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# The Ho-Chunk Nation Assembles Historic Virtual Meeting of the General Council

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Editor

The Ho-Chunk Nation’s Annual Meeting of the General Council convened in the first-ever virtual setting on Saturday, December 5. This Annual Meeting is one of the largest and most vital events of the Ho-Chunk Nation because the tribal membership meets to set policy for the Ho-Chunk Nation.

Meeting virtually has become a useful tool in preventing the spread of covid-19. Governments, businesses, schools, individuals, and the world has had to adjust their daily lives to stay safe during the pandemic. Wisconsin became a hot spot for the virus in the past few months and community spread is uncontained.

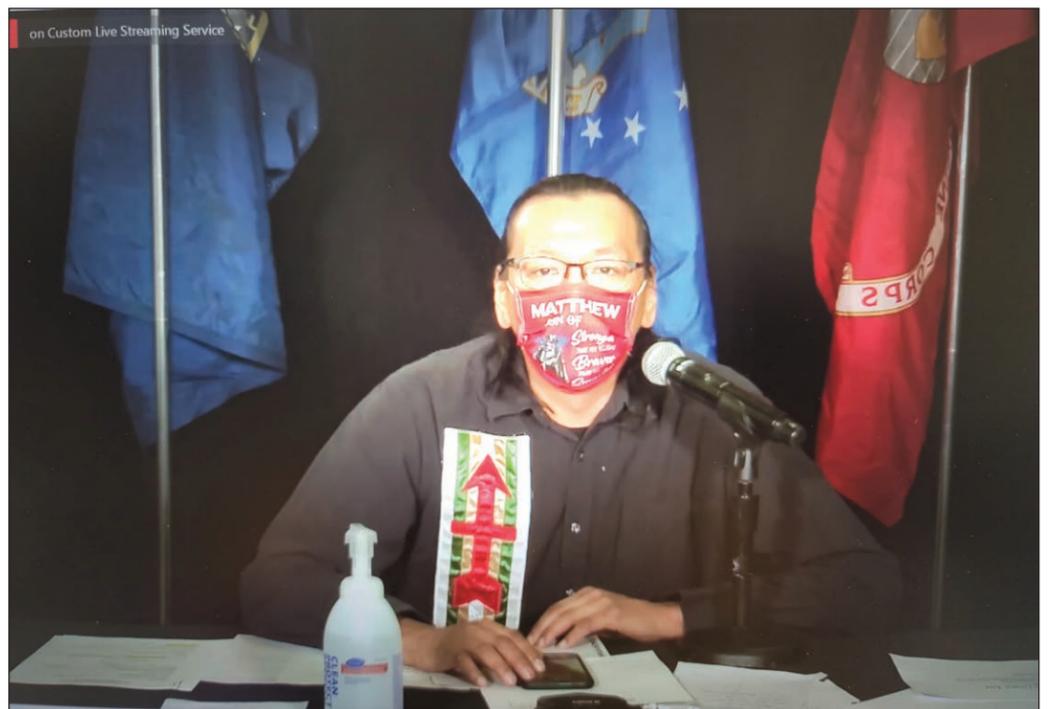
“The Health and safety concerns of Tribal Members especially Elders are a primary consideration at the Office of General Council,” wrote Office of General Council Advocate Cari A. Fay in the ‘Legality of Holding a Virtual GC Meeting’ notice.

The Office of General Council coordinated and broadcasted the E-Meeting from Ho-Chunk Gaming – Wisconsin Dells with assistance from Lumi, Majic Productions, and the Ho-Chunk Nation IT Division.

Like past in-person General Council meetings, the determination of quorum for this year’s E-Meeting was to be established through registration and electronic vote. Although quorum was not met this year, Emcee Matthew Mann announced that there were 1,239 individuals registered at one point during the meeting. A total of 727 individuals participated in the final quorum vote.

Current policy states twenty percent of the eligible voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation constitute a quorum.

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Matthew Mann emceed the first-ever E-Meeting of the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council on Dec. 5 from Ho-Chunk Gaming – Wisconsin Dells.

## Fire in Tomah causes damage to the Ho-Chunk Museum and Cultural Center

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A structure fire broke out just before 5:00 AM on November 29 in downtown Tomah, Wisconsin. Two historic buildings located at 1110 and 1112 Superior Avenue were a total loss. The Ho-Chunk Museum and Cultural Center is located at 1108 Superior Avenue and is next door to where the blaze happened.

The fire apparently began on the second floor of the Dimensions bar building, which contained two apartments.

A Tomah Police Department Facebook post by Lieutenant Eric Pedersen stated, “At this time, all residents are accounted for and okay. One person was seen at Tomah Health Emer-

gency Room and has been released.”

Per a Facebook post by Fire Chief Tim Adler, “An estimated 600,000 gallons of water was used to extinguish the blaze.”

The Ho-Chunk Museum and Cultural Center suffered smoke and water damage.

The Heritage Preservation staff stored the museum collection in the basement, and part of the collection was

submerged in water. The roof of the Museum sustained fire damage.

The Ho-Chunk community around Tomah quickly

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# President Marlon WhiteEagle offers 2020 General Council address

*(Editor's note: This is Ho-Chunk Nation President Marlon WhiteEagle's 2020 General Council address, which was provided as a video. The video was never shown at the General Council session because quorum was never reached.)*

### Introduction

Good morning. Hainipi hinikaragiwi. Welcome to the 2020 General Council annual meeting. Thank you for participating in this year's meeting.

First, let me express my thanks and gratitude for allowing me to serve in this manner, as the Ho-Chunk Nation President. It is a great honor to do so.

Let me also thank you for your words, prayers, and support during this time of our history as a people who are known to endure all the elements of the physical world.

The Ho-Chunk Nation will endure this pandemic as well. But we have to keep close to our homes, our fireplaces. We have to remain disciplined and be aware of our surroundings.

### Overview of Strengths and Weaknesses

Some things to keep in mind are the strengths and weaknesses we possess as the Ho-Chunk Nation. To me, our number one strength is each one of us.

We have the will, the power, and the knowledge, the experience to move us forward regardless of any pandemic or obstacle that we encounter.

When we put our hearts and minds together, especially as the General Council, we direct and drive our priorities which ultimately will improve our daily life.

I recently saw a TV commercial where a sixty-year-old man is in a gym. The narrator says, "What if one push-up can prevent heart disease? What if one stalk of broccoli could prevent cancer?"

The message to me is loud and clear: we have to act, we have to do, to get results. We have to practice healthy behaviors daily to make changes and improvements.

Our great nation provides us many opportunities to build and improve our lives if we're willing to go seize them. We are still a warrior society.

Now our battlefields are classrooms, courtrooms, and board rooms. Our weapons are our minds, our education, our skills, and our professionalism.

If we go about our daily lives focusing on what we all have collectively, we can do more together. That mindset will be our togetherness, our community, our hallmark.

Each of us plays a role in our success. Let's build each other up. Let's encourage and empower one another.

That's our strength as a people.

Now, I'll speak about what I see as our weaknesses.

I'll focus on what I think are our two main weaknesses.

The first weakness is the distortion of our culture.

In our culture, our number one teaching is to love one another. There are no exceptions to this teaching.

But somehow people try to qualify or take ownership of who to love and not love. It's simple: love everyone.

Think about our native history and our dealings with Europeans, specifically the pilgrims. Natives valued and respected their lives, regardless of them being different. We extended love, care, and food.

Our culture is to do for others, not putting oneself first.

Remember our four Ho-Chunk commandments; to do, see, say, and hear good things. And good things refer to good and evil, not measures of good, better, best.

In learning about our Ho-Chunk language, we know the Creator gave us our sacred language so we can talk to Him. He didn't intend for us to use our voices to ridicule one another.

Today we hear and use titles like "elite elder" and "eminent speaker."

An elite elder is a tribal member who is at least 70 years old.

An eminent speaker refers to a fluent speaker of the Ho-Chunk language. It means Ho-Chunk may be their first or native language.

Culturally, we care for the aged because they've acquired skills, knowledge, and experience. They've lived with these Ho-Chunk values and practiced these teachings.

It doesn't mean they're a better person compared to a toddler, an adolescent, young adult, or middle-aged person. Its respect for the life he or she has lived.

Speakers of our language are important to its survival. These tribal members have a duty to properly teach, transmit, and share the language with the next generation.

My elders didn't ask for or demand anything because they didn't have to. We could rely on them for good knowledge of practices and teachings.

Our culture is to value all and provide help where it's needed.

Another big weakness is not knowing the value of money.

Money is still a foreign concept to us. We can't value something if we don't understand why it exists.

Just this hunting season, I hunted at Nine Eagles in Lyndon Station.

What was once a profitable campground and RV park is now hunting land. During a drive, I was standing in a spot that had a water spigot.

I wondered to myself: if I wanted a water spigot in the back corner of my lot, how much would it cost to make that happen? And would I be willing to pay that price?

What was our initial plan or justification for purchasing this property?

It appears we wanted land to hunt on because it wasn't to continue the existing business.

To me, that was a misguided use of a valuable tribal resource, money.

The land isn't in trust, so we are paying state property tax on it. That's an added expense.

Another example is our community centers, our recent constructions are in Madison, Mauston, Black River Falls, Dells Dam, and Wittenberg. We've purchased more buildings in Green Bay and Tomah.

That's added expense to our yearly budget, in payroll to staff these offices and in operating expenses for electricity, phone, fax, internet, taxes, and other improvements.

We have to know and understand the initial return on investment. If we don't know that, we are probably misguided.

We have many strengths and weaknesses. We want to capitalize on our strengths and minimize and improve upon our weaknesses.

### Pandemic discussion

The COVID-19 pandemic hit the world hard. For the Ho-Chunk Nation, we first had to make tough decisions in regards to hosting the annual March Madness all-native basketball tournament.

Ultimately, we decided to postpone the event to a later date. The decision was made before any other events being canceled or postponed.

Eventually, national, even international sporting events, both collegiate and professional, were canceled to limit mass gatherings. It was the first time these historic events were canceled or postponed.

It was all done to keep people safe from this poten-



Ho-Chunk Nation President Marlon White Eagle

tially deadly virus.

Here in Wisconsin, at the request of our Governor, all 11 tribes met and agreed to close our casinos on March 20 to help flatten the curve of the spread of the Coronavirus.

This closure extended beyond the initial timeframe as the pandemic surged. We closed our doors, in some instances, for two months or

more.

This was the first time we've closed our doors for any reason.

What the closure did was provide us a glimpse of what our reality would be without gaming.

We've been asking for economic diversification for the last couple of decades, but *Continued on Page 8*

## TOMAH AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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### NOTICE OF TITLE VI PUBLIC HEARING TOMAH AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Tomah Area School District will hold two public hearings during one meeting time scheduled for Thursday, December 17, 2020, at the Taphouse Twenty Meeting Room, 201 Helen Walton St., Tomah, Wisconsin. The Title VI meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. with the JOM/IEC meeting follow. A virtual meeting link will be emailed to all parents/guardians of registered Title VI students.

The first part of the meeting will allow parents/guardians of Native American children the opportunity to provide input concerning Public Law 81-874. The second part of the meeting will inform parents of the needs assessment process for the district's 2021-22 Title VI Application of the Indian Education Act. In addition, parents will participate in a discussion of the application's provisions and given the opportunity to provide suggestions regarding the application.

Bonnie Bird  
Title VI Indian Education Coordinator-Teacher  
Tomah Area School District

# Legality of Holding a Virtual GC Meeting

The COVID-19 pandemic, throughout the world and particularly in Wisconsin, is presenting unprecedented challenges, not only to individual health, communities, jobs, businesses and economics; but also specifically to the Ho-Chunk Nation and Tribal Members. The Health and safety concerns of Tribal Members especially Elders are a primary consideration at the Office of General Council. The OGC places a high priority on Tribal Members health and well-being when it comes to planning and holding the GC2020 Annual Meeting.

Additional issues and impacts are continuously evolving during this pandemic. As new Tribal, State and Federal regulations, mandates, Emergency Declarations and Laws/Ordinances are implemented; it is pertinent to proactively move forward. Specifically the Office of the General Council has to follow both tribal and state prohibitions when planning the GC 2020 Annual Meeting. The CDC has advised that large indoor gatherings places people at high risk of becoming infected. The highest risk for spread is large in person gatherings where it is difficult for individuals to remain 6 feet apart and attendees travel from outside the local area. A large gathering is defined as over 6 people by the CDC. Further, the CDC in its guidance for large gathering urge to switch to virtual meetings and to follow local tribal and state guidelines.

The State of Wisconsin in Emergency Order# 3 PROHIBITED public gatherings as "The State is the nation's COVID-19 hot spot, and intervening measures are necessary to slow the rampage of illness and death caused by

the virus." The Emergency Order issued on October 6, 2020 states:

Without a vaccine, the only tools to slow the spread of COVID-19 are wearing a face covering in public, staying at least six feet away from others people when you leave your home, washing your hands regularly, and staying home as much as possible.

Without using these simple but vital life-saving tools, Wisconsin will suffer from unnecessary illness and death.

This prohibition is in effect from October 6, until November 6, 2020. Unless the numbers in Wisconsin dramatically decrease, there is no reason to believe this prohibition will not continue. It is impossible at the time of this writing to hold a GC2020 Annual Meeting in person or to vote in person in Wisconsin.

The Office of General Council reached out to the Ho-Chunk Nation Attorney General, then Michelle Greendeer Rave, requesting a legal opinion on a virtual meeting; as well as the GC2019 GC Attorney, Heidi Drobnick. Both opinions and the evolving COVID-19 pandemic were taken into consideration before determining to hold a virtual meeting.

The Office of General Council also looked at the Ho-Chunk Legislature meetings as an example of how to proceed in these unprecedented times. Legislators have been allowed to attend meetings and vote on Resolutions/Laws/Policies via telephone/virtually, then moved into a "hybrid" format, due to COVID-19.

Annual meetings have been held in-person in prior years; and the Office of General Council is extremely mindful of the risks created by the

pandemic and the critical need for social distancing and other measures that prevent such gatherings including the current prohibition on large gatherings. In order to continue to move forward with a virtual meeting, the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution, General Council Meeting Procedures, GC Attorney and HCN AG opinions were reviewed. The following information shows holding a virtual meeting is legal:

1. HCN Constitution -
  - a. **Separation of Powers.** There is no requirement in the General Council Meeting Procedures or the Constitution which requires the approval of a virtual meeting prior to holding a virtual General Council meet-

ing. A virtual meeting is not prohibited by the Constitution. The General Council has the authority pursuant to the Art. IV, Sec. 5 of the HCN Constitution to "establish its own procedures" to govern itself. It is a co-equal branch of government. The General Council does not have to defer to the position or opinion of any other co-equal branch of government. However, it is good policy and out of respect to obtain input and to address any concerns of co-equal branches of government. Therefore, the Office of General Council did in fact seek

the input of the co-equal branches of government- the Legislative and Executive branches in this particular case. But neither the Legislative or Executive branch can prohibit or dictate the meeting procedures.

- b. In 2007, the GC adopted meeting procedures in a General Council Resolution 10-20-07C entitled General Council Meeting Procedures. There is no prohibition on a virtual meeting in the General Council Meeting Procedures. All General Council Meeting Procedures can be followed and maintained at a virtual

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## Two Treasury Department employees reach 20 years of employment with the Ho-Chunk Nation

Ardith Van Riper Editor

This year marks 20 years that the Ho-Chunk Nation has employed Rick Folkers and RayeAnn Krpata. Both currently work in the Treasury Department, and both are junior accountants.

"Rick is a seasoned and valued employee that commits his time and efforts to benefit that of the tribal members of the Ho-Chunk Nation and to all of our valued employees alike," stated Jeriah Rave, Sr.

Rick Folkers mentioned RayeAnn Krpata, "She has been knowledgeable and a valuable presence."

Congratulations, Rick and RayeAnn!

**Attention: The Next Deadline of the Hocak Worak will be December 18th which will be published on December 25th. 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.**

## 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 litem 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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**Ho-Chunk Economic Legacy Project (HELP)  
Frequently Asked Questions**

The Legislature determined there was a continued need for economic assistance to mitigate the COVID-19 impact. As a result, the Ho-Chunk Economic Legacy Project (HELP) was developed and funded for the remainder of the FY21 Budget year under the General Welfare Exclusion Act (GWEA). All HCN tribal members 18 and over are eligible to receive a distribution each month from January to June 2021.

The following is a list of FAQ's to help better understand the HELP distribution.

1. Is this the same as a regular per capita payment? No. This is being funded as a Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act (GWEA) distribution under the HCC 4 §17.
2. What does this mean? Per 26 USC 139E, the GWEA allows a Tribe to make non-taxable distributions to its membership if certain guidelines are met. The Internal Revenue Code Section 139E also makes it clear distributions under the GWEA distributions are excluded from gross income for taxation purposes.
3. Why not issue a per capita since the casinos are open? The level of available net gaming revenue is insufficient to issue a per capita payment to all tribal members at previous amounts. If a per capita is issued, it is also subject to taxation and all withholdings; a net per cap could easily fall below expectations.
4. Why not issue a per capita AND a general welfare assistance payment to maximize distributions to Tribal members? The GWEA is based on established need. If a per capita AND general welfare payments are issued, the Nation is potentially violating the GWEA and may subject all recipients and the Nation to back taxes, fees or penalties.
5. What is the amount of the distribution? \$700/month from January to June 2021
6. Who is eligible for a HELP distribution? All HCN tribal members 18 and over who have completed an application.
7. Will I receive retro distributions if my birthday is in May? No. Payments are for those 18+ and will receive the payment in the month of their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.
8. How long will this program last? The program is being funded January through June 2021.
9. Can I use my COFA application for this distribution? No. A new application must be completed.
10. What if I didn't know about the program? It is now May. Can I receive retro distributions? No. The payments will begin upon receipt of the application.
11. How can I help expedite my payment?
  - a. Ensure your address is updated and correct
  - b. Verify your banking information is current
  - c. Please try to submit electronically, drop off a hard copy or fax in that order. If you do not have access to email, reach out to those who do since this may be the quickest way to track your submission. We enjoy assisting you but know this causes delay in the actual processing of applications.
12. Distributions will be made once each month and based on the applications received by the deadline.



**HO-CHUNK NATION**  
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Media Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DATE: December 7, 2020

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

**COVID-19 Death Notice**

The Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health regrets to inform the community that our department was recently notified of one individual within our service delivery area who had tested positive for COVID-19 and now has passed away. We extend our sympathy to the family members and to our community during this very difficult time.

The Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health has had a total of 531 community members who have tested positive for COVID-19, 7 people have died. Like other communities throughout the State of Wisconsin the impact of this new disease has been devastating. Just like other parts of the State we have community members recovering at home and we have community members being treated in a hospital setting. We continue to work with our local, State, and Federal partners to care for our communities.

We also continue to encourage everyone to Stay Safer at Home. This is the most important thing that we can do to prevent this illness from impacting our community. Please practice social distancing and when you must go out please use a mask.

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**COVID-19 Vaccine Frequently Asked Questions.....**

**1. What is the current status of vaccine development?**

Currently COVID-19 vaccine is being developed by multiple companies. The COVID-19 vaccine development has been following the same safety measure and testing that all vaccines that are administered in the US must undergo. Vaccine trials have been taking place for months with success.

**2. Will there be only one vaccine available?**

Several COVID-19 vaccines are in development but only 1 or 2 will be available at first. These first vaccines are anticipated to require two doses to be the most effective. Doses initially will come in smaller batches until capacity is increased.

**3. What does Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) mean?**

During public health emergencies like the COVID-19 pandemic, medical countermeasures may be needed to prevent or treat the disease. A EUA allows the FDA to review a medical counter measure for use during a public health emergency. The FDA are able to allow specific use of a vaccine until the traditional vaccine licensure is complete and approved.

**4. Are the vaccines for COVID-19 safe and effective?**

Safety is the top priority of any vaccine development. The COVID-19 vaccine development has been following the same safety measure and testing that all vaccines that are administered in the US must undergo. So far, the first two vaccine candidates in the US have met and/or exceeded all safety and efficacy.

**5. Will everyone be offered the vaccine right away?**

Unfortunately no, there will only be limited amounts of vaccine available initially. Medical staff and those that are the most vulnerable or at risk for bad health outcomes will be prioritized. The Department of Health developed a priority plan specifically for the Nation, following recommendations from CDC, ACIP, IHS, and the State of WI.

**6. What has the Ho-Chunk Nation (HCN) Department of Health done to prepare for the vaccine arrival?**

The HCN Department of Health has been working on a vaccine distribution plan for quite some time. The distribution will be done similar to flu vaccination clinics we have run in the past. There are many factors we have considered such as vaccine procurement, vaccine storage, vaccine handling, and logistics of setting up a distribution event, registration, documentation, staff training, patient education, and many more items.

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December 4, 2020

CONTACT: Kiana Beaudin, Executive Director of Health, 715-284-9851

Subject: Quarantine Recommendations for Exposure to COVID-19

The CDC released options to reduce quarantine for contacts of persons with COVID-19 using symptoms monitoring and diagnostic testing. Quarantine is used to separate someone who might have been exposed to COVID-19 and may develop illness from others. Quarantine for 14 full days after the time of exposure remains the safest strategy for preventing asymptomatic transmission of COVID-19, as the incubation period for the COVID-19 virus is 2-14 days.

The Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health will continue to follow the gold standard quarantine measures in an effort to keep our communities safe and healthy. We will continue to do so because we understand that Native Communities are disproportionately affected by the virus. The HCN Department of Health will continue to evaluate the situation and use the best practices based on our capacity in testing, disease investigation, contact tracing, as well as, utilizing our data on percent positive and number of positive cases within our communities to make decisions. If there are any changes in quarantine measures we will update all of our educational materials, guidance materials, and official notification materials. We will also provide the community notice of the change in quarantine measures.

The Department of Health also reminds everyone to 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. Take care of one another.

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# COVID-19

## UPCOMING COMMUNITY TESTING EVENTS

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**THURS. 12/3, 9AM-1PM**  
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CENTER, WITTENBERG

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NEKOOSA HEALTH OFFICE

**THURS. 12/17, 9AM-2PM**  
DISTRICT 1 COMMUNITY CTR.  
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TOMAH HEALTH OFFICE

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# December

## 2020

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Dates and times are subject to change.



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6	7 OPEN	8 OPEN	9 Wis. Dells Tailgate CLOSED	10 OPEN	11 OPEN	12
13	14 OPEN	15 OPEN	16 Tomah Tailgate Home Delivery CLOSED	17 Shipment CLOSED	18 La Crosse Food Distribution OPEN	19
20	21 OPEN	22 OPEN	23 Nekoosa Tailgate Home Delivery CLOSED	24 Holiday CLOSED	25 Holiday CLOSED	26
27	28 OPEN	29 OPEN	30 All-Staff Mtg. CLOSED	31 Inventory CLOSED	1 Holiday CLOSED	2



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Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health Most Common COVID-19 Related Q&A:

For more information and frequently asked questions please see the Centers For Disease Control at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html>

**How soon can I expect results from my test?**

If you are tested at one of the Ho-Chunk Nation community testing sites results on average take 5-7 days. If your test results come in over the weekend you will be contacted only if you are positive.

**Will one of the tribal clinics have my test results if I used a non-tribal community testing site?**

NO – the reason is that the testing results are not in one state-wide laboratory data bank. Your test results will come from the place of testing and the laboratory they are using.

**If I was notified that I am a close contact to a positive person, should I get a test immediately?**

NO – it is recommended that you wait at least five (5) days after your last contact with the positive person because the virus does not appear immediately. You may test negative if the sample is collected too early in your infection and you may test positive later.

**If I received a negative test, can I now go about my regular business outside my home?**

If you have been notified that you are a close contact you must remain on quarantine for 14 days, getting a negative test before the end of your 14 days does not allow you out of quarantine. If you are NOT a close contact and your test is negative you should monitor for symptoms, stay home as much as possible, wear a face covering when in public, wash your hands frequently, and continue to practice social distancing.

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**If I have a co-worker who is a close contact to a person who tested positive what should I do?**

Your co-worker should be out on quarantine for 14 days. If that co-worker does not develop COVID-19 after the 14 days you are not required to do anything. If your co-worker does develop COVID-19 you should monitor yourself for signs and symptoms and if you develop any you should get tested.

**Does anyone from the Department of Health contact those individuals that are considered close contacts?**

Currently the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health is contacting all close contacts. This information is gathered during the contact tracing investigation. The Department of Health will notify those close contacts the patient has notified the Health Department of. Due to the large number of positive cases the Department of Health is no longer following daily the close contacts for 14 days. The Department of Health will only follow daily close contacts who are Elders or Healthcare workers.

**How do I get a letter or note stating that I had a negative test result?**

If you require a letter stating you tested negative to COVID-19 you must contact the clinic or lab that you were tested at. If you are on quarantine please contact your contact tracer/public health





# Portion Control



HCN HEALTH AND WELLNESS DIV.

## DURING THE HOLIDAYS

### Portion Foods Onto Your Plate

- Avoid eating out the bag or container.
- Portion out a serving size and put the rest away.
- Limit eating many small portions or going back for seconds.

### Making Less Seem More

- Use smaller plates and cups.
- When eating out, order smaller dishes or take half home.
- At gatherings, take some of a few favorite foods.

## PORTION SIZE GUIDE



1 CUP = AN AVERAGE ROUND ORNAMENT



1/2 CUP = A LARGE HANDHELD BELL



1 TEASPOON = A POSTAGE STAMP



3 OUNCES OF MEAT = A GINGERBREAD MAN COOKIE



1 TABLESPOON = THE TIP OF A CANDY CANE

For more information contact a HCN Registered Dietitian/Nutritionist

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### Having Good Portion Control

- Eating the right portion size can help prevent weight gain and high blood sugars if you have diabetes.
- It is good to be aware of how much you are eating and to be in tune with how full or hungry you are.
- Eating more food that are naturally low in calories like fruits and vegetables can help us eat fewer calories while feeling more satisfied.

### Know your Portion Sizes

- Measure your food and put it on your plate to see what a serving size looks like.
- Look at food labels to see what a serving is.
- Use the portion size guide below to estimate your portion!

## Healthy Portioned Holiday Plate



### \*No Sugar Added Homemade Cranberry Sauce



#### INGREDIENTS

- 3 cups cranberries or 1 bag
- 1 cup orange or apple juice
- 8 packets of stevia or sweetener of choice.

#### DIRECTIONS

- Combine all ingredients into a large sauce pan
- Simmer for 5-10 minutes or until it has thickened.



Resources:  
<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6088523/>  
<https://www.eatright.org/food/nutrition/nutrition-facts-and-food-labels/serving-size-vs-portion-size-is-there-a-difference>

## December

# Harvest of the Month

## Ziizike Turnips

### What Are Turnips

Turnips are a root vegetable that have a round structure and white flesh. Both the root and the leaves are edible.

### Nutrition

- 1 cup of turnip roots contains only 35 calories, and is a good source of Vitamin C.
- Turnip greens or leaves are filled with Vitamins A, C, K, and Calcium.



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### Store

- Remove turnip greens from the root and rinse with cold water. Store refrigerated in a plastic bag for up to 5 days.
- Turnip roots may be refrigerated for 2-3 weeks.
- To freeze, peel and cut the turnip root into small cubes and blanch (boil for 2 minutes, then transfer to ice bath to cool). Store in freezer bags for 8-10 months.

### Prepare

- Wash turnip root to remove any dirt on skin.
- For larger turnips, peel skin to remove bitter flavor.
- Enjoy roasting, sautéing, or eating raw!

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## December Ziizike

# Holiday Roasted Turnip and Potato Mash

### Ingredients

- 10 red potatoes, quartered, skin on
- 2 turnips, peeled and cubed
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 teaspoons minced garlic
- salt and pepper to taste
- 2 sprigs fresh thyme or rosemary leaves chopped (can substitute 1 teaspoon dried herbs)
- 1/2 cup low fat milk, warmed
- 2 tablespoons butter, melted

### Instructions

- Preheat oven to 350°.
- Place the turnips and potatoes on a baking sheet in a single layer. Drizzle with olive oil and season with salt and pepper. Roast for 20 minutes.
- Remove pan from oven, stir, and continue roasting for 15-20 minutes longer. (The vegetables should be tender and lightly golden brown when finished.)
- Transfer to a bowl. Add the milk, melted butter, and thyme/rosemary. Mash using a fork, potato masher, or hand mixer until desired consistency is reached. (Mixing longer and faster will create a creamier mash, while mixing less and/or with a fork will create a more coarse mash).
- Garnish with additional thyme/rosemary if desired.



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### Nutrition

-Servings: 10 (with 1/2 teaspoon salt)-  
206 calories, 5.5g fat, 167mg sodium,  
36g carbohydrates, 4g fiber, 5g protein

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 meeting. The AG opinion in fact recognizes the power of the GC to meet virtually. However, if the GC wanted to address concerns highlighted in the AG opinion that can be accomplished without an actual in person meeting.

2. Attorney General Opinion is just that, an opinion of the attorney for the Executive Branch which is a co-equal branch of government.

a. The AG opinion stated in fact the GC can meet virtually. However, the opinion struggles with how the virtual meeting is accomplished. The AG opinion begins with the assertion that General Council meet-

ings have always been in person with votes being recorded on site where the General council meeting took place. The AG opinion was concerned with the accuracy of voting in a virtual meeting. Voting accuracy is a separate issue from meeting virtually. Voting accuracy is addressed by hiring a vendor who has experience with holding this type of meeting. Therefore, this voiced concern is really not a concern and does not go to the approval of a virtual meeting. The GC faced this same type of issue when it moved from hand counting votes to votes electronically at the meeting. There was no vote at the GC meet-

ing or via an election to approve electronic voting at meeting - it just occurred. As technology evolved so did the manner in which GC meetings are conducted. That is the same issue that is occurring for the GC2020 meeting. It is not a valid argument to prevent a meeting because individual people do not understand how the technology works. Just like electronic voting, accurate and timely voting can be accomplished electronically in a virtual meeting through a qualified vendor.

b. The AG opinion states that the GC must first vote to agree to meet virtually before it can actually meet virtually.

Even if you accept this position, that does not compel the conclusion that the only way to accomplish this vote is in person at one (1) large meeting. The vote can be accomplished in a variety of manners. Taking a very narrow view on how the vote can be accomplished is basically allowing 1 branch of government to dictate to another branch of government how it can proceed. That is an infringement on the powers of one branch of government on the powers reserved by the General Council. Additionally, a position that a vote must be in person is basically a position which prevents a branch of government from its constitutional right to meet as meeting in person cannot be accomplished in this pandemic.

However, the vote to continue in a virtual format can take place after quorum has been met. That was not addressed in the AG opinion. There is a simple solution that takes into consideration the AG opinion and does not trample on the Constitutional rights of the GC.

3. **Pandemic**  
 The AG opinion does not address the novel coronavirus pandemic and the extreme health dangers members are potentially exposed while attending a GC meeting in order to exercise their constitutional rights. Further, the AG opinion was written prior to the Wisconsin Emergency Order #3 prohibition large meetings and did not take this fact into consideration. Therefore, the AG opinion is not fully applicable today. A Tribal member should not have to choose between their health and exercising their Constitutional right to vote. Nor does the AG opinion offer a solution.

c. Next, the AG opinion points to an incident in 2019 where a member was not physically present at the Annual GC meeting who attempted to introduce via a proxy a resolution without being present. There is nothing in the GC Procedures that allow a proxy vote or a proxy to introduce a resolution. That will be true in a virtual meeting or an in person meeting. This example is not on point. At the 2019 meeting, the proxy specifically did not adopt the resolution as his own but introduced for another. The Chairman of the meeting would not allow this to happen. There is an important distinction in this example from the present case. The result would be the same in a virtual meeting as the in person meeting. Any member who is presenting a resolution must be present at the meeting to be recognized. That is the same whether there is an in person or virtual meeting of the General Council. The person who is making the resolution must be present and introduce the resolution. Proxy means a person, appointed in the place of another, to represent him/her.

Every government, business and individual in the Nation and the world has had to adjust their daily living to stay safe during the pandemic. The Office of GC is concerned for the health and safety of members, especially the elders, if forced to attend a general council meeting in person. In the past 2 months Wisconsin has become the hot spot for the virus in the nation. Community spread in Wisconsin is uncontained. Wisconsin has daily has record highs of infection. There are daily reports that mass meetings are creating perfect conditions for super spreaders of the virus. Many states who opened up too quick are now shutting down and adopting more stringent public health policies. It is in this dangerous and deadly

environment that the Annual meeting must be addressed and viewed, not just how it was done in the past. The current health threat did not ever exist in the past.

4. **Office of GC and GC Response**

GC and Office of GC can use the AG opinion to structure a response to the pandemic, but it is not bound by that opinion. In the spirit of cooperation, the AG's concerns can be addressed outside an in person meeting. Here are two alternatives, however, there maybe more. Both are obtaining a vote from the GC prior to the GC meeting.

First method is holding a virtual meeting to vote on the procedure. This can be at a date prior the scheduled meeting or just prior to the GC meeting. Second, by an absentee ballot vote run by the election board.

The second alternative was the manner in which the GC voted and implemented its current meeting procedures. It was voted on in a referendum by the GC. Then the procedures were adopted just prior to at the annual meeting. This addresses the tradition that held so much weight in the AG opinion. Adopting the procedure by a vote just prior to a meeting, then being governed by that procedure is exactly how the GC handled an adoption of meet-

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d. Next, there is no reason a virtual meeting is not an in person meeting. Everyone is meeting at the same time and a person has to be attending virtually to attending a meeting. This distinction does not hold up under scrutiny. Again, all General Meeting Procedures can be met in a virtual meeting. However, the AG opinion takes a turn using the proxy situation as an example; the opinion states that since the General Council must weigh in on the decision to vote virtually, it must therefore vote to hold a virtual meeting prior to a virtual meeting happening.

**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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ing procedure in the past. It is the opinion that this can be accomplished virtually.

#### 5. Other issues not Addressed in AG opinion.

Safety and In-Person GC Meeting.

How to safely accomplish an in-person vote prior to the GC meeting during a worldwide pandemic while also following the health and safety laws which are in effect is not addressed in the AG opinion. In fact, it is impossible at the time of this writing. It is prohibited. Strictly following the AG opinion may result in the inability of the GC to hold its constitutionally guaranteed annual meeting. Certainly this cannot be the intended result of the AG. However, given the mandates and laws of tribal, state and local governments governing mass meet-

ings, it may be impossible to hold an in-person GC meeting without violating the laws and knowingly endangering many vulnerable Tribal members. The considerations for holding a mass meeting including social distancing, masks, gathering number limits and location rules. Given all the rules it may be impossible to hold a GC meeting in person without violating tribal executive orders, local pandemic rules and/or local business rules on use of a property, local (tribal, state and county) health department guidance, local laws and the CDC recommendations for staying safe.

Food would be an issue at a mass meeting. No transportation would be provided to a mass meeting. Executive Order prohibiting mass meeting of greater than 10. Strict

social distancing and other precautions will be difficult to maintain. Enforcing use of masks. Other public health recommendations in Wisconsin include no more than 6 people gathered in 1 area which would include social distancing. The GC would have to hold the meeting in 70 or more different locations to adhere to this recommendation. Not adhering to the recommendations significantly increases the risk of community spread of the virus.

#### Conclusion

The GC absolutely has the power to meet virtually and this can be accomplished in a manner that both respects the Constitutional rights of the GC and the AG opinion, with an affirmative vote by the General Council members. The Office of GC position is that 'no special vote' is

required to hold the meeting. However, in addressing the AG's concerns the vote can take place virtually three ways - a virtual vote prior to the meeting, a virtual vote after determination of quorum, or a referendum vote via absentee ballot. An in-person meeting will inevitably expose the most vulnerable members to the virus. And quite possibly in violation of tribal, local and state mandates on mass meetings during this pandemic.

Therefore, following past procedures in enacting meeting procedure is a solid resolution given the restrictions of the pandemic. Voting on the new meeting procedure may take place:

- A. Voting before the annual meeting virtually;
- B. Voting after Determination of quorum; or
- C. In an election held by

the Election Board. If voting by the Election Board, then the meeting would be pushed to latter part of 2021, and if Tribal Members vote down a virtual meeting, the meeting is adjourned. Lastly, an in-person meeting would need to be held when it is safe to have a mass gathering.

If you have further questions or comments, I will be available via cell phone at 715-299- 2378, or e-mail, cfay@ho-chunk.com .

Thank you for your time and attention. Submitted by

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we remain focused only on expanding gaming. It certainly seems like now's the time to make some changes in that direction.

We need legislation to make this happen.

Some of the strategy going into the closure was to minimize the expenses - money going out the door.

Our operating costs at each of our facilities were multi-millions of dollars per week. A large amount of that was payroll expense.

Putting our financial health first, we moved to layoffs of most of the gaming employees. With CARES Act being directed to increased unemployment benefits, we felt comfortable proceeding with employee layoffs.

In some cases, employees were making just as much, if not more while collecting unemployment benefits. Also, we had some cases where voluntary layoffs were requested for those preferring to stay safe at home.

One of the most important issues was to keep health insurance benefits in place. Our insurance language allowed temporary laid-off employees to keep their health insurance.

For the Nation, next to per capita payments, health insurance is our second biggest expense each year.

What we did find out was that once employees returned from temporary layoff, they'd be responsible for health insurance deductions for the weeks they were laid off. We were putting our employees in debt.

For tribal employees, their \$50 weekly deduction would double until they were caught up. Our non-tribal employees' \$150 weekly deduction would double to \$300 until they were caught up.

As layoffs moved forward within the Nation, our Departments of Justice and Personnel drafted and successfully

proposed legislation changes to ensure we could recall employees who were laid off.

The pandemic has impacted us financially for sure.

#### Recovery plan

Although we don't have a bank, our casinos are our financial houses. We withdraw money from the casinos to fund much of our tribal government. Many people deposit that money when they go play the casino games.

It was important to not keep our casino doors closed for too long. Each gaming facility prepared itself to follow public health guidelines and re-open responsibly.

The health of our employees and guests determined how we'd proceed to implement our public health measures.

Our COVID-19 Response Team, which was staff from the Departments of Health and Labor, assisted with the re-opening plan to ensure our gaming facilities complied with the public health recommendations.

We weren't going to re-open to what existed before the pandemic, by operating 24 hours per day, turning on all the machines, and opening full table games.

We looked at profit margins and performance history in deciding which gaming sites to re-open first. We also wanted to test the procedures to make sure we knew what worked and didn't work.

Mainly, we wanted to open and make sure we remained open.

Ho-Chunk Gaming-Madison re-opened on May 19. That's 60 days into the second quarter of the year.

All other gaming facilities, except Tomah, opened in June. Nekoosa opened on June 16, while Baraboo, Black River Falls, and Wittenberg opened on June 29.

Through it all, our Whitetail Crossing c-stores never closed during the pandemic.

Our hotels re-opened during the summer.

#### Tribal government updates

On the tribal government side of things, we are rolling along fairly well.

Right before the pandemic hit, each department was tasked to hold strategic planning sessions within our communities. That was done with what participation we did receive. A comprehensive strategic plan for the Nation is presently being compiled.

Our vision statement was published in the Hocak Worak. The vision statement focused on professionalism and service improvement.

I ran on a platform of accountability and transparency. We've made efforts to get information out to tribal members. I've written letters from the president that were published in the Hocak Worak every issue this year.

The Worak is our official newspaper of the Ho-Chunk Nation.

Although I don't particularly like doing video messages, we've implemented video messages that were shared on social media, the Nation's website, and emailed to employees.

Just over a year ago, on November 19, 2019, the Native American Church, in Lyndon Station, hosted a legislative meeting for the first time since our tribal government was born there on April 20, 1963.

It was good to see the Nation's business return to where it all started 57 years ago. Our government has humble beginnings, but it's grown and developed over the years.

During the year, the COVID pandemic has impacted everyone's lives.

When we were first learned about how the virus was spreading, each department, along with the Office of the President staff, received a crash course in emergency

management, navigating a worldwide pandemic, and developing Continuity of Operations Plans (COOPs).

Departments decided how and what services and employees were essential to maintain their daily operations. This was how employee layoffs were decided by each department.

COOPs are emergency management tools and this was the first time some departments had to create and use these tools.

At the end of FY 2019-2020, through this hard work and making these tough decisions, we reduced the Nation's expenditures by \$12 million.

When the U.S. Treasury offered CARES funding for tribal governments, we completed and submitted the documents needed to secure the relief funding. We received approximately \$65 million in CARES funding.

This funding was intended to assist the tribal government.

Each department received funding through proposed COVID-19 response programs and services. The money couldn't be used for annually budgeted expenses.

The U.S. Treasury guideline and requirements for the funds was ambiguous and could potentially be audited at a later date. If the funds were not used by December 31, 2020, the remaining funds are to be returned to the federal government.

To get an annual budget for the Executive Branch, I had to enforce and uphold the Constitution by asking the tribal courts for a declaratory judgment on the Constitutionality of the Legislature's Quick Passage changes to the Appropriations and Budget Process Act.

The court granted an ex parte temporary restraining order regarding annual budgets based on the evidence submit-

ted along with my filing.

The legislature, in my opinion, afraid to allocate funds on an annual basis, changed the Budget Act to allow them to do a successive 90-day budget in a Continuing Resolution.

That usurped the president's Constitutional power to propose the annual budget, and the court found that legislation unconstitutional.

When I was sworn into office on July 3, 2019, I stated then how our laws are here to protect us, and not limit what we can do. We fund our judiciary as a part of our tribal sovereignty.

Challenging these legislative decisions was enforcing our laws and exercising our tribal sovereignty to its fullest. This will set precedence on just how much accountability and transparency will follow.

Please take time to read the annual report. There's a digital copy on the Nation's website.

#### Looking forward

In conclusion, I believe we will come out of this pandemic better, stronger, and more prosperous.

We can make all the changes we've been asking for. We just need the right players in the right positions.

We can finally diversify our tribal economy and separate our business from the government. This is a very real possibility.

Our local communities have the support we need to achieve our collective goals.

We are moving forward on goals. You can lead or support, but please be a part of the team. When we work together, there are not too many things that can stop us.

We need educated, qualified, and professional Ho-Chunks to lead our Nation into the future.

# Ryan John Crain, Sr. receives a Rising Stars Under 40 award

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The River Valley Media Group and The 7 Rivers Alliance selected 28 recipients from three states as the 2020 Rising Stars Under 40. The Rising Stars is a program recognizing and celebrating rising stars' achievements and encouraging them to remain in the region. This year, Ho-Chunk Nation tribal member and motivational speaker Ryan John Crain, Sr., of Sparta, received an award.

Honorees were chosen through an independent judging process. Nominees must be younger than 40 on September 1, 2020, and work in the 7 Rivers Region, which includes the following Wisconsin counties: La Crosse, Vernon, Monroe, Jackson, Trempealeau, Buffalo, Juneau, Crawford, and Pepin; the following Minnesota counties: Winona, Houston, and

Fillmore; and the following Iowa counties: Winneshiek or Allamakee.

The winners were announced in a virtual ceremony with stories, photos, and videos on [www.lacrossetribune.com](http://www.lacrossetribune.com).

The 7 Rivers Alliance website describes Ryan John Crain, Sr., "Sometimes it seems like life gives us more than we can handle, but don't tell that to Ryan John."

"He grew up with his father in prison and lived in and out of foster care because of instability, alcohol abuse and fighting at home. Both his parents died of cancer and he had facial reconstructive surgery twice after a brutal beating from a stranger."

"But Ryan John found his calling while a student at UW-La Crosse, creating the bylaws for Lambda Chi Alpha and adding a clause that has led to over 500+ hours of

community service in the 7 Rivers Region. He enjoys motivational speaking for at risk youth because he had some great mentors who have believed in him. He tells others to find those mentors and learn from them..."

In a video where Ryan John and his infant son appeared, Mr. Crain acknowledged, "We'd like to thank the 7 Rivers Alliance for all they do in our communities."

"We want to thank Dr. Lewis. He nominated us for this award."

"As well, we'd like to thank my wife, Cassidy. She is my inspiration. She allows me to get out in the community as much as I do, and I honestly think she is more deserving of an award like this than I am..."

Ryan John Crain, Sr., was recently added to the Trust and Investment Committee



Ho-Chunk Nation tribal member and motivational speaker Ryan John Crain, Sr.

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The number needed for a quorum this year was approximately 1,233 or more.

Enrolled Ho-Chunk Nation tribal members needed to operate two different electronic platforms, Zoom and Lumi, to participate in the E-Meeting. Members viewed the meeting in Zoom, and casted their votes in the Lumi website. The Office of General Council also live-streamed the E-Meeting on a YouTube channel but consequently cut it short because non-tribal members gained access.

The Hocak Worak Facebook page posted an 'Enrolled Tribal Member Virtual Packet' the night before the E-Meeting. The packet provided multiple links to documents typically distributed at an in-person General Council meeting, along with links to Zoom and Lumi.

One of those documents was the Ho-Chunk Nation Annual Report. The Planning and Development Division from the Department of Administration gathered information and produced the report. This report is located at <https://ho-chunknation.com/ho-chunk-nation-annual-report-2019-2020/>.

Other documents included the Proposed Agenda & List of Resolutions and a Scanned General Council Booklet. The booklet contained the Office of General Council Mission Statement, proposed res-

olutions, meeting procedures, meeting minutes, attorney review and analysis, Office of General Council Report, and the Office of General Council 2021-22 Budget.

Unlike past in-person General Council meetings, the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature did not release funds for a payout to attendees, and the Office of the President did not approve paid administrative leave for tribal member employees to participate in the historic event.

Like past in-person General Council meetings, routine activities took place. The White Eagle Post 556 posted the colors at Ho-Chunk Gaming - Wisconsin Dells. Bear Clan

members Robert Funmaker and Harrison Funmaker were also present. Steve Wileman and his IT crew assisted tribal members through the Help Desk phone lines.

The drum group was offsite this year. The Little Thunder Drum Group led by William Collins broadcasted from the Amber Rave Roundhouse near Black River Falls, Wisconsin. They rendered honor songs and provided songs during breaks in announcements.

The emcee called on Representative Sharice Davids in the late afternoon to speak during the historic meeting. She congratulated the Ho-Chunk Nation on forward-thinking and thanked the

members who registered and logged in for their participation. Davids was one of the first two Native American women elected to the United States Congress in 2018. She recently won a second term.

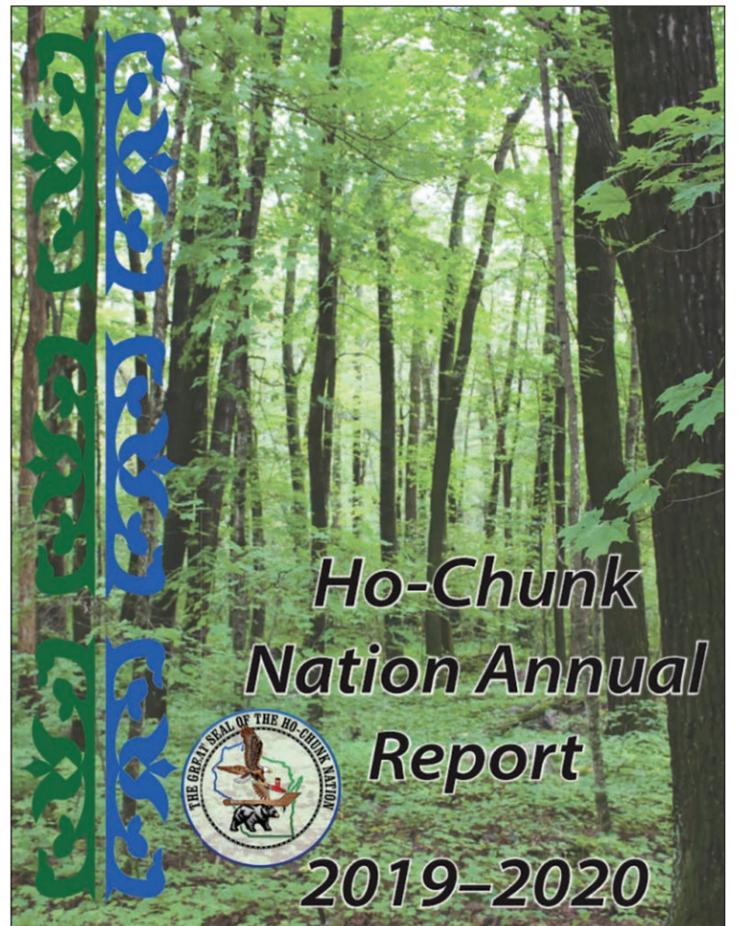
The emcee also announced birthdays and made shout-outs to tribal members partici-

pating from out of state.

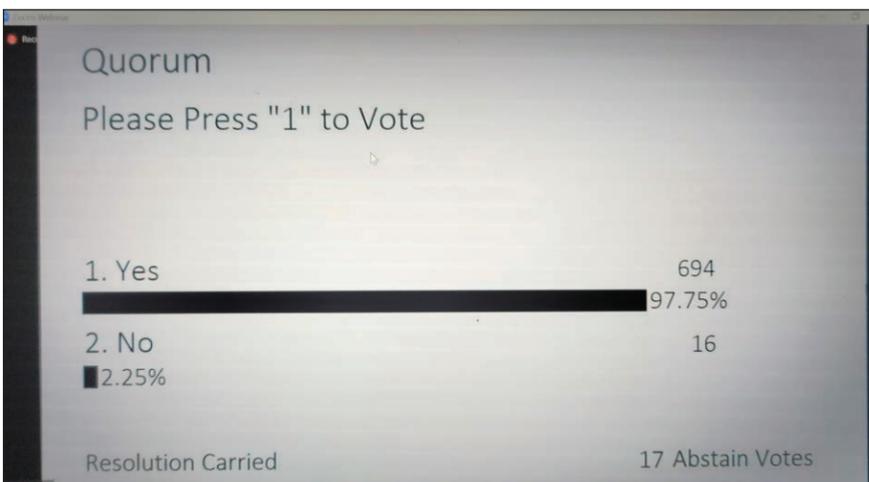
The broadcast concluded a little before 5:00 PM. The General Council did not address the new seven proposed resolutions or the two tabled resolutions from the 2019 General Council meeting.



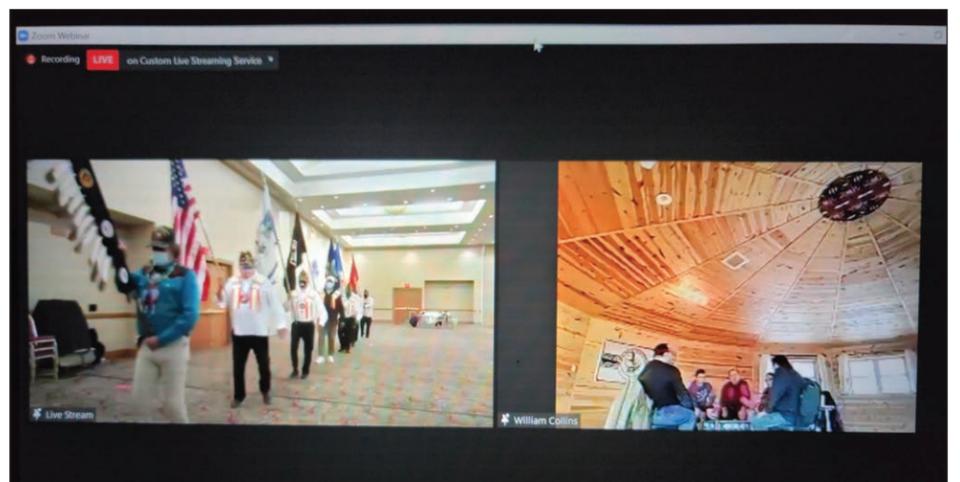
The Little Thunder Drum group broadcasted from the Amber Rave Roundhouse near Black River Falls, Wisconsin.



The Ho-Chunk Nation Annual Report is typically distributed at General Council meetings. This year's report can be found online.



Results of the final quorum vote for the day.



The White Eagle Post 556 posted the colors at HCG-WD while the Little Thunder Drum group rendered honor songs from their offsite location.

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pulled together; some worked to rescue materials, and some provided meals. In a few hours, they moved the collection to the Tomah Youth and Learning Center to dry items, assess the damage, and plan the next steps.

The Ho-Chunk Museum and Culture Center's opening took place on January 24, 2020, with an art show featuring items by Clarence Boyce Monegar. The Museum closed its doors to the public on March 18, 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



Rear entrances of the (L-R) Artisan Market, Dimensions bar, and the Museum.



Executive Director of Heritage Preservation Sam Falcon points out how deep the water got in the basement of the Museum.



Two historic buildings in downtown Tomah are a total loss.



The collection was moved to the Tomah Youth and Learning Center to dry items, assess the damage, and plan the next steps.

# Adrian Amos Exceeds \$50,000 in Donations and Kicks Off New Fundraiser to Fight Alzheimer's

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**GREEN BAY, WI – DECEMBER 1, 2020** – In September, #31 Adrian Amos made a pledge to donate \$1000 for every tackle he makes during the 2020 football season to fight Alzheimer's disease. To date, Amos has already personally raised over \$50,000 for the Alzheimer's Association Wisconsin Chapter. Today he kicks off an additional December fundraiser asking Wisconsinites to donate \$31 to receive a green and gold #ENDALZ t-shirt. Amos's grandmother,

Geraldine Thompson, lost a lengthy battle with Alzheimer's disease on June 18, 2020. She had a constant presence in the lives of her 7 children, 15 grandchildren, and a host of great grandchildren. "Alzheimer's disease is a cause that is very dear to me. After watching my grandmother battle with the disease I truly understand the impact it has on families," says Amos.  
Amos is encouraging Wisconsinites to join his team and donate to fight Alzheimer's. To donate, visit <http://act.alz.org/goto/TEAMADRIANA-MOS>  
**About I'm Still Here Foundation**  
The Adrian "SMASH" Amos I'm Still Here Foundation is a nonprofit dedicated to increasing awareness and

providing resources for individuals in communities that are often overlooked. For more information, visit [www.aaimstillhere.org](http://www.aaimstillhere.org)  
**About the Alzheimer's Association**  
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# Native actress cast as Echo in Disney+ series

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Alaqua Cox has been cast as Maya Lopez, the alter-identity of Echo, a deaf Native superhero. Cox, who is also deaf, will be appearing alongside Jeremy Renner (Hawkeye in "Avengers") in the Marvel/Disney+ series "Hawkeye."

Besides Cox, Zahn McClarnon has been cast in the series as William Lopez; some media outlets have reported he will likely be playing Echo's father, but this has not yet been confirmed.

Other actors in the series include Renner as Hawkeye, Hailee Steinfeld, Vera Farmiga, Florence Pugh, Fra Fee and Tony Dalton.

The Twitterverse has already been responding in high volumes, and some tweets are generating thousands of responses.

Dyle DiMarco, an ex-

ecutive producer who also is deaf, tweeted the news on Thursday. His tweet has been shared more than 2,000 times. He wrote, "Alaqua Cox, who is Deaf Native American, will play ECHO in Hawkeye Series!"

Other respondees on social media have said Cox is from the Menominee Tribe of Wisconsin, though this also has not yet been confirmed.

Sarah A. Young Bear-Brown, Meskwaki, says that as a deaf woman with a deaf daughter, she is "overjoyed."

Though Disney+ has not yet responded, the actors are listed on the "Hawkeye" series IMDb page. There are also unofficial sightings of Cox on set posted on YouTube.

Echo's powers are that of a perfect mimic that can repeat another person's movements exactly. She is also a trained dancer and a formidable fighter.

"Hawkeye" is one of many

mini-series that are planned for Disney+. Others include "Wandavision," featuring the Scarlet Witch, the "What If?" series that play out alternate

Marvel Universe scenarios that could have happened in different circumstances, "She-Hulk," and "Moon Knight." "Hawkeye" is slotted for

2021.

Disney has not yet responded to requests for comment. Indian Country Today will update as more details develop.



Alaqua Cox, who is playing a Native American deaf superhero in 'Hawkeye,' is also deaf. Other actors in the series include Zahn McClarnon

## Wisconsin Department of Health Services Launches "Be an InFLUencer" Campaign

*The goal is to improve flu vaccine rates in the state's communities of color*

FOR IMMEDIATE  
RELEASE

December 9, 2020

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The Wisconsin's Department of Health Services (DHS) today launched the "Be an InFLUencer" education and awareness campaign to help promote flu vaccination within Wisconsin's communities of color.

"Historically in Wisconsin, there have been many barriers that have led to communities of color having the lowest vaccination rates in the state, and consequently, that is where we find high rates of the flu," said DHS Secretary-designee Andrea Palm. "As our agency focuses on improving health equity, we must actively work to address these barriers and help all of our residents know how important the flu vaccine is to protect them and their communities from serious illness."

This campaign includes social media on several platforms, such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat and YouTube, as well as broadcast and digital radio ads, including ads in Spanish. It also features Dr. Kevin

Isard, a physician at Paladina Health in Milwaukee.

"This campaign comes at just the right time because it's so important for everyone in the state to get the protection the flu vaccine provides," said Tom Haupt, DHS Influenza Surveillance Coordinator. "It is not too late to get the flu shot to protect yourself and everyone around you from serious illness."

While the flu vaccine is safe and effective, and strongly recommended for people six months old and older, there are people who are at greater risk of becoming seriously ill if they get the flu. Those include:

- Children under 6 months old
- Pregnant women
- People 65 years of age and older
- People with chronic health conditions, such as asthma or heart disease

This flu season began while Wisconsin is still dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic. While the flu vaccine won't protect you against COVID-19, it can protect you from the flu, protect those more at risk from flu-related complications, and keep you and your loved ones out of an already overburdened health care system.

As part of this campaign, DHS has launched a new webpage with important information and answers to common questions about the flu and the flu vaccine. The webpage also includes a link

to the Vaccine Finder(link is external), so people can find where the vaccine is available near them. In addition, DHS has also created a "Be an InFLUencer" fact sheet with data and other details about

preventing flu.

The "Be an InFLUencer" campaign is funded through a grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).



### Legal Notice INVITATION FOR BID

BID # 2020-17SFS  
Water Treatment Services

c/o Ho Chunk Nation  
Treasury Department, Procurement Division  
Attn: Steve Sallaway  
W9814 Airport Road  
Black River Falls, WI 54615

The Ho Chunk Nation is inviting sealed bids for the above referenced project. Only firms with the capability, experience, and expertise with similar projects should obtain the Invitation for Bid document and submit bids.

Sealed bids must be submitted by **2:00 PM CST on January 04, 2021**. Any bids received after this date and time will be rejected and returned to the bidder unopened.

Documents may be obtained by downloading it at:  
<https://ho-chunknation.com/procurement-opportunities/>  
Search on the bid number and bid title.

Please call Steve Sallaway at 800-779-2873, Ext. 11316 or Dakota Walton-Smith at 800-779-2873, Ext. 11243 for response to any questions or requests for additional information.

Published this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

Dakota Walton-Smith, CPPB  
Procurement Manager  
Ho-Chunk Nation

The Ho-Chunk Nation reserves the right to reject any and all bids.



WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT  
of HEALTH SERVICES

**HO-CHUNK NATION  
LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR MEETING  
TRIBAL EXECUTIVE  
OFFICES  
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI  
NOVEMBER 17, 2020**

**Call to Order:** President Marlon White Eagle called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.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-EX  
Rep. Kristin White Eagle-VC  
Rep. Darren Brinegar-VC  
Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr.-VC  
Rep. Sarah Lemieux-VC  
Rep. Matthew Mullen-VC  
Rep. Robert TwoBears-VC  
Rep. Paul Fox-VC  
Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit-VC  
VC-Video Conference

**Determination of Quorum:** Quorum is established at 10:11 a.m.

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

**Approval of Agenda:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Paul Fox to approve the agenda with adding under New Business L. Food Distribution. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 9-2(Rep. Darren Brinegar, Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr.)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:**

**Special Legislative Meeting-October 30, 2020**

**MOTION** by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to approve the October 30, 2020 Special Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 9-0-2(Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit, Rep. Robert TwoBears) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Reconvened Special Legislative Meeting-October 31, 2020**

**MOTION** by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to approve the October 31, 2020 Reconvened Special Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 9-0-2(Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr., Rep. Paul Fox) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Legislative Meeting-Novem-**

**ber 2, 2020**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to approve the November 2, 2020 Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 10-0-1(Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Committee Reports:**

**Administration Committee-November 5, 2020**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to approve the November 5, 2020 Administration Committee Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 10-0-1(Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Unfinished Business:**

**COVID-19 Executive Branch Update**

**Department of Health**

Kiana Beaudin, Executive Director of Health was present via video conference and gave a brief verbal update. Currently, there are 391 positive cases within the Ho-Chunk Nation, 78 active cases, and 8 currently hospitalized. Ms. Beaudin stated that the Nation's rate of positive cases is 20%, and the State of Wisconsin's rate of positive cases is 31%. Ms. Beaudin also stated that there has been an increase in positive cases within the Nation's elder population.

Ms. Beaudin stated that Department of Health cannot administer the COVID vaccine across state lines, therefore, Tribal Members that reside outside of Wisconsin will have to travel to Wisconsin to receive the vaccine.

**Office of the President**

Amanda Richmond, Emergency Management Coordinator, was present to address the Legislature. Ms. Richmond stated that it is very alarming the increase in positive COVID cases within the Nation. She gave a brief verbal update on the local hospital capacities, and the community spread of the virus. She stated we must stop gathering. Her recommendation is that the Nation no longer have gatherings at our facilities.

Ms. Richmond stated that there are no ICU beds available at Black River Memorial Hospital.

Ms. Richmond stated that this virus is very serious. The end is in sight, with the COVID vaccine.

**Department of Business**

Michael Rave, Executive Director of Business was present to address the Legislature. A written report was submitted.

**Office of General Council**

Cari Fay, General Council Advocate was present via video conference and a written report was submitted. The deadline to submit a General Council Resolution is Thursday, November 19, 2020. There is a fillable resolution form online. Ms. Fay stated that Henry White Thunder was hired as the Deputy Advocate.

**Status Report of Previous General Council Resolutions**

Michael Murphy, Legislative Counsel stated that he is reviewing information from the Records Department regarding past General Council Resolution. This is still a work in progress.

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

Michael Murphy, Legislative Counsel stated that this is a work in progress, and he has been working with Randy Poelma from the Health Department on this item.

**CARES Act Proposals**

Rep. Hinu Smith stated that yesterday at the Health, Social Services and Insurance Committee meeting, there was a submission from Social Services for a modification to their CARES Act proposals.

**MOTION** by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to approve and acknowledge the Department of Social Services CARES Act modifications of Temporary Lodging (\$56,250) and Minor Equipment (32,170.94), and to request Treasury track the changes made. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. **MOTION IS AMENDED TO BE AN EMERGENCY MOTION. 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

*Emergency Motion requires an affirmative vote of 2/3 of all present Legislators in order for action to be taken in accordance with the motion.*

Executive Director of Social Services Rosella Stanley was present via video conference and explained the change order. The change order for minor equipment is coming from the previously approved thermometers, sneeze guards, and UV coil purifies. The change order for temporary lodging is to extend the purpose of the funds to include "preventing homelessness" by adding

rent assistance to the existing scope of temporary lodging.

**Elder Home Repair Policy Revisions**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to TABLE Elder Home Repair Policy Revisions. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**FNCF USDA Rural Home Repair Grants/Loans Land Lease**

Matthew Carriaga, Realty Director, was present to address the Legislature. A redline of the changes to the agreement with USDA was discussed. Mr. Carriaga mentioned a rescind and restate resolution from the original 2001 resolution. Legislative Attorney Carolyn Garnett stated that a change to the lease is recommended, rather than a rescind and restate resolution. Legislative Legal will work with Mr. Carriaga to complete this prior to the next Legislative Meeting.

*11:33 a.m. Rep. George Stacy is excused for the remainder of the meeting.*

**MOTION** by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to TABLE until next Legislative Session. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Ho-Chunk Nation Health Plan Renewal of Stop Loss Insurance Coverage**

**MOTION** by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to adopt **Resolution 11-17-20 A**, Ho-Chunk Nation Health Plan Renewal of Stop Loss Insurance Coverage, selecting Option 1. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 9-0-1(Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Quick Passage Procedure to Enact Ho-Chunk Nation Isolation and Quarantine of Communicable Diseases Ordinance (3 HCC § 17) and Authorization to Place out for 45 Day Public Comment**

**MOTION** by Rep. Hinu Smith to adopt Resolution-Quick Passage Procedure to Enact Ho-Chunk Nation Isolation and Quarantine of Communicable Diseases Ordinance (3 HCC § 17) and Authorization to Place out for 45 Day Public Comment. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to table until later today. Second concurs. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*During Discussion:*

Legislative Counsel stated that the definition of isolation and quarantine will need to be added to the Ordinance. This could be tabled until later today in order to get the definitions in the Ordinance.

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

**MOTION** by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to adopt **Resolution 11-17-20 B**, Approval of the CY2020 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for Jackson County. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 11-17-20 C**, Approval of the CY2020 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for Monroe County on the condition that this Law Enforcement Agreement is presented at the December Tomah District Meeting and that Nick Layland and/or Ceceilia Krause (Law Enforcement Commission Chair) attend the District Meeting. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 11-17-20 D**, Approval of the CY2020 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for Sauk County. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 11-17-20 E**, Approval of the CY2020 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for Juneau County. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to adopt **Resolution 11-17-20 F**, Approval of the CY2020 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for Wood County. Second by Rep.

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Darren Brinegar. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

**MOTION** by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to adopt **Resolution 11-17-20 G**, Approval of the CY2020 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for Shawano County. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

There was a question regarding domestic abuse incidents. Department of Justice Attorney Nick Layland stated that if there is domestic incident, a referral will be made to the HCN Domestic Abuse Division or the county's services.

**Lunch Break:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Paul Fox to break for lunch until 1:00 p.m. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

12:23 p.m.

**Call to Order:** President Marlon White Eagle called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.

**Roll Call:**

President Marlon White Eagle-P

Vice President Karena Thundercloud-P

Rep. George Stacy-EX

Rep. Hinu Smith-VC

Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr.-EX

Rep. Stephanie Begay-EX

Rep. Kristin White Eagle-VC

Rep. Darren Brinegar-VC

Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr.-VC

Rep. Sarah Lemieux-VC

Rep. Matthew Mullen-VC

Rep. Robert TwoBears-VC

Rep. Paul Fox-VC

Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit-VC

VC-Video Conference

**Determination of Quorum:**

Quorum is established at 1:08 p.m.

**New Business:**

**Gaming Commission Bylaws**

Samantha Day, Gaming Commissioner was present via video conference. She stated that Gaming Commission is requesting approval of their updated bylaws. The bylaws have not been updated since 1996.

**MOTION** by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to approve the updated Gaming Commission bylaws by the Gaming Commission pursuant to the authority of the Legislature under the Gaming Ordinance. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud.

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

**Resolution-In Support of the Head Start Federal Grant Application**

The match for this grant is \$273,133. It was asked if this was budgeted. Laurel Meek, Head Start Director, mentioned that this would be within the 2021 budget. She would like to use unused funds from this year's budget for next year to cover this cost.

Mrs. Meek stated that there are a total of 111 students in Head Start, and 71 are Ho-Chunk students.

**MOTION** by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to adopt **Resolution 11-17-20 H**, In Support of the Head Start Federal Grant Application. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Denial of Application of Daniel Blumer to the Position of Executive Director of the Department of Treasury**

Legislative Counsel Michael Murphy mentioned that this item and the next item are for housekeeping, as both candidates have withdrawn their nomination.

**MOTION** by Rep. Paul Fox to adopt **Resolution 11-17-20 I**, Denial of Application of Daniel Blumer to the Position of Executive Director of the Department of Treasury. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Denial of Application of Gennafer Garvin to the Position of Executive Director of the Department of Justice**

**MOTION** by Rep. Paul Fox to adopt **Resolution 11-17-20 J**, Denial of Application of Gennafer Garvin to the Position of Executive Director of the Department of Justice. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Acceptance/Denial of Application of Amy Kirby to be Interim Director of the Department of Treasury**

Legislative Counsel stated that this is the nomination of Amy Kirby to be Treasurer.

Amy Kirby was present via video conference. She stated that she is currently the Casino Controller at Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa. Prior to this, she has 23 years of table game experience. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management.

Ms. Kirby stated that she has experience in compiling reports and audits. Ms. Kirby stated that going from Gaming to Government will be an adjustment for her.

It was asked of Ms. Kirby what she thinks the Treasurer's duties are. Ms. Kirby replied that the Treasurer is responsible for a lot of reporting of the financials, filing information and reporting to the Legislature. Also, working with departments under Office of the President.

Ms. Kirby was asked her background with investments. Ms. Kirby stated that her background with investments are with her own business and personal.

Ms. Kirby was asked her background in cash flow statements. Ms. Kirby stated that she worked with cash flow statements for preparing monthly financials at Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa. Ms. Kirby also stated that compiling reports for Nekoosa is her extent of cash flow statements.

It was asked how much of Ms. Kirby's background is in accounting practices. Ms. Kirby replied no, not specifically. She stated that her background is in management, and she merged her background in management with finances when she started at Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa, and she has become to love it.

There was concerned expressed that Treasury needs a Treasurer to approve the work of the accountants, and the lack of accounting practices of the candidate.

President White Eagle thanked Ms. Kirby for her willingness to help.

**MOTION** by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to adopt **Resolution 11-17-20 K**, Acceptance of Application of Amy Kirby to be Interim Director of the Department of Treasury. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 4-5(Rep. Hinu Smith, Rep. Darren Brinegar, Rep. Matt Mullen, Rep. Robert TwoBears, Rep. Paul Fox)-1(Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit) **MOTION DEFEATED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Darren Brinegar to adopt **Resolution 11-17-20 L**, Denial of Application of Amy Kirby to be Interim Director of the Department of Treasury. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 7-2(Vice President Karena Thundercloud, Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr.)-1(Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Creation of General Welfare Restricted Account**

**MOTION** by Rep. Darren Brinegar to adopt **Resolution 11-17-20 M**, Creation of General Welfare Restricted Account. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Authorization to Enter into Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Natural Heritage Inventory License Agreement and Security Protocol**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 11-17-20 N**, Authorization to Enter into Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Natural Heritage Inventory License Agreement and Security Protocol. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Authorization to Apply for U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act Brownfields Grant for a Tribal Response Program**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 11-17-20 O**, Authorization to Apply for U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act Brownfields Grant for a Tribal Response Program. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 9-1(Vice President Karena Thundercloud)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**NOTED FOR THE RECORD:** Rep. Darren Brinegar would like to add Land Lease Application: Land Lessee Responsibility for Environmental Protection to the Housing Committee agenda.

2:25 p.m. Rep. Paul Fox of fline.

**Resolution-Bureau of Indian Affairs FY2021 Invasive Species Program Funding**

**MOTION** by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to adopt **Resolution 11-17-20 P**, Bureau of Indian Affairs FY 2021 Invasive Species Program Funding. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 8-1(Vice President Karena Thundercloud)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Authorization for the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Natural Resources to Apply for Assistance through the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs Forestry Timber Team Project to Implement**

**Conservation Practices**

**MOTION** by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to adopt **Resolution 11-17-20 Q**, Authorization for the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Natural Resources to Apply for Assistance through the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs Forestry Timber Team Project to Implement Conservation Practices. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Housing Strategic Plan**

Rep. Robert TwoBears mentioned that this a kickoff presentation on the steps to create the Housing Strategic Plan.

John Mooers and Jamie Fullmer from Blue Stone Strategy Group were present via video conference. Mr. Mooers overviewed a PowerPoint presentation to the Legislature.

**Food Distribution**

The scope of this project is to assist tribal members through the provision of additional food resources who may no longer have the financial means to do so as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic. This request is to secure commercial freezers and refrigerators that will be placed throughout the Nation's facilities and filled with food to provide necessary food resources to the tribal members. CARES will be used to fill the freezers and refrigerators for the first round and additional sources from HHCDCA will be utilized for additional stocking of food supplies.

**MOTION** by Rep. Hinu Smith to approve the Food Distribution CARES Act proposal and \$150,000 from CARES Act funding. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. **MOTION IS AMENDED** contingent on Treasury approval pursuant to the CARES Act protocol. Second concurs. 3-5(Rep. Kristin White Eagle, Rep. Darren Brinegar, Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr., Rep. Matt Mullen, Rep. Robert TwoBears)-1(Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit) **MOTION DEFEATED.**

**District Meetings:**

**District 1-Black River Falls and Wausau-November 10, 2020**

**MOTION** by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to refer to Office of the President and Personnel the **MOTION** by Ritchie Brown to encourage the President's Office to move forward on the paid Admin leave for those that have to quarantine and isolate due

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to the pandemic, for those that have run out of leave. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**READ FOR THE RECORD:**

MOTION by Sandy Blackdeer for Legislature to provide funding to pay for the electricity and heating of the Legion building as it is used for wakes and funerals, and to consider CARES Act funding, and to consider passing this by Emergency Vote.

**MOTION** by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to refer to Office of the President, Department of Health, Department of Housing the MOTION by Michelle Ramberg that HostoPi Hoci be made into a rental unit. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**READ FOR THE RECORD:**

MOTION by Sandy Blackdeer to have Repts support and vote for the Isolation and Quarantine Code.

**READ FOR THE RECORD:**

MOTION by Lori Pettibone to approve the Law Enforcement Agreement for Jackson County.

3:30 p.m. Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit offline.

**District 2-La Crosse and Tomah-November 10, 2020**

**READ FOR THE RECORD:**

MOTION by Valerie Carri-mon to table Hiawatha Statue agenda item for next month's meeting.

**NOTED FOR THE RECORD:** Rep. Kristin White Eagle stated that last month the Legislative Public Relations Officer was requested to assist on getting the word out regarding this item.

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to the Executive Director of Business for comment and review, the MOTION by Tonie Lewis to request the current or initial strategic plan from the Executive Director of Business to be available for the tribal membership. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**District 2-Baraboo, Mauston, and Wisconsin Dells-November 12, 2020**

**READ FOR THE RECORD:**

MOTION by Nela Stacy to table the Sauk and Juneau County Sheriff's Department reports.

**READ FOR THE RECORD:**

MOTION by Nela Stacy for D2 Legislators not to support the Blue Stone Proposal. Second by

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to Legislative Counsel for legality and options for the next Legislative Meeting, the MOTION by Elena Terry for Legislature to create a Sub Committee or taskforce to make changes to the Finance Manual to take back the funding for the Annual General Council meeting. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to Legislative Counsel for legality and options for the next Legislative Meeting, the MOTION by Elena Terry for Legislature to defund the annual General Council meeting, motion amended to temporarily defund the Annual General Council meeting. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 7-0-1(Rep. Hinu Smith) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to President White Eagle and Legislative Counsel the MOTION by Jon Warner for Legislature per the constitution to request the President to delay the annual General Council meeting. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to Office of General Council the MOTION by Patti Lowe-Ennis to setup a taskforce in order to expand the General Council branch by the General Council interested tribal members and to request any necessary resources to comply with Covid safety guidelines. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to Office of the President, Administration/Realty the MOTION by Jon Warner to support the garden plot behind the House of Wellness for a five year lease to Wild Bearies for soil restoration. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to the ERA Workgroup and Legislative Counsel to obtain opinion from the Compliance Department, the MOTION by Clariss Funmaker for Legislature to revisit the cannabinoid clause in the employee drug policy for non-grant funded employees and for it to be at the discretion of the Executive Branch. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**READ FOR THE RECORD: (As resolution was adopted today.)**

MOTION by Patti Lowe-Ennis to accept the Juneau County Law Enforcement Agreement. Second by

**READ FOR THE RECORD: (As resolution was adopted today.)**

MOTION by Clariss Funmaker to accept the Sauk County Law Enforcement Agreement. Second by

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to Legislative Counsel for verbiage at next Legislative Meeting, the MOTION by Jon Warner for Legislature to develop a workgroup to reevaluate land leases to give some delegation but not limited to the Executive Branch and promote zero tillage. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**READ FOR THE RECORD:**

MOTION by Connie Lonetree to D2 Legislators to support the request for use of video camera equipment for interviews from Heritage Preservation.

**District 3-Madison-November 4, 2020**

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to refer to Legislative Counsel the MOTION by Dan Blumer to have someone sit on the Committee that is more knowledgeable in finance and investments (like Crystal) to get the documents that we are supposed to be getting. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to refer to Legislative Counsel and Legislative Liaison for 12 Clans, Inc. the MOTION by Dan Blumer that the records of the corporation specific to operating expenses be inspected and a report provided back tribal membership as to what comprises the roughly \$680,000 a year in operating expenses incurred by 12 Clans. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**District 3-Wittenberg-November 9, 2020**

**READ FOR THE RECORD: (As resolution was adopted today.)**

MOTION by Myrna Littlewolf to approve the Shawano County Law Enforcement Agreement for 2021 with the approval of Legal Counsel regarding changes.

**District 3-Green Bay-November 10, 2020**

No motions.

**NOTED FOR THE RECORD:**

Rep. Sarah Lemieux mentioned that there was a motion omitted from the October 13, 2020 Green Bay District Meeting minutes regarding Enrollment. Rep. Lemieux brought it to the President's attention that Tribal members have been waiting for over a year for child enrollment, and Tribal members are requesting Tribal ID's.

**District 3-Milwaukee-November 11, 2020**

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to refer to Legislative Counsel for comments on TAU Establishment Act, the MOTION by Val Kepmen to have TAU elder representative at Milwaukee, Madison, and La Crosse. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**District 3-Wisconsin Rapids-November 12, 2020**

No motions.

**District 4-Chicago-November 9, 2020**

**MOTION** by Rep. Robert TwoBears to refer to Legislative Counsel to draft a resolution, the MOTION by Mari-beth Jones that the Ho-Chunk Nation will distribute any and all remaining COVID-19 funds to all Ho-Chunk Nation members that are eighteen years and older in accordance with all COFA guidelines for distribution of funds no later than December 15, 2020. The Ho-Chunk Nation will extend the eligibility of receipt of said funds to all eligible Tribal members. The Ho-Chunk Nation continues to suffer the increased hardship of the extended pandemic of COVID-19 on all Tribal members. Second by Rep. Matt Mullen. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**District 4-Twin Cities-November 12, 2020**

**MOTION** by Rep. Matt Mullen to refer to Office of the President, Department of Administration, and Social Services the MOTION by Libby Fairchild to reinstate Youth Service Worker and Community Elder Rep. to Minneapolis/St. Paul Branch Office, by January 1, 2021. MOTION AMENDED for all Branch Office employees of Minneapolis/St. Paul to be reinstated. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**READ FOR THE RECORD: (As same motion was made at the Chicago District Meeting, and was referred to Leg-**

**islative Counsel.)**

MOTION by Bill Winneshiek that the Ho-Chunk Nation will distribute any and all remaining COVID-19 funds to all Ho-Chunk Nation members that are eighteen years and older in accordance with all COFA guidelines for distribution of funds no later than December 15, 2020. The Ho-Chunk Nation will extend the eligibility of receipt of said funds to all eligible Tribal members. The Ho-Chunk Nation continues to suffer the increased hardship of the extended pandemic of COVID-19 on all Tribal members.

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

**Resolution-Quick Passage Procedure to Enact Ho-Chunk Nation Isolation and Quarantine of Communicable Diseases Ordinance (3 HCC § 17) and Authorization to Place out for 45 Day Public Comment**

**MOTION** by Rep. Hinu Smith to place Ho-Chunk Nation Isolation and Quarantine of Communicable Diseases Ordinance (3 HCC § 17) out for 45 day public comment. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 6-1(Rep. Darren Brinegar)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Executive Session:**

**MOTION** by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to move into Executive Session. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 7-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** Rep. Kristin White Eagle offline.

4:14 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 action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

7:01 p.m.

**Adjournment:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to adjourn. The next Legislative Meeting will take place on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, WI. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** Rep. Robert TwoBears offline.

*The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.*

## 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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- (2) An eligible voter(s) from a District may initiate a Recall Election against a Legislator(s) in accordance with *Article IX, Section 6 of the Constitution*, which states: *Section 6. District Recall of Legislators. A Member of the Legislature shall be removable by a recall vote called by a petition of thirty (30) percent of an [all] eligible voters of the District which elected such Member of the Legislature. A petition shall be submitted to the Election Board, which shall hold a Special Election not less than thirty (30) days and not more than ninety (90) days from the date a petition is duly submitted. If the Election Board fails to hold such Special Election within ninety (90) days, any eligible voter of the Nation may request the Trial Court to order such Special Election.*
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POSTED 11/20/2020

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### Kristin WhiteEagle

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Posted 11/20/2020

# NOTICE AND RULES OF MAIL BALLOTING

## PRIMARY ELECTION

### TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2021



Notice is hereby served to all eligible voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation that the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board, in accordance with the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation has called a General Primary Election. **ARTICLE VIII – ELECTIONS** and the Election Code (2 HCC Sec. 14a) & (2 HCC Sec. 6), states in relevant part:

#### 14. Mail Ballot Voting.

##### a. Mail Ballot Voting.

i. Determination as to whether to conduct an Election by mail balloting. (a) At the discretion of the Election Board, elections shall be conducted by mail ballot.

(2) Procedures for Mail Balloting.

(a) The Election Board shall designate a Post Office Box rented by the Board as the place where Ballots shall be returned. Ballots must be received at the Post Office Box designated by the Election Board not later than the day of the Election.

(b) The Election Board shall send by United States Mail a ballot to each eligible voter or Ho-Chunk Member who will be an eligible voter by the date of the election. The Election Board shall mail ballots forty-five (45) calendar days before the date of the election; and, if said date falls on a weekend, then on the first working day thereafter.

(c) A Voter may obtain a replacement ballot from the Election Board if his or her ballot is destroyed, spoiled, lost or not received by the Voter.

(d) The Election Board shall not mail a replacement ballot later than ten (10) working days before the day of an Election. If pursuant to *Section 14, subparagraph a. (3)* a voter requests a replacement ballot, the Election Board shall only give a replacement ballot if the request for the replacement ballot is made fifteen (15) working days before the day of the Election.

b. Ballots. The Ballot package mailed out by the Election Board shall consist of a ballot which otherwise meets the requirements of *Section 12*, an outer envelope, instruction sheet, ballot secrecy envelope, and return envelope.

c. Voting Procedure. The Voter shall mark the ballot and place it in the ballot secrecy envelope and seal it. The Voter shall then place the ballot secrecy envelope inside the return envelope and seal it. The return envelope shall be signed by the Voter as his or her name appears on the return envelope and he or she shall return it by United States Mail to the location designated by the Election Board.

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

e. Multiple Ballots. If a Voter to whom a replacement ballot has been issued pursuant to *Subsection a. (2) (c)* of this Section votes more than once, only the ballot with the earliest postmark shall be counted. If there are two (2) or more ballots with the same postmark date for one (1) Voter, neither ballot shall be counted.

f. Security of Ballots. Returned Ballots shall remain in the designated Post Office Box until retrieved by the Election Administrator. The Election Administrator shall retrieve returned ballots on a daily basis and the day after the Election. Upon picking up returned ballots, the Election Administrator shall place the returned ballot in the Ballot Security Box located at the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board Office. Following the counting of ballots, the Election Board shall maintain returned ballots in a secure location. g. Rejected Ballots.

(1) The Election Board shall count only the choice(s) which can be determined.

(2) The Election Board shall keep and retain all partially or completely rejected ballots for a period of at least three (3) years.

h. Election Results.

(1) Unofficial results will not be released. (2) The Election Board shall determine the official results of the election and shall use the *Official Ballot Accounting Form* (Election Board Form 5 at Appendix A). The official tallying of the votes shall be open for public observation. The public must remain quiet and in no way interfere with the orderly tallying of the ballots.

(3) The Election Board shall post the official results on the *Official Certificate of Election Results Form* (Election Board Form 6 at Appendix A). The *Official Certificate of Election Results Forms* shall be signed by each Member of the Election Board. The Election Board shall post the Certificate at the Polling Places within three (3) calendar days after the date of election.

(4) After the Election Board has certified the official election results, the Election Board shall retain the election records. These records shall include the counted ballots, the unused ballots, and the spoiled or rejected ballots, if any. The Election Board shall retain the election records for at least three (3) years.

#### 3. Elections, c. Primary Election and Runoff Elections.

- (1) Primary Elections shall be held prior to an Election with
- (2) three (3) or more candidates in order to ensure compliance with the majority vote requirement as provided for in paragraphs 1c and 1e.
- (3) If no candidate in any Primary Election receives more than 50% of the votes cast in such Election, the two candidates with the highest vote totals from the Primary Election (and any candidates tied with the lower of such totals) shall appear on the ballot in the Runoff Election. When there are two (2) seats vacant in a district, the top two (2) vote getters for any vacant seats, if no candidate has received 50% + 1 vote, shall be on the ballot for the
- (4) General Election or Runoff Election. (3) Primary Elections shall be conducted in the manner prescribed by this Code and

- (5) in accordance with the timetable adopted by the Election Board.

**THE FOLLOWING TERMS OF FOUR (4) YEARS WILL BE VACANT:**

#### LEGISLATURE:

**July 2021 – June 2025**

**District 1, Seat 1**

**District 1, Seat 3**

**District 2, Seat 2**

**District 2, Seat 3**

**District 3, Seat 2**

**District 4, Seat 1**

**District 4 Seat 3**

**District 4, Seat 4**

#### JUDICIARY:

**July 2021 – June 2025**

**Supreme Court Associate**

**Justice 1**

#### **ELIGIBLE VOTERS:**

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

#### **ELIGIBILITY DISPUTES:**

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

**The Election Board will rule on all written challenges to the list of eligible voters immediately after the close of the challenge period. Section 11(c) iii, (Deadline Wednesday, February 17, 2021).**

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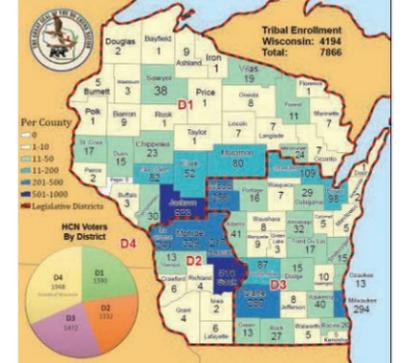
After 4:30 pm and the weekend please call (715)299-6104

#### **POSTING ELECTION RESULTS:**

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

**Please check eligible voter's lists for your Districts.**

Ho-Chunk Nation Eligible Voters, October 2020



#### **CONTESTING OF ELECTION RESULTS:**

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

**PRIMARY ELECTION DAY**  
Tuesday, March 9, 2021

**POST NOTICE OF ELECTION**  
Wednesday, December 9, 2020

**POST ELIGIBLE VOTERS LIST**  
Wednesday, December 23, 2020

**NOMINATION & DECLARATION CANDIDACY DUE,**  
Friday, January 8, 2021  
by 4:30 pm

**CERTIFICATION OF CANDIDATES**  
Monday, January 11, 2021

**CHALLENGES TO THE ELIGIBLE VOTERS LIST MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO 4:30 PM**  
Wednesday, February 17, 2021

**THE DAY MAIL BALLOTING WILL BE MAILED**  
Friday, January 22, 2021

**LAST DAY TO REQUEST REPLACEMENT BALLOT**  
Tuesday, February 16, 2021

**ALL BALLOTS DUE TO P.O BOX 247 BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI 54615**  
Tuesday, March 9, 2021