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# Trial Court Judge Mary Jo B. Hunter listens to argument in show cause hearing

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Thursday, September 17, 2020, Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court Judge Mary Jo B. Hunter listened to why Judge Hunter should not hold Vice President Karena Thundercloud and Legislative Attorney Mike Murphy in Contempt of Court.

The Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court conducted the show cause hearing telephonically due to the pandemic's current status.

On August 28, The Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court issued an 'Ex Parte Temporary Restraining Order' to the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature. "The defendants shall refrain from addressing any legislative budgetary matters scheduled 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.

The Ho-Chunk Nation Executive Branch and Marlon WhiteEagle, in his official capacity as President of the Ho-Chunk Nation, sought an injunction against the Legislature after the Legislature passed a 60-day budget. The plaintiffs contended that the Legislature exceeded its Consti-

tutional authority by passing a line-item budget.

The plaintiffs allege that the Legislature's line-item budget resulted in a violation of the constitutionally guaranteed separation of powers.

The Legislature convened in an Emergency Special Legislative Meeting on Saturday, August 29.

Per a Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Branch social media post, the meeting was "to pass a second Continuing Resolution (CR) and avert a government shutdown. The CR is in response to the Department of Business's testimony on the inability to provide accurate revenue forecasting for a complete annual budget due to the pandemic. All budgets are continuing through the next two months."

During the show cause hearing, Attorney Murphy delivered his argument. He raised concerns about the Ex Parte Temporary Restraining Order and argued that the order is flawed and issued in error.

He also summarized events that led up to the August 29 Emergency Special

Meeting. The 60-day budget that the Legislature first approved, which started on July 1, was going to lapse at the conclusion of August 29. That date (August 29) was day 60, but that wasn't realized until the evening of August 28.

Attorney Murphy further argued that the August 28 Order stated, "The defendants shall refrain from addressing any legislative budgetary matters scheduled on August 31," and what was scheduled for August 31 was a 90-day budget resolution. That 90-day budget resolution was not taken up by the Legislature on August 29 at the Emergency Special Legislative Meeting.

Instead, it took up a budget resolution for either 60-days or 63-days, and the 63-days budget resolution passed. The budget numbers in those resolutions were different from what would be considered on August 31 with the 90-day budget resolution.

Legislative Attorney Murphy closed his argument, "There was no bad faith intention to violate the Court's order. If the 60 days of bud-



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get funding had really continued through August 31, there would not have been an Emergency Legislative Meeting. We would have been waiting until August 31. We would have been waiting until the Court to render a decision, pursuant to the August 28 Order. But because it was discovered that the funding for the tribe

was going to run out at the end of August 29, the Legislature held that Emergency Meeting."

Trial Court Judge Mary Jo B. Hunter gave until 4:30 PM on September 17 for Attorney Murphy and Attorney Drobnick to submit everything they had in this matter.



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# A Letter from the President

For more than a decade or two now, we as a people have witnessed how tribal politics has hampered the ability of our gaming enterprises to function more business-like.

We've gone so far as to create a federally chartered corporation, a Section 17 corporation under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, called "Twelve Clans, Inc."

We held a Special General Council to create this entity. A lot of our time, energy, and money have been directed to this end.

But what happened?

Our effort to separate business from the government was derailed and became a sovereign wealth fund. That decision totally defeated the purpose of creating this entity, to begin with.

We do have a Business Ordinance currently in our books. The ordinance was created in 1996, and amended in 2004, 2005, 2016.

In 2004, the law was reformatted and included submitting to the Office of the President for executive review and consideration.

The ordinance went out for a 45-day public comment in 2005, with no comments made.

The 2016 amendment was via Quick Passage to change the definition of a "corporation."

There are currently two businesses organized under our Business Ordinance. One is the Southland Entertainment LLC, and the other is Ahuco LLC.

The Southland LLC manages the Lynwood sports complex, while Ahuco LLC owns the Tomah Ho-Chunk Cinema.

During open meetings of the Legislature and their subcommittees, these two businesses continually request an appropriation of funds, operate at a loss, and most recently gave auditors a hard time when it came to sharing information.

How can we achieve our collective goal of economic diversification for the Nation with the current avenues in place?

With the current Business Ordinance, any tribal member over the age of 18 can start a corporation. All they have to do is draft Articles of Incorporation, file their articles with the Legislative Secretary, and eventually, they are issued a Certificate of Incorporation from the Legislative Secretary.

A business can be wholly or partially owned by the Ho-Chunk Nation, much like the two named above.

If that's the case, the board must include at least one member of the Legislature.

There exists no duty or requirement to report corporation activity to tribal members under the Business Ordinance, but it sounds as though our two businesses do get audited along with the rest of the Nation's enterprises.

Amendments to the Business Ordinance may be in order.

At the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) conference, I met with Jamestown S'Klallam Tribal Council Chairman W. Ron Allen, who discussed their tribal business structure and operations.

Ron has more than 40 years of experience in tribal government and more than 20 years

with NCAI leadership.

The Jamestown S'Klallam's Business Corporation Code ensures their business are tribally chartered corporations that are immune from lawsuits in federal and state courts and immune from federal and state taxation and regulation.

Their Business Corporation Code offers its businesses the same treaty rights offered to the tribe. Additionally, they offer two class types of incorporation: Class A and Class B.

Class A, which how they classify their casino operations, are offered special provisions under federal law and

regulation that certify them as "8(A)" status. This status is for small/disadvantage businesses which is a special category of business.

To me, this corporation code would fully exercise our tribal sovereignty and rights, and get us closer to separating our business from our government.

A couple of items that exposed our lacking structure during this pandemic was that all of our employees are classified under one Employer Identification Number with the Internal Revenue Service.

When the U.S. Small Busi-

ness Administration (SBA) offered the CARES Act Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) to businesses with less than 500 employees, we weren't eligible.

However, if we organized our gaming sites separately, those employee numbers could have been under 500 and made us eligible for PPP.

Additionally, we could organize our hotels, restaurants, convenience stores, and other entities separately.

Lesson learned.

Now it's time to do the work and make those necessary changes.



President WhiteEagle at a campaign event hosted by Congresswoman Deb Haaland during the NCAI Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico in October 2019. Congressman Ben Ray Lujan and Congresswoman Sharice Davids were also in attendance.

## The Vice President's statement on the recent budget controversy

September 16, 2020

Hello, I'm Karena Thundercloud. The Legislature has the duty under our Constitution to approve budgets for the tribe. After closing the casinos for three months and working through this pandemic, budgeting is very difficult. The Legislature looked to advice from the Business Department and Treasurer and adopted a short-term budget on July 1st.

All offices and operations of the Nation are understaffed right now. The Executive Branch, Courts, and Legislative Branch are no exception. It was thought that the July 1 budget would extend to August 31. But a late discovery, that a new budget was needed as of August 29, prompted me to call an Emergency Special Legislative Meeting to authorize an extension of the budget and prevent the casinos, the OOP, the courts, and the Legislature from shutting down over that weekend.

I know you're frustrated. We all are. But another casino shutdown would have been catastrophic. You all trust that the Legislature will perform its constitutional right to assemble and pay our employees, to put food on your tables, to improve our children's education, and to safeguard our way of life.

I've seen some speculation that the Legislature is withholding funds for essential services. This is patently false. We've been insistent that the executive branch maintain essential programs and services while the revenue from casinos are still far from normal.

It's time to start leading. We have well over a hundred positive cases of COVID-19 in only 15 counties. That is not counting any of our family members in any of the other 3,126 in the United States or 192 other countries around the world. The true impact of COVID-19 on our Nation

may never be known.

As our families struggle to survive, your government needs to work together – to find solutions internally, rely on each other, and reject efforts that damage your faith in the Ho-Chunk Nation. As the

Legislature continues to review budgets, we will ensure that critical funding continues, and that frivolous spending is cut. The Legislature has a fiduciary duty over the Nation's resources, which means ensuring there is no misap-

propriation of funds and safeguarding the Nation's assets.

We cannot stop carrying out our oath of office. Now it's time to get back to work. It's time to get back to leading our Nation. Thank you.



Ho-Chunk Nation Vice President Karena Thundercloud reads her statement on the Legislature's role in authorizing budgets for the Nation in a YouTube video.

# Two new Ho-Chunk Nation Gaming Commissioners

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Editor

September 22, 2020, two newly appointed Gaming Commissioners, Michael J. Owen and Quentin R. Allen, were sworn into office behind the Tribal Office Building near Black River Falls.

Vice President Karen Thundercloud provided opening remarks. The invocation was by Representative Paul Fox. Swearing in of the newly appointed Gaming Commissioners was by the Honorable Chief Judge Jo Deen B. Lowe.



(L-R) Quintin Allen, Judge Jo Deen B. Lowe, and Michael Owen after the Gaming Commissioners' oaths were administered.

**October Elders Birthdays**



1 Vanverd Dick Jr. Serena Yellowthunder Frank Johnson Jr.	14 Timothy Whiteagle Elizabeth Miller Vickie Hindsley
2 Joseph Keller	Lona Decorah
3 Sanford Conant Hazel Winters Rose Walker Alice Wood	15 William Greendeer Dirk Blackdeer
Angelo Perry Kay Decorah Sandra Martin Maynard Funmaker	16 Frances Little Wolf Duane Prescott Harry Holst Jr. Wayne Decorah
4 Steven Cleveland Clarence Pettibone Rebecca Weise Bebe Lee	17 Parmenton Decorah Robert Johnson
5 William Hindsley Iris Laes	18 Rose Saylor Sophie Paremski Kellie Gillenwater
7 Deborah Modjeska Paul Rogers Gene Whitewater Andrew Thundercloud Jr. Randy Snowball	19 John Funmaker Joyce Williams
8 Irene Keenan Roxanne Metoxen	20 Kevin Day Daryl Thundercloud
9 April Jones Edward Littlejohn Jr.	21 Patricia Thunder Hawk Todd Stroessner
10 Valentina Bedford Carson Funmaker	22 Kathy De Camp 25 Charles Hindsley
11 Linda Hopinkah Reta Littlegeorge Ramona Godsby	26 Bradley Smith David Esau Sr. Peter Camacho Tina Hindsley Crystal Young
12 Ronald Kirkwood George Garvin Cleland Goodbear Loa Porter Theresa Hartman Cynthia Decorah Diane Tallmadge	27 Lawrence Geyer Paulina Brandes Lynette Bird
13 Anthony Oknewski	28 Donald Cholka Jr. George Kearnes Jon Pettibone Cynthia Yellowcloud
	29 Colin Carrimon Benjamin Decorah
	30 Kim Blackdeer Florine Johnson Bonnie Smith
	31 Judith Buffalo Dennis Funmaker Michael Day Leonard Walker

### September 23, 2020

To the Editor:

Because of the COVID-19 virus pandemic, the board of directors of Project Christmas of Jackson County, WI, Inc. has found it necessary to make many changes from our usual practices of previous years. This year, we will attempt to avoid as much person to person contact as possible. Obviously, we are very concerned about protecting the health, safety, and welfare of both our volunteers and our recipients. Listed below are some of the main Project Christmas – 2020 changes, including no home deliveries.

Project Christmas – 2020 will:

1. require that an adult representative from each recipient household register with Project Christmas via telephone. Dates and details will be announced later.
2. send a numbered notification card, via US mail, to each approved recipient household.
3. use drive through

locations to distribute envelopes that will contain food vouchers and gift cards (Visa debit cards).

- a. The gift cards/Visa cards will enable recipient households to purchase Christmas presents for children 18 years and younger.
- b. The previously registered adult from each recipient household will be responsible for picking up the envelope.
- c. Details, including distribution locations and times, will be announced later.
4. insist that everyone follow CDC guidelines; i.e. face masks and social distancing.

Unlike previous years, Project Christmas – 2020, therefore, will not be able to:

1. accept donations of gifts and games; there will be no gift wrapping evening.
2. accept donations of non-perishable foods; there will be no food box packing evening.
3. deliver food, food

vouchers, and gifts to individual households.  
4. place money collection boxes throughout Jackson County.

Because we cannot accept donations of food products and gifts and games, the cost of the food voucher and gift card system will undoubtedly raise our 2020 expenses. We, therefore, respectfully request that you consider making a financial donation to Project Christmas of Jackson County, WI, c/o Co-op Credit Union, P.O. Box 157, Black River Falls, WI 54615. Electronic payments may also be made by using PayPal (user name: @ProjectChristmas25).

Hopefully a cure and a vaccine for COVID-19 will be found soon and things will return to normal before next year's Christmas season. Meanwhile, please stay safe and healthy.

Charles Buswell  
Publicity Director  
Project Christmas of Jackson County, WI, Inc.

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# Cisco Systems to make communication easier within the Ho-Chunk Nation

Press Release –  
For Immediate Release  
Contact: Kenneth.Luchterhand@Ho-Chunk.com or (715) 284-9343 Ext. 1104  
Sept. 22, 2020

The Ho-Chunk Nation has partnered with Cisco Systems, Inc. to provide Nation-wide a collaboration and communication platform.

The new systems will be deployed across the Ho-Chunk Nation to make communication easier and more functional for tribal members, employees, and customers. Communication can be provided in many facets based on their users' preferences.

The choices can be voice, text, social media feed, video, web, digital signage, and more. The funding for this project came from the Cares Act money that was provided

to Ho-Chunk to supply a safe remote work environment and enhancing communication across the Ho-Chunk nation and its patrons. This project has helped update the system and foundation and supplied budgetary relief to avoid upcoming costs.

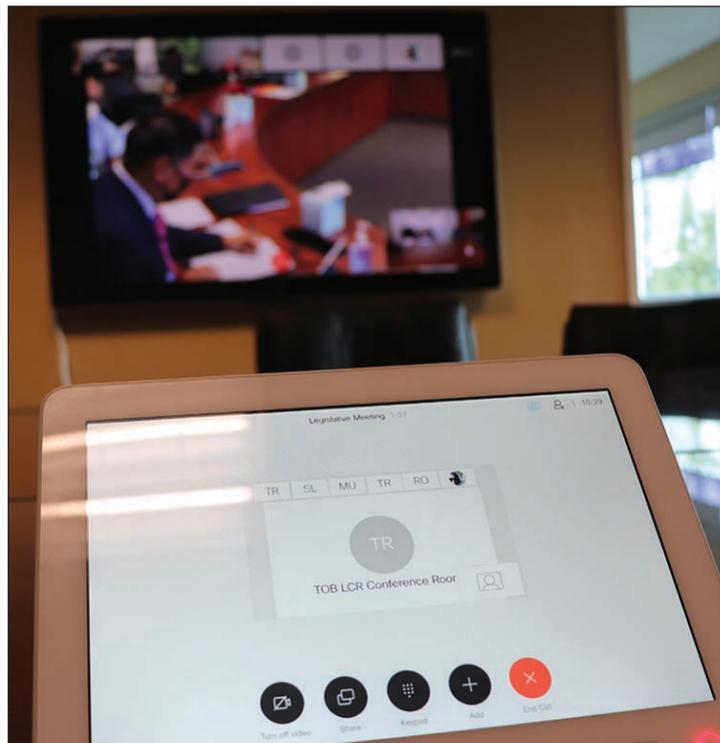
Virtual meetings will be provided in many different formats to tribal members. For example, they will be able to attend area meetings from the comforts of their homes.

Travel will no longer be needed which makes for more productivity and better use of time. During online meetings and events, the Cisco Larger event meetings to hold up to 3000 users are available as needed. Remote work capabilities can be accessed when the need arises.

Emergency broadcasts for any threats to public safety



Participants can attend meetings can be held wherever they are with the new Cisco virtual meeting system.



The Cisco systems counsel makes it easy to log in for virtual meetings.

can be sent by text, email, and social media.

Remote online sessions can be completed for safety, compliance, and any other training sessions, which can be deployed and tracked remotely. Screens for meetings will be available throughout the Nation, in areas of employment and community centers. The system can record the training, meeting, or event, store it in archives, and transcribe the words into text.

Presently, the Department of Personnel is using the initial deployment for orientation while the Department of Labor is using the system for remote training.

Marketing can be done remotely for all casinos moving towards a centralized operations model.

Digital signage upgrades at the casinos can keep the patrons informed and safe, such as safe distancing reminders,

when occupant capacity is full, when a machine is available, or when an event such as a concert will begin. Notifications can be posted on the screens within the casinos, such as special welcome messages for Gold Club members. Signage can also be used for advertising, even paid advertising for outside vendors.

All Ho-Chunk Nation employees will receive new desk telephones that will make the Cisco conferencing accessible right from their phones.

Ongoing training is scheduled and will continue to be available for everyone so they can become comfortable with the many different aspects of the system.

Ho-Chunk late last year standardized on Cisco Hyperflex infrastructure solutions for the server and storage in their data centers. It made the environment updated, simpler, easier to manage, and reduced the cost of the overall platform.

Finally, Ho-Chunk was provided access to the Cisco Network Academy. It is an online training application that is supported by Cisco but run by Ho-Chunk to provide Tribal Members and employees, from middle school to retirement age, classes and certifications on networking, code development, cyber-security, Internet of Things, and much more with little to no cost.



IT Supervisor Dave Lambert helps Denise Redbird unload all the electronic equipment to be installed throughout the Ho-Chunk Nation.

**ATTENTION PLEASE**

All Ho-Chunk Health Department Facilities and Pharmacies will be

**CLOSED ON**  
**Wednesday, September 30, 2020**

For an all Health Staff Meeting

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**PLEASE PLAN ACCORDINGLY**  
*Thank You*

# Ho-Chunk Nation Wins Legal Challenge Aimed at Preventing Destruction of Wetlands

## Monroe County Judge Rejects Meteor Timber's Request to Reinstate DNR Permit

FOR IMMEDIATE

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Madison, WI—Today, a Monroe County Circuit Court judge ruled in favor of the Ho-Chunk Nation, represented by Midwest Environmental Advocates (MEA), and Clean Wisconsin in a decision that continues to prevent the out-of-state frac sand company Meteor Timber, LLC, from destroying 16 acres of globally rare wetlands in Monroe County.

In his ruling today, Judge Ziegler found that the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) violated state wetland laws when it issued a permit to Meteor Timber in 2017 to build an industrial sand processing facility and rail project in the Town of Grant in Monroe County.

The Ho-Chunk Nation, Midwest Environmental Advocates, and Clean Wisconsin successfully argued that DNR should have denied the permit based upon inadequate

guarantees against significant adverse impacts to the environment. The project would destroy irreplaceable white pine-red maple wetlands that serve as habitat for threatened and endangered species and provide critical ecosystem services like flood prevention.

Today's victory comes after more than three years of legal proceedings. The Ho-Chunk Nation, MEA, and Clean Wisconsin initially challenged the wetland fill permit in an administrative hearing process that resulted in the invalidation of the permit. Hearing testimony revealed the permit had been granted by DNR managers over the objections of scientific experts within the agency. MEA subsequently defended the victory when Meteor Timber tried to persuade the DNR Secretary to reverse the independent administrative law judge's decision. Today's favorable Monroe County Circuit Court decision comes after Meteor Timber sought judicial review to reinstate the permit.

Andrea Gelatt, MEA Staff Attorney, said, "Today's ruling is a victory for the Ho-Chunk Nation, for Wisconsin, and for all those who value our natural resources and the public's role in protecting them. The decision is also a reminder that even the state's largest industries and most powerful companies must be held accountable to our environmental laws."

"The homelands of the Ho-Chunk Nation and our people are being defaced by each of

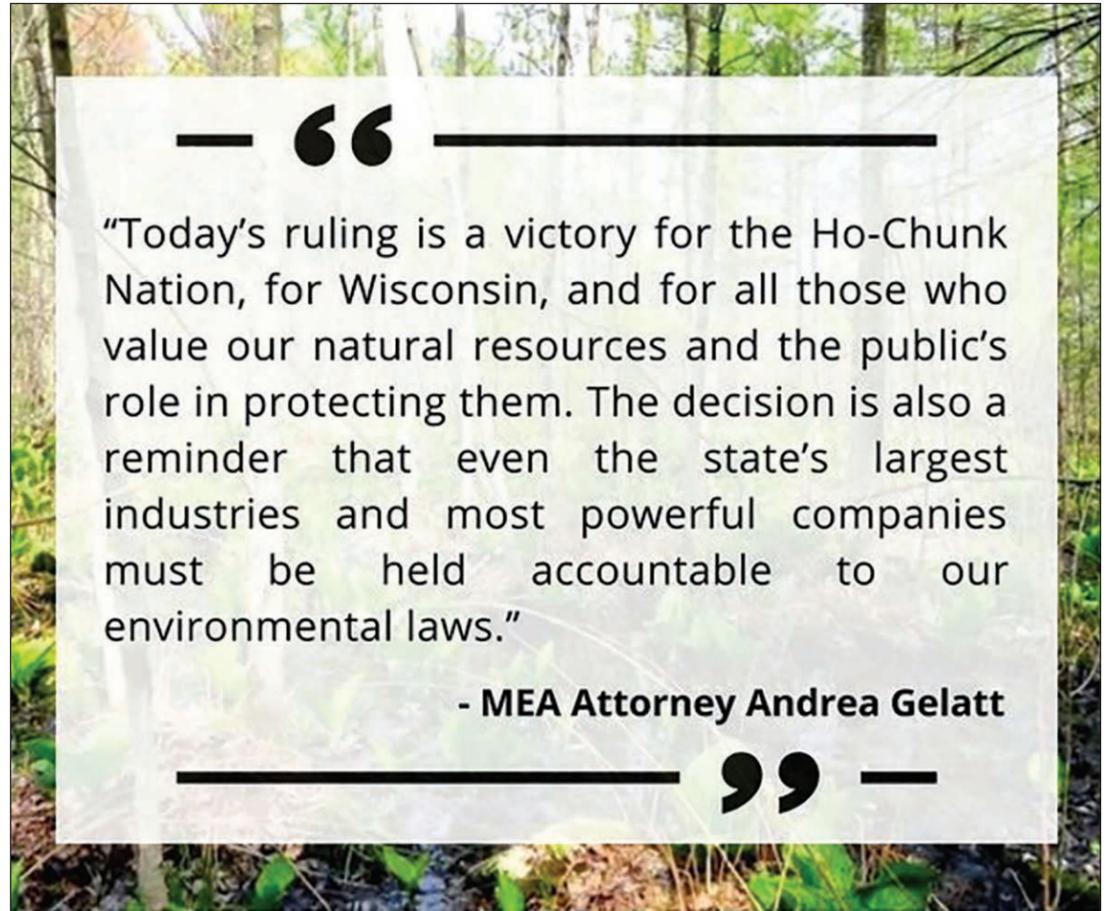
these frac sand operations. Every truckload and train full of sand that comes out of Wisconsin leaves behind scars on our landscape, upon this habitat, and in our lungs," said Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. (District 2). "We are relieved that the law can balance economic development and the harmful impacts of environmental exploitation."

The Ho-Chunk Nation is a federally recognized tribe. The Nation has several hundred enrolled members within

the area affected by frac sand mining. The Nation's government is dedicated to protecting their people and their lands for this and future generations. The expansive and permanent destruction of the landscape, including wetlands, for industrial sand mines threatens the Nation's people, land, and cultural heritage.

Midwest Environmental Advocates is the only non-profit environmental law center in Wisconsin providing

direct legal services to people facing environmental threats in their communities. We believe that all people have the right to live in a clean and healthy environment. Learn more about Midwest Environmental Advocates on the web at [midwestadvocates.org](http://midwestadvocates.org) or on Facebook at [facebook.com/midwestadvocates](https://facebook.com/midwestadvocates).



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**COVID-19 Update Confirmed Case in the Ho-Chunk Nation**

Ho-Chunk Nation – The Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health received notification through the Wisconsin Electronic Disease Surveillance System (WEDSS) of 1 additional confirmed case of COVID-19 within our jurisdiction, bringing the count to 125 positive cases. The Ho-Chunk Nation positive cases are reflected in the County reports that update daily at [WIDHS.gov](http://WIDHS.gov). Currently there are 10 active positive cases.

The Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health closely monitors all pending and positive cases within our service delivery area. When the lab confirms a positive COVID-19 case, the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health is notified. It is the Department of Health's duty to follow up with the positive cases to conduct a contact tracing investigation. During this investigation, the individual is asked to report on who they had close contact with (including others who were ill) and if they have recently traveled.

Please respect the privacy of person(s) being tested for COVID-19. HIPAA refers to a law designed to provide privacy standards to protect patients' medical records and other health information. Details about COVID-19 cases are confidential.

The number of people infected with COVID-19 continues to grow in area across Wisconsin and nationwide. The HCN Health Department service delivery area reaches 15 counties in the State of Wisconsin and include: Dane, La Crosse, Wood, Sauk, Eau Claire, Columbia, Marathon, Monroe, Clark, Juneau, Jackson, Shawano, Vernon, Adams and Crawford.

Currently all 15 of those County Health Departments are reporting positive cases. Physical or social distancing-the practice of keeping at least 6 feet apart from others and avoiding direct physical contact-is proving to be the only effective means of slowing the rate of infection. The Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health is continually monitoring this pandemic and continues to work with our local county health departments and Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS).

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## Anthony Falcon

### nominated for Executive Director of Treasury

Anthony Falcon brings with him a vast amount of experience in the financial field. He has an Associate of Arts degree in Business Administration from Haskell University in Lawrence, Kansas. Falcon also has a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics and a Masters in Arts degree in Economics, both from the University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas.

From February to October 2013, Falcon was a data analyst in the Ho-Chunk Nation, analyzing data collected by departmental programs, assisting in projects and initiatives pursued by the Education Department, and assisting in other departments as needed.

From October 2013 to October 2019, he was the Investment Officer with the Ho-Chunk Nation. Falcon worked with the Investment Committee and consultants to monitor the Nation's investments. He also assisted tribal members and their parents in the Minors Trust process, along with ensuring the Nation complied with long-term debt obligations.

Ho-Chunk Nation President Marlon WhiteEagle has announced the nomination of Anthony Falcon to the position of Executive Director of the Department of Treasury. His nomination was delivered to the HCN Legislature on Monday, Sept. 14, 2020. Before his nomination, Falcon was the Youth Service Division Coordinator with the Ho-Chunk Nation.

# 2020 Census Special Operations to Count People Experiencing Homelessness Begins Next Week

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SEPT. 16, 2020 — The U.S. Census Bureau will begin the special operations to count people experiencing homelessness in communities across the country on Sept. 22. Specially trained census takers will count people Sept. 22-24 at shelters, soup kitchens and mobile food van stops in an operation called Service-Based Enumeration (SBE). Census takers will count people who live outdoors, in transit stations, and at other locations where people are known to sleep in an operation called Targeted Non-Sheltered Outdoor Locations (TNSOL).

“The Census Bureau is committed to counting everyone once, only once, and in the right place,” said Dr. Steven Dillingham, director of the Census Bureau. “To reach everyone living in the United States, our census takers are conducting special operations to count people experiencing homelessness to ensure we have a complete and accurate 2020 count.”

Counting people experiencing homelessness is part of the Group Quarters (GQ) operation, a special process to count people in unique living situations. The GQ operation

also counts people living in nursing homes, prisons, missions and dormitories. A

complete and accurate 2020 Census can ultimately help organizations provide better

services, food distribution capability, and improved shelter options to those in need.

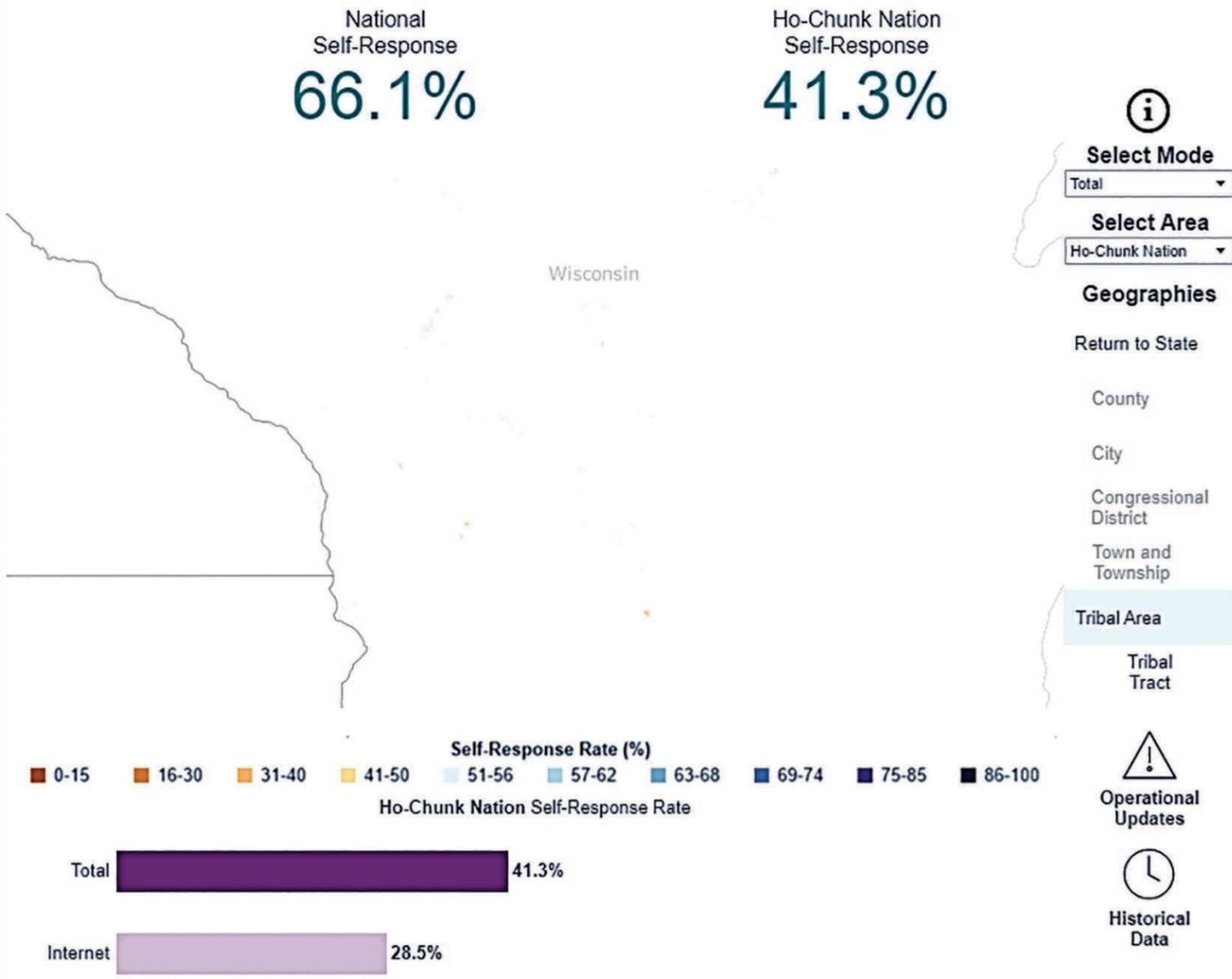
“We are committed to taking every step necessary to  
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The Census Bureau requires that census takers wear a mask while conducting their work. They will follow CDC and local public health guidelines when they visit.

## 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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make sure we count everyone," said Dillingham. "Even if you have someone staying with you who doesn't have another place to live, be sure to include them when you respond."

In preparation for counting people experiencing homelessness, the Census Bureau is coordinating with local service providers and has consulted with advocacy groups and other stakeholders throughout the country to adjust this work in response to COVID-19. The Census Bureau is also working with service provider administrators to identify locations where people experiencing homelessness are living to ensure a complete count of this population.

Hotels that are being used as COVID-19 shelters generally fall under the Enumeration at Transitory Locations operation and are not a part of SBE. However, if 100% of the hotel is housing people experiencing homelessness, then it is enumerated during SBE.

To count people outdoors in places like tent encampments, teams of census takers wearing reflective vests and carry-

ing smartphones, flashlights and paper questionnaires will visit those locations; often at night. Every effort will be made to collect all the information requested on the census form. If that isn't possible, census takers will conduct a population count. Census takers will follow the latest local public health guidance regarding the use of personal protective equipment and social distancing.

Census statistics are crucial to programs and service providers that support people experiencing homelessness and inform how state, local and federal lawmakers will allocate billions of dollars in federal funds for local services such as shelters and soup kitchens, and programs like the Emergency Shelter Grants Program and the Special Milk Program for children. Local nonprofit organizations also rely on census statistics to improve where and how they provide critical services.

The Census Bureau is committed to protecting the privacy of respondents, employees and the security of the data it collects. Therefore, the media or any members of the public are not authorized to follow

census takers as they conduct official Census Bureau business. The Census Bureau has provided simulated opera-

tional photos and b-roll for media use.

For more information about the 2020 Census and counting

people experiencing homelessness, visit 2020census.gov.

## COMPLETE YOUR 2020 CENSUS!

Want to help the Ho-Chunk Nation receive its fair share in federal funding in the next 10 years?

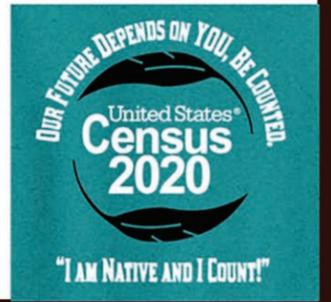
### MOBILE QUESTIONNAIRE ASSISTANCE:

Census Response Representatives will assist in completion of your 2020 Census questionnaire at:

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FRI. 10/23, 9AM-12  
DISTRICT 1 COMMUNITY CENTER, BLACK RIVER FALLS

WED. 10/28, 9AM-2PM  
TOMAH HEALTH OFFICE

FRI. 10/30, 9AM-12  
HOUSE OF WELLNESS

NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED

\*INSURANCE CARD AND ID REQUIRED TO RECEIVE FLU VACCINATION\*

Questions?  
Ho-Chunk Health Care Center  
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# COVID-19

## UPCOMING COMMUNITY TESTING EVENTS

-FOR TRIBAL MEMBERS & EMPLOYEES-

WED. 10/7, 9AM-2PM  
LA CROSSE BRANCH OFFICE

FRI. 10/9, 9AM-12PM  
SIGA FUNMAKER COMMUNITY CENTER, WITTENBERG

WED. 10/14, 9AM-2PM  
MADISON BRANCH OFFICE

WED. 10/21, 9AM-2PM  
NEKOOSA HEALTH OFFICE

FRI. 10/23, 9AM-12  
DISTRICT 1 COMMUNITY CENTER, BLACK RIVER FALLS

WED. 10/28, 9AM-2PM  
TOMAH HEALTH OFFICE

FRI. 10/30, 9AM-12  
HOUSE OF WELLNESS

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

PLEASE BRING PHOTO ID. NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED. TESTING IS FREE TO COMMUNITY MEMBERS.

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# Free Rabies Clinic



**Pet owners: We are having a rabies vaccination clinics for your pet! It is very important that your animal be vaccinated to protect its health and the health of your family. Puppies and kittens need to be at least 3 months old to receive the vaccination.**

**Due to the current health situation, masks and social distancing will be required.**

Date	Location	Time
September 30 <sup>th</sup>	Winnebago Heights TAU E8863 Winneshiek Rd	9:30 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.
September 30 <sup>th</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.

**PLEASE BRING YOUR DOGS ON LEASHES AND CATS IN CRATES!**

- ◆ **Distemper/Parvo** vaccine available for dogs at \$5.00 per dog! Each area will be allotted vaccine on a first come basis.
- ◆ **FVR/FPL** vaccine available for cats at \$5.00 per cat! Each area will be allotted vaccine on a first come basis.



Created 8/2020  
Revised 9/2020



◆ **Open to all Tribal Members.**  
If you have any questions, please contact the **Ho-Chunk Health Care Center** at:  
1-888-685-4422, ext. 5062 or 5011

# ATTENTION!



The Free Rabies Clinic Scheduled for  
**September 23, 2020** has been  
**Rescheduled for September 30, 2020**

## New Schedule:

- September 30<sup>th</sup>** Winnebago Heights TAU  
E8863 Winneshiek RD 9:30 AM -- 12:00 PM
- September 30<sup>th</sup>** Ho-Chunk Village / HOW  
S2845 White Eagle Ln 2:00 PM -- 4:00 PM

Please let everyone you know about the date change!

We apologize for any inconvenience caused by the rescheduling.

If you have any questions, please contact the Ho-Chunk Health Care Center at 1-888-685-4422, extension: 5062

## Natural Remedies for Constipation

Written by: Yejin Seo, UW-Madison DPH4 Pharmacy Student

Constipation is defined as less than 3 bowel movement per week and it is the most common digestive complaint in the United States. Here are some common causes of constipation:

- Poor nutrition including low dietary fiber intake
- Dehydration
- Lack of physical activity
- Stress, anxiety
- Pregnancy
- Medications/ chronic disease



The general approach to the treatment includes lifestyle changes including dietary changes, exercise, and medications. Here are few natural remedies that can help with constipation:

### 1. Increase fiber in your diet

- Most plant-based foods contain some kind of fiber. Recommended daily fiber intake is 20-25 g:
  - 1 medium apple = 4 g
  - 1 medium banana = 3 g
  - 1 cup of peas = 9 g
  - ½ cup of almonds = 8 g
  - 1 slice whole wheat bread= 2g
  - 1 cup chopped carrots= 4g
  - 1 bunch broccoli= 16g
- Trial of 1 month is appropriate before seeking other options. You will notice the changes in 3-5 days.

### 2. Water

- Most people often do not drink enough water. When you do not have enough water in your body, stool is harder to move. Water keeps stool soft and make it easy to pass. Also, fiber needs water to make bowel motions.
- Try to drink **6-8 glasses** of water a day

### 3. Physical activity

- Exercise is an essential for a healthy digestive system.
- Recommended to exercise at least **30 minutes a day, 5 days a week** for all adults

### 4. Stress and anxiety relief

- Try to find a way to relieve your stress, such as going for a walk or some meditation.

Constipation can also be from certain medications you take and chronic disease. If you continue to have problems after changes in diet and lifestyle, contact your doctor to discuss further.

## Environmental Hazards Reporting app

Help keep our  
Ho-Chunk  
Communities  
Clean

<https://bit.ly/hncleanup>

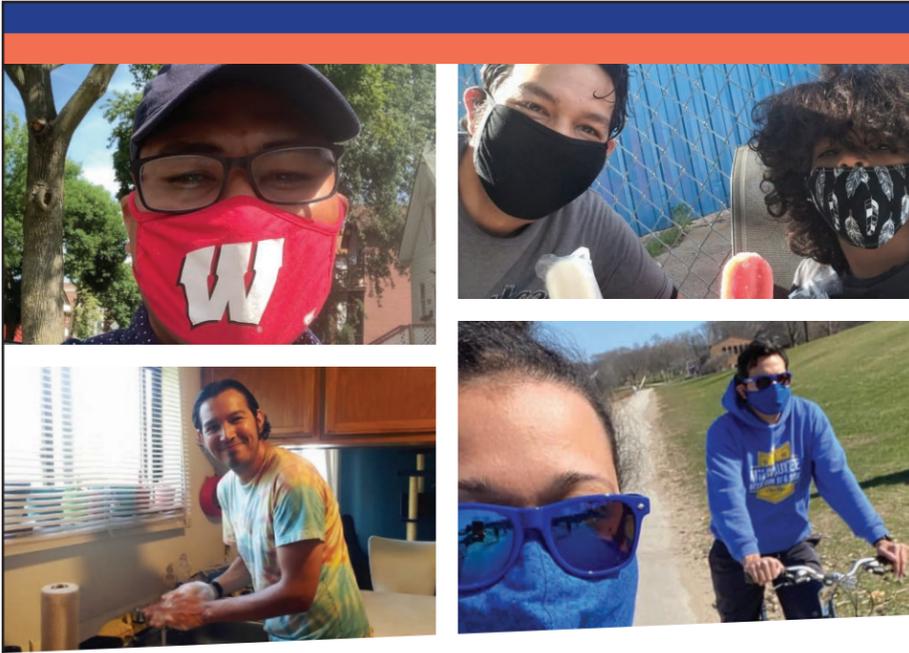
### You can report:

- Illegal Dumpsites
- Abandoned Homes
- Tires
- Junk Yard
- Hazardous Spill
- Dilapidated Building



Department of Health  
Division of Environmental Health  
Tribal Response Program

Or call: 715-284-9851 x5008



## PROTECT OUR PEOPLE FROM COVID-19

When you take steps to stay safe during COVID-19, you lower the risk for everyone around you—because we're all connected. Learning how to protect your tribe can help protect everyone in Wisconsin.



[dhs.wisconsin.gov/COVID19](https://dhs.wisconsin.gov/COVID19)

-  **Wear a mask in public**
-  **Keep 6 feet apart**
-  **Stay home if you can**
-  **Wash your hands**
-  **Symptoms? Get tested**



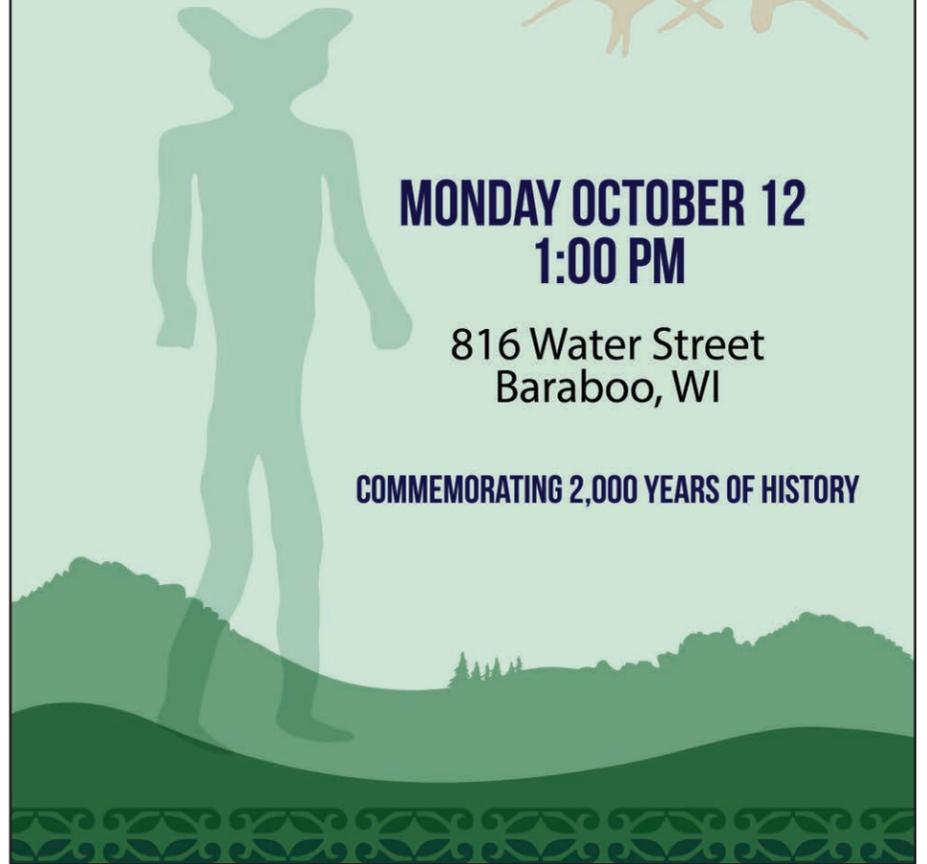
# SAUK COUNTY INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY



**MONDAY OCTOBER 12  
1:00 PM**

816 Water Street  
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**COMMEMORATING 2,000 YEARS OF HISTORY**



## HO-CHUNK NATION OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

### NOTICE OF SPECIAL GENERAL COUNCIL

The CONSTITUTION OF THE HO-CHUNK NATION, Article IV, §6 states:

*"Special Meetings of the General Council shall be called by the President upon petition by twenty (20) percent of the eligible voters, or upon written request of a majority of the Legislature, or when deemed necessary by the President. Notice shall be provided by the President for all Special Meetings of the General Council."*

The Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature, in a duly convened session on July 21, 2020, adopted Request for Special General Council Meeting, Resolution 07.21.20A:

MOTION Rep. Hinu Smith to adopted Resolution 07.21.20A. Request for Special General Council Meeting. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 9-4(Rep. Kristin White Eagle, Rep. Darren Brinegar, Rep. Larry Walker, Jr., Rep. Matt Mullen)-0  
**MOTION CARRIED.**

Under the above-referenced adopted Resolution 07.21.20A, Legislature states:

*"NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature, pursuant to its authority under Article IV, Section 6 of the Constitution, hereby calls for a Special Meeting of the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council, for the specific purpose of considering the removal of the President;*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Special Meeting of the General Council shall take place within sixty (60) days of the adoption of this resolution;*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, pursuant to Article IV, Section 6 of the Constitution, the President shall provide notice for all Special Meetings of the General Council."*

The Legislature "hereby calls for a Special Meeting of the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council" by adopting Resolution 07.21.20A.

The Legislature requires "that the Special Meeting of the General Council shall take place within sixty (60) days of the adoption of this resolution."

The Legislature also requires the President shall solely, "provide notice of all Special Meetings of the General Council." The Legislature has usurped the presidential authority to call a Special Meeting of the General Council.

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Although the Legislature has no authority to call a Special Meeting of the General Council as stated in Resolution 07.21.20A, the Legislature misinterprets the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution and their Legislative authority.

As the President I urge Ho-Chunk Nation tribal members and the Office of General Council to question our Legislature's constitutional authority when such resolutions are adopted.

To date, there is no location, no date, and no budget for a Special General Council Meeting that the Legislature called. Additionally, no safety measures have been requested or approved by the Nation's COVID-19 Response Team.

In accordance with Resolution 7.21.20A, this notice is issued.

  
President of the Ho-Chunk Nation

9-16-20  
Date

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**HO-CHUNK NATION  
LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR MEETING  
TRIBAL EXECUTIVE  
OFFICES  
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI  
SEPTEMBER 8, 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-P  
Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr.-P  
Rep. Stephanie Begay-P  
Rep. Kristin White Eagle-VC  
Rep. Darren Brinegar-VC (10:10 a.m.)  
Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr.-VC (10:33 a.m.)  
Rep. Sarah Lemieux-VC  
Rep. Matthew Mullen-VC (10:35 a.m.)  
Rep. Robert TwoBears-VC (10:10 a.m.)  
Rep. Paul Fox-P  
Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit-P

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

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

**Approval of Agenda:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:**

**Legislative Meeting-August 18, 2020**

**MOTION** by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to approve the August 18, 2020 Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Special Legislative Meeting-August 24, 2020**

**MOTION** by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to approve the August 24, 2020 Special Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 10-0-1(Rep. Darren Brinegar) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Emergency Special Legislative Meeting-August 29, 2020**

**MOTION** by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to approve the August 29, 2020 Emergency Special Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 8-0-3(Rep. Kristin White

Eagle, Rep. Darren Brinegar, Rep. Robert TwoBears) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Special Legislative Meeting-August 31, 2020**

**MOTION** by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to approve the August 31, 2020 Special Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 10-0-1(Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr.) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Amendment to the Agenda:**

**MOTION** by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to move up Unfinished Business I. Resolution-Authorizing Application by the Judiciary Branch for Bureau of Indian Affairs Grant to before Committee Reports. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Unfinished Business:**

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

Chief Judge Lowe was present to address the Legislature. Chief Judge Lowe stated that court desires to apply this grant for up to \$2.5 million.

**MOTION** by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to adopt **Resolution 09-08-20 A**, Authorizing Application by the Judiciary Branch for Bureau of Indian Affairs Grant. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** Rep. Darren Brinegar was offline during vote count.

**Committee Reports:**

**Housing Committee-August 20, 2020**

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to approve the August 20, 2020 Housing Committee Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 9-0-1(Rep. Robert TwoBears) **MOTION CARRIED.** Rep. Darren Brinegar was offline during vote count.

**Development Committee-August 25, 2020**

**MOTION** by Rep. Hinu Smith to approve the August 25, 2020 Development Committee Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** Rep. Darren Brinegar was offline during vote count.

**Health, Social Services and Insurance Committee-August 25, 2020**

**MOTION** by Rep. Robert TwoBears to approve the August 25, 2020 Health, Social Services and Insurance Com-

mittee Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** Rep. Darren Brinegar was offline during vote count.

**Resolution-Authorizing Application for Office on Violence against Women Fiscal Year 2020-COVID-19 Violence against Women Assistance to Tribes Grant**

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 09-08-20 B**, Authorizing Application for Office on Violence against Women Fiscal Year 2020-COVID-19 Violence against Women Assistance to Tribes Grant. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit out of the room.

**Resolution-Freezing of Expenditures from and Request for Accounting of Disaster Recovery Fund Restricted Account**

**MOTION** by Rep. Hinu Smith to adopt **Resolution 09-08-20 C**, Freezing of Expenditures from and Request for Accounting of Disaster Recovery Fund Restricted Account. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 7-2(Rep. Kristin White Eagle, Rep. Robert TwoBears)-1(Rep. Darren Brinegar) **MOTION CARRIED.** Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. and Rep. Matt Mullen were offline during vote count. Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit out of the room.

**Resolution-Establishment of Home Health Care Workgroup**

**MOTION** by Rep. Paul Fox to adopt **Resolution 09-08-20 D**, Establishment of Home Health Care Workgroup. Second by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. 10-0-2(Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr., Rep. Matt Mullen) **MOTION CARRIED.** Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit out of the room.

**Finance Committee-August 26, 2020**

**MOTION** by Rep. Robert TwoBears to approve the August 26, 2020 Finance Committee Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit out of the room.

**TAU Reimbursements**

**MOTION** by Rep. Hinu Smith to approve #6092, #2344, #3228, #2669, #2516 requests up to \$6,000 to be a completed as a journal entry, come out of General Fund Elder Home Repair line item and be considered a part of

their once in a lifetime benefit. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to include \$13,965 from Elder Assistance Fund. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit out of the room.

**CLA Audit Concern (3 Options)**

**MOTION** by Rep. Robert TwoBears to TABLE and REFER CLA Audit Concern to the Special Finance Committee Meeting on Thursday. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Amendment to the agenda:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Hinu Smith to revisit TAU Reimbursements. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**TAU Reimbursements**

**MOTION** by Rep. Hinu Smith to rescind and restate the previous motion regarding TAU Reimbursements on the page above, and motion to approve #6092, #3228, #2669, #2516 requests for a total of \$13,965 with funds coming out of the General Fund Elder Home Repair line item, this is excluding the \$7,500 as it was from a previous fiscal year. The approved requests will go towards the elder's once in a lifetime benefit and their home cannot be sold for five years per the Elder Home Repair Policy. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 7-2(Rep. George Stacy, Rep. Kristin White Eagle)-3(Rep. Darren Brinegar, Rep. Matt Mullen, Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr.) **MOTION CARRIED.**

TAU Director Greg Blackcoon stated that the \$7,500 was paid via credit card due to it being an emergency situation.

**Unfinished Business:**

**COVID-19 Executive Branch Update**

**Department of Health**

Executive Director of Health Kiana Beaudin was available via video conference. She stated that currently, there are 105 confirmed cases, with 13 cases being active. She also reported that Department of Health staff is becoming burnt out. Department of Health is working on a hazard pay proposal that will be presented once the HERO Act is passed.

**Office of the President**

Amanda Richmond, Emergency Management Coordinator gave a brief verbal report and stated that Department of Labor has been documenting everything they have been doing throughout the pandemic.

**Department of Business**

Scott Maracek, Business Analyst stated that Department of Business is working with the Ho-Chunk Police on enforcement measures of the Masking Ordinance. New signage will roll out next week at all C-Store locations regarding the Masking Ordinance.

**Office of General Council (Standing Agenda Item)**

No update.

**Status Report of Previous General Council Resolutions**

Legislative Counsel Michael Murphy stated that his office is still working on creating an Excel Spreadsheet with this information. Cari Fay, General Council Advocate mentioned that the Deputy Advocate position is still open, and it will be posted.

**Illinois Gaming (Standing Agenda Item)**

No update.

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

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

**Gaming Licenses and Gaming Commission Update**

Angie Liazuk, Chairwoman of the Ho-Chunk Nation Gaming Commission provided a written report, and expressed that the Gaming Commission is respectfully requesting the Gaming Ordinance Workgroup to resume its regular scheduled meetings.

**Minors Trust Fund Communication**

Rep. White Eagle stated that two rounds of information was shared in a user-friendly way with the parents who have children with trust funds. The information will include input from the Trust and Investment Committee. Rep. White Eagle stated that this no longer needs to be on the agenda.

**Online Gaming**

No update.

**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**

This agenda was tabled at the August 18, 2020 Legislative Meeting until after the September 15, 2020 Tomah District Meeting.

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**Otoe Horse Bill**

**MOTION** by Rep. Hinu Smith to pay the bill in the amount of \$3988.04 out of the Special Projects line item. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 10-0-3(Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr., Rep. Darren Brinegar, Rep. Robert TwoBears) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**NOTED FOR THE RECORD:** Rep. Hinu Smith recommended that this expense be budgeted every year.

**New Business:**

**Nomination Hearing for Michael Rave**

Michael Rave was present to address the Legislature.

Mr. Rave stated that his work experience is outlined in his resume. He has a Master's Degree in Business Administration, he owns Falls Florist in Black River Falls with his wife, and he has been in the Department of Administration for 17 years now. He has worked with Department of Business on multiple occasions.

It was asked if Mr. Rave has gaming experience. Mr. Rave replied that he does have gaming experience. He previously worked as a cage cashier, worked at the C-Store, was a Security Supervisor and he has worked with the Department of Business and I.T. Operations while working within the Department of Administration. He stated he has experience with internal controls and ICM. Mr. Rave also stated that while working in Planning, he has worked with the Illinois Gaming Application.

It was also asked if he foresees any complication in working with the Gaming Commission.

Mr. Rave replied no, he looks forward to strengthening that working relationship.

**Resolution-Acceptance/Denial of Application of Michael Rave to be Interim Director of the Business Department**

**MOTION** by Rep. Hinu Smith to adopt **Resolution 09-08-20 E**, Acceptance of Application of Michael Rave to be Interim Director of the Department of Business. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 12-1(Rep. Darren Brinegar)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

It was asked of Mr. Rave how he is going to handle recalling Ho-Chunk Employees first. He stated that returning Ho-Chunks to the workforce is the priority of the Nation. It will be based on what the Nation

can afford.

It was asked if Mr. Rave believes in uniform procedures for all gaming facilities. Mr. Rave replied that he believes procedures need to be the same across the board, keeping in mind the uniqueness of each gaming facility.

**Nomination Hearing for Paul Shagen**

President Marlon White Eagle stated that Mr. Paul Shagen withdrew his nomination as Attorney General.

**Resolution-Acceptance/Denial of Application of Paul Shagen to be Interim Director of the Justice Department**

**MOTION** by Rep. Hinu Smith to adopt **Resolution 09-08-20 F**, Denial of Acceptance of application of Paul Shagen to be Interim Director of the Department of Justice. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Quick Passage Procedure to Enact the Body Art Ordinance**

No representation.

**MOTION** by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to TABLE Resolution-Quick Passage Procedure to Enact the Body Art Ordinance for representation. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. SECOND IS WITHDRAWN. MOTION IS WITHDRAWN.

Pam Thunder is available via video conference.

Pam Thunder, Department of Health stated that the Department of Health is bringing forward the proposed Body Art Ordinance because of a tattooing event that will be taking place at Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells. This event took place last year.

Pam stated that if this ordinance goes out for 45-day public comment, the event would not take place until October of this year.

**MOTION** by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to TABLE to request Legislative Legal to draft a 45-day public comment resolution. Second by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. MOTION IS WITHDRAWN.

It was asked if the Department of Health researched the Ho-Chunk traditional practices and beliefs of tattoos, and if those were taken into consideration. Pam replied that this was not looked in to.

It was asked of Department of Business to reconsider this event due to cultural reasons.

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to deny Resolu-

tion-Quick Passage Procedure to Enact the Body Art Ordinance and this not be brought before the Legislature without an opinion from Traditional Court and to state that Legislature opposes any such event on our land or at our properties unless vendors are licensed in accordance with county/State regulations to protect the health of others. Second by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. 8-4(Rep. Darren Brinegar, Rep. Sarah Lemieux, Rep. Matt Mullen, Rep. Robert TwoBears)-1(Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr.) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Lunch Break:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to break for lunch for 45 minutes. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

12:36 p.m.

**Call to Order:** President Marlon White Eagle called the meeting to order at 1:23 p.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.-P  
Rep. Stephanie Begay-P  
Rep. Kristin White Eagle-VC  
Rep. Darren Brinegar-VC (1:27 p.m.)  
Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr.-VC (1:26 p.m.)  
Rep. Sarah Lemieux-VC  
Rep. Matthew Mullen-VC (1:26 p.m.)  
Rep. Robert TwoBears-VC  
Rep. Paul Fox-P  
Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit-P

**Determination of Quorum:**

Quorum is established at 1:25 p.m.

**Resolution-Authorizing Acceptance and Reallocation of Welfare Assistance CARES Act Funding in Response to COVID-19**

**MOTION** by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to adopt **Resolution 09-08-20 G**, Authorizing Acceptance and Reallocation of Welfare Assistance CARES Act Funding in Response to COVID-19. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** Rep. Matt Mullen is offline.

**Resolution-Quick Passage to Amend the Employment Relations Act**

**MOTION** by Rep. Hinu Smith to adopt **Resolution 09-08-20 H**, Quick Passage to Amend the Employment Re-

lations Act, selecting Option 1. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** Rep. Matt Mullen is offline.

**Resolution-Quick Passage to Amend the Employment Relations Act and Authorization to Place out for Forty-Five Day Public Comment**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 09-08-20 I**, Quick Passage to Amend the Employment Relations Act and Authorization to Place out for Forty-Five Day Public Comment. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 11-1(Rep. Darren Brinegar)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** Rep. Matt Mullen is offline.

**Resolution-Grant an Easement to Town of Sumpter on Maa Wakacak for Access to Pioneer Cemetery**

Legislative Counsel Michael Murphy mentioned that the Nation is still waiting on information regarding this request. He will have more information at next meeting.

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to TABLE Resolution-Grant an Easement to Town of Sumpter on Maa Wakacak for Access to Pioneer Cemetery. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Quick Passage Amendments to the Ho-Chunk Nation Finance Manual**

**MOTION** by Rep. Hinu Smith to adopt **Resolution 09-08-20 J**, Quick Passage Amendments to the Ho-Chunk Nation Finance Manual. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** Rep. Matt Mullen is offline.

**COFA Information/Data Request**

Loa Porter, Management Analyst, Realty, was present to address the Legislature. Ms. Porter stated that the Department of Administration is requesting to access the information submitted within the COFA applications for the purpose of data analysis which can demonstrate and substantiate economic and income challenges facing Ho-Chunk Nation tribal members in the upcoming 2020-2021 year. The information would provide a picture of self-reported needs of the Nation's membership that are participating in the COFA distribution.

It was asked if this request should go through the IRB.

Department of Justice Wendy Huling stated that this request

can be sent to the Attorney General.

**MOTION** by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to release COFA Application data to the Department of Administration for future COVID-19 needs assessment, that all personal identifiers will be removed before the release, and subject to the conditions that all tribal member information will remain internal, confidential, priority and will not be distributed outside of the Ho-Chunk Nation and those who use this information are bound by confidentiality and that no retaliation will be allowed or tolerated in the use of this information. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 5-7(Rep. Paul Fox, Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit, Rep. George Stacy, Rep. Kristin White Eagle, Rep. Darren Brinegar, Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr., Rep. Robert TwoBears)-0 **MOTION DEFEATED.**

**NOTED FOR THE RECORD:** Rep. Robert TwoBears would like to see this go to the IRB or Attorney General.

**MOTION** by Rep. Hinu Smith refer this item to Legislative Legal Counsel for further review and come back with opinion and options for next session. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. MOTION IS AMENDED to include referring also to Attorney General. Second concurs. 11-1(Rep. Darren Brinegar)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Executive Session:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Paul Fox to move into Executive Session. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

2:34 p.m.

**MOTION** by Rep. Paul Fox to move into Open Session. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

4:01 p.m.

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Adjournment:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Paul Fox to adjourn. The next Legislative Meeting will take place Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, WI. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 4:02 p.m.*

## The time to help the Ho-Chunk Nation is now

The 2020 Census is still happening. It takes only a few minutes to complete, and your responses are strictly confidential.



### Why it matters

Success depends on everyone's participation. The Ho-Chunk Nation needs us all to be counted so that we receive the full amount of state and federal funding available to us for use in emergency management, maintaining roads, health care, Native American employment and training, social services, child care, housing, supplemental nutrition assistance program, and other vital services to our tribal membership.

### How to respond to the question on race

To be counted as an enrolled Ho-Chunk Nation citizen on your paper or online census form, identify your race. You can choose more than one. Choose "American Indian or Alaska Native" to classify your household.

Write in your tribe – Ho-Chunk Nation in the space provided.

- American Indian or Alaska Native – *Print name of enrolled or principal tribe(s), for example, Navajo Nation, Blackfeet Tribe, Mayan, Aztec, Native Village of Barrow Inupiat Traditional Government, Nome Eskimo Community, etc.*

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Even if we live in urban or other off-trust land areas, we may think that our tribe will count us in the census, but that is not the case. Our tribe does not provide enrollment numbers to the U.S. Census Bureau, so we need to respond and make sure we are all counted.

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