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Mock E-meeting Provides Orientation for GC2020

Ardith Van Riper

Editor

Enrolled Ho-Chunk Nation members were invited to attend a mock e-meeting on November 20, 2020. The mock meeting provided attendees an opportunity to navigate the virtual meeting space in preparation for the Annual Meeting of General Council scheduled for December 5.

Detailed instructions were displayed on the Hocak Worak's website, and a link to those instructions was shared on the Hocak Worak's Facebook page. The updated instructions for the Annual GC2020 meeting are in this publication of the Hocak Worak.

Per those instructions, attendees use two platforms to participate in the virtual meeting. One platform called Lumi is intended for voting and requesting to speak. The other platform, Zoom, is used to view meeting proceedings and interact after being called on by the Chairman of the meeting.

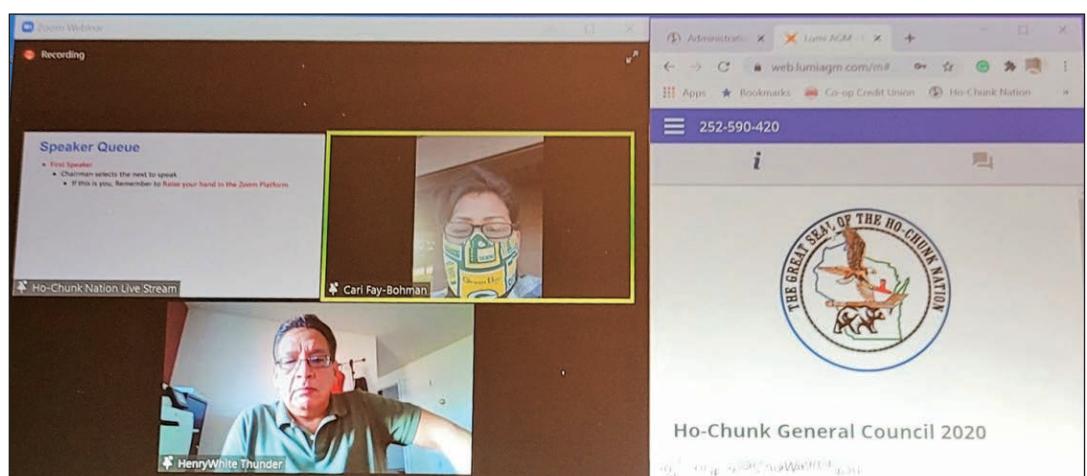
The use of two platforms may

provide convenience to households with more than one voting age tribal member. A group watches meeting proceedings on a laptop or computer using Zoom. Then individuals within that group vote with their mobile devices, such as smart phones or tablets, using the Lumi Platform.

For those individual tribal members, two devices are recommended but not necessary. A laptop or computer provides easier attendance because switching between the two platforms can be difficult without further instruction when using a smart phone or tablet. Rather than have the platforms open in two tabs on one web browser, open two web browsers - one to launch Lumi and one to launch Zoom.

It's recommended that Mozilla FireFox or Chrome is used instead of Internet Explorer.

Tribal members with technical issues may contact the

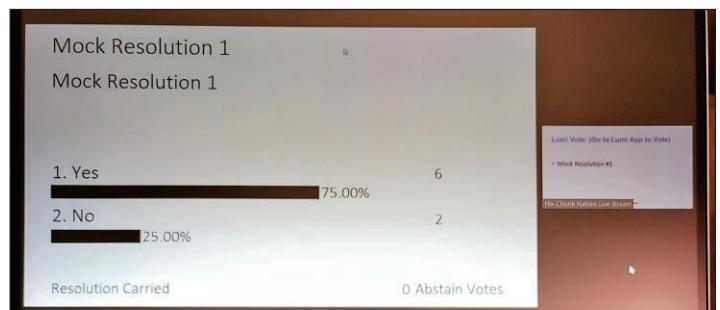


Screenshot of the two platforms used during the Mock E-Meeting on Nov. 20. Zoom is on the left and Lumi is on the right. Henry White Thunder (lower image) chaired the Mock E-Meeting and Cari Fay-Bohman (middle image) was called on by the chairman to speak.

Help Desk at 715-227-5553 or email GCB@ho-chunk.com.

A YouTube video featuring a clip of the Mock E-Meeting is located at <https://youtu.be/g-lyEDgRRyk> and titled Ho Chunk General Council Mock E Meeting.

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Screenshot of voting results on a mock resolution.

Circle of Excellence Awards honor the American Indian Community Development Corporation in Minneapolis

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Editor

On November 17, the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) announced six winners of its Circle of Excellence Awards. Organizations that have partnered with DHS and executed an exemplary job of providing food, shelter, and other assistance to Minnesotans in need were recognized.

The winners are the American Indian Community Development Corporation (AICDC), Catholic Charities of the Diocese of

St. Cloud, CHUM (formerly known as Churches United in Ministry), Family Wise, Olmsted County Housing and Redevelopment Authority, and United Community Action Partnership.

The selection of winners were based on the following criteria:

- Supports the DHS mission to help people meet their basic needs so they can live in dignity and achieve their highest potential.
- Contributes to current DHS goals and priority projects.

• Demonstrates best practices.

• Achieves results that impact clients.

• Partners with others in human services system.

Special consideration was given in this ninth year of the Circle of Excellence Awards to organizations that provided exceptional service in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

System Modernization Communications Coordinator, Rhiannon Blackdeer de Prado and Human Services Representative 2, Shawnee

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Letter from Vice President Karena Thundercloud

November 16, 2020

Hello, I'm Karena Thundercloud. The bright colors of summer have all but disappeared and we are now heading into the holiday season. Like everything else since early March, Thanksgiving, Ho-Chunk Day, and Christmas will look different. We have been experiencing a significant increase in positive cases.

It is with a heavy heart that we've recently reported the passing of two tribal members from the coronavirus. We send those families our condolences. We are praying for the speedy recovery of those who are actively fighting the virus.

We have heard from the professionals – the doctors, nurses, and scientists – who all say that the easiest way to stop the spread is to socially distance, wear masks, and wash our hands often. The hospitals are nearing their

limits. Medical professionals are working overtime. We must slow the spread once again.

I'm asking you to limit gatherings to those that are absolutely necessary. Please continue wearing your mask and washing your hands as much as possible. Let us protect our families by asking them to call or facetime rather than visit in person through the upcoming holidays. It will be difficult, but it will be worth it.

This November marks the 26th anniversary of the adoption of the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution. We've been through a lot since the days of the Wisconsin Winnebago Tribe. We must use the proper precautions to ensure that the Nation is strong for our future generations.

Speaking of the Ho-Chunk Constitution, I want to assure you that the Legislature is committed to the best interests

of the Nation by upholding our constitutional responsibilities. Despite a court case and a decision that will be appealed, the Legislature adopted a budget for the remainder of the fiscal year and ensured continued operation of the Nation. Disagreements between Branches of the government have happened before. Working those out in the Nation's Tribal Court helps to clarify the law. But doing so in a way that is respectful and dignified that will best serve you and our tribe. In these challenging times, the Legislature will continue to keep this in mind.

Some veterans will only hear our gratitude on Veteran's Day. I want to say thank you to all who have served our Nation and the United States in the armed forces. We will never forget your sacrifices. Thank you, warriors.

And thank you for making our Nation great.



Ho-Chunk Nation Vice President Karena Thundercloud reads November message in a YouTube video.

Healing the Sacred Earth

Nov 12

Contributed by Curt Meine

It is good for us, too, to touch the earth. We, and our children, need the chance to walk upon the sacred earth, this final abiding place of all that lives. We must preserve our sacred places in order to know our place in time, our reach to eternity.

—N. Scott Momaday, "Sacred Places"

The sun is rising and the sky is brazen blue. A dozen volunteers have shown up on this unseasonably cold October morning in southern Wisconsin. As a sharp wind

blows from the northwest, we turn collars up, pull hoods over heads, and await late arrivals. We are standing next to a rusty chain-link fence at the entrance of what for six decades was a major U.S. military production facility, the Badger Army Ammunition Plant. Our modest group has come here today to help heal this Sacred Earth.

We have come together on the occasion of the inaugural recognition of Indigenous Peoples' Day in Sauk County. The county is named after the allied Sauk (Sac) and Fox (Meskwaki) tribes who, driven from the western Great Lakes, inhabited a village and cultivated lands along the nearby Wisconsin River in the 1700s. The Sauk and Fox then migrated to lands downstream along the Mississippi River in what is now Illinois and Iowa.

We are here at the invitation, and at the service, of the Hoocak (Ho-Chunk, meaning People of the sacred voice). The place where we gather belongs to the Nation's ancestral territory. Through a series of treaties contrived

in the 1820s and 1830s, the Hoocak lost their hold on their homelands. But the story of the Nation is one of determined resistance and resilience. In 2014 the Hoocak acquired 1,550 acres of the former Badger Plant land, taking it back into their care. Indigenous Peoples' Day in fact comprises three days of service, celebration, and ceremony. Ours is the kick-off event of the first day, a "Day of Restoration: Healing our Mother Earth and ourselves through hands-on activities." We will gather seeds of native prairie plants for the Nation to use in its land restoration work.

The Badger Army Ammunition Plant occupied 7,354 acres, including a significant portion of the historic Sauk Prairie, a 14,000-acre outlier at the northeast edge of the mid-continent's tallgrass prairie. Only a few tiny, isolated remnants of the Sauk Prairie remain. Beginning in the early 1840s, farmers from the eastern United States, Switzerland, Germany, and other parts of Western Europe

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The Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature has established a new optional program this month for eligible tribal members. They initiated an emergency relief program called COFA (CARES Other Financial Assistance) back in July to assist tribal members impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. The final COFA payment disperses in December with the expiration of the federal CARES Act appropriations. A new program called the Ho-Chunk Economic Legacy Project (HELP) will begin, using the tribe's NPD funding.

The Ho-Chunk Economic Legacy Project is also dubbed GWEA (General Welfare Economic Assistance) because it is short for the law in which the Legislature can offer this to tribal members. The Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act of 2014 allows the gross income from these general welfare payments to be excluded from individual gross income (i.e., taxes).

General Welfare assistance may include assistance for medical care, food, shelter, health, education, subsistence, housing, elder care, disability care, help to meet cultural, traditional and religious needs of the Nation and its membership, and assistance to promote self-sufficiency, self-determination, entrepreneurship, and the employment of Ho-Chunk

Members.

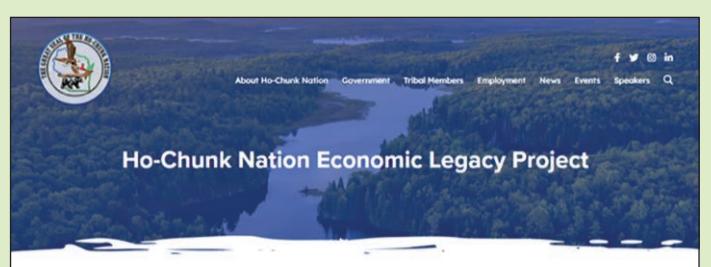
The HELP payments are \$700 and scheduled for monthly distribution from January through June. Enrolled tribal members interested in this new assistance are encouraged to apply before December 18, 2020.

Due to current COVID-19 related restrictions, online GWEA application submissions are strongly recommended. Fax or mailed applications are accepted but no confirmation number will be provided. Tribal members submitting online will receive a confirmation number that can be monitored and tracked by the Ho-Chunk Nation Treasury Department.

The HELP application is similar to the COFA application and takes less than five minutes to complete. The applications are required for auditing purposes, establishing the need for this general welfare program, and gauging tribal members' needs for other services.

Online applications are found at <https://avf.ho-chunk.com/GWEALogin.aspx>. A copy ready for printing is located at <https://ho-chunknation.com/ho-chunk-nation-economic-legacy-project/> and you click on 'Refillable doc Ho-Chunk Economic Legacy Project' in the middle of the page.

Call the Treasury GWEA helpline at 715-284-7720 with any questions.



Author Curt Meine

propellant for the war effort. As recently as 2007, fourteen hundred buildings, most of them long dormant and deteriorating, barnacled the land. Their remains, including the asbestos siding and lead paint used in their construction, are now entombed in a secure landfill on the other side of the Badger lands.

On this chill morning, we all need to get our blood and bodies moving. But before the work begins, we introduce ourselves and say a few words about what brought us here

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Looking Northeast at Maa Wakacak. / Photos courtesy of Paul Arentz, DriftlessNow.com

Guardian Ad Litem Training

As a culture, the Ho-Chunk people have always taken care of vulnerable tribal members; the children, elderly and others with disabilities. The kinship system runs deep and ingrains in Ho-Chunks their responsibilities to each other.

There are now courts, social services and law enforcement agencies to assist with problems. That's where you come in.

As the guardian ad litem, you are the link and bridge to the community. You are the one who goes out to investigate the situation and advocates for the person.

The Ho-Chunk Nation Judiciary invites anyone who is interested in becoming a guardian ad litem to contact Senior Staff Attorney David Wilson. Guardians ad items are compensated for the time and travel expended as part of their duties.

The training will likely occur in mid-December 2020 or January 2021.

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To: Phyllis Smoke, Executive Director of Administration
From: Amanda Richmond, Emergency Management Director, Department of Labor
Date: November 17, 2020
RE: No Mass Gatherings at Ho-Chunk Nation Facilities

Due to the continued high levels of newly diagnosed positive COVID-19 cases within the Ho-Chunk Nation and surrounding counties, the Ho-Chunk Nation Emergency Management Director and the Safety Division prohibits indoor gatherings of ANY size at ANY of our Ho-Chunk Nation facilities. Outdoor gatherings are permitted with 10 people or less, with physical distancing. This takes effect November 19th at 6:00 AM. (This does not include our gaming facilities)

As the number of cases continue to increase, so does the number of people who die every day. COVID-19 is already one of the leading causes of death in Wisconsin for 2020. On average, more Wisconsinites are dying every day from COVID-19 than the average number of people who die per month in car accidents in the state.

The consequences of failing to act will continue to be devastating and deadly. Hospital capacity shortages throughout the state are at record high levels; and despite these efforts, only the people of Wisconsin can do what it takes to slow the spread of this disease and decrease the number of people suffering and dying every day. Every Wisconsinite must take individual responsibility to wear a face covering, stay home as much as possible, physically distance at least six feet from others, wash hands frequently, and keep your social circle to five people or less.

IT IS our job in the Safety Division to ensure YOUR SAFETY! These are the measures that must be taken.

We understand that this is a challenging time, and we are grateful for your assistance in slowing the spread of COVID-19.

CC: Angela Ward, Executive Director of Labor
Phyllis Smoke, Executive Director of Administration
Cinnamon Lonetree, Executive Secretary

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Laura LaMere Sustain Dane's Live Forward Award Winner

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News Release

Madison, WI November 12, 2020 – Laura LaMere has been honored as one of four Sustain Dane's Live Forward award recipients. This is quite an achievement as Sustain Dane is the sustainability organization in Dane County. They are dedicated to creating a community based on holistic sustainability, a healthy environment, a just economy, and equity & social wellbeing

for all. The seven other nominees included Dane County Executive Joe Parisi.

The organization's tag line is "Change happens when inspired people take action". LaMere's accomplishments are a testament to this philosophy. LaMere is the Environmental Services Manager at Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison, a role she has performed for two years. During this time she has achieved many goals. They include boosting the facility's sustainability program, responding to the COVID-19 pandemic through research and utilizing advanced antimicrobial products to assure the facility remains sanitized and environmentally safe for employees and guests. In addition, she has incorporated changes utilizing products meeting USGBC

LEED standards to include paper products from responsibly managed and sustainably sourced eucalyptus and acacia tree fibers. As one of the leaders of their "Green Team", she performed a comprehensive audit on her department to include their waste management system as well as overhauled and established new and more effective protocols. "Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison is fortunate to have Laura on our Management Team", Daniel Brown, Executive Manager, Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison stated. "She has been a big proponent of encouraging us to be conscientious and diligent about our facility's sustainable practices so we can be good stewards of TeeJop."

LaMere's strong commitment to sustainability embodies all that she does whether it is where she lives or in her professional role in the TeeJop community. Valuing her indigenous teachings she included forgotten members of the community, on Earth Day,

by spearheading a community cleanup project with The Beacon (a homelessness day resource center). She participated in sustainability initiatives with One Sauk Naturally, as well as being involved in the Earth, Sky, Water mural featured on the Great Sauk Trail through artistic efforts from multiple Ho-Chunk families. This mural, showcasing the Ho-Chunk peoples' connection to the natural world, was made possible by the Little Eagle Arts Foundation.

LaMere advocates for a

healthy planet. As an environmental activist she donated to some of the efforts of the water protectors during the Standing Rock protests and even traveled to Washington, D.C. to participate in a rally. Her current vision is to earn a LEED certification for a local area motel in Baraboo, WI.

LaMere received her Associate's Degree from UW-Baraboo. She is finishing her Bachelor's Degree from UW-Platteville, and will pursue her Master's Degree in

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Attention: The Next Deadline of the Hocak Worak will be December 4th which will be published on December 11th. Please contact Hocak Worak at newsletter@ho-chunk.com if you have a change of address or would like to be placed on the mailing list.



Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Aging

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Notice of Vacancy

The Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Aging Division is currently seeking (1) applicant from the Tomah area and (1) applicant in the Black River Falls area to fill a vacant position on the Elder Advisory Board.

Board members are elected to a three year term. Meetings are held on a monthly basis as current conditions allow.

Interested candidates should contact the Tomah or Black River Falls Tribal Aging Unit at 608-372-4547 or 715-284-0811 by December 13th, 2020. Elections will follow based on the number of nominations.

Phone: 715-284-0811 Fax: 715-284-3180

December

Elders Birthdays

1. Carol Calkins • Alexander Gourd
2. Beth Anacker • Eliot Littlejohn • Leslie Pettibone
3. Dale White Eagle
4. Ricky Hunt
5. Gloria Perez • Katherine Burgess • Patrick Red Eagle • Sharon Thompson
6. Rose Marie Funmaker • Andrew Delarosa
7. Mark Taylor • Debra Baublit
8. Debra Bundy • Margaret Showers • Sandrea Radtke • Shirley Reed
9. Nina Garvin • Rosemary Thundercloud • William Hall • Sarah Lyons • Patricia Logan • Maribeth Jones • Linda Revels
10. Valerie Kempen • Russell Poulton • Kathryn Hodge • Michelle De Cora • Marilyn Hilling
11. Joycelyn Buchanan • Eileen Blackdeer • Howard Ryan
12. Ruth Yellowthunder • Charles Yellowthunder • Byron Steele • Virzena Kofol • Chloris Lowe, Sr. • Anthony Green • Steven Kearnes, Sr.
13. Rosemarie Davison • Lorenzo Funmaker • Movita Rodriguez • James Day • Darlyn Banuelos
14. Carl Owen • Douglas De Cora
15. Donald Barta • Amelia Ortiz • Susan Greengrass • Angelina Liazuk
16. Steven Link • Aleta Yellow Thunder
17. Joseph Keenan • Clayton Winneshiek
18. Gloria Visintin • Jean Climer
19. Gregory Lonetree • Lu Ann Decorah • Errol Mrotek • John Denny • Charles Smith
21. Albert Carrimon • Sybil Grey Owl
22. Ollie Heth • Lawrence La Mere
23. Carole Lastrup • Levi Blackdeer • Mara Roland • Ronald Nichols • Kenneth Twin • Susan Twinbear • Cornelius De Cora
24. Christina La Mere
25. Mary Taylor • Ronald Anwash • James Hellerud • Meredith Decorah
27. Joy Lightstorming
29. Gwendolyn Whitegull • Eric Thundercloud • Sharyn Buchanan • Audrey • Beverly Conner
30. Frank Dikeman • Willa Redcloud
31. Anita Whiteeagle • Winneshiek

Notice of Vacancy and Deadlines: One (1) Delegate and One (1) Alternate January 2021- December 2022 For the following Districts:

District 1:	Number of EB Delegates	Alternate
BRF	1	1
District 3:		
Madison	1	1
Wis. Rapids	1	1
Wittenberg	1	1
Green Bay	1	1
Milwaukee	1	1
District 4		
Chicago	1	1
Mpls. /St. Paul	1	1

TERMS END 2021(Filling vacancy)

District 2:

Wis. Dells (Indian Heights) 1 1

TERMS: All Election Board Members shall serve Two (2) year terms and may serve more than one (1) term.

NOMINATIONS: Nominations for One (1) Election Board Delegate Member and One (1) Election Board Alternate to represent District One (1) and Three (3) must be voted upon during District monthly meetings in December of 2018. This posting needs to be posted 30 days prior to nominating any board member.

Pending Legislature confirmation.

4:00 PM – Friday, December 23, 2020

The following is the job description for Election Board Members:

The Election Board shall conduct all General and Special Elections in a fair and impartial manner.

Shall notify the voters of the polling places not less than 15 days before the elections.

Shall ensure that all candidates meet the qualifications for office.

No member of the Election Board may actively campaign for the nomination, election, recall or removal of any elected official.

The Election Board shall seek to uphold to the terms of the HCN Election Code.

Two consecutive unexcused absences for duly called Board meetings shall result in automatic removal from the board unless the absent Board Member establishes to the satisfaction of the Board good cause for his/her absence.

Must be an adult enrolled Ho-Chunk tribal member.

All Election Board members shall serve two (2) years or until their successors have been chosen. Election Board Members may serve more than one (1) term.

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Wisconsin WIC Formula Transition from Gerber® to Similac®

Effective January 2021, the Wisconsin WIC Nutrition Program will provide Similac as our standard formula.

If you are also breastfeeding your baby, keep it up! The more breastmilk your baby drinks, the less you will notice the switch in formulas.

Currently Using This Formula	Switching to this Formula – starting 2021
Gerber Good Start Gentle	 Similac Advance  12.4 oz powder 13 oz concentrate
Gerber Good Start Soy	 Similac Soy Isomil  12.4 oz powder 13 oz concentrate
Gerber Good Start Soothe	 Similac Total Comfort  12.6 oz powder

WIC is here to help. Most babies will transition to their new formula without any problems.

If you are concerned about changing formula, a good way to start is to mix the old formula with the new formula over a period of several days. Save a can of Gerber formula for when it is time to switch.

Amount of Formula	Day 1 and 2	Day 3 and 4	Day 5 and 6	Day 7
4 ounces	3 oz of current formula 1 oz of Similac	2 oz of current formula 2 oz of Similac	1 oz of current formula 3 oz of Similac	4 oz of Similac
6 ounces	4 oz of current formula 2 oz of Similac	3 oz of current formula 3 oz of Similac	2 oz of current formula 4 oz of Similac	6 oz of Similac
8 ounces	6 oz of current formula 2 oz of Similac	4 oz of current formula 4 oz of Similac	2 oz of current formula 6 oz of Similac	8 oz of Similac

If you have any questions or concerns, please talk with your WIC nutritionist.

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Sustainable Management at UW-Oshkosh.

The awardees will be presented their award at the Sustainable Dane Summit on December 3, 2020. There will be an opportunity for a Q & A with these community leaders. "If you see Laura please congratulate her as she deserves it for a job well done", exclaimed Missy Tracy, Municipal

Relations Coordinator, Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison.

For those interested in attending the Summit <https://www.facebook.com/events/1577735552397487/> or to register Eventbrite link: <https://bit.ly/3ahSjyW>.

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today. Some of us are veterans of twenty-five years of community effort to transition this place to a conservation future. We are here out of dogged—some might say irrational—persistence. We can hardly remember a time when the reimagining of "Badger" was not a part of our daily lives and consciousness. Others are fresh faces and therefore deeply appreciated by us old hands. One first-timer says, "I saw the notice about Indigenous Peoples' Day. I knew about Badger and just wanted to do something."

In fact, only one among us is Hoocąk. Kristin WhiteEagle is the last to introduce herself. Kristin has played a key role in organizing the three days of events. She is an elected representative in the Hoocąk tribal legislature. She is also an elected member of the county board of supervisors, the first Native American to so serve. Kristin offers a welcome and remarks. She speaks of the value of this land to the Hoocąk, and of its spiritual significance. "We are seeing a change in the world. We must look to the future and think about the generations to come. What we need is what this place can give." Kristin stands at the meeting place of tradition and transformation, Native American and Euro-American experience, cultural trauma and reconciliation. So, in some manner, do we all. Perhaps that is what brought everyone here today.

Our troupe walks across an expanse of decaying parking lot, where dozens of buses once disgorged workers coming to the plant from a hundred miles around. We all pause spontaneously at a spot where a single eight-foot stalk of Big Bluestem, wearing its fall colors of burnt red and royal purple, sprouts forth triumphantly from a four-inch hole in the asphalt. This sovereign citizen of the tallgrass prairie has found a roothold, tenuous yet tenacious, in its ancestral territory. We will collect seeds of Big Bluestem and several other species. Fragrant bunched tubules of Bergamot and fluffy seedlets of Stiff Goldenrod. Tiny black dots of Black-Eyed Susan and anise-scented caps of Grey Headed Coneflower. After a very wet summer, all the prairie plants are lush. The coppery-gold seed heads of Indian Grass stand out especially high, like long plumes. No species reaches out so irresistibly to the human hand. Its seed zips off its high stem so satisfyingly. Kristin muses that we ought to petition for a name change. Let's call it "In-

digenous Grass."

Although cold, it is a sweet morning. My friend Mike is out with his teenage daughter Eva. At first, she stayed warm in the car, seemingly aloof and unenthusiastic about this whole exercise. But she emerged when the collecting commenced, and now she and her father are laughing in the tallgrass. The two young first-timer guys are in competition to fill the most paper sacks with seed. Randy, who oversees the Hoocąk land restoration work, beams as the bags of genetic wealth accumulate. It is his—and the Nation's—necessary raw material for next year's planting. I come upon a patch of tall, scratchy-leaved Compass Plant. It's not among our target species today, but I can't resist adding it to the seed mix in my bag. Handsome, deep-rooted, sun flowery Compass Plant, who brings such outrageous yellow joy to our summer. The world needs more of you.

Indeed, it does. For there is some bittersweet in here as well. We are collecting seeds, not from a native prairie remnant, but from a patch we planted fifteen years before, a decade before the Hoocąk was able to secure this land. Over time, the odd bits of remaining intact prairie in this area have blinked out one by one. Ideally, we would collect from whatever hanger-on prairie pieces we can find. We would try to sustain as much local genetic diversity—as wide a kinship of evolutionary prairie relations—as possible. But we are sampling from samples now. We keep losing our vestiges of prairie. We keep losing our connections with land, with one another, with ancestors, with all the living beings of the land, and with all their ancestors. We keep losing ourselves.

Here at Sacred Earth we may begin a healing, and we may come to reclaim ourselves.

What's in a name? Here, everything. After internal deliberation, elders of the Hoocąk (Ho-Chunk) bestowed a name upon this place: Maa Wákąčąk (pronounced Maawah'-kun-chunk), meaning sacred Earth/land.

The land here sits in a basin of sorts. To the north, the Baraboo Hills rise seven hundred feet above the surrounding landscape. The hard-pink quartzite of the hills dates to the Precambrian, more than a billion and a half years ago. To the south and west, bluffs of 500-million-year old sandstone line the horizon. To the east, a modest ridge—the Johnstown Moraine—marks

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7 Steps to Protecting Your Young Child's Teeth (ages 1-5)

1. Limit your child's sugary drinks and foods.
 - o Avoid giving sweet drinks like flavored milk, soda, and sports drinks.
 - o Limit juice to 4 oz./day (better if diluted with water) and serve at a meal.
 - o Avoid letting them drink from a sippy cup of milk or juice throughout the day.
2. Offer your child healthy foods including fruits, vegetables, lean protein, and dairy products.
3. Plan a scheduled snack between meals rather than allowing them to help themselves to food.
4. Offer plain water between meals as the beverage.
5. Avoid laying them down with a bottle. Wean your child from a bottle by about 1 year of age.
6. Clean your child's teeth. (Age specific directions below)
7. Visit your dentist regularly.
 - o Have your child visit the dentist visit by 1 year of age.
 - o Bring your child to the dentist every 6 months.

The health of your child's baby teeth is important for chewing, eating, speaking, smiling and the growth of their adult teeth.

Tooth decay can cause your child pain and lasting harmful effects to their mouth and health.

How to Clean Your Child's Teeth?

- **Birth to 12 months:** After feeding, clean their gums with clean gauze or warm cloth. Once their teeth grow in, gently brush them with a soft baby toothbrush and a grain of rice sized amount of fluoride toothpaste
- **12 to 36 months:** Brush your child's teeth two times per day, for 2 minutes each time, using a grain of rice sized amount of toothpaste. Floss once per day.
- **3 years to 8 years:** Same as above, but your child can start using a pea-sized amount of toothpaste. Monitor your child's brushing until 8 years of age.

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Health and Wellness Division

Resources: <https://wicworks.fns.usda.gov>, <https://www.ihs.gov>,
<https://www.aap.org>, <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov>

For more information contact a HCN Registered Dietitian/Nutritionist:

BRF, Tomah, Wittenberg areas: (888) 685-4422, ext. 5335
BRF, La Crosse areas: (888) 685-4422, ext. 5340
Dells, Nekoosa, Madison areas: (888) 552-7889, ext. 5554

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE November 12, 2020

CONTACT: Kiana Beaudin, Ho-Chunk Nation Health Department Health Officer, 715-284-9851

COVID-19 Update Take Care of One Another by Staying Home

The Ho-Chunk Nation is experiencing extreme increases in COVID-19 cases. Our neighboring communities are also experiencing these same increases which are creating significant stresses on the public health and health care systems. Many of our local hospitals are at capacity and are experiencing shortages of staffing. Even the Ho-Chunk Nation has had staffing shortages that have decreased services and temporarily closed departments. Health care facilities have begun to postpone surgeries, procedures and appointments and are at risk of the following:

- Running out of beds to care for people who need immediate hospital care
- Not having enough staff to care for patients, both COVID and non-COVID

The Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health has begun to implement crisis contact tracing due to the high numbers of cases. Our County Public Health partners are also struggling to keep up with the rapidly increasing number of cases. This creates delays in patients being notified of their test results and close contact being notified of their exposure and provided information on quarantine.

It is imperative that our community, our families, each individual take action immediately. Stop having gatherings of any kind with those individuals outside of your household, stay home if you are feeling ill, only go out of your home for the essentials, when you leave your home wear a mask and stay 6 feet away from others outside of your home, wash your hands frequently, and get your flu shot. These efforts are to protect the most vulnerable in our community, those we love, those we respect, and those who we depend on for guidance. Take care of one another.

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RE: COVID-19 Safety Measures for Food Distribution Services

The Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health would like to notify the community about safety measures for community members receiving Food Distribution program services. For the safety of both patrons AND staff the Department of Health requires the following when picking up your food items at the Food Distribution building or tailgate events:

- Patrons should remain in their vehicles except to open the trunk or doors so that items can be easily loaded into the vehicle by staff.
- Ensure there is space in your vehicle for food items to be loaded. Staff will not be allowed to re-arrange personal items in vehicles.
- Patrons and staff are required to wear masks both inside the vehicle and outside.

Adhering to these safety measures is vitally important to ensuring that these critical services can continue for our community members. Please also remember to stay home if you are not feeling well, wash your hands or use hand sanitizer frequently, and try to maintain 6 feet of distance if possible. Take care of one another.

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General Council 2020

December 5, 2020

Meeting Starts when Quorum is Obtained

- Welcome to the Ho-Chunk General Council Instructions.
- This has been an unusual year and your General Council Volunteer Coordinators Workgroup has been working hard to make sure you have representation and can have your voice heard during the meeting.
- Please Remember: If attending at a family member's home, keep your group at 2-3, dependent upon who lives there, take proper COVID-19 precautions.
- Please be patient and if you have any issues, please call the Help Desk at: **715-227-5553**. The number will open December 5, 2020 at 10 a.m.

Your Two Platforms

The First one you will use is Lumi

Lumi Platform

Use for:

- Voting on resolutions and motions
- Entering the speaking queue.
 - Use the speaking queue terms found on the information page of the Lumi platform.

The second platform will be ZOOM

Use for:

- Viewing meeting proceedings
- Raising your hand to speak after being called on by the Chair. The icon is at the bottom of the screen.
- Enabling audio and video to participate in the discussion, after being called on by the Chair

If you are attending the virtual meeting by yourself from home:

You will have both the Lumi Platform and Zoom meeting open on your laptop computer in two different web browser windows. You will have to resize the web browser windows to fit two (2) on the computer or laptop screen.

If you are attending the virtual meeting with others in a group of 2-3, dependent upon how many live in your household:

Each individual person will log into the Lumi platform on their own device. AND Only **1 person** in the group will log into the Zoom meeting for all attendees in that group to view and hear the meeting proceedings.

iPhone Instructions:

If you are attending with a single device, you will need to be able to switch between the Lumi App and the Zoom App:



Your Logins

- For the **LUMI** Platform, use this link to access the virtual meeting: <http://web.lumiagm.com/>
 - Username: Last 4 of your tribal ID (include the zero, when it is in the last 4 digits of your ID number)
 - Password is: gc2020 (all lower-case)
- For **Zoom**: once you are inside the Lumi platform, you will see the Zoom link on the Info Page. Click on the Zoom link to register for the Zoom meeting in a separate window to watch the proceedings. <https://majicpro.zoom.us/webinar/register/>

Reminder: Please enter your username and password carefully.

Zoom Login Process

Open this registration link in your browser:

<https://majicpro.zoom.us/webinar/register/>

1. Tribal Members open registration page (this can be done before December 5).
2. Then enter name, email address, four-digit ID, and click 'Register'
3. After clicking Register, once approved, you will receive an email with your uniquely generated webinar link and password. The email will come from **Ho-Chunk Nation General Council <no-reply@zoom.us>**
4. When the event begins, you, the attendee, should find the email and click "**Click Here to Join**"
5. Zoom will open and you, the attendee, will be taken directly into the event (or see a screen stating the webinar has not yet started if you log in early). If you have never used Zoom before, you will first be prompted to download and run Zoom.

REGISTRATION IS OPEN

- To Register: Copy and paste or type in the ZOOM link from previous slide.
- You will be directed to the following page:

Enter requested information Click REGISTER

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After clicking Register, you will see this page.



- After approval, you will receive an e-mail from [Ho-Chunk Nation General Council](#).
- The e-mail will state the following:

Hi Registered Name,

Thank you for registering for Ho-Chunk Nation General Council 2020 Annual Meeting.

Date Time: Dec.5, 2020. [Meeting will start when Quorum is obtained](#).

Registration is open. Help Desk is open Dec. 5, 2020 at 8:00 AM Central Time – US and Canada

Join from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone or Android device:

[Click Here to Join](#)

Note: This link should not be shared with others; it is unique to you.

Password: XXXXXX

[Add to Calendar](#) [Add to Google Calendar](#) [Add to Yahoo Calendar](#)

Zoom Login Process (No Email)

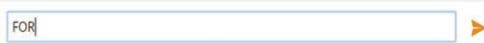
- If you need special accommodations, for example, you don't have an email address, we are asking you to call the help desk at [715-227-5553](#) for special instructions.
- We will provide you with a link to a YouTube stream of the event.
- This way, you can view all content, and can send chat messages throughout the event. If you want to raise your hand to speak, you will need to add your phone number in the chat and we will call you if the Chairman selects you to speak.
- **Remember to use the Lumi Platform screen to Request to Speak, see next slide.**

Request to Speak

- When you are logged into the LUMI Platform, you will see a basic information screen.
- Once the Speaker opens the Speaking Queue, you can click the messaging icon in the upper right menu bar.



- Use the quick terms to enter your intent to speak in the chat box and hit the blue 'send' icon to send your message into the queue. Example:



You may type in **ONE** of the Following:

For / Against / Motion / Point of Order /Question
Then click on the arrow button to submit.

- If you are in a **Group**, please type in one of the following:

For / Against / Motion/ Point of Order /Question **and the name of the person you are logged into Zoom under**, so that the production staff may more easily find you in Zoom

- The Chair will announce the order of Tribal Members to speak. When you are called upon, **Raise your hand in the Zoom Platform**. You must raise your hand so production staff can enable your speaking and video rights.
- Once you are chosen to speak, it will look like Zoom is closing. Zoom will reopen and you will now have speaking privileges.
- Then, you will receive a pop-up asking to unmute. Once you click unmute you may begin speaking.
- Once your turn to speak is over, the production team will mute your microphone. Zoom will once again appear to close, and you will rejoin without speaking privileges.
- If you do not have a microphone on your device, go to the Lumi platform and enter your mobile phone number with your request to speak. The production team will call you when it is your turn to speak.

Best Practice Tips

- If possible, connect to the Internet via an Ethernet cable. If using Wi-Fi, ensure that you are close to your wireless router and that your connection is stable.
- **Headsets** are helpful for hearing audio more clearly.
- We recommend using **Zoom on a computer** rather than a mobile device.
- We recommend using **Lumi on a mobile device**, just like a voting device.
- If you're in the room with others, please **use a headset or mute your device**

Getting Connected

The following are tips for getting connected to the virtual meeting:

- Check your internet connectivity
- Check your headset, speaker, and microphone
- Log into the Lumi platform 30 minutes before the meeting starts
- Log into Zoom:
 - If you haven't registered, fill out the information on the registration page to receive an email with your link. Open the link found in your email.
 - Once in Zoom, find the Raise Hand Button.
 - If watching in a group, note who's name you are logged into Zoom from.

Troubleshooting

- Tribal Members with technical issues may contact:
- Help-Desk for Zoom Meeting and Lumi Voting
 - [715-227-5553](#)
 - GCB@Ho-Chunk.com
- Please note that unless there is a widespread outage in one area, proceedings will continue.

**THANK YOU FOR
PARTICIPATING**



Proposed Resolutions for GC2020

Ardith Van Riper

Editor

One proposed resolution was ready for publication at the deadline for this issue of the Hocak Worak. Another resolution was in the process of being drafted.

Per the General Council Advocate, this second resolution proposes an amendment to the General Council meeting procedures. The amendment includes attending via telephonically and/or virtually; as present at the Annual and Special General Council meetings.

“Due to the unprecedented times of the COVID-19 pandemic, an amendment to the General Council meeting procedures of 2007.

Pursuant to the HCN Constitution, Article IV - GENERAL COUNCIL, SECTION 3(d) The General Council

retains the power to establish its own procedures in accordance with this Constitution and (f) Action by the General Council shall be binding; and Section 5. Annual meetings. The people shall meet in General Council at least one time each year, which shall be called by the President, and at other times as provided in Section 6 of this Article. Notice shall be provided by the President for all Annual meetings of the General Council,” stated Cari A. Fay.

The Office of General Council will release any additional proposed resolutions for GC2020 to the Ho-Chunk Nation and Hocak Worak websites. The Ho-Chunk Nation – Office of General Council Branch, Ho-Chunk Nation, and Hocak Worak Facebook pages will share links to those sites.

GENERAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION _____

DISSOLVE “TWELVE CLANS INC” (12 CLANS)

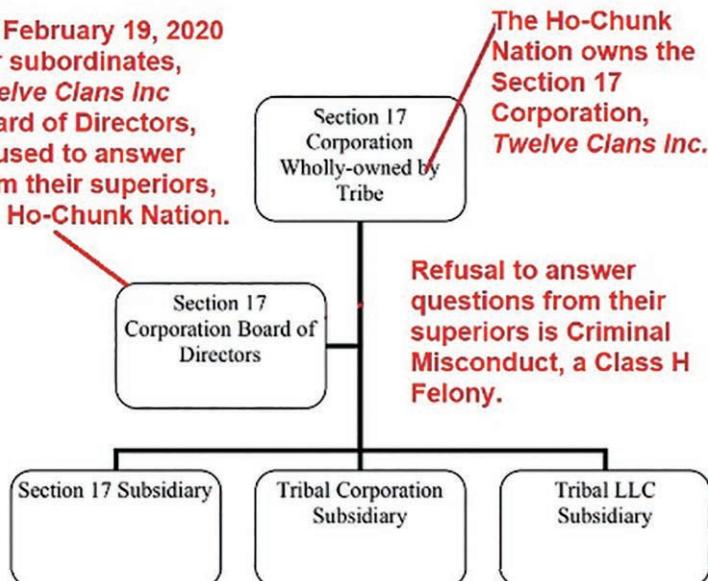
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BIA Source:

<https://www.bia.gov/sites/bia.gov/files/assets/as-ia/ieed/ieed/pdf/idec-022678.pdf>

Section 17 Corporation

On February 19, 2020 our subordinates, *Twelve Clans Inc* Board of Directors, refused to answer from their superiors, the Ho-Chunk Nation.



PREFACE:

Twelve Clans, Inc.(12 Clans) is a Section 17 corporation owned by the Ho-Chunk Nation.

In 2020, 12 Clans Board of Directors refused to answer basic financial questions from our Executive Branch:

1. How much are the 12 Clans Board of Directors and those affiliated with 12 Clans paid?
2. Are 12 Clans Board of Directors and/or those affiliated with 12 Clans allocated expenses (how much?), receive employee benefits, medical insurance, taking business trips, trips, vacation time, or sick leave?
3. What is 12 Clans current balance?

Refusing to answer the questions from our Executive Branch is criminal. Criminal Misconduct is a Class H Felony in Wisconsin Law and Ho-Chunk Nation Law.

The 12 Clans Board of Directors shall be removed and prosecuted.

CONSTITUTION AND LAW:

Article IV, Section 3(a) of our Constitution states approved GC Resolutions “shall be made into laws.” A Legislative document that does not create law is in violation of the Constitution.

Article III, Section 3 “No branch of the government shall exercise the powers or functions delegated to another branch.” The Attorney General shall not interfere with the Constitution flow path of an approved General Council Resolution. (A Legal Opinion is prohibited prior to creating Legislative law.)

Weekly email communication shall be maintained between the General Council Member presenting this General Council Resolution and the Legislature Branch/Executive Branch Elected Officials until the “law” has been implemented and finalized.

General Council mandates the Legislative and Executive Branch's to maintain strict adherence to any/all Ho-Chunk Nation laws, City laws, County laws, State laws, Federal laws, corporate charters, and/or corporate bylaws when dissolving 12 Clans Board of Directors and those affiliated with 12 Clans.

PURPOSE:

General Council mandates the following. **Items are not in chronological order:**

1. 12 Clans Board of Directors shall liquidate investments and transfer funds to the *General Council Administration Fees Line Item*.
 2. Dissolve 12 Clans Board of Directors and those affiliated with 12 Clans.
 3. 12 Clans shall sit stagnant unless the Ho-Chunk Nation is required by law to create a new Board of Directors.
 4. Notify Wisconsin and any other entities required by law that 12 Clans Board of Directors was dissolved.
 5. A Forensic Audit shall be conducted on 12 Clans. The Ho-Chunk Nation shall initially pay for the Forensic Audit, then reimbursed from the *General Council Administration Fees Line Item*.
 6. A Forensic Audit shall be conducted on the personal accounts of past and present 12 Clans Board of Directors and those affiliated with 12 Clans. The Ho-Chunk Nation shall initially pay for the Forensic Audit, then reimbursed from the *General Council Administration Fees Line Item*.
 7. If Forensic Audits reveal 12 Clans Board of Directors and those affiliated with 12 Clans stole our property, they shall reimburse the Forensic Audit fees.
 8. If required, our Justice Department or the required legal entity shall implement court orders to conduct personal Forensic Audits.
 9. Forensic Audit results shall be posted in the Hocak Worak. The results shall be simplistic, such that a 5th Grader can read and comprehend.
 10. A separate formal report of the Forensic Audit results shall be made available to General Council Members requesting. There shall be full disclosure in the formal report from the Forensic Audit results.
 11. The General Council Member presenting this Resolution shall be directly involved with selection of an appropriate company to conduct the Forensic Audit.
 12. The 12 Clans liquidated assets shall be deposited into the *General Council Administration Fees Line Item* on or before sixty (60) days after this Policy is passed by General Council.
 13. 12 Clans liquidated assets will help pay toward the Nation's debt to PNC Bank for the multi-millions of dollars the Ho-Chunk Nation Elected Officials borrowed for casino upgrades.
 14. If applicable, our Justice Department shall prosecute 12 Clans Board of Directors and those affiliated with 12 Clans to the fullest extent of Ho-Chunk Nation laws, City laws, County laws, State laws, and Federal laws.
 15. If the Forensic Audits reveal 12 Clans Board of Directors and those affiliated with 12 Clans stole from the Nation, they shall reimburse the Ho-Chunk Nation for any/all monies and properties stolen.
 16. Reimbursement includes anything of monetary value stolen from 12 Clans. Reimbursement shall be accomplished by garnishment of wages, deductions from Per Capita, seizing personal bank/saving accounts, seizing property(s), or any legal method for reimbursement to the Nation.
 17. Payment receipts to PNC Bank shall be emailed to the General Council Member presenting this General Council Resolution and posted in the Hocak Worak. Our balance shall be included with each receipt.
- Weekly email communication updates shall be maintained between the General Council Member presenting this General Council Resolution and the Legislature Branch/Executive Branch Elected Officials until referenced Steps 1 - 17 have been completed.
- The Legislature and Executive Branch Elected Officials have sixty (60) days to implement law mandated in this Policy. Failure to implement law within sixty (60) days shall result in a \$10,000.00 fine assessed to the Legislature/Executive Branch Elected Officials and Legislative Branch Attorney Michael Murphy as follows:
1. A \$10,000.00 fine shall be levied against each Legislature/Executive Branch Officials that failed to convert this Policy into “law” within the sixty (60) days prescribed by Article IV, Section 3(a) of our Constitution.
 2. A \$10,000.00 fine shall be levied Legislative Branch Attorney Michael Murphy who failed to convert this Policy into “law” within the sixty (60) days prescribed by Article IV, Section 3(a) of our Constitution.
 3. If this Policy is not implemented into “law” within sixty (60) days our Justice Department shall investigate why the Legislature/Executive Branch Officials and Legislative Branch Attorney Michael Murphy failed to comply with this Policy and Constitution.
 4. On completion of the Justice Department's investigation of this Policy, dependent upon results, the Justice Department shall order a \$10,000.00 fine against all Legislature/Executive Branch Elected Officials and Legislative Branch Attorney Michael Murphy
 5. Said fine shall be garnished from Legislature/Executive Branch Elected
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Officials and Legislative Branch Attorney Michael Murphy's paycheck and Per Capita payments until paid in full and fines allocated to the General Council Member presenting this Resolution.

6. Every three (3) months the Legislative/Executive Branch Elected Officials and Legislative Branch Attorney Michael Murphy serving the Nation at 2020 General Council shall be fined an addition \$10,000.00 until said Policy has been implemented and fines allocated to General Council Member presenting this Resolution.

CONCLUSION:

General Council mandates the Legislative/Executive Branch's strict adherence to any and all Ho-Chunk Nation, City, County, State, and Federal laws, corporate charters, or corporate bylaws when dissolving 12 Clans Board of directors and all others affiliated with 12 Clans.

General Council mandates weekly communication be maintained between the General Council Member presenting this Resolution and Legislature Branch/Executive Branches as described in the "Purpose" section.

Implement and enforce law in accordance with items 1 - 17 referenced above.

If procedural changes are required to implement this Resolution into law, the Legislative/Executive Branches shall work with the General Council Member presenting this Resolution to revise the Resolution so that law can be implemented and enforced.

This Policy/Resolution goes into effect at the conclusion of the 2020 Annual General Council Meeting.

Failure to meet all criteria specified in this Policy/Resolution shall result in described fines imposed against the Legislature/Executive Branch Elected Officials and Legislative Branch Attorney Michael Murphy.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary for the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council, hereby certify that the General Council of the Ho-Chunk Nation, composed of _____ members, of whom _____ constituting a quorum were present at a meeting duly called and convened and held on the _____ day of September 2020.

HOW RISKY IS THIS ACTIVITY?

Mitigating risk while partaking in Winter / Holiday activities,
presented by HCN Department of Health



QUESTION	RISK LEVEL	RISKS & PRECAUTIONS
Secret Santa	LOW	Limit contact with people from different households. Consider mailing gifts and opening during a video call rather than getting together to open gifts in person.
Shopping online	LOW	Online shopping is the safest way to shop for the holidays.
Driving in your car to see holiday lights	LOW	Avoid sharing a car with those outside your household. Stay in your vehicle. Pack snacks from home to avoid having to make unnecessary stops.
Holiday meals with members of your household	LOW	Preparing a holiday meal for your household poses no additional risk to your family than any other meal. This is the best and safest way to enjoy the holiday.
Mailing Holiday Cards to Friends and Relatives	LOW	Avoid sealing envelopes with your saliva. Do not send out cards or packages while anyone in your household is sick.
Contactless food delivery	LOW	Remove food from containers and place on your own plate; dispose of the original packaging and wash hands before eating.
Donating Canned Goods to Food Pantry	LOW	Ask about contactless drop off locations in your area.
Visiting a tree farm or outdoor Christmas tree lot	MEDIUM	Stay 6 feet away from other people; wear a face covering. Consider purchasing a pre-cut tree to limit your contact at the lot/farm. Pay with exact change.
Skiing and Sledding	MEDIUM	Stay out of the chalet/warming house.
Sleigh Rides and Ice Skating	MEDIUM	While ice skating or going on a sleigh ride, wear masks, and maintain 6 feet of distance between those outside of your household. Remember, outside is better than inside, when it comes to ice skating.
Snowmobiling with friends	MEDIUM	While snowmobiling with only those in your household is best, if you choose to go with friends use extra caution and maintain 6 feet of distance, drive to the trails to unload your snowmobiles in separate vehicles, and avoid sharing hotel rooms if you are on a multi-day ride. Stay out of bars/restaurants on the trail.
Cookie exchange	MEDIUM	Exercise food safety such as frequent hand washing and wear a mask while cooking and handling/packaging cookies. Store-bought/packaged are safest. When exchanging, do so without contact. Do not participate if you are sick.
Shopping in crowded stores	HIGH	Difficult to avoid large groups and close contact; wear masks, stay 6 feet away from other people as much as possible; minimize touching of surfaces; observe what the store is doing to help protect you and leave if you don't feel comfortable; high risk individuals should postpone a couple more weeks at least.
In-person holiday concerts/entertainment events	HIGH	Live music, including choirs and bands, should be avoided as they generate increased droplets in the air that travel further, and an increase in deep breaths taken in, both of which increase risk of infection.
Dining indoors at restaurants/bars	HIGH	Alcohol and a lively bar scene can reduce inhibitions and safety precautions of patrons; stay with your small group; stay 6 feet away from other groups of people; ask what they are doing to protect your safety; observe what the establishment is doing to help protect you and leave if you don't feel comfortable; use single-use menus; leave if live music is being played or there is dancing; high risk individuals should not participate.
Holiday parties/pot lucks	HIGH	Groups more than 10 people in one place, even outside, increase your risk of infection; stay 6 feet away from people outside your household; stay home when sick; wear face covering; high risk individuals should postpone a couple more weeks at least.
In-person spiritual or religious gatherings/services	HIGH	Consider participating by watching a live stream of your services if available. If you cannot avoid attending in person, sit with only those in your household. Wear a mask and avoid shaking hands, hugging or embracing others. Those with compromised immune systems should avoid attending events in person whenever possible.
Traveling via car or plane to out of state destinations	HIGH	Impossible to keep passengers 6 feet apart. Lack of fresh air and ventilation make transfer more likely. Stay home if anyone has any sign of illness. Limit passengers to those in your own household whenever possible. Vacations typically involve sightseeing in high-traffic areas where social distancing may be difficult.
Seeing Holiday Movies in the Theater	HIGH	Groups of more than 10 people in one place increase your risk of infection; stay 6 feet away from all people outside your household; stay home when sick; wear face covering; do not share food or drink; do not self-serve food or drink; high risk individuals should postpone.
Taking photos with Santa	HIGH	Santas in a public setting, such as those in the mall have continuous close contact with numerous people, and are not able to wash their hands frequently. Masks are often removed briefly for photos, increasing the risk of exposure. Instead, consider having a household member dress up as Santa as a fun surprise for children.

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HOW RISKY IS THIS
HOLIDAY ACTIVITY?

TAKE OUR QUIZ – TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE
OF THE LEVEL OF COVID-19 RISK IN
20 WINTER / HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES!

Point your phone's camera here to take the quiz!
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
November 13, 2020

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Menominee Tribe Response to Recent General Election Lawsuit Involving Menominee County

(Menominee Indian Reservation, WI) – The following statement is provided by Menominee Indian Tribe in response to a lawsuit recently filed by three individuals from Northeast Wisconsin challenging the election results of the November 3rd General Election.

Menominee Reservation/County residents deserve to have all ballots be counted, stated Menominee Tribal Chairperson Joan Delabreau. Menominee Indian Tribe placed an emphasis on getting the vote out, and we question efforts to disenfranchise our Menominee voters.

This is one of several lawsuits being brought forth in efforts to change the outcome of the presidential election. Menominee County has a long history with their election process, and there has never been concerns about the integrity of the process. Menominee Indian Tribe has a high degree of confidence in Menominee County's handling of the election.

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the furthest extent of the last glacier's advance in this area, some 24,600 years ago. With these geological features on display and their scales of time overlaid, there is no better place to tell the story of how this land came to be. It is Wisconsin's geological umbilicus, its narrative navel.

Adjacent to Maa Wákäčäk, just over the rim of the Baraboo Hills, sits Devil's Lake. The lake, perched in a gorge blocked on both ends by the glacial moraine, is the main attraction in a state park that is among the most popular in the Midwest. Two million people come every year to enjoy the lake's cool waters and hike its precipitous trails through the surrounding hills.

The lake has always been a vital feature in the Hoocäk landscape, culture, and cosmology. The Hoocäk hold stories of how this deep lake and its boulder-strewn bowl came to be. Earthmaker created a giant water spirit whose body heat melted ancient snows and ice, allowing the waters to flow. The water spirit carved channels for the waters, and then plunged deep into the earth where the lake now sits. From a distance the Hoocäk heard the great shock of the impact and followed the sound to its sacred source. Later, the Thunderbird (Wakaja) and the Water Spirits (Wakjexira) waged a war at the lake. In the course of their terrible struggle, boulders were torn from the surrounding bluffs and cast up from beneath the waters. For the Hoocäk and their tribal kin, this was a homing point between the Great Lakes and the Mississippi River. It was, and is, Te Wákäčäk (Day-wah-kun-chunk), meaning Spirit Lake, Holy Lake, Sacred Lake, or Lake of the Spirit Voices.

The Hoocäk have now returned to Sacred Earth. And the Sacred Earth has returned to Hoocäk.

The trail back has been long and unimaginably arduous. Two treaties, drawn up in 1829 and 1832, removed the Hoocäk from other portions of what are now southern Wisconsin and northern Illinois. In 1837 a third and especially egregious and fraudulent treaty forced the Hoocäk from this area, and out of Wisconsin entirely. They were exiled to a "Neutral Ground" across the Mississippi River in northeast Iowa and adjacent Minnesota, pressed precariously between the rivaling Sauk and Fox to the south and Dakota

to the north. That proved untenable, especially as further waves of European settlers came into the Iowa Territory. Over the next three decades, the Hoocäk were continually uprooted and relocated: to Long Prairie in central Minnesota in 1848; to Blue Earth in southern Minnesota in 1855; to Crow Creek in South Dakota in 1863. Forced to march to Crow Creek in the severe winter, more than six hundred Hoocäk perished. Finally, in 1865 the Hoocäk sold their Crow Creek holdings, purchased land from the Omaha along the Missouri River in eastern Nebraska, and established the Nebraska Winnebago Reservation. (The Wisconsin portion of the tribe reclaimed its traditional name Ho-Chunk in 1994.)

Through all these episodes of displacement, and in the face of regular removals from Wisconsin by the U.S. Army, members of the Hoocäk resisted. A people of the prairie/woodland border, many Hoocäk never felt at home in the northern forests of Minnesota or the treeless plains of Dakota and Nebraska. Some simply refused to leave Wisconsin, individuals and families holding on amid the colonized farmlands and small towns. Some peeled away from the trails of removal, returning to western Wisconsin overland or via the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers. Once returned, many purchased plots of their ancestral lands through fee simple title. Scattered about the upper Midwest from rural Wisconsin, Iowa, and Minnesota to Chicago and other cities, members of the Hoocäk, unlike other Wisconsin tribes, do not have a land base in a single contiguous reservation.

Jon Greendeer served as the tribe's elected president when the Sacred Earth came back into the arms of the Hoocäk. Of the tribe's dispersed land base, he said, "If your goal is to preserve your people, your culture, your language, it's the worst thing on Earth. Our families have been ripped apart, our communities have been disenfranchised, our stories have been lost, our villages are no longer. We've lost a lot." Greendeer worked tirelessly to secure the land transfer. Maa Wákäčäk is now the largest piece of land the Hoocäk have regained in its ancestral territory. Its acquisition by the Hoocäk also marked the first time in American history that land controlled by the U.S. Department of Defense was returned

to a Native American tribe.

Sacred Earth might seem a far stretch of a name for this place. The Sauk Prairie of 1837 has disappeared. Most of its native plants have been banished, and many of its animals are missing. Its prairie soils were long ago turned up, plowed again and again and again, paved over, built over, fouled with the toxic by-products of industrial production. Its surface waters were ditched and drained, diverted and buried. Plumes of contaminated groundwater now course beneath the surface of Sacred Earth. A busy highway forms the western boundary of the property. A private company, grandfathered in when the land transferred, occupies several buildings. There they test rocket engine technologies and offer science instruction to Hoocäk youth. In short, this is a worldly place, carrying harsh stories of loss and damage. One might say that reimagining it as sacred land is harder than rocket science.

And yet, the land is rendered sacred by cultural memory and story, history and intent. It is a place, however degraded and burdened by its troubled past, of continuity and renewal. Maa Wákäčäk carries this conviction: that all places, by the very fact of their existence, and by the relations we recognize and honor and build, bear the sacred. In gathering these prairie seeds together, we take a small but crucial step in re-establishing our kinship ties with the plants and animals, between people and the land, between our different human communities, between all the generations behind us and all those yet to come. We consecrate the space—we make it sacred together. This morning we walk softly upon the land, quietly collecting minute seeds of potential prairie. But from this small piece of Sacred Earth, shock waves may ripple forth. The land shakes with the power of Waterspirits and the cries of Thunderbirds.

The story of Sacred Earth involves multiple episodes of painful transformation and alienation. In signing the spurious 1837 treaty, the Hoocäk delegates believed they had agreed to terms that granted the tribe eight years to leave Wisconsin. They were later informed that the treaty gave them eight months. In 1942, following the bombing of Pearl Harbor, the farming families of Sauk Prairie were allowed three months to auction off their farms, equipment, and livestock, and to vacate their properties. (In an ironic inversion of cultural stratigraphy, Maa Wákäčäk now hosts a modest memorial to the farmers who gave up their land to the war effort.) As the Cold War wound down, and the Badger Plant stayed still, U.S. Army workers signed up for unemployment. With the decommissioning of the munitions plant in 1997, years of difficult public controversy about its future commenced.

That future was finally defined through an intense process of community engagement, education, and dialogue. That conversation



Looking Northwest at Maa Wakacak.

included the Hoocäk; federal, state, and local governments; non-profit organizations and businesses; educators and neighboring landowners. The resulting consensus document included a clear directive: future uses and activities should "contribute to the reconciliation and resolution of past conflicts involving the loss and contamination of the natural environment, the displacement of Native Americans and Euro-American farmers, and the effects of war."

It is never easy to turn a page on pain, much less on generations of trauma. But all pledged to try.

And it not easy to know how to be an ally in that effort, how to help renew kinship. But perhaps it begins with small acts that reconstitute our connections in the land.

Here, renewal may begin with silence, and listening with respect to the stories of the land. Those stories are layered across time, from the Precambrian quartzite to the present. They include the accounts of ancient oceans and upheavals, of rocks tumbling against long-ago seashores, of recurring ice ages and changing climates, of the ever-changing host of living beings. They include tales of all the people who have come and gone and returned and rooted themselves. Like the long-lost prairie, these stories exist in fragmented and isolated remnants. Many stories are just barely hanging on. Others have blinked out forever. But that is why we are here today. Together, we might be able to collect just enough bits of story to plant and grow a new chapter.

Here, renewal may also begin with gathering these seeds to establish a fresh prairie. There is a fine debate unfolding these days about approaches to ecological restoration under conditions of accelerating climate change. Our region of southern Wisconsin is seeing the effects. Over the past century, average temperatures here have risen about two degrees. Extreme precipitation and disastrous floods occur with increasing frequency. Why restore prairie when the world in which the prairie evolved is being so quickly and radically transformed? How can we restore prairie when the climate we humans are disrupting will make such efforts obsolete—and when our communities are divided and our social systems in turmoil? Is "restoring" a native ecosystem in fact an exercise in futility? How can we plant a future that bears no

apparent resemblance or connection to the past?

On this wind-chilled morning, collecting seeds, next to an old parking lot with Big Bluestem sprouting through cracks, we can imagine answers. We can see a prairie sucking carbon back into its soils, filtering water through its roots, providing a home to meadowlarks and bobolinks and monarchs and rusty-patched bumble bees, and, maybe, someday, to elk and bison and prairie chickens. We can listen to the words of the Hoocäk, the People of the Sacred or Big Voice, calling upon Maq'ú'ná (Maona, Earthmaker) and inviting back the mos-ka' (prairie). We can be allies in this work by making common cause, knowing that, while facing our shared and uncertain future, we must honor our kinship more than ever.

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Read more on Maa Wákäčäk by clicking on these links: <http://bit.ly/DayofRestoration> -<https://bit.ly/Ho-ChunkLandGreatSaukTrail> -<https://bit.ly/HoocäkEarthSkyWaterMural2>.

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Seed gathering at Maa Wakacak (Sacred Earth), during last year's Indigenous People's week.

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

Call to Order: President Marlon White Eagle called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

Roll Call:

President Marlon White Eagle-P
Vice President Karena Thundercloud-P
Rep. George Stacy-VC
Rep. Hinu Smith-VC
Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr.-VC
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
(1:06 p.m.)
Rep. Robert TwoBears-EX
Rep. Paul Fox-VC
Rep. Kathleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit-VC

Determination of Quorum:
Quorum is established at 1:05 p.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. Sarah Lemieux. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

New Business:

Consideration of FY 2021 Ho-Chunk Nation Budgets

Vice President Karena Thundercloud stated that we are here today for budgets for the next eight (8) months. The Legislative Finance Committee held budget hearings. Vice President Thundercloud asked if there is anything President White Eagle would like to add at this time.

President White Eagle stated that he understands the financial situation and he believes we can proceed cautiously. President White Eagle briefly mentioned the layoffs that occurred at the start of the pandemic, as a way to cut payrolls costs.

Vice President Karena Thundercloud asked how the Nation would function if there were additional shutdowns of the gaming facilities.

President White Eagle stated that the recommendation from Health is to close for two weeks, if the casinos have to close due to COVID-19.

Michael Rave, Interim Executive Director of Business, stated that Department of Business is working with Department of Labor and the Safety Team at each of the facilities. Mr. Rave also briefly discussed how Department of Business is handling positive cases within the gaming facilities and shift changes for employees in response to positive COVID-19 cases.

Rep. Sarah Lemieux expressed concerns of gaming employees coming to work even though they are sick because they do not have sick leave to utilize.

Executive Legislative Information Officer Nathaniel Longtail stated that Treasury is seeking two Junior Accountants to help within the department.

Phyllis Smoke, Executive Director of Administration, was present via video conference and stated that she would like the consideration of the budget for a Nekoosa Branch Office, and also a Maintenance worker to work between the Community Center and Branch Office in La Crosse and Tomah.

Additionally, to bring back two Fitness Specialists and the Fitness Recreation Director and coordinate those positions between the District 1 Community Center and the House of Wellness.

Angela Ward, Executive Director of Labor asked when the budgets will be passed, as some of her employees have been questioning her.

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to recommend approval of the FY 21 Office of General Council budget of \$255,673 inclusive of each line item as an individual appropriation, for purposes noted for each, and for inclusion into the final appropriations bill. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to recommend approval of the FY 21 Judiciary Branch budget at \$1,054,819, less all “other expense” line items, inclusive of each line item as an individual appropriation, for purposes noted for each, and for inclusion into the final appropriations bill. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to recommend approval of the FY 21 Legislative Branch budget at \$1,405,437, inclusive of each line item as an individual appropriation, for purposes noted for each, and for inclusion into the final appropriations bill, which includes General Welfare payments for adult

inclusion into the final appropriations bill. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to recommend approval of the FY 21 Gaming Commission budget at \$511,366, inclusive of each line item as an individual appropriation, for purposes noted for each, and for inclusion into the final appropriations bill. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to recommend approval of the FY 21 Executive Branch budget at \$24,749,577, which is less any “other expenses” line items, inclusive of each line item as an individual appropriation, for purposes noted for each, and for inclusion into the final appropriations bill. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to recommend approval of the FY 21 General Fund budget at \$32,469,570 inclusive of each line item as an individual appropriation, for purposes noted for each, and for inclusion into the final appropriations bill. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. MOTION IS WITHDRAWN UNTIL THE LEGISLATIVE BUDGET ANALYST REPORTS BACK.

During Discussion:

It was asked if per-capita payments were included within the General Fund Budget. Rep. Lone Tree-Whiterabbit would like clarification on that, and if money has been earmarked for per-cap. She would like language added to the Budget Bill for per-cap, if funds are available.

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to recommend approval of the FY 21 Mandatory Obligation budget at \$20,413,197 inclusive of each line item as an individual appropriation, for purposes noted for each, and for inclusion into the final appropriations bill. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to recommend approval of the FY 21 General Fund budget at \$32,469,570 inclusive of each line item as an individual appropriation, for purposes noted for each, and for inclusion into the final appropriations bill. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Legislative Budget Analyst Kelley Thundercloud stated that per-capita payments are not budgeted within the General Fund budget. However, within the General Fund, General Welfare Relief line item, General Welfare payments are budgeted. The General Welfare payments will be for adult tribal members. Rep. Lone Tree-Whiterabbit would like this information stated clearly within the final General Fund Budget Bill.

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to recommend approval of the FY 21 General Fund budget at \$32,469,570 inclusive of each line item as an individual appropriation, for purposes noted for each, and for inclusion into the final appropriations bill. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to recommend approval of the FY 21 General Fund budget at \$32,469,570 inclusive of each line item as an individual appropriation, for purposes noted for each, and for inclusion into the final appropriations bill. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to recommend approval of the FY 21 General Fund budget at \$32,469,570 inclusive of each line item as an individual appropriation, for purposes noted for each, and for inclusion into the final appropriations bill. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

tribal members in the amount of \$700/month for January 2020, February 2020, March 2020, April 2020, May 2020 and June 2020. Second by Rep. Kathleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to request Legislative Counsel draft a resolution establishing a General Welfare Restricted Account. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-1(Rep. George Stacy)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to recommend approval of the FY 21 Executive Branch budget at \$24,749,577, which is less any “other expenses” line items, inclusive of each line item as an individual appropriation, for purposes noted for each, and for inclusion into the final appropriations bill. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to recommend approval of the FY 21 Whitetail Crossing Black River Falls budget with an operating income of \$332,528 and net income of \$251,208, inclusive of each line item as an individual appropriation, for purposes noted for each, and for inclusion into the final appropriations bill. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

President White Eagle stated that there might be true increases coming at a later date.

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to recommend approval of the FY 21 Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison budget with an operating income of \$38,360,362 and net income of \$37,190,919, inclusive of each line item as an individual appropriation, for purposes noted for each, and for inclusion into the final appropriations bill. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to recommend approval of the FY 21 Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells budget with an operating income of \$30,655,787 and net income of \$25,994,330, inclusive of each line item as an individual appropriation, for purposes noted for each, and for inclusion into the final appropriations bill. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to recommend approval of the FY 21 Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg budget with an operating income of \$11,029,643 and net income of \$9,113,238, inclusive of each line item as an individual appropriation, for purposes noted for each, and for inclusion into the final appropriations bill. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to recommend approval of the FY 21 White-tail Crossing Tomah budget with an operating income of \$976,763 and net income of \$939,490, inclusive of each line item as an individual appropriation, for purposes noted for each, and for inclusion into the final appropriations bill. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to recommend approval of the FY 21 White-tail Crossing Wisconsin Dells budget with an operating income of \$1,275,848 and net income of \$1,207,848, inclusive of each line item as an individual appropriation, for purposes noted for each, and for inclusion into the final appropriations bill. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

sive of each line item as an individual appropriation, for purposes noted for each, and for inclusion into the final appropriations bill. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to recommend approval of the FY 21 Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa budget with an operating income of \$6,884,625 and net income of \$6,168,625, inclusive of each line item as an individual appropriation, for purposes noted for each, and for inclusion into the final appropriations bill. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to recommend approval of the FY 21 Whitetail Crossing Black River Falls budget with an operating income of \$332,528 and net income of \$251,208, inclusive of each line item as an individual appropriation, for purposes noted for each, and for inclusion into the final appropriations bill. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to recommend approval of the FY 21 Whitetail Crossing Wittenberg budget with an operating income of \$421,744 and net income of \$371,576, inclusive of each line item as an individual appropriation, for purposes noted for each, and for inclusion into the final appropriations bill. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to recommend approval of the FY 21 White-tail Crossing Tomah budget with an operating income of \$976,763 and net income of \$939,490, inclusive of each line item as an individual appropriation, for purposes noted for each, and for inclusion into the final appropriations bill. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to recommend approval of the FY 21 White-tail Crossing Wisconsin Dells budget with an operating income of \$1,275,848 and net income of \$1,207,848, inclusive of each line item as an individual appropriation, for purposes noted for each, and for inclusion into the final appropriations bill. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to recommend approval of the FY 21 White-tail Crossing Nekoosa budget with an operating income of \$6,884,625 and net income of \$6,168,625, inclusive of each line item as an individual appropriation, for purposes noted for each, and for inclusion into the final appropriations bill. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to recommend approval of the FY 21 General Fund Revenue *Continued on Page 13*

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 budget of \$5,606,416, inclusive of each line item as an individual appropriation, for purposes noted for each, and for inclusion into the final appropriations bill. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to recommend approval of the FY 21 Ho-Chunk Health Care Center (BRF) budget with and operating loss and net loss of \$2,815,946 to be funded from Third Party Revenue and operating on the Nation's Fiscal Year, inclusive of each line

item as an individual appropriation, for purposes noted for each, and for inclusion into the final appropriations bill. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to recommend approval of the FY 21 House of Wellness (Baraboo) budget with an operating loss and net loss of \$592,132 to be funded from Third Party Revenue and operating on the Nation's Fiscal Year, inclusive of each line item as an individual appropriation, for purposes noted for each, and for

inclusion into the final appropriations bill. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to break for 45 minutes for final Budget Bills to be drafted. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

2:32 p.m.

Call to Order: President Marlon White Eagle called the meeting to order at 3:18 p.m.

Roll Call:

President Marlon White Eagle-P

Vice President Karena Thundercloud-VC

Rep. George Stacy-VC

Rep. Hinu Smith-VC

Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr.-VC

Rep. Stephanie Begay-VC
Rep. Kristin White Eagle-VC (3:23 p.m.)

Rep. Darren Brinegar-NP

Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr.-VC

Rep. Sarah Lemieux-P

Rep. Matthew Mullen-VC

Rep. Robert TwoBears-EX

Rep. Paul Fox-VC

Rep. Kathleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit-VC

VC-Video Conference

Determination of Quorum:

Quorum is established at 3:21 p.m.

Recess:

MOTION by Rep. Kathleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to recess the Legislative Meeting to tomorrow, October 31, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 10-1(Rep. Paul Fox)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** Rep. Darren Brinegar offline.

The Special Legislative Meeting recessed at 3:25 p.m.

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

Call to Order: President Marlon White Eagle called meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Roll Call:

President Marlon White Eagle-P
Vice President Karena Thundercloud-VC
Rep. George Stacy-VC
Rep. Hinu Smith-VC
Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr.-VC
Rep. Stephanie Begay-VC
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-EX
Rep. Kathleen 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 Vice President Karena Thundercloud to approve agenda as presented. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

New Business:

Resolution-Adoption of Ho-Chunk Nation Enterprises (Gaming & Non-Gaming) Budget Bill for Fiscal Year 2020-21

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to adopt **Resolution 10-31-20 A**, Ho-Chunk Nation Enterprises (Gaming & Non-Gaming) Budget Bill for Fiscal Year 2020-21. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Adoption of Ho-Chunk Nation Executive Branch Budget Bill for

Fiscal Year 2020-21

MOTION by Rep. Robert TwoBears to adopt **Resolution 10-31-20 B**, Ho-Chunk Nation Executive Branch Budget Bill for Fiscal Year 2020-21. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. Motion amended with corrections to Department of Justice item f. HCG-Madison \$912,708 to \$912,808 and item g. HCG-Wittenberg \$561,312 to \$561,310. Second concurs.

10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

After the Motion was made, and a 2nd, then President White Eagle asked for any discussion.

Budget Analyst Kelley Thundercloud noted item f. \$912,708 to \$912,808 and item g. \$561,312 to \$561,310. No further comments offered, either by the President or Executive Branch staff.

Resolution-Adoption of Ho-Chunk Nation General Council Branch Budget

Bill for Fiscal Year 2020-21

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to adopt **Resolution 10-31-20 C**, Ho-Chunk Nation General Council Branch Budget Bill for Fiscal Year 2020-21. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Adoption of Ho-Chunk Nation Judicial Council Branch Budget Bill for Fiscal Year 2020-21

MOTION by Rep. Robert TwoBears to adopt **Resolution 10-31-20 D**, Ho-Chunk Nation Judicial Council Branch Budget Bill for Fiscal Year 2020-21 with correction to Judiciary Budget Bill item a. & b. adding (*elimination of "Other Expense"*). Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

and Gaming Commission Budget Bill for Fiscal Year 2020-21

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to adopt **Resolution 10-31-20 E**, Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Branch, General Fund and Gaming Commission Budget Bill for Fiscal Year 2020-21 with adding under Gaming Commission the wording (*elimination of "Other expenses"*), and reference to the Per Capita and General Welfare Relief is noted in the Bill. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to adjourn the Reconvened Special Legislative Meeting. Second by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Reconvened Special Legislative Meeting adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

**HO-CHUNK NATION
LEGISLATURE
REGULAR MEETING
TRIBAL EXECUTIVE
OFFICES
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI
NOVEMBER 2, 2020**

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

Roll Call:

President Marlon White Eagle-P
Vice President Karena Thundercloud-P
Rep. George Stacy-VC (10:07 a.m.)
Rep. Hinu Smith-VC
Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr.-VC
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 (10:57a.m.)
Rep. Robert TwoBears-VC
Rep. Paul Fox-P
Rep. Kathleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit-EX
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 Rep. Paul Fox to approve agenda as presented. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Approval of Previous

Meeting Minutes:

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to approve the October 20, 2020 Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 9-0-2 (Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr., Rep. Stephanie Begay) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Committee Reports:

Special Finance Committee-October 19, 2020

MOTION by Rep. Robert TwoBears to approve the October 19, 2020 Special Finance Committee minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Reconvened Special Fi-

nance Committee-October 21, 2020

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to approve the October 21, 2020 Reconvened Special Finance Meeting minutes. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Housing Committee-October 22, 2020

MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to approve the October 21, 2020 Housing Committee Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Development Committee-October 27, 2020

MOTION by Rep. Hinu Smith to approve the October 27, 2020 Development Committee Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization of Lease Modification for Lease #4316 for Faye White

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to adopt **Resolution 11-02-20A**, Authorization of Lease Modification for Lease #4316 for Faye White. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

FNCF USDA Rural Home Repair Grants/Loans Land

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Lease*

MOTION by Rep. Hinu Smith to TABLE FNCF USDA Rural Home Repair Grants/Loans Land Lease. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Health, Social Services, and Insurance Committee-October 27, 2020

MOTION by Rep. Robert TwoBears to approve the October 27, 2020 Health, Social Services and Insurance Committee Meeting minutes. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Stop Loss Renewal

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to TABLE Stop Loss Renewal to later today with resolution. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Finance Committee-October 28, 2020

MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to approve the Finance Committee Meeting minutes of October 28, 2020 with corrections. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Unfinished Business:

COVID-19 Executive Branch Update

Department of Health

Evangeline Suquet mentions that there are 207 positive cases with 31 active cases. 2,182 tests have been performed.

Office of the President

Hope Reynosa, Information Specialist in Office of the President, provided a brief update.

Department of Business

Interim Director of Business Michael Rave stated the September 2020 Financial are holding steady and under budget for capacity. Staff impact includes COVID updates.

Office of General Council

Cari Fay was in attendance via video conference and gave her report to the Legislature. Ms. Fay mentions that all resolutions need to be turned in by November 5, 2020. Orientations will take place November 20, 2020.

10:57 a.m. Rep. Matthew Mullen was having technical difficulties, he is now in attendance.

Status Report of Previous General Council Resolutions

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to TABLE Status Report of Previous General Council Resolutions. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

This can stay on the agenda as there is still addition information to be received and input from Legislative Counsel.

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. Darren Brinegar. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

U.S. 2020 Census

Note for the Record: The Legislative Public Relations Officer Ryan Greendeer offered the following: The best information that I could find was a study from George Washington University "Counting for Dollars 2020" which enumerated a community loss of \$1,838 per person not counted. The issue with this number is that it tallies all programs for all aid to state and local governments, not necessarily tribal governments alone.

Office of the President Public Relations Officer, Ken Luchterhand offered the following: "As for financial figures, that would be impossible. The numbers are important and directly impact every program and grant, but there's no way to equate the numbers into dollar figures. It all depends on what grants we have and apply for and what other programs depend on the numbers. The dollar figures are a nebulous entity."

Mr. Luchterhand spoke with Marilyn Miller Tribal Partnership Specialist from Chicago, Ho-Chunk Nation self-response is 43.7% includes internet of 30% and one person went door to door and raised the number to 56.3%. In dollar figures, the 43.7% equals \$6,263,904.00 and those who didn't respond \$8,700,658. The tribal numbers for Menominee are 37%, LCO 28%, Bad River 40.8% LDF 23.9 and Oneida 81%.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to accept the Public Relations report on the US 2020 Census and to

accept the figures provided towards Financial Impact report and to take this off the agenda. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. MOTION AMENDED to have this stated for the record and to take this off the agenda and to note we did increase the response rate from the 2010 Census. Second concurs. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Lunch Break:

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to break for lunch until 1:00 p.m. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

12:16 p.m.

Call to Order: President Marlon White Eagle called meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

Roll Call:

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

Determination of Quorum: Quorum is established at 1:05 p.m.

Unfinished Business (Continued):

CARES Act Proposal

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to request the \$1 million from CARES Act funding to pay for Administrative Leave for employees not able to work from home to those not able to work from home or have to isolate or quarantine. MOTION AMENDED to include the Executive Branch provide policy before; prior to any pay out. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Response Administrative Specialist Job Description

This position would report to the Finance Project Manager, job will be until the end of this year.

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to approve the Response Administration Specialist Job Description. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 6-2(Rep.

Darren Brinegar, Rep. Robert TwoBears)-3 (Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr., Rep. Matthew Mullen, Rep. Kristin White Eagle) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Elder Home Repair Policy Revisions

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to TABLE Elder Home Repair Policy Revisions. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

1:31 p.m. Rep. Paul Fox out of the room

New Business:

Resolution-Authorization of Residential Land Lease on Indian Mission #439 T 2016 & 439 T 2090 for HHCDA

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to adopt ***Resolution 11-02-20 B***, Authorization of Residential Land Lease on Indian Mission #439 T 2016 & 439 T 2090 for HHCDA. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

1:35 p.m. Rep. Paul Fox returns

Support for the HHCDA 2020 Indian Housing Block Grant Competitive Grant Project

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to adopt ***Resolution 11-02-20 C***, to Support for the HHCDA 2020 Indian Housing Block Grant Competitive Grant Project. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Confirmation Hearing for Michael Rave

Mr. Rave addressed the Legislature. He is looking forward to the opportunity to continue working in the Department of Business and with the management teams at each facility. He is looking into different revenue streams such as hemp, meat processing facilities, recycling, inside retail, hospitality, and e-gaming. Regarding Economic and Business Developments with his years of experience, he has a solid understanding of the demographic and local economies.

Resolution-Acceptance/Denial of Confirmation of Michael Rave to the Position of Executive Director of the Department of Business

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to adopt ***Resolution 11-02-20 D***, Acceptance of Confirmation of Michael Rave to the Position of Executive Director of the Department

of Business. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 10-1(Rep. Darren Brinegar)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Approval of the CY2020 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for Jackson County

MOTION by Vice President to TABLE the Resolution-Approval of the CY2020 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for Jackson County until next Legislative Meeting. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

2:09 p.m. Vice President out of the room.

Resolution-Approval of the CY2020 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for Monroe County

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to TABLE the Resolution-Approval of the CY2020 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for Monroe County until next Legislative Meeting. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** VP out of room and Rep. Robert TwoBears has technical issues.

2:14 p.m. Vice President returns

Resolution-Approval of the CY2020 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for Sauk County

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to TABLE Resolution-Approval of the CY2020 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for Sauk County until next Legislative Meeting and add Ho-Chunk Prairie. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 9-0-1(Vice President Karena Thundercloud) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Approval of the CY2020 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for Juneau County

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to TABLE Resolution-Approval of the CY2020 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for Juneau County pending Area approval. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Approval of the CY2020 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for Wood County

Resolution-Approval of the CY2020 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for Shawano County

MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to TABLE Resolution-Approval of the

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 CY2020 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for Wood County and Shawano County pending area approval. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between the Ho-Chunk Department of Heritage Preservation and Fort McCoy

MOTION by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to adopt ***Resolution 11-02-20 E***, Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between the Ho-Chunk Department of Heritage Preservation and

Fort McCoy. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Trust and Investment Committee Appointment Recommendation of James Webster

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt Resolution-Appointment of James Webster to the Ho-Chunk Nation Trust and Investment Committee. **MOTION DIED DUE TO LACK OF SECOND.**

Trust and Investment Committee Appointment Recommendation of Ryan Crain

MOTION by Rep. Kris-

tin White Eagle to adopt ***Resolution 11-02-20 F***, Appointment of Ryan Crain to the Ho-Chunk Nation Trust and Investment Committee. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. having technical issues.*

Executive Session:

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to move into Executive Session. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. having technical issues*

2:31 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to move into Open Session. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to ratify all actions in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

SECOND.

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to TABLE Stop Loss to next Legislative Meeting. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to adjourn the Legislative Meeting to November 17, 2020. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

COVID-19

UPCOMING COMMUNITY TESTING EVENTS

-FOR TRIBAL MEMBERS & EMPLOYEES-

**MON. 11/30, 9AM-2PM
DISTRICT 1 COMMUNITY CTR.
BLACK RIVER FALLS**

**TUES. 12/1, 9AM-2PM
HOUSE OF WELLNESS
BARABOO**

**TUES. 12/3, 9AM-1PM
SIGA FUNMAKER COMMUNITY
CENTER, WITTENBERG**

**TUES. 12/8, 9AM-1PM
MADISON BRANCH OFFICE**

**TUES. 12/15, 9AM-2PM
NEKOOSA HEALTH OFFICE**

**THURS. 12/17, 9AM-2PM
DISTRICT 1 COMMUNITY CTR.
BLACK RIVER FALLS**

**TUES. 12/22, 9AM-2PM
TOMAH HEALTH OFFICE**

**WED. 12/23, 9AM-1PM
LA CROSSE BRANCH OFFICE**

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

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



Questions?
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Hunt nominated AICDC after learning at a Ho-Chunk Nation Area 4 At-Large meeting about the exemplary work the AICDC and others have done.

Per the DHS announcement, the Circle of Excellence Awards honors the AICDC for “exemplary work in providing services and protection to the American Indian community, businesses and the homeless encampments in South Minneapolis, particularly in response to the pandemic. New initiatives included an overnight drop-in center; a hygiene services area to provide showers, food, supplies and

a point of outreach; a 50-bed, 24-hour emergency shelter; and a 20-bed permanent supportive housing facility.”

Michael A. Goze of the Ho-Chunk Nation of Wisconsin is the Chief Executive Officer of the AICDC. Mr. Goze has a long history of service in the Minneapolis-St. Paul American Indian community. He was a past director of Mission Lodge in Plymouth, a chemical health counselor for Hennepin County, and previously worked at the Minneapolis American Indian Center and The Lifeskills Center for Leadership.

The AICDC board of directors includes President Mar-

lene Helgemo (Ho-Chunk Nation of Wisconsin), Vice President All Olson (Mille Lacs Band Ojibwe), Treasurer Todd Swenson, Secretary Patina Park (Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe), and Board Member Sara Oquist (Mille Lacs Band Ojibwe).

“Mike and his staff have spent many selfless hours in providing support and services to the American Indian urban homeless population in South Minneapolis. Their work deserves to be recognized,” stated Rhiannon Blackdeer de Prado.

The award presentation is scheduled for December 4 at 10:00 AM.

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to move into Open Session. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

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SUMMONS (2nd Publication)

IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

In the Interest of Minor : J.R., DOB 10/29/2012

Case : JV 20-08

TO THE PARENT, GUARDIAN, LEGAL OR PHYSICAL CUSTODIAN AND/OR TRADITIONAL RELATIVE(S):
Jade Campbell

You are hereby informed that you have been deemed an interested party in the above-entitled guardianship case. This legal notice of the filed *Petition for Child/Family Protection* is now served upon you by publication. A proceeding concerning the above-named is pending in the Court, and an adjudication will be made. The Court shall convene an *Emergency Removal Hearing* in accordance with HOCAK NATION CHILDREN AND FAMILY ACT, Para. 3.33.¹ Any parent(s), guardian(s) and/or person(s) having legal or physical custody of the must appear along with the at the Hearing described below.

The Court shall commence a proceeding at **1:30** on the **26th** day of **October 2020** for the following purpose: ***Emergency Removal Hearing***. Parties may seek to appear by telephone by submitting a written request and accompanying *Certificate of Service* to the presiding judge. See *Ho-Chunk Nation Rules of Civil Procedure*, Rule 5(B). Pursuant to HOCAK NATION CHILDREN AND FAMILY ACT, Para. 3.35, the parties have a right to counsel at their own expense; a right to confront and cross-examine those appearing against them; a right to present and subpoena witnesses; a right to substitution of judge; and a right to a jury trial.

NOTICE – VIOLATION OF THIS ORDER IS SUBJECT TO PROCEEDINGS FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT. SUBPOENAS: ‘THE FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH A SUBPOENA SHALL SUBJECT THE PERSON FAILING TO COMPLY TO THE CONTEMPT POWER OF THE COURT.’ THE COURT MAY FIND ANY PARTY TO THIS MATTER IN CONTEMPT OF COURT FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR AT A COURT HEARING OR FOR FAILURE TO FOLLOW COURT ORDERS.

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

1. You can obtain a copy of the applicable law by contacting the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature at (715) 284-9343 or (800) 294-9343 or visiting the legislative website at www.ho-chunknation.com/?PageID=254.

Official Election Board Postin Notice Recall Legislator District 2, Seat 3 Stephanie Begay

**An Official Recall Petition has been issued for Legislator District 2, Seat 3, Stephanie Begay
The completed petition forms must be returned no later than by Monday, January 4, 2021 at 4:00 pm.**

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24. Recall Elections.

- a. Constitutional Requirements
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