council Meeting). His objective is to keep people safe.

Tribal Member Jim Delarosa asked the President how he plans on hosting the December Annual General Council meeting. The President replied that we do not know the future, and maybe the pandemic will be over by then.

Ms. Cari Fay stated that she will have to reach out to Realty to see how many square feet Andrew Blackhawk Pow-

Wow grounds is, in order to maintain social distancing.

**Amendment to the Agenda:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Hinu Smith to add the Special General Council proposed budget to the agenda for later today. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 7-3(Rep. Darren Brinegar, Rep. Matt Mullen, Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr.)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Stephanie Begay was offline during vote count.*

**Lunch break:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Paul Fox to break for lunch. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 9-1(Rep. Matt Mullen)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Stephanie Begay was offline during vote count.*

*12:43 p.m.*

**Call to Order:** President Marlon White Eagle called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

**Roll Call:**

President Marlon White Eagle-P  
Vice President Karena Thundercloud-P  
Rep. George Stacy-P  
Rep. Hinu Smith-VC  
Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr.-VC 1:35  
Rep. Stephanie Begay-VC  
Rep. Kristin White Eagle-VC  
Rep. Darren Brinegar-VC  
Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr.-VC  
Rep. Sarah Lemieux-P  
Rep. Matthew Mullen-VC  
Rep. Robert TwoBears-EX  
Rep. Paul Fox-P  
Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit-EX  
VC-Video Conference

**Determination of Quorum:** Quorum is established at 1:33 p.m.

**District Meetings:**

**D1 Black River Falls-August 12, 2020**

**MOTION** by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to refer to the General Council Branch the **MOTION** by Carol Garvin to hold Special General Council at the Andrew Blackhawk Pow-Wow Grounds. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 10-0-1(Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr.) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**READ FOR THE RECORD:**

**MOTION** by Carol Garvin to have the President give the Legislature a 2 week notice prior to terminating At-Will employees.

**MOTION** by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to refer to Legislative Counsel and Department of Justice the **MOTION** by Carol Garvin for the Legislature to implement the Constitutional Reform Workgroup with an attorney. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to refer to the ERA Workgroup the **MOTION** by Carol Garvin for the President and Legislature to not appoint persons with felony backgrounds to their staff. Second by Rep.

Hinu Smith. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**NOTED FOR THE RECORD:**

The Legislative Branch conducts background checks on all Legislative staff prior to employment.

**MOTION** by Rep. Hinu Smith to add an ERA Amendment addressing employees with felons to certain positions to the next Legislative Meeting agenda. Second by Rep. George Stacy. **MOTION IS WITHDRAWN.**

**NOTED FOR THE RECORD:**

Rep. Hinu Smith will add this to the next Legislative Meeting agenda.

**D1 Wausau-August 11, 2020**

No motions.

**D2 La Crosse-August 10, 2020**

**MOTION** by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. to refer to Office of the President and Education the **MOTION** by Adam Kruse to bring back the Homeschool Coordinator position. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. to refer to Office of the President, Social Services and Education the **MOTION** by Melanie Stacy for OOP to direct both Department of Social Services and Education Department to work on an education recovery plan and how they will assist families through the pandemic. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. to refer to Office of the President, Department of Health, and the Emergency Management Coordinator the **MOTION** by Susan Waukon for Executive Branch to draft a Recovery Plan which would address the following: 1. Public Health Issues 2. Government Services. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

President White Eagle stated that an Incident Recovery Plan is in draft form already.

**READ FOR THE RECORD:**

**MOTION** by Perry Carrimon to have Joe Keenan present at the next area meeting.

**D2 Tomah-August 11, 2020**

No motions.

**D2 Mauston-August 12, 2020**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to the next Housing Committee meeting the **MOTION** by Parr Decorah for the Ho-Chunk Nation to fund gravel on Boss Thunder Road and to include other community driveways in Waksikma. Second by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to Leg-

islative Counsel for a plan to be developed for the District 2 Representatives regarding the **MOTION** by Gerald Cleveland to have D2 Area Meetings for the Waksikma community and to continue with these at the community building, noting that there is no stipend during the pandemic. Second by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. 10-1(Rep. Hinu Smith)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**READ FOR THE RECORD:**

**MOTION** by Parr Decorah to request Legislature to seek funding and plan for Tribal-wide Broadband.

Rep. Kristin White Eagle stated that the Nation has initiatives to address this.

**D2 Baraboo-August 13, 2020**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to Legislative Counsel for an opinion and next steps regarding the **MOTION** by Cindy Lonetree to take the next highest vote-getter from the previous election as the ALTERNATE D2 General Council volunteer planner. Second by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. 10-0-1(Rep. George Stacy) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**READ FOR THE RECORD:**

**MOTION** by Jim Delarosa to support Wild Bearies proposal to obtain an agricultural lease to farm the land as proposed.

**D3 Green Bay-August 11, 2020**

No motions.

**Wittenberg-August 11, 2020**

**MOTION** by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to refer to Office of the President and Treasury the **MOTION** by Lanette Walker to request from Treasury an explanation on why taxes were not taken out of the February 2020 and May 2020 Per capita Distribution. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to refer to Legislative Counsel and Judiciary the **MOTION** by Myrna Littlewolf because of the pandemic, to request Judiciary streamline the process for youth to access their Children's Trust Fund for educational items needed for the 2020-2021 school year. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Hinu Smith was offline during vote count.*

**D3 Madison and Milwaukee-August 12, 2020**

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to refer to Office of the President, Department of Justice and the Finance Committee the **MOTION** by Cher Laubmeier to consider reinstating Melissa, Election Board Advocate. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Rep. Darren Brinegar stated that there were no motions made at the August 12, 2020 Milwaukee District Meeting.*

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The meeting minutes were not included in the Legislative Meeting packet.

### **D3 Wisconsin Rapids-August 13, 2020**

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to refer to the Legislative Attorneys the MOTION by Ona Garvin to request HCN Legislature and the Nekoosa School District to look at the compact deduct agreement, review it with the Nikusara Community School Board and to revise the agreement to accommodate our Ho-Chunk children to have computer and internet access in order to participate in remote/distant learning from their home and provide for tutors, if necessary for Wood County students. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 10-0-1(Rep. Darren Brinegar) **MOTION CARRIED.**

### **NOTED FOR THE RECORD:**

Rep. Darren Brinegar abstained as his mother was the second on that motion.

### **D4 Chicago-August 10, 2020**

**MOTION** by Rep. Paul Fox to refer to the Housing Committee the MOTION by Sunshine Thunderchief that Housing Department must provide detailed information to District 4 Area Housing Fund that has been held and estimated to be \$1.5 million dollars worth of funding, by no later than November 5, 2020. Tribal Members want to know the purpose under the Ho-Chunk Nation of these available funds, the specifics of its required use, the date these monies must be use by the details of the true amount and interest accrues. Second by Rep. Matt Mullen. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Paul Fox to refer to Legislative Counsel the MOTION by Chris White-wing that Legislators follow our Legal guidance and to

follow the Federal Charter to re-organize the 12 Clans and replace its Board of Directors. Second by Rep. Matt Mullen. 10-0-1(Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr.) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Paul Fox to refer to the Administration Department the MOTION by Sunshine Thunderchief to have the Chicago Branch Office cleaned and sanitized by a professional company, prior to a week of the Branch Office opening. Second by Rep. Matt Mullen. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

### **READ FOR THE RECORD:**

**MOTION** by Chris Whitewing to have all the District 4 Legislators fully support the Illinois Gaming Project and to continue forward with the project.

### **D4 Twin Cities-August 13, 2020**

### **READ FOR THE RECORD:**

Rep. TwoBears discussed and gave a report on how the Legislators worked with the Department of Education to restore the funds. The St. Paul/Minneapolis Area wanted to THANK the Legislative body for saving this program.

**MOTION** by Rep. Paul Fox to refer to the General Council Branch the MOTION by Rosetta Hunt at the Special General Council to NOT pay and waive the \$150 payout. Second by Rep. Matt Mullen. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Paul Fox to refer to the Development Committee the MOTION by Rosetta Hunt to put Robert Pilot on the agenda of the Development Committee meeting August 25, 2020 and put Mr. Pilot first on the agenda for presentation. Second by Rep. Matt Mullen. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

### **Executive Session:**

### **Determination of Quorum:**

Quorum is established at 10:03 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 Rep. Kathylen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

### **New Business:**

**Department of Housing Heavy Equipment Request \$194,250- Referred from the August 20, 2020 Housing Committee Meeting**

It was asked if the Department of Housing can get updated quotes, as the quotes included in the packet have expired. Executive Director of Housing Heather Cloud stated that they can ask for updated quotes, but they are not getting responses from vendors because the vendors keep providing the same

**MOTION** by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to move into Executive Session. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 10-1(Rep. Matt Mullen)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

10:11 a.m.

**MOTION** by Rep. Paul Fox to move into Open Session. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

1:41 p.m.

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

### **Release to Open Session:**

### **CARES Act Proposals**

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to approve the following CARES Act Proposals: **1) Department of Housing:** \$100,000 for unspecified positions, \$5,000 for PPE, \$10,000 for Cleaning Supplies, \$150,320 for renovation of unit, \$255,000 for renovation of unit, \$231,220 for renovation of unit, \$8,000 for building operational costs, \$20,000 for disposal of waste, for a total of \$779,540 **2) Department of Social Services:** \$7,679.10 for ¼ x 23 x 59 Sneeze Guards, \$15,000 for Sneeze Guards (desks/tables), \$13,500 for Sneeze Guards for Serving Windows, \$9,372 for UV Coil Purifier for Furnace, \$422.75 for Insulated Delivery Bags TT45, \$403.85 for Insulated Delivery Bags TT30, \$868 for Scott Essential Electric Hand Soap Dispensers, \$1,080 for Kimberly-Clark Touchless Paper Towel Dispensers, \$2,562.25 for Purell 2425 DS Black Touch Free Hand Sanitizer, \$1,119.84 for Braun No Touch Thermometers, \$250,000 for Food Assistance, \$56,250 for Temporary Lodging Assistance, \$11,200 for State Park Passes and \$10,000 for Fuel Costs for a total of \$379,457.69 **3)**

**Department of Justice:** \$420 for masks, \$1,836 for Masks for Surveillance, \$1,250 for Gloves, \$1,440 for HEPA Air Filters, \$3,120 for Disinfectant Concentrate, \$648 for Shop Rags for a total of \$8,714 **4) Heritage Preservation (Veteran Affairs):** \$20,000 for the Veterans Pandemic Response Team **5) Personnel:** \$18,360 for the Elder Liaison position **6) DNR:** \$20,243 for the DNR Response Team Special Project Lead position **7) Department of Education:** \$37,944 for two (2) Online Learning Response Coordinators, \$24,480 for one (1) Communication/Outreach Program Manager, \$24,978 for one (1) COVID Resource Administrator and \$6,000 for Disability Rights Wisconsin for a total of \$93,402 **8) Department of Labor:** \$20,400 for one (1) Occupational Safety and Health Officer, \$20,400 for one (1) Emergency Management Director, \$300 for hand sanitizer, \$125 for gloves, \$130 for masks, \$133 for Lysol Wipes, \$192 for Lysol Spray, \$34 for face shields for a total of \$41,714 **9) HHCA:** \$2.5 million for construction of 10 tiny homes in the Mission, 5 tiny homes in Ho-Chunk Prairie, 5 tiny homes in Indian Heights, 5 tiny homes in Chak-hah-chee, and 3 tiny homes in Potch-chee-nunk for a total of \$2.5 million **10) Department of Business – Essential Workers Reimbursements:** \$5,686,602 for Essential Workers Reimbursements **11) Office of the President:** \$18,768 for the Office Information Specialist position **12) Department of Business – PPE Reimbursement:** \$696,116 for PPE Reimbursement **13) Legislature:** \$25,000 for the Economic Recovery position **14) Department of Labor:** \$250,000 for PPE for the Ho-Chunk Nation, and release to Open Session. The grand total of all CARES Act Proposals is \$10,537,917. All approved CARES Act positions are funded for 17 weeks, starting September 7,

2020. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 10-0-1(Rep. Matt Mullen) **MOTION CARRIED.**

### **Resolution-Appointment of Michael Owen As Ho-Chunk Nation Gaming Commissioner**

**MOTION** by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to adopt **Resolution 08-18-20 F**, Appointment of Michael Owen As Ho-Chunk Nation Gaming Commissioner. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 8-2(Rep. Darren Brinegar, Rep. Matt Mullen)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** Rep. Kristin White Eagle away during vote count.

### **Resolution-Appointment of Quintin Allen As Ho-Chunk Nation Gaming Commissioner**

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 08-18-20 G**, Appointment of Quintin Allen As Ho-Chunk Nation Gaming Commissioner. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 7-3(Rep. George Stacy, Rep. Darren Brinegar, Rep. Matt Mullen)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** Rep. Kristin White Eagle away during vote count.

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to release the resolutions regarding Gaming Commissioner appointments to Open Session. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** Rep. Kristin White Eagle away during vote count.

### **Adjournment:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Paul Fox to adjourn. The next Special Legislative Meeting will take place Monday, August 24, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, WI. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.*

### **HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE SPECIAL MEETING TRIBAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI AUGUST 24, 2020**

**Call to Order:** President Marlon White Eagle called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

### **Roll Call:**

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

information. Executive Director Cloud stated that the Department of Housing staff goes above and beyond to help out Tribal Members. The mini excavator is used for funerals, and the equipment has broken down multiple times and is in need of being replaced. Executive Director Cloud also stated that the Department of Health utilizes DNR's heavy equipment to complete work.

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to TABLE Department of Housing Heavy Equipment Request \$194,250. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

### **Department of Housing Budgetary Concerns-Referred from the August 20, 2020 Housing Committee Meeting**

Executive Director Cloud expressed concerns of the Department of Housing's 60 day budget. For the next 90-day budget, she would like the Home Ownership Manager

included, as there are still hundreds of tribal members inquiring about the Home Ownership Program and services. She would also like operating funds, office supplies, safety supplies and postage in the next budget as staff have been paying for these costs out of their own pockets.

### **CARES Act Funding for School Supplies**

Rep. Darren Brinegar mentioned that parents may have struggles to purchase school supplies for their children. There was discussion of offering one \$50 gift card per student.

Rep. Stephanie Begay inquired if Department of Education has already processed this request, as Rep. Begay seen a voucher in the voucher program for 760 gift cards. Bethany Redbird, School Community Relations Director stated that those gift cards are for the Johnson O'Malley (JOM) students in Wisconsin.

Executive Director of Education Nehomah Thundercloud expressed concerns of this assistance being applied evenly across the board for students. Whatever restrictions the Nation implements locally, she would like those applied nationally.

The Ho-Chunk Nation does not have JOM Indian Education Committees (IECs) in Green Bay, St. Paul, Milwaukee and Chicago. These students, as well as all District 4 (At-Large) students will be eligible to receive a \$50 Walmart gift card for school supplies. The anticipated number of students in the at-large area who need this assistance is 300.

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to TABLE CARES Act Funding for School Supplies to the Finance Committee Meeting on Wednesday, and to request the Legislative Budget Analyst to indicate a funding source. Second by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. **MOTION** *Continued on Page 11*

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AMENDED to TABLE until after Executive Session. Second concurs. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Begay thanked Bethany Redbird for all her hard work helping the students. Every time the Legislature has asked her anything, she was right there willing to help.

**Resolution-In Support for the Indian Education Discretionary Grant Programs: Demonstration Grants for Indian Children Funding**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to adopt **Resolution 08-24-20 A**, In Support for the Indian Education Discretionary Grant Programs: Demonstration Grants for Indian Children Funding. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Authorization of Matching Funds for the Annual Wisconsin Department of Health Services Division of Care and Treatment Services Grant**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to adopt **Resolution 08-24-20 B**, Authorization of Matching Funds for the Annual Wisconsin Department of Health Services Division of Care and Treatment Services Grant and that this could be budgeted in the new/matching grant line item in general fund budget to provide the match of \$5,810.83 for the CST Project Facilitator position payroll expense. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Executive Session:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to

move into Executive Session. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

10:54 a.m.

Rep. Hinu Smith is excused at 11:04 a.m.

**MOTION** by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to move into Open Session. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

11:34 a.m.

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

**MOTION** by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to TABLE Resolution-Continuing Resolution for Annual Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budgets to Special Legislative Meeting on Monday, August 31, 2020. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 9-0-

0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**New Business (Re-visited):**

**Department of Housing Heavy Equipment Request \$194,250-Referred from the August 20, 2020 Housing Committee Meeting (Re-visited)**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to TABLE Department of Housing Heavy Equipment Request \$194,250 to the Special Legislative Meeting on August 31, 2020. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**CARES Act Funding for School Supplies (Re-visited)**

**EMERGENCY BASIS MOTION** by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to approve \$15,000 from CARES Act funding for back to school

PPE for Milwaukee and Green Bay students in Wisconsin and all At-Large students. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 9-0-0 **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 to a Special Legislative Meeting on Monday, August 31, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, WI. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*The Special Legislative Meeting adjourned at 11:34 a.m.*

**HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE EMERGENCY SPECIAL MEETING TRIBAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI AUGUST 29, 2020**

**Call to Order:** President Marlon White Eagle called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

**Roll Call:**

President Marlon White Eagle-P  
Vice President Karena Thundercloud-P  
Rep. George Stacy-P  
Rep. Hinu Smith-P  
Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr.-VC  
Rep. Stephanie Begay-P  
Rep. Kristin White Eagle-EX  
Rep. Darren Brinegar-EX  
Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr.-VC  
Rep. Sarah Lemieux-VC  
Rep. Matthew Mullen-VC  
10:13 a.m.  
Rep. Robert TwoBears-EX  
Rep. Paul Fox-VC  
Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit-VC  
VC-Video Conference

**Determination of Quorum:** Quorum is established at 10:06 a.m.

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

**Approval of Agenda:**

**MOTION** by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*During discussion:*

President Marlon White Eagle

announced that he will excuse himself at 11:00 a.m. to attend a funeral.

Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit mentioned it was a miscalculation on her part when she made the motion to adjourn to Monday, August 31, 2020. She did ask what the deadline was, and she was given the deadline of August 31, which is what she believed to be true when she made that motion. However, today is the 60<sup>th</sup> day, so we need to take action today in order to fund our government. She hopes everyone can appreciate the dire situation that that puts the Nation in if we don't pass a budget today.

**Unfinished Business:**

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

**MOTION** by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to adopt **Resolution 08-29-20 A**, Continuing Resolution for Annual Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budgets for a 63-day budget which would go to October 31, 2020. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to include: in order to avert the imminent threat of shutdown of the Nation's government, programs, enterprises, and operations, and protect the financial standing of the Nation. Second concurs. 9-1(Rep. Matt Mullen)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*During discussion, before vote was taken:*

Rep. Hinu Smith stated that she hopes the budgets include no new layoffs.

Kelley Thundercloud, Legislative Budget Analyst inquired regarding the gaming budget, if that was going to be a 63-day budget of the 90-day budget they submitted. Rep. Lone Tree-Whiterabbit stated that she is looking to approve a 63-day budget, going to October 31, 2020.

Executive Director of Social Services Rosella Stanley expressed her concern of cutting key staff from Social Services.

Vice President Thundercloud stated that the Legislature will not be looking at budget increases or budgets mods at this meeting. Those options will still be available through Office of the President.

Executive Director of Housing Heather Cloud stated that her budget mod took a month to get to the Legislature, and there are budget mods within Treasury that have not made their way downstairs because Treasury is short-staffed. Director Cloud also agreed with Director Stanley's concern that critical staff were eliminated from the previous 60-day budget.

Legislative Budget Analyst Kelley Thundercloud stated that the casino budgets will be going off what was submitted on Thursday.

Rep. Begay stated that the positions that were moded into the budget during the last 60-day budget will still be in the budget, as well as CARES Act positions.

Executive Director of Labor Angela Ward mentioned that Executive Directors had no input in their budgets when they

are the ones who oversee their budget and department. Out of respect, the communication would have been great. She expressed concerns of layoffs and the hardship tribal employees have encountered due to layoffs. Jean Stacy, Division Manager of Elder Program, advocated for elder workers to be restored in the budget and for them to start working again.

Department of Justice Attorney Erik Shircel mentioned that it appears within the budget document that there is no funding for surveillance directors at the gaming facilities. Those positions will have to be within the next budget to remain compliant with gaming regulations.

Vice President Thundercloud stated that she understands the frustration of everyone, as the Legislature shares the same frustrations. Department of Business previously suggested 60-day projections for budgets, which was the recommendation the Legislature is moving forward with. The priority right now is to keep as many services available as possible.

Treasurer Crystal Deschinny shared the Nation's current "fragile" financial state. She mentioned a multi-million-dollar shortfall. The COVID-19 pandemic severely impacted the Nation. The Nation needs to be cautious moving forward.

Executive Director of Health Kiana Beaudin respectfully requested that the Executive Directors be consulted in regards to their budgets.

President Marlon White Eagle stated that Office of the President requested spending caps for 60 days, which would allow the Executive Branch to have a true continuation. This was not the case.

*11:11 a.m. President Marlon White Eagle excused himself from the meeting to attend a funeral.*

Treasurer Deschinny stated that we could potentially be over budget right now. With the uncertainty of the pandemic and performance of the casinos, we are setting ourselves up to be over budget. We have to be cautious.

*11:15 a.m. the meeting took a short break for the Legislative Budget Analyst to calculate the final 63-day budgets.*

*11:35 a.m. the meeting continues.*

*Final 63-day budget numbers are added into the resolution and vote count is taken.*

**New Business:**

No agenda items.

**Executive Session:**

No agenda items.

**Adjournment:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to adjourn the Emergency Special Legislative Meeting. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*The Emergency Special Legislative Meeting adjourned at 11:43 a.m.*

**HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE SPECIAL MEETING TRIBAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI AUGUST 31, 2020**

**Call to Order:** President Marlon White Eagle called the meeting to order at 10:21 a.m.

**Roll Call:**

President Marlon White Eagle-P  
Vice President Karena Thundercloud-P  
Rep. George Stacy-P  
Rep. Hinu Smith-P  
Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr.-EX  
Rep. Stephanie Begay-P  
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-VC  
Rep. Paul Fox-P  
Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit-VC

VC-Video Conference

**Determination of Quorum:**

Quorum is established at 10:22 a.m.

**Opening Prayer:**

President Marlon White Eagle offered a word of prayer.

**Approval of Agenda:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Paul Fox to approve agenda as presented. Second by Vice

President Karena Thundercloud. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Unfinished Business:**

**Department of Housing Heavy Equipment Request \$194,250-Referred from the August 20, 2020 Housing Committee Meeting**

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MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to refer the Department of Housing Heavy Equipment request to the Finance Committee. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 9-2(Rep. Robert TwoBears, Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit)-0 MOTION CARRIED.

NOTED FOR THE RECORD: EDOH Cloud has to make sure if the bids were still valid.

New Business: No agenda item

1st Executive Session:

MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to move to Executive Session with only Legislators, Legislative Attorney's and DOJ Attorney Wendy Huling. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

10:37 a.m.

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

12:07 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.

Lunch Break:

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to break for lunch for one hour. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

12:09 p.m.

Call to Order: Vice President Karena Thundercloud called the meeting to order at 1:13 p.m.

Roll Call:

- President Marlon White Eagle-EX
Vice President Karena Thundercloud-P
Rep. George Stacy-P
Rep. Hinu Smith-P
Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr.-EX
Rep. Stephanie Begay-P
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-VC
Rep. Paul Fox-P
Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit-VC
VC-Video Conference

Determination of Quorum:

Quorum is established at 1:14 p.m.

Amendment to the Agenda:

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to add Resolution-Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Confirmation Process of the Executive Directors for the Ho-Chunk Nation Acts under Unfinished Business. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 10-1(Rep. Darren Brinegar)-0 MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Rep. Matthew Mullen to add Lynwood vacant house issue to the agenda. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 9-2(Rep. Darren Brinegar, Rep. Robert TwoBears)-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Unfinished Business:

Resolution-Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Confirmation Process of the Executive Directors for the Ho-Chunk Nation Acts

Legislative Counsel Michael Murphy e-mailed copy of Quick Passage amendment of the Confirmation Act 8-18-20-E, this was defeated at that time. Proposed amendments to include a definition for acting appointment. Acting appointments have happened for years in the constitution, now there is a definition. Adding on acting should meet qualifications of the job for which they are taking on this is the same for interim. Adding that acting shall not be convicted of a felony unless pardoned this also is on the books for interim. With the current process sometimes there is a nomination and the Legislature might not accept and this leaves a vacancy. Adding an amendment when a nomination has been denied the Legislature should get a notification of who the Acting is. Anyone who has been denied a nomination cannot be an Acting for that department. Lastly, when doing a background check any nominee we found that current law mentions a financial disclosure statement there is no such thing. Added the background credit check the Interim and a review of any gaming license application may have been filed by the Interim Director.

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to adopt Resolution 08-31-20 A, Quick Passage Resolution to amend the

Confirmation Process of Executive Directors. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. MOTION IS AMENDED to include the changes taking off the credit check history, substituting accepts for selects and repetitive language. Second concurs. 10-1(Rep. Robert TwoBears)-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Compliance Department would carry this out. Compliance has certain forms to give the authorization to do a credit check.

Rep. Kristin White Eagle talks about the credit checks for tribal members, this could alienate a lot of qualified candidates. Some tribal members don't have good credit scores for renting and the home ownership program was to assist tribal members in raising credit. Mortgage payments are not reported to the credit bureaus as well as loans from the Nation that are paid regularly to help boost their ratings. What will the standard be once the credit check comes in is the question?

Regarding red line version: On page 4 of 20 the word "selects" is not right since Legislature does not select, it should say "accepts" also two doubles words "of any" "of any". It would be wise to mention that they should not have signature authority. Under Back ground on page 4 and page 7 of 20 signature Authority should be added and 4a the word select should be accepts and "of any" is twice.

Lynwood vacant home

Rep. Matthew Mullen brought up the issue of va-

cant homes, which was discussed at the Development Committee meeting.

There are two houses in Lynwood that have squatter issues. Edward Mullen brought the eviction of the squatter. Houses boarded up amend the contract with the demolishers. How do we move forward?

Contracts are made in Executive Session, you can add to agenda and make motion effective today.

2nd Executive Session:

MOTION by Rep. Hinu Smith to move to Executive Session. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 8-2(Rep. Darren Brinegar, Rep. Robert TwoBears)-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Rep. Matt Mullen was having technical difficulties.

1:44 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Matthew Mullen to return to Open Session. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

2:00 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to ratify all action taken in the 2nd Executive Session. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to adjourn to Regular Legislative Session, September 8, 2020. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Special Legislative Meeting adjourned at 2:02 p.m.

HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT, IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Myron A. Funmaker, Notice of Hearing on Petition for Probate, Case No. PR 19-06, PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: 1. A Petition for Probate was filed. 2. The decedent, with date of birth 6/27/1966 and date of death 01/09/2019 was domiciled in Trempealeau County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 214272 Becker Lane, Rulesville, WI 54630. 3. The names or addresses of the following interested person are not known or reasonably ascertainable: N/A. 4. The petition will be heard at Wa Ehi Hoci, W9598 Hwy 54 E, Black River Falls, WI, 54615, before Judge Mary Jo B. Hunter, on (Date) 10/11/2020 at (Time) 2:00 p.m. Mary Jo B. Hunter, Clerk of Court, 08/03/2020

HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT, IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Myron A. Funmaker, Notice to Creditors, Case No. PR 19-06, Notice to Newspaper and Personal Representative: The personal representative is responsible for providing the deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate to all known or reasonably ascertainable creditors. This notice shall be published for three (3) consecutive issues; the first publication date must be within 15 days from the date underneath the Clerk of Court's signature. Here is the language that should be published in the newspaper: NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF: Myron A. Funmaker. A Petition for Probate was filed in the Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court. You have 90 days from the date of the first publication of this notice to present your claims to the personal representative, Kyle M. Funmaker, or the Clerk of Court at P.O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The deadline for filing claims is Only those claims so presented may be paid from the estate. Mary Jo B. Hunter, Clerk of Court, 08/04/2020