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Life Skills Coordinator collaborates with Youth Services to deliver planting project packages

Ardith Van Riper
Editor

The Ho-Chunk Nation Social Services Family Services Program teamed up with Youth Services to provide planting project packages to 73 Ho-Chunk youth. The program must remain in compliance with their grants, and events they were supposed to hold are canceled or postponed due to the pandemic. The employees have been planning alternative activities.

The planting project packages include planting pots, seed pods, soil, Popsicle sticks, paint pens, and instructions. Youth decorate the planting pots with the paint pens and then add a seed pod and soil. The Popsicle sticks can be used to label parsley, chives, or basil - the three seed pods that are offered.

"They (families) can keep them on their counters and use them," explained Community Supportive Services Division Director Kimberly

Whitewater.

Life Skills Coordinator Allana Herth spearheaded the project, and the entire Black River Falls community are exclusively her clients. Bonita Rhymer, Child Care Assistance Program Manager, assisted with separating and packaging materials. Tye Decorah, Life Skills Coordinator, gathered materials.

Youth Services workers will deliver the planting project packages to 25 families in the Black River Falls area.

"This all comes out of the Family Services Program grant," stated Kimberly Whitewater. "The grant funding still requires us to do a lot of prevention, youth work, and family work."

The Family Services Program provides culturally infused prevention education and recovery support to any Ho-Chunk member and their

communities. Other current projects include beading and loom work.

Tye Decorah hand-made looms and distributed them to program participants. Decorah is also working on constructing raised planting barrels for the Assisted Living Facility. The aim is for elders to garden while standing.

"We definitely do not have a shortage of work," declared Whitewater.

Tomah and Wittenberg families are receiving similar projects and project materials from Life Skills Coordinators in their areas and the main Social Services office.

The Social Services office is located at 808 Red Iron Road near Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Their main phone number is 715-284-2622 or toll-free at 888-343-8190.



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Life Skills Coordinator Allana Herth and Child Care Assistance Program Manager Bonita Rhymer package paint pens for 25 households.



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A Letter from the President

Moving from a “Can I?” to an “I can!” mentality is definitely a process of learning and growing for individuals in a professional and personal sense. We are all the same in that regard, no matter where we come from.

Coming into office as president, I shared a story of opportunity and how we, as the Ho-Chunk Nation, evolved over the years. Being from a hardline warrior society, I used an example from warfare.

My story takes place prior to European contact. The Ho-Chunk Nation was at war with a neighboring tribe over territory or resources. We needed a warrior to kill the leader of the opposing tribe to stop an all-out battle from occurring, which would result in a severe loss of war strength.

Our clan leaders met to decide who should be the shooter to take out the leader. We had one warrior who had done this action several times without fail. We also had a clan leader’s son who was not as accurate as to be the one to take the shot. Which warrior would you choose?

Many of us know that the most accurate warrior should be the one to take the shot, but we’ve evolved into a society that chooses the clan leader’s

son. Why? Because the growing sense of entitlement and abuse of power.

The accurate warrior represents knowledge, experience, and skill. This warrior has done the work, put in the hours of practice, and earned his place.

The clan leader’s son represents prestige, privilege, and favoritism. This warrior only advances because of who his family is and hasn’t demonstrated the proficiency needed to get the job done.

The accurate warrior, if asked to perform, would reply, “I can do that.” While the clan leader’s son may ask himself, “Can I do this?”

Building confidence is key to achieving goals, whether that’s on a personal or professional level.

A real life story I recently shared at the College of Menominee Nation was about dancing at the powwow as a young boy. My dad used to love to tell the story.

I don’t remember what age I was, but my dad took me to Menominee powwow to dance at the Woodland Bowl. I remember being intimidated by the size of the crowd and being around strangers.

This was during a time where my parents had to dress me to dance. It was grand en-

try time and my dad brought me to line up within my dance category. My fear mounted so much that I cried and didn’t want to participate.

I know I wasn’t afraid of dancing. It’s just that I was uncomfortable in a different environment.

My dad essentially forced me to go out and dance.

The way he retold it was a progression of me in tears and basically moping on the first time around the dance arena. The second time around I was kind of half dancing. Then the next time he saw me, I was smiling, dancing, and fully enjoying my surroundings.

His parenting skills built confidence in me to participate in dancing at powwows. Eventually, I learned to get myself ready to dance and have fun.

One way to build confidence is to do something that scares you, so you can evaluate yourself and strengthen your weaknesses. Sometimes we have to get out of our own way in order to succeed.

I’ve observed this challenge in the mentality of some employees and tribal members coming in as president. I’d like to help more people transition to thinking “I can!” instead of “Can I?”



President Marlon WhiteEagle addresses members of University of Wisconsin Extension and the College of Menominee Nation leadership on the initiative to reduce Styrofoam and single-use plastics within the Ho-Chunk Nation.

To my Nation,
I gotta commend Roger Houghton for sharing his story and he put me in a situation where I couldn’t be at ease until I shared mine. So, here it is.

I grew up in an urban area of Madison and was very poor. My parents drank, did drugs, and fought in front of us kids almost daily. This was normal to me. I saw a lot of things young kids should never see – violence, drug activity, I could go on and on with stories.

Around 13 years old, my Grandmother Vivian Kingswan-Brown passed away. Even though my mother always struggled to take care of all us kids, her mother passing was just too much for her as she let alcohol take over her life. I went to live with my father as a young teenager in Portage, Wisconsin.

At this point, it was a huge shock to me because I went from going to school and having friends that were many different nationalities, to being around only caucasians. I’m African-American and Ho-Chunk, so everyone looked at me a certain way in Portage in 1997.

For the next five years, I had a lot of freedom as my father worked a lot. I tried different drugs, was taught how to take care of myself by selling them and dropped outta school. My father always tried to push me to take school seriously but he just couldn’t be involved enough because of work.

My dad told me that if I

wanted to be an adult so bad, I could go out and see what it was like to fend for myself. So, I did. I partied and sold drugs for the next 20 years while having a son at 18 and daughter at 34. My choices put me in prison three different times for a total of eight years.

I never knew too much about my native side until I worked for District 1 Community Center a year ago. I started learning a lot about our ways and I realized there was a whole side of my life I was missing.

Out tribe has so many programs and events that could’ve helped me become a better man years ago, if I had only take the time to slow down and see. I encourage our youth to not go down the same paths Roger and I have. Get involved with some of the programs, activities, and resources our Nation has.

I definitely will in five months once I’m released. I will be continuing to be more involved with our Nation in any way I can.

I thank that Roger’s story and my story go right along with one another. I’ve ruined people’s lives, along with my own, got many friends that are dead. But from behind these walls and thru this story is the only way I can try to open the eyes of some of our younger generation. I’m determined to make a difference in my life in the future, and I want our youth to read this and really think about theirs.

Michael Chatman #5717



HO-CHUNK NATION OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

May 4, 2020
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Ho-Chunk Nation governmental branch leaders and Health Department officials lessen COVID 19 response meetings

Ho-Chunk Nation government officials are keeping their pulses on the COVID-19 pandemic and making adjustments as the situation changes.

Since mid-March, the four government branch leaders, Executive, Legislative, Judicial, and General Counsel, as well as the Emergency Management Coordinator, have been meeting daily to address the Nation’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Also, since mid-March, the Health Department’s Incident Command Station has been meeting to keep the infection rate under control.

But now that they have their roles understood and are working with efficiency, the four governmental branch leaders have reduced their meetings to Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

Likewise, Health Department representatives meet twice a week, on Tuesday and Thursdays, to discuss the health situations and directives in which they play a part.

“We are fortunate to have such skilled professionals in positions to help control the spread of the COVID virus,” said Ho-Chunk Nation President Marlon WhiteEagle. “We will continue our efforts for as long as necessary. Hopefully the number of cases will continue to decline to a point where we can begin to think of resuming some operations on a graduated scale.”

In addition to dealing with the current situation, the committees discuss how the casinos and other operations will return to normal operations. Procedures are being planned to be taken in incremental steps with safety in mind. The first step would be everyone to maintain a safe distance from each other and to wear personal protective equipment. As restriction decrease, those requirements would gradually decrease as the risk decreases.



HPD Cultural Resources Division notice:

The Ho-Chunk Nation's Heritage Preservation, Cultural Resources Division continues to offer limited services during these uncertain times. Like many other governmental services, the Cultural Resources Division workforce has been temporarily reduced, and the remaining employees have now taken on needed additional essential protection and preservation responsibilities to see us through the trying times related with the COVID-19 Pandemic.

At this time, the Cultural Resources Division has had to curtail its tribal cemetery mowing operations to just the areas that can be reached by their machinery so as to assure they can routinely visit

each cultural resource site they manage on a normal rotation. This said, the Cultural Resources Division would like to encourage families and friends of those interred in these locations to visit their sites when it becomes safe to do so, in order to assure they are personally maintained to your own liking. There will be no trash containers placed out at any of the locations, and so we ask that you remove from the cemetery, any items and belongings you no longer desire to have at their respective locations. If you have any questions regarding this, the Cultural Resources Division can be reached at 715-284-7181.

Thank you for your time and considerations with these matters. The Heritage Preservation, Cultural Resources Division.

Purchase a printer and ink with the Education Department's COVID-19 Response Relief program

Ardith Van Riper
Editor

The Ho-Chunk Nation Education Department announces a new COVID-19 Response Relief program that will purchase a printer and extra ink cartridges for families. Due to the pandemic and remote learning requirement, assistance is available for students in grades K-12 attending public or private schools.

There are no options to change the make or model of

the printer. The printer will be the HP Deskjet 3755 Inkjet Multifunction Printer Color Copier/Printer/Scanner with additional black and color ink cartridges.

Families who received a printer from July 1 to April 28, 2020, are ineligible for another one. However, those families qualify for additional ink. The Response Relief program will reimburse for ink purchased from April 28 to June 30, 2020.

Applications for this pro-

gram can be found at <https://ho-chunknation.com/government/executive-branch/education/> or requested via email from SCR@ho-chunk.com. Applications must be received by June 15, 2020.

All applications and back-up documentation must be sent to SCR@ho-chunk.com or faxed to 715-284-1760.

Those with questions can call the Department of Education at 715-284-4915 or toll-free at 800-362-4476.

2020 Graduates



Allow the Hocak Worak to help celebrate and share your achievements. Most 2020 graduates around the country will not be attending a traditional graduation ceremony due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, numerous athletes were unable to compete during their final year in school.

Send us your pictures! Whether you are a head start, high school, or college graduate, we want to hear from you. Feel free to include sports or extracurricular activity photos as well.

Email photos to Newsletter@ho-chunk.com and include your name, where you are graduating from, and a brief description of your future endeavors or extracurricular activity.

A special section of the Hocak Worak will be used to showcase your successes. Please submit materials by June 19.

Attention: The Next Deadline of the Hocak Worak will be May 15th which will be published on May 22nd. 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.

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Harvest of the Month

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Lettuce

Nutrition

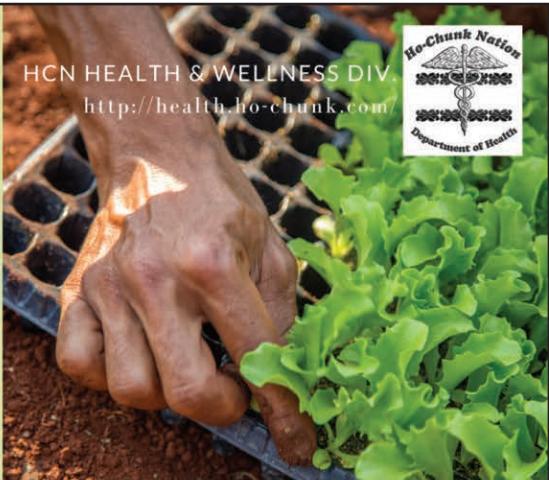
Nutritional value varies with the type of lettuce.

OVERALL, LETTUCE IS VERY LOW IN CALORIES, ONE CUP OF CHOPPED LETTUCE ONLY HAS ABOUT 10 CALORIES. LETTUCE ALSO CONTAINS VITAMIN A, POTASSIUM, VITAMIN C, CALCIUM, IRON, COPPER, AND WATER.

Lettuce Facts

There are many different types of lettuce.

LOOSE-LEAF TYPES (LIKE OAK LEAF OR LOLLA) ARE OFTEN THE EASIEST TO GROW.



HCN HEALTH & WELLNESS DIV.
<http://health.ho-chunk.com/>

Pick

Choose leaves which are crisp and not wilting.

AVOID LETTUCE WITH WILT, ROT, OR RUST.

Store

Wrap fresh, unwashed leaves in plastic wrap and store in the refrigerator. Use lettuce within a few days.

LETTUCE IS SENSITIVE TO COLD SO AVOID FREEZING. ALSO AVOID STORING WITH APPLES, PEARS, OR BANANAS AS THESE FRUITS CAN CAUSE LETTUCE TO DECAY QUICKLY (DUE TO THE ETHYLENE GAS THEY PRODUCE).

Prepare

Rinse leaves before eating with very cold water and pat dry with a clean towel.

LIMP LEAVES CAN BE REVIVED IF IMMERSED IN ICE WATER FOR A FEW MINUTES! IF POSSIBLE, ALSO AVOID CUTTING OR SLICING LEAVES UNTIL RIGHT BEFORE SERVING. CUT EDGES CAN CAUSE VITAMIN C TO BE DESTROYED.

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Don't Forget to Respond: 2020 Census Reminder Postcards Arriving

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APRIL 27, 2020 — The U.S. Census Bureau is beginning to send reminder notice postcards to an estimated 55 million households that have not yet responded to the 2020 Census. About 53.4% of households across the country have already responded since invitations began arriving in mailboxes on March 12. Those households that have not yet responded to the census will receive an in person visit by a census taker to collect their information later this summer.

According to the Census Bureau's online response map tracking the nation's participation in the census, almost 79 million households have already responded online, by phone or by mail.

Some areas where census takers were originally going to personally hand deliver forms will now receive a letter in the mail from the Cen-

sus Bureau reminding them to participate, including many households in Puerto Rico. Even if households don't receive a letter in the mail, the Census Bureau will drop off a census invitation and paper form as soon as it is safe to do so. Census takers will also follow up with all households that do not respond on their own.

States with the highest response rate include, (top five states):

Minnesota 64.0%

Iowa 61.2%

Wisconsin 60.8%

Nebraska 60.7%

Michigan 60.0%

Counties with 250,000 or more population with the highest response rate include (top five counties):

Washington County, Minnesota 73.6%

Anoka County, Minnesota 72.9%

Waukesha County, Wisconsin 72.5%

Dakota County, Minnesota 71.8%

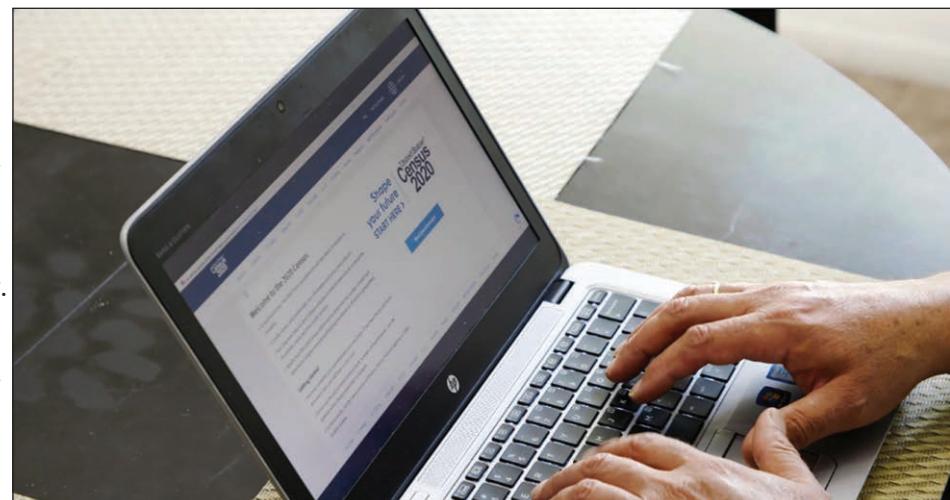
Macomb County, Michigan 70.2%

The Census Bureau strongly encourages the public to respond online at 2020census.gov. Households can respond online in English or 12 other languages or by phone.

Households can also respond by mail using the paper questionnaire that was recently mailed

to every non-responding address. Households that received a census invitation in the mail and have yet to respond will receive a paper questionnaire by April 30.

Households will receive another reminder postcard in the mail between April 27 - May 9. The Census Bureau pushed back this mailing to



The Census Bureau strongly encourages responding online at 2020census.gov. Responding now will minimize the need for a census taker to visit your home later.

allow the paper questionnaire package to arrive several days ahead of the postcard. The postcard is one reminder in a series of reminders that the Census Bureau has mailed nonresponding households since mid-March urging them to respond. Census takers will visit every address that does not respond on their own to

collect responses in person. Responding now to the 2020 Census will minimize the need for a census taker to visit your home later this year. For more information, visit 2020census.gov.

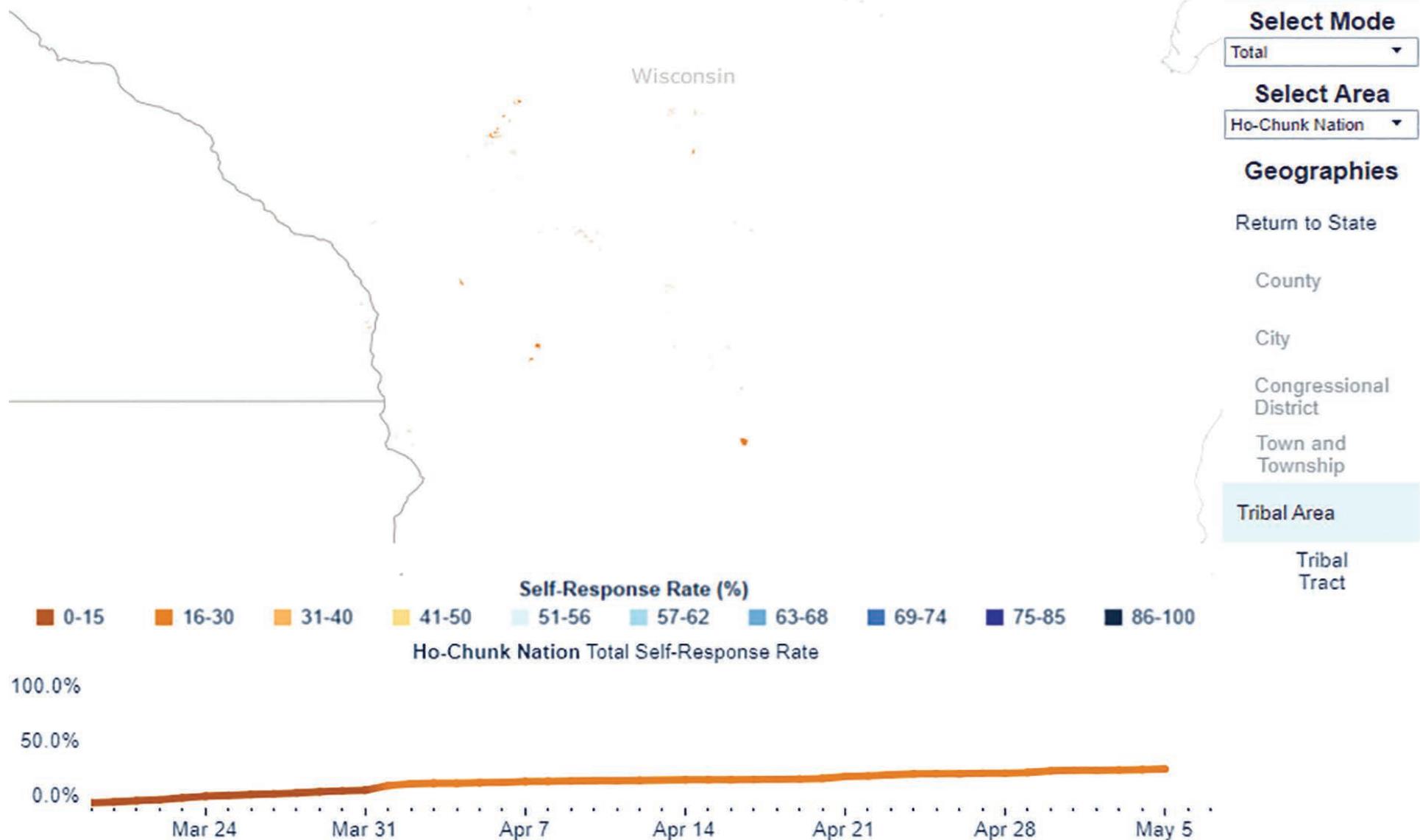
The Census Bureau strongly encourages the public to respond online at 2020census.gov.

Self-Response by Tribal Area

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

National Self-Response
57.3%

Ho-Chunk Nation Self-Response
29.4%





HO-CHUNK NATION OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Executive Order May 4, 2020-1

WHEREAS, the General Council delegated authority to the executive branch to enforce the laws and administer funds pursuant to the CONSTITUTION OF THE HO-CHUNK NATION (CONSTITUTION), Art. IV, § 2; and

WHEREAS, the General Council delegates executive authority to the President of the Ho-Chunk Nation pursuant to the CONSTITUTION, Art. VI, § 1(a); and

WHEREAS, the CONSTITUTION indicates that the President shall have the power to execute and administer the laws of the Ho-Chunk Nation pursuant to the CONSTITUTION, Art. VI, § 2(a); and

WHEREAS, the President holds the power to administer all Departments, boards, and committees created by the Legislature pursuant to the CONSTITUTION, Art. VI, § 2(d); and

WHEREAS, the General Council delegated legislative authority to the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature pursuant to CONSTITUTION, Art. V, § 1(a); and,

WHEREAS, the Legislature adopted EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS ACT OF 2004 (ERA), pursuant to its constitutional authority as articulated in CONSTITUTION, Art. V, § 2(a); and,

WHEREAS, the President routinely enters administrative or executive orders pertaining to the administration of the executive branch; and

WHEREAS, the ERA states

General Hours of Work and Attendance.

a. Due to the varying nature of Tribal business and service needs, no single work schedule can be established for all employees. Executive Directors, upon consultation with supervisory personnel and with approval of the appropriate Administrator, will determine operational days and hours of work, or the modification thereof. General working times for Administration and Programs are Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., unless altered by Legislative or Executive Order. Working times for Gaming and Non-Gaming Enterprises will be established individually upon operational needs.

ERA, 6 HCC §§ 5.31a; and

WHEREAS, the ERA states that "...[d]uring an Emergency Declaration, the Nation may reserve the right to deny entry onto Tribal properties or access to services to all employees and/or members of the public in the interest of safety." ERA, §5.32d.

WHEREAS, the ERA states that "[i]n an emergency situation . . . it may become necessary to temporarily close worksites." ERA, §5.69.

WHEREAS, the ERA states

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Shortfalls in Tribal Revenue. Shortfalls in tribal revenue may result in funding deficits that make it necessary for a program area to temporarily reduce the regular hours of employment or temporarily place employees on leave without pay. All affected positions shall be identified and appropriate reductions in pay shall be implemented for all affected employees . . .

ERA, §5.76; and

WHEREAS, the President declared a state of emergency for the Ho-Chunk Nation in response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic in accordance with Legislative Resolution 03.12.2020A. See *Administrative Order Mar. 13, 2020-1*; and

WHEREAS, the Ho-Chunk Nation Executive Branch modified its Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP), closed gaming facilities, and transitioned enterprises and government to critical functions. See *Administrative Order Mar. 17, 2020-1*; see also *Executive Order Mar. 17, 2020-1* and *Amended Executive Order Mar. 20, 2020-1*; and

WHEREAS, the Ho-Chunk Nation Executive Branch and Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Branch co-authored *Cii Hapera Hiracera Pjj*, which indicates that the Nation's Declaration of a State of Emergency continues to be in place, and requests that the Nation's members remain safer at home. See *Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution 03.31.20D*; *Administrative Order Mar. 31, 2020-1*; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the President, by the authority vested by the CONSTITUTION and the laws of the Ho-Chunk Nation, enters the following executive order effective Friday, May 15, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.:

I, President Marlon E. WhiteEagle, modify the general working times for Administration and Programs of the Ho-Chunk Nation Executive Branch. See ERA, 6 HCC §§ 5.31, -32d, -69, -76. The Ho-Chunk Nation Executive Branch employees (excluding the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health, Ho-Chunk Nation enterprises, Executive Directors, and contract, exempt, and grant employees) will be operational for 32 hours per week until further notice; general working times for Administration and Programs of the Ho-Chunk Nation Executive Branch will be Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Executive Directors must ensure critical coverage for the work week. All Executive Directors, contract, exempt, and grant employees will arrange teleworking capabilities on Fridays from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. The Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health will remain open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. If there is a need for additional critical staff and hours, then it must be addressed with the Ho-Chunk Nation President as soon as practicable.

Marlon E. WhiteEagle
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Ho-Chunk Nation President
5-4-20
Date

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WHAT IS A CLAIM AND WHO CAN FILE?

A "claim" means a right to seek payment or other compensation. You must file a Proof of Claim Form so it is actually received by the deadline. It can be filed by you, by a legal guardian, by survivors, or by relatives of people who have died or are disabled. **All Personal Injury Claimant Proof of Claim Forms and any supporting documentation submitted with those forms will be kept highly confidential and will not be made available to the public.** You do not need an attorney to file a proof of claim for you.

Additionally, partnerships, corporations, joint ventures, trusts, governmental units, and Native American Tribes may also file a proof of claim against Purdue. Go to [PurduePharmaClaims.com](#) to find a complete list of instructions on how to file a claim. You will also find a list of the opioids produced, marketed or sold by Purdue. You may file a Proof of Claim even if a settlement is contemplated in the Purdue bankruptcy so that your claim can be considered as part of any settlement.

WHO DOES THIS AFFECT AND WHAT ARE MY RIGHTS?

If you think you've suffered harm from Purdue or its prescription opioids, you have the right to file a claim even if you may also have received reimbursement from insurance. Examples of claims that may be filed in the Purdue bankruptcy include death, addiction or dependence, lost wages, loss of spousal relationship benefit for things like child-rearing, enjoyment of life, etc., or Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (sometimes referred to as "NAS"), among others.

The deadline to file a claim is June 30, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time. If you do not file a claim by the deadline, you will lose the right to file a claim against Purdue, and you will lose any right to seek payment or compensation you may have had. Proof of Claim Forms, a list of opioids produced, marketed or sold by "Purdue," and instructions for how to file a claim are online at [PurduePharmaClaims.com](#). You can also request a claim form by mail, email or phone:

Purdue Pharma Claims Processing Center c/o Prime Clerk LLC
850 Third Avenue, Ste. 412, Brooklyn, NY 11232

Email: purduepharmainfo@primeclerk.com
Phone: 1.844.217.0912

THIS IS ONLY A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION.

Is Purdue out of money? No. For more information concerning Purdue's bankruptcy, Frequently Asked Questions, Proof of Claim Forms, examples of personal injury and other claims that can be filed, instructions on how to file a claim, and important documents including the Bar Date Notice, visit

[PurduePharmaClaims.com](#), or call 1.844.217.0912.



Scan Now

WisDOT offers new ways to obtain driver licenses without visiting DMV Online driver license renewal and new road test options begin May 11

May 5, 2020

For more information, contact:

WisDOT Office of Public Affairs
608/266-3581, opa.exec@dot.wi.gov

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) today announced two pilot programs that will safely address a backlog of demand:

- Eligible persons with a Wisconsin driver license will be able to renew it online.
- Individuals under age 18, who successfully complete their required training and have the endorsement of a parent or guardian will be able to get their probationary driver license without completing a road test.

"The Division of Motor Vehicles has been at the forefront of making changes to protect the public and our associates during the public health emergency, while continuing to provide vital public services," Secretary-designee Craig Thompson said. "These pilot programs represent innovative solutions to help Wisconsin address challenges created by the pandemic."

The pilot programs begin May 11. Each program eliminates the need for in-person visits to a DMV service center by enabling drivers to complete the tasks online. The

pilots allow the public to get service more quickly while maintaining safety.

Online driver license renewal

Due to COVID-19, approximately 80,000 people whose driver license expired have received an extension to renew. Those extensions, with late fees waived, expire July 25, 2020. This pilot program allows many customers who have delayed visiting a DMV to renew their driver license quickly and easily online at wisconsindmv.gov/renewDL.

To be eligible for this program, drivers must meet all the following:

- Must be a U.S. citizen with a regular (Class D) driver license (Commercial Driver Licenses do not qualify).
- Must be 64 years of age or under.
- No new medical restrictions.
- Has not had a negative change to their vision since the last renewal.

Customers who renew online will receive a confirmation email they can print and use until their new card arrives by mail within 10 days. The \$34 renewal fee remains the same. After the next normal renewal cycle of eight years, customers will need to visit a DMV for a new photo to complete the renewal.

Renewing online may not be an option for everyone. While the deadline for a REAL ID has been extended one year to October 1, 2021, customers wanting a driver license that is REAL ID-compliant will need to visit a DMV Customer Service Center. Without a REAL ID designation on a driver license or ID, travelers will need another form of identification, like a passport, for domestic air travel.

Road test waivers for 16- and 17-year-olds

DMV typically conducts approximately 2,100 road tests per week. Nearly 65 percent of these tests are for people under the age of 18, with 98 percent passing their road test on their first or second attempt. Wisconsin also has a Graduated Driver License (GDL) law that places strict expectations on drivers under 18. The GDL requirements have improved safety and will remain in place.

Beginning May 11, road tests may be waived for 16- and 17-year-olds who complete the required training and have their parent or guardian sign the road test waiver. The criteria these drivers must meet to be granted a probationary driver license in Wisconsin include:

- They must hold an

Instruction Permit (also known as a Learners Permit) violation free for at least six months prior to testing

- They must have completed driver education classes
- They have completed behind-the-wheel training with a licensed instructor
- They have completed at least 30 hours of driving with their parent/sponsor and their sponsor signs the road test waiver

The restrictions of a probationary graduated driver license still apply for at least nine months.

Parents or guardians are vital to ensuring novice drivers are equipped to safely drive. The waiver is not mandatory. Parents who opt to have their young driver take a road test at a DMV may schedule that appointment online beginning May 8.

"Safe driving is a result of practice and instruction. When young people learning to drive have completed all necessary requirements and demonstrated to their instructors and to their parents or guardians that they are ready for a probationary driver license. This program, which has been safe and effective in other states for years, will allow them to move forward," DMV Administrator Kristina Boardman said. "The DMV

will offer road tests, but this pilot program will allow another path forward for those who qualify."

DMV estimates a backlog of 16,000 road test requests; 10,000 of those will be eligible for the road test waiver.

Road test appointments can be made online beginning, Friday, May 8. Testing, by appointment only, begins May 26. DMV stopped doing road tests in mid-March due to COVID-19. When road tests resume, examiners will apply a seat cover when entering the driver's vehicle and wear personal protective equipment (PPE), including a face shield, to protect the driver and themselves. After the exam, novice drivers will order their license online from home and the card will be sent within 10 business days.

DMV customer service centers will have expanded hours May 11 to May 22, Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. The goal is to serve as many customers as possible who require an in-person visit while maintaining safe social distances in lobbies. Appointments are recommended.

These pilot programs are expected to continue through the 2020 calendar year.



Attention All Ho-Chunk Tribal Members

Due to the COVID pandemic and the casinos being closed, issuance of all new per capita loans are suspended until further notice.



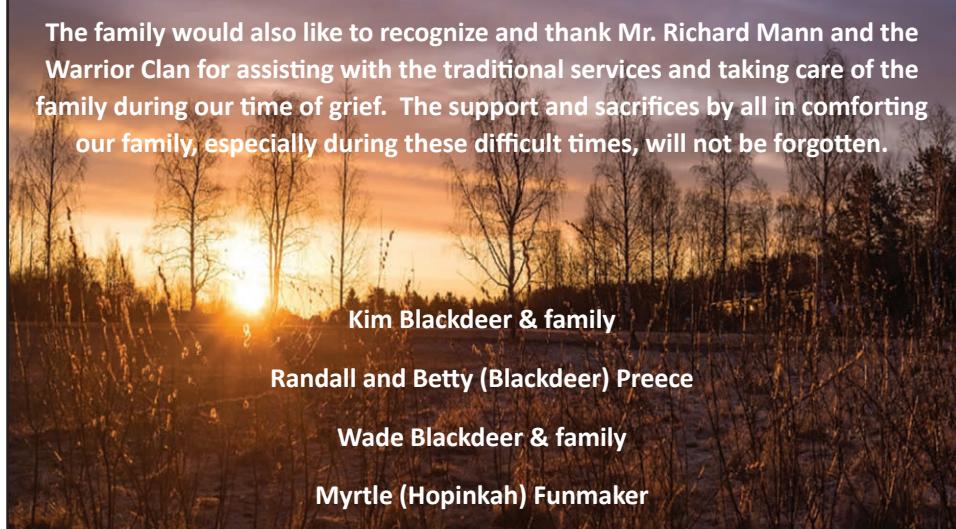
**No per cap loan
applications will be
accepted at this time.**

Tribal members will be updated as the "Safer at Home" orders expire and the casinos return to normal operations. At this time, the date of casino openings and return to work orders is unknown.

Thank You from the family of Garrett Blackdeer

The family of Garrett Blackdeer (Hombo-gini) extend our sincere appreciation to family and friends for their support and love during Garrett's passing.

The family would also like to recognize and thank Mr. Richard Mann and the Warrior Clan for assisting with the traditional services and taking care of the family during our time of grief. The support and sacrifices by all in comforting our family, especially during these difficult times, will not be forgotten.



Kim Blackdeer & family

Randall and Betty (Blackdeer) Preece

Wade Blackdeer & family

Myrtle (Hopinkah) Funmaker

Weaver approved as interim HCN Department of Business executive director



Kelli D. Weaver has been approved as the interim executive director for the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Business.

The Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature approved Weaver on Tuesday, May 5, 2020. She received a tie vote from legislature members, six to six, with President Marion WhiteEagle breaking the tie for approval.

She fills the position after it was vacated on March 5, 2020, when then DOB Executive Director Wendy WhiteEagle left the position.

Weaver is an enrolled tribal member of the Ho-Chunk Nation. She is a mother of four and a graduate of the University of Central Missouri in Criminal Justice Administration.

She has over two decades in law enforcement investigations and interviews. She has been a tribal government director, a vice president of business development, and served as an officer for several non-profit boards, including secretary for the United Women of Tribal Gaming. She is a past vice president of the American Indian Chamber of Commerce in Tulsa, OK.

Weaver created KDW Consulting in 2020 and is passionate about working with Tribal Gaming and Tribal Government departments.

Wisconsin to Provide Temporary Food Benefits for Children Missing School Meals

April 29, 2020
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE



WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT
of HEALTH SERVICES

In a COVID-free world, more than 400,000 Wisconsin children receive free or reduced price meals through the National School Lunch Program while attending school. To ensure that those same students continue to have access to nutritious meals while staying safer at home during the pandemic, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services is providing more than \$140 million dollars in food benefits to their families for March, April, May and part of June – to cover the days that schools would usually be in session.

These funds were appropriated under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act and provided to states by the United States Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service. The program is referred to as Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer or P-EBT because the benefits will be put on cards for families to use to purchase food at grocery stores or farmer's markets, as available.

"Hunger has long term, detrimental effects on children's development. Normally we can address the nutritional needs of our most vulnerable kids through working with food programs in schools, but the COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted those efforts," said Jim Jones, Administrator of the Division of Medicaid Services that will be coordinating distribution of P-EBT benefits in Wisconsin. "Just like children are having to learn at home,

they are also having to eat at home, and we know that without these resources, some families can't make ends meet."

DHS is reaching out to families eligible for the program through direct messaging and mailed letters to let them know how to access their funds. For families that are already part of benefit programs with the state, the funds will be placed on their QUEST cards or a dedicated P-EBT card. Families not currently participating in state benefit programs that are eligible will need to apply separately. DHS is partnering with the Department of Public Instruction to spread the word to those families.

The P-EBT benefits are separate from the emergency FoodShare allotments announced earlier this month. Also provided to assist families during the COVID-19 pandemic, the emergency allotments allow current FoodShare members in Wisconsin to receive the maximum monthly benefit amount for a household their size. While P-EBT benefits are only for families with school-age children who were previously receiving free or reduced price school lunches, emergency allotments are available to all FoodShare households not receiving the monthly maximum amount.

Learn more about FoodShare and temporary P-EBT food benefits at <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/forwardhealth-foodshare.htm>.

CLOTH MASK INFECTION PREVENTION TIPS

USING YOUR CLOTH MASK

The CDC recommends anyone over the age of two, to wear a cloth mask in public areas where social distancing measures are difficult to maintain. Follow the guidelines below for proper fit and cleaning of your cloth mask.

PROTECTIVE MEASURES

- Cloth masks have not been proven to protect you from COVID-19.
- Cloth masks can help reduce the likelihood of you infecting others through your respiration.
- Cloth masks lose their effectiveness if they are damp, even from regular breathing.
- Wash or sanitize your hands every time you touch, put on or take off your mask.
- Avoid touching your face or your mask after getting it in place.
- Wash your used cloth mask in hot soapy water daily, and allow to dry completely.
- Store your clean cloth mask in a paper bag to keep it from contamination.
- Throw the storage bag away after using it to hold a used mask.
- Do not store your clean cloth mask in a plastic bag.
- Do not seal your clean cloth mask in a plastic bag and microwave it.

FITTING YOUR MASK:

- Do not touch the inside of your mask when putting it on.
- Your mask should cover your nose & chin and fit snugly against your face.
- The mask should not restrict your breathing.

REMOVING YOUR MASK:

- Remove your mask and turn it inside out, so the outside is not exposed or touched.
- Be careful not to touch your eyes, nose or mouth when removing your cloth mask.
- Wash your hands thoroughly or sanitize them after touching or adjusting your cloth mask.

Web: Health.Ho-Chunk.com
E-Mail: Coronavirus@Ho-Chunk.com
Phone: (715)284-9851 (608)355-1240

What Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Members need to know about COVID-19

What is coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)?

Coronaviruses are a type of virus (germ) that can cause cold-like symptoms and sometimes serious problems with lungs and breathing. COVID-19 is a novel (new) coronavirus.

What are the symptoms of COVID-19?

Mild to severe respiratory illness, or problems with lungs and breathing. Symptoms include:

- Fever, cough, and shortness of breath

How does COVID-19 spread?

Person to person by coughing, sneezing, or personal contact like touching or shaking hands. Someone with mild symptoms may spread the disease without knowing they are sick.

Who is most at risk?

Anyone can get COVID-19. Those at risk of severe illness include:

- Elders and adults over 60 years of age,
- People with heart disease, lung disease, or diabetes.

How can I protect myself and my family?

Stay at home. "Social distancing" is recommended. This means keeping your family at home and away from others who may be sick.

- If you must go out, try to stay 6 feet away from others.
- Avoid gatherings with other people.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Do not shake hands, hug, or touch others.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer.

Have there been cases of COVID-19 in our state?

Yes, there have been cases in all 50 states.



If someone gets sick, what can they do?

- If someone thinks they have been around someone with COVID-19 and they get a fever and symptoms such as cough or trouble breathing, they should call their healthcare provider or Indian Health Service at 715-284-9851 or 608-355-1240 for medical advice.
- In an emergency, call 911.
- People who are mildly sick with COVID-19 do not need to see a healthcare provider and are able to recover at home.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash and wash hands.
- Stay home and away from others for 14 days to avoid getting others sick.
- Caregivers should keep sick family members away from others in the home and clean and disinfect surfaces and items that are touched often, like door handles, sink handles, toilets, remote controls, etc.

Is there a vaccine or treatment?

There is no vaccine. The best way to reduce the risk of getting sick with COVID-19 is to practice social distancing and healthy habits like washing hands regularly.

There is no specific treatment for COVID-19, but medical care can help relieve symptoms. If you are sick, call your healthcare provider for instructions.

For more information:
CDC.gov/coronavirus

Effective March 26, 2020
Source: CDC



HO-CHUNK NATION DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH NOW OFFERING

DRIVE THRU COVID-19 TESTING

AT HO-CHUNK HEALTH CARE CENTER AND HOUSE OF WELLNESS

If you have any of the following symptoms, call ahead for a screening to determine if you qualify for drive thru testing.*

- Fever
- New or Worsening Cough
- New or Worsening Shortness of Breath
- Sore Throat
- Muscle Pain / Body Aches
- Cough
- Chills
- Repeated Shaking with Chills
- Headache
- New Loss of Taste or Smell

* YOU WILL NOT BE TESTED WITHOUT AN APPOINTMENT, YOU MUST CALL AHEAD.

HO-CHUNK HEALTH CARE CENTER: (715)284-9851
HOUSE OF WELLNESS: (608)355-1240

Services for Tribal Members/Descendants, Household Members and Employees of HCN.

**HO-CHUNK NATION
LEGISLATURE
SPECIAL MEETING
TRIBAL EXECUTIVE
OFFICES
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI
APRIL 15, 2020**

Call to Order: President Marlon White Eagle called the meeting to order at 10:13 a.m.

Roll Call:
President Marlon White Eagle-P
Vice President Karena Thundercloud-CC
Rep. George Stacy-P
Rep. Hinu Smith-P
Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr.-P
Rep. Stephanie Begay-CC
Rep. Kristin White Eagle-CC
Rep. Darren Brinegar-CC
Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr.-CC
Rep. Sarah Lemieux-CC(10:20 a.m.)
Rep. Matthew Mullen-CC
Rep. Robert TwoBears-CC(10:28 a.m.)
Rep. Paul Fox-P
Rep. Kathleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit-CC
CC-Conference Call

Determination of Quorum:
Quorum is established is 10:14 a.m.

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

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. to approve the agenda with adding under New Business H. C-Store De-evolution, and I. Laid Off Employees E-mail Access. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 11-1(Rep. Darren Brinegar)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Legislative Meeting-April 7, 2020

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to approve the April 7, 2020 Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Robert TwoBears is on Conference Call at 10:28 a.m.

Unfinished Business:

Resolution- Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Ho-Chunk Nation Employment Relations Act (6 HCC § 5) (RE: Furlough, Temporary Layoff, Permanent Layoff, Accrued Annual Leave, Recall from Layoff)

The Attorney General re-

quested that this resolution be tabled in order to get numbers from the Treasurer regarding recalls.

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to adopt **Resolution 04-15-20 A**, Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Ho-Chunk Nation Employment Relations Act (6 HCC § 5). Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 4-7(Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr., Rep. Kristin White Eagle, Rep. Stephanie Begay, Rep. Paul Fox, Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr., Rep. George Stacy, Rep. Robert TwoBears)-2(Rep. Matt Mullen, Rep. Kathleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit) **MOTION DEFEATED.**

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to adopt **Resolution 04-15-20 B**, Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Ho-Chunk Nation Employment Relations Act (6 HCC § 5), deleting the language regarding the recall. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. Second is withdrawn. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-1(Rep. Darren Brinegar)-1(Rep. Paul Fox) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Darren Brinegar requested that the resolution include the recall of all Ho-Chunk Tribal Member employees. Vice President Karena Thundercloud stated that this request can be addressed within the Emergency Declaration Resolution.

MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to request Executive Branch provide numbers on how much recalls will cost the Nation, keeping in mind the Nation has had the laid off employees on payroll previously. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Kathleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit did not respond during vote count due to technical difficulties.

Resolution- Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Ho-Chunk Nation Employment Relations Act (6 HCC § 5) (RE: Annual Leave payout during Emergency Situations)

MOTION by Rep. Hinu Smith to adopt **Resolution 04-15-20 C**, Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Ho-Chunk Nation Employment Relations Act (6 HCC § 5), with changes in the Now Therefore, Be It Resolved, replacing the word "may" with the word "shall," replacing the word "altered" with the word "protected," and adding that annual leave payout is upon recall, with deleting everything after the

first sentence. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 5-8(Rep. Kathleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit, Rep. Robert TwoBears, Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr., Rep. George Stacy, Rep. Paul Fox, Rep. Kristin White Eagle, Rep. Darren Brinegar, Rep. Stephanie Begay)-0 **MOTION DEFEATED.**

Jim Lambert, Department of Personnel, stated that every year, the annual leave payout costs the Nation approximately \$1 million.

MOTION by Rep. Hinu Smith to bring this resolution back next week with amendments. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. **MOTION IS WITHDRAWN.**

This resolution will be on the agenda again next week.

New Business:

Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. off conference call at 11:37 a.m.

Financial Literacy

Rep. Darren Brinegar stated that he has received concerns from Tribal Members regarding their trust funds losing money during the COVID-19 pandemic. Rep. Brinegar asked for an update on Financial Literacy, and if there is staff in the Education Department that can still proctor the exam.

There was discussion regarding the resolution that would temporarily suspend the Financial Literacy requirement under the Per-Capita Ordinance. The Department of Education stated that there are students who graduated in May of 2019 who have not taken the exam yet, and are in the process of completing the required Financial Literacy work.

Executive Director of Education, Nehomah Thundercloud provided a status update on Financial Literacy. The update outlines options that the Education Department is finalizing so that Tribal Members can continue to work towards the completion of the Financial Literacy requirement. Options include Zoom conference calls and in-person proctors at a public place, like a hotel business center.

Resolution-Temporary Suspension of Financial Literacy Requirement under the Ho-Chunk Nation Per-Capita Distribution Ordinance (2 HCC §12)

MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to adopt **Resolution 04-15-20 D**, Temporary Suspension of Financial Literacy

Requirement under the Ho-Chunk Nation Per-Capita Distribution Ordinance (2 HCC §12), to include graduates from December 2019-June 2020 who have successfully graduated and have done the required work in the Financial Literacy Program. Second by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. 7-4(Rep. Hinu Smith, Rep. George Stacy, Rep. Kristin White Eagle, Vice President Karena Thundercloud)-1(Rep. Matt Mullen) **MOTION CARRIED.**

COVID-19 Housing Procedures

Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. expressed concerns of Tribal Members who may have tested positive, and they live in Tribal Housing. What are the current procedures of when a Tribal Member tests positive for COVID-19, and they are a Housing tenant? Are there standard operating procedures regarding this?

MOTION by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. to request Department of Housing to provide the standard operating procedures regarding housing cleaning procedures when a tenant tests positive for COVID-19. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to include HHCDA, and the safety of the other residents, if the positive case is within in a multi-family complex. Rep. Darren Brinegar withdraws his second, as the Attorney General does not care for the safety of Tribal Members. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 6-3(Vice President Karena Thundercloud, Rep. Matt Mullen, Rep. Robert TwoBears)-3(Rep. Darren Brinegar, Rep. Paul Fox, Rep. Kathleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit) **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Hinu Smith to TABLE Resolution-Quick Passage Amendments to Ho-Chunk Nation OSHA Law, Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Planning Second by Rep. George Stacy. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to TABLE Ho-Chunk Preference Implementation on Government and Gaming Lay-offs until next week for Department of Personnel to bring numbers on Ho-Chunk preference layoffs. Second by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization of Telehealth Telecommunication Change to the Tribal Health Care Plan

MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to adopt **Resolution 04-15-20 E**, Authorization of Telehealth Telecommunication Change to the Tribal Health Care Plan, with adding language about the declared State of Emergency due to COVID-19 to potentially recoup funds. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 11-1(Rep. Stephanie Begay)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Quick Passage Amendments to Ho-Chunk Nation OSHA Law, Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Planning

Rep. Hinu Smith brought forward proposed language to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Program Act of 2002, Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Planning Code. She requested that the Legislature read the proposed amendments, and a vote can be taken next week.

MOTION by Rep. Hinu Smith to TABLE Resolution-Quick Passage Amendments to Ho-Chunk Nation OSHA Law, Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Planning Second by Rep. George Stacy. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

COVID-19 Situation Update from Executive Branch

Rep. Hinu Smith requested that this become a standing agenda item. Rep. Smith had several questions for the Department of Health regarding positive COVID-19 cases.

Executive Director of Health, Kiana Beaudin stated that the documentation that is released to the public includes the 15 counties that the Ho-Chunk Nation Health Department services. She also stated that the most accurate way to reflect the risk would be to list out each county's positive numbers. The Ho-Chunk Nation numbers are included in the county's numbers. The counties have been reaching out to the Ho-Chunk Nation and the Nation reaches out to the individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19. The Department of Health reached

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out to those individuals twice a day for case investigation. Executive Director Beaudin stated that the Department of Health cannot enforce quarantine or isolation because there is no law that pertains to that.

Attorney General Michelle Greendeer-Rave handed out draft laws of the Isolation and Quarantine of Communicable Diseases Code and a Curfew Ordinance.

Rep. Hinu Smith expressed deep concern that not all Ho-Chunk Nation workplaces have safety measures in place where all employees are screened before they start work for the day. Executive Director of Health, Kiana Beaudin, stated that she can confirm that the Tribal Office Building, the Ho-Chunk Health Care Center, and the House of Wellness have medical personnel screening employees before they start work. The Executive Director of Health cannot speak on other workplaces, but did mentioned that Security is working on getting staff trained to fulfill that job of screening employees. Additionally, Emergency Management has traveled to the C-Store in Black River Falls to give them guidelines on how to stay safe at work in regards to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Lunch Break:

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to take a lunch break and review the Isolation and Quarantine of Communicable Diseases and a Curfew Ordinance during lunch break, returning at 1:15 p.m. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 11-1(Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr.)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

12:43 p.m.

Call to Order: President

Marlon White Eagle called the meeting to order at 1:20 p.m.

Roll Call:

President Marlon White Eagle-P
Vice President Karena Thundercloud-VC

Rep. George Stacy-P

Rep. Hinu Smith-P

Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr.-P

Rep. Stephanie Begay-EX

Rep. Kristin White Eagle-VC

Rep. Darren Brinegar-VC

Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr.-EX

Rep. Sarah Lemieux-VC

Rep. Matthew Mullen-CC

Rep. Robert TwoBears-CC

Rep. Paul Fox-P

Rep. Kathleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit-CC(1:28 p.m.)

VC-Video Conference

CC-Conference Call

Determination of Quorum:

Quorum is established is 1:21 p.m.

New Business:

COVID-19 Situation Update from Executive Branch (Continued)

Executive Director of Health, Kiana Beaudin stated that the positive cases number includes Tribal Members, Ho-Chunk Nation employees, and members of other federally recognized tribes. Rep. Hinu Smith asked for a collaboration between the two branches of government, and Rep. Smith stated that she is willing to help out any Tribal Member who tests positive for COVID-19, from dropping off groceries to giving them her personal household cleaning products, etc.

If Tribal Members have questions or concerns for the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health, they can call 715-

284-9851. Additionally, Tribal Members can sign up for texts alerts regarding the COVID-19 pandemic by texting "HCN" to 74121.

Rep. Stephanie Begay is on Video Conference at 1:40 p.m.

Amendment to the Agenda:

MOTION by Rep. Hinu Smith to add Isolation and Quarantine of Communicable Diseases Code and Curfew Ordinance to the agenda after Executive Session. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 11-0-1(Rep. Darren Brinegar) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Setting of the Spending Limits

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to TABLE Setting of Spending Limits until after Executive Session. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

C-Store De-evolution

MOTION by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. to STRIKE C-Store De-evolution. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 10-1(Rep. George Stacy)-1(Rep. Stephanie Begay) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Hinu Smith stated that the Nation needs to do more to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, especially with C-Store employees who come into contact with the public. Rep. Smith would like Department of Business to re-evaluate the C-Store operations, and look into drive-up options.

It was also asked if voluntary layoffs are available for employees who do not wish to work due to the potential of contracting COVID-19 while working. The Attorney General stated that there has been discussion regarding this, but

this personnel matter can be discussed in Executive Session.

Laid Off Employees E-mail Access

Rep. Hinu Smith stated that some employees who have been laid off are requesting to retain e-mail access, and she inquired if there is a policy regarding this. The Attorney General stated that once an employee is laid off, they should not have access to e-mail and their work property should be returned. If the Legislature wishes to change this, it would require an amendment to the Computer Usage Act.

MOTION by Rep. Hinu Smith to request Department of Administration and IT to create portals for Tribal Members and for employees who are furloughed or laid off, to be available on the Ho-Chunk Nation website. MOTION IS WITHDRAWN.

The Attorney General stated that IT is at a bare-bones crew, and creating two brand new portals would take a lot of labor and money. The Attorney General mentioned amending the Computer Usage Act.

Executive Session:

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to move into Executive Session. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

2:15 p.m.

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

5:28 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to ratify all action taken in Executive Ses-

sion. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Release to Open Session:

Resolution-Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 02-04-21L Regarding Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budgetary Spending Limits

MOTION by Rep. Robert TwoBears to approve Option #2, utilize the numbers in Option #2 to fill in the blank dollar amounts on the resolution, and to adopt **Resolution 04-15-20 G-Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 02-04-21L Regarding Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budgetary Spending Limits**, and release to Open Session. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 9-1(Rep. Hinu Smith)-2(Rep. Paul Fox, Rep. Kathleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit) **MOTION CARRIED.**

New Business (Continued):

Isolation and Quarantine of Communicable Disease Code and Curfew Ordinance

MOTION by Rep. Hinu Smith to TABLE Isolation and Quarantine of Communicable Disease Code and Curfew Ordinance. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to adjourn. The next Legislative Meeting will take place Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, WI. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-1(Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr.)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Special Legislative Meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE REGULAR MEETING TRIBAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI APRIL 21, 2020

Call to Order: President Marlon White Eagle called the meeting to order at 11:08 a.m.

Roll Call:
President Marlon White Eagle-P

Vice President Karena Thundercloud-VC

Rep. George Stacy-P

Rep. Hinu Smith-P

Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr.-VC

Rep. Stephanie Begay-P
Rep. Kristin White Eagle-VC

Rep. Darren Brinegar-VC
Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr.-VC

Rep. Sarah Lemieux-VC

Rep. Matthew Mullen-VC

Rep. Robert TwoBears-VC

Rep. Paul Fox-P

Rep. Kathleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit-VC

VC-Video Conference

Determination of Quorum:
Quorum is established at 11:09 a.m.

Opening Prayer: President Marlon White Eagle offered a

word of prayer.

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Special Legislative Meeting - April 15, 2020

MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to approve the April 15, 2020 Special Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections, and correction to the first motion on Page 5. Second by

Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Hinu Smith out of the room.

Unfinished Business:

Office of General Council (Standing Agenda Item)

Cari Fay was present via video conference. She stated General Council has continued to look at contingency plans for the Annual General Council Meeting, if there are still restrictions of large gatherings due to COVID-19. Cari Fay will present the contingency plans to the Legislature at the next Legislative Meeting.

Illinois Gaming (Standing Agenda Item)

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to TABLE Illinois Gaming. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization to Place Amendments to the Appropriations and Budget Process Act (2 HCC § 4) and Finance Manual (5 HCC § 5) out for 45-Day Public Comment/Quick Passage

Michael Murphy, Legislative Counsel distributed a response to the Department of Justice Opinion Memo on proposed Legislative amendments to the

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Ho-Chunk Budget Act and Finance Manual.

MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to adopt **Resolution 04-21-20 A**, Authorization to Place Amendments to the Appropriations and Budget Process Act (2 HCC § 4) and Finance Manual (5 HCC § 5) out for 45-Day Public Comment. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-1(Rep. Robert TwoBears)-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

Replenishment of Charitable Contributions

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to TABLE Replenishment of Charitable Contributions until the next Regular Legislative Meeting to get input from the Legislative Budget Analyst. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

Resolution-Authorization and Support for Division of Planning and Development's Application to Pursue a Kaboom Mini-Grant

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to adopt **Resolution 04-21-20 B**, Authorization and Support for Division of Planning and Development's Application to Pursue a Kaboom Mini-Grant. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 11-0-2(Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr., Rep. Robert TwoBears) **MOTION CARRIED**.

Resolution-Authorization of Right-of-Way on Blue Wing East #439T 2163 for the Ho-Chunk Nation

MOTION by Rep. Hinu Smith to adopt **Resolution 04-21-20 C**, Authorization of Right-of-Way on Blue Wing East #439T 2163 for the Ho-Chunk Nation. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 7-2(Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr., Rep. Darren Brinegar)-4(Vice President Karena Thundercloud, Rep. Kristin White Eagle, Rep. Sarah Lemieux, Rep. Kathleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit) **MOTION CARRIED**.

Ho-Chunk Preference Implementation on Government and Gaming Layoffs

Kimberly Lonetree, Executive Director of Personnel stated that 1,482 non-Ho-Chunk employees were laid off, and 569 Ho-Chunk employees were laid off. Additionally, 455 non-Ho-Chunk employees remain working, and 391 Ho-Chunk employees remain working.

Rep. Kristin White Eagle asked if the Executive Direc-

tor of Personnel had those numbers broken down by each gaming facility, what that percentage looks like for each facility, and what the break down is for Ho-Chunk versus non-Ho-Chunk employees, pre-COVID-19 and now.

The Department of Personnel will have the information available for the next meeting.

Resolution- Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Ho-Chunk Nation Employment Relations Act (6 HCC § 5) (RE: Annual Leave payout during Emergency Situations)

MOTION by Rep. Hinu Smith to TABLE Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Ho-Chunk Nation Employment Relations Act (6 HCC § 5). Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 12-0-1(Rep. Robert TwoBears) **MOTION CARRIED**.

Quick Passage to the ERA RE: Furlough, Temporary Layoff, Permanent Layoff, Accrued Annual Leave, Recall from Layoff, request for numbers on how much recalls will cost the Nation-MOTION made at the April 15, 2020 Special Legislative Meeting

President White Eagle stated that the spending limits were set, and the limits have decreased compared to last fiscal year. Decisions will have to be made regarding recalls.

MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to request Legislative Counsel bring back a resolution with language that all 569 Ho-Chunk employees be recalled sometime within the next 12 months. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to include, in addition to the 569 Ho-Chunk employees, any future Ho-Chunk employee layoffs during the State of Emergency. Second concurs. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

Resolution-Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Ho-Chunk Nation OSHA-Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Planning-Rep. Hinu Smith-TABLED at the April 15, 2020 Special Legislative Meeting

MOTION by Rep. Hinu Smith to TABLE Resolution-Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Ho-Chunk Nation OSHA-Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Planning. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

Isolation and Quarantine of Communicable Diseases

Attorney General-TABLED at the April 15, 2020 Special Legislative Meeting

MOTION by Rep. Hinu Smith to TABLE Isolation and Quarantine of Communicable Diseases until next week. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-1(Rep. Matt Mullen)-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

Curfew Ordinance-Attorney General-TABLED at the April 15, 2020 Special Legislative Meeting

MOTION by Rep. Hinu Smith to adopt Resolution-Quick Passage Procedure to Enact Ho-Chunk Nation Curfew Ordinance (3 HCC § 16). Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to TABLE until after lunch. Second concurs. 11-1(Rep. Matt Mullen)-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

Rep. George Stacy out of the room.

There was brief discussion regarding relying on the Law Enforcement Agreements the Nation has with various counties for additional patrol.

New Business:

PreK-12 Funding Request

Rep. Stephanie Begay stated she has had requests from District families for printers, as students are learning from home during the COVID-19 pandemic due to school being closed. The printers cost \$88/each and are in stock.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the purchase of printers in the amount of \$9,500, with funding coming from the COVID-19 Relief Fund line item for Pre-K-12 program, along with the internet service requests they are receiving during the State of Emergency. Second by Rep. George Stacy. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to include that the printers are for students who have not yet received a printer. Second concurs. 11-1(Rep. Robert TwoBears)-1(Vice President Karena Thundercloud) **MOTION CARRIED**.

Legislative Public Relations Officer stated that this purchase will not be able to be recouped from the FEMA fund.

Memorial Day Pow-Wow Request

Rep. George Stacy stated that a small get together will take place Memorial Day, and a budget will be brought forward for that request.

MOTION by Rep. George

Stacy to TABLE Memorial Day Pow-Wow Request until next week. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

State of Emergency – Situation Report and Follow-Up

On March 12, 2020, the Legislature adopted Resolution-Declaration of State of Emergency for Ho-Chunk Nation Travel Restrictions and Leave Allowance in Response to COVID-19. Since then, numerous Executive Orders have been released as well as new guidance from the CDC, making the resolution outdated.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to update the Ho-Chunk Nation State of Emergency with considerations from Legislative Counsel and Attorney General, to include sharing of information between Branches of Government with the current state of limitations, and bring back next week for consideration as Phase 2. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

Safer At Home – Situation Report and Follow-Up

Based on the motion made above, this agenda item is addressed.

Governor Evers Safer At Home Extension

Based on the motion made above, this agenda item is addressed.

Legislative Continuation of Meetings (Sessions, Committees, Area Meetings, Budgets)

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to request the Vice President to send out another declaration stating that the Legislature continues to suspend committee meetings, and continue to focus on the budget reviews. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 12-0-1(Rep. Robert TwoBears) **MOTION CARRIED**.

Budget Reviews and Schedule

The proposed budget review dates are May 12, 13, 14, and 20, June 2, 3, 4, and 8. All meetings will take place in Black River Falls.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to accept the proposed budget schedule as presented. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 11-0-2(Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr., Rep. Matt Mullen) **MOTION CARRIED**.

District 4 Formerly District 5 Restricted Account Status

MOTION by Rep. Kathleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to TABLE District 4 Formerly District 5 Restricted Account Status for the next Regular Legislative Session. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

USDA Food Distribution Follow-Up

Rep. Darren Brinegar stated that the waiver is to be applied for the Milwaukee Area in order to distribute commodities.

President White Eagle stated that Food Distribution in the Milwaukee area is not allowable through the USDA. The only counties the Nation's Food Distribution can serve is Adams, Clark, Columbia, Crawford, Dunn, Eau Claire, Dane, Jackson, Juneau, La Crosse, Marathon, Monroe, Portage, Sauk, Shawano, Trempealeau, and Wood Counties.

It was stated that Tribal Members who reside in metropolitan areas can be helped through the CSA program. The deadline to apply for the CSA is May 1, 2020.

Jon Greendeer, Department of Health, via Webex, commented that the Nation is looking for local resources for the metro areas of Chicago and Milwaukee.

Resolution-Support for Funding Request to the National Park Service for Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Grant Allocation

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to adopt **Resolution 04-21-20 D**, Support for Funding Request to the National Park Service for Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Grant Allocation. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 12-0-1(Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr.) **MOTION CARRIED**.

Resolution-Support and Authorization for the Nation Education Department, Head Start Division to Pursue and Apply for the Federal Head Start Supplemental COLA Grant

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 04-21-20 E**, Support and Authorization for the Nation Education Department, Head Start Division to Pursue and Apply for the Federal Head Start Supplemental COLA Grant. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 7-5(Vice President Karena Thundercloud, Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr., Rep. Darren Brinegar, Rep. Law-

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 rence Walker, Jr., Rep. Robert TwoBears)-1(Rep. Kathleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit) MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Support and Authorization for the Head Start Supplemental Quality Improvement Grant Supplement to Increase Hours of Program Operation

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to adopt ***Resolution 04-21-20 F***, Support and Authorization for the Head Start Supplemental Quality Improvement Grant Supplement to Increase Hours of Program Operation. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-1(Rep. Robert TwoBears) MOTION CARRIED.

Rep. Kathleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit did not respond during vote count due to technical difficulties.

Laurel Meek, Director of Head Start, stated that a Head Start summer program may be an option if the COVID-19 gathering restrictions are lifted.

Resolution-Authorization of Land Lease on the Whirling Thunder Property for Simonson Farms

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to adopt ***Resolution 04-21-20 G***, Authorization of Land Lease on the Whirling Thunder Property for Simonson Farms. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-1(Rep. Hinu Smith)-1(Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr.) MOTION CARRIED.

Lunch Break:

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to break for a 30-minute lunch. Second by Rep.

Paul Fox. 11-2(Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr., Rep. Matt Mullen)-0 MOTION CARRIED.

1:24 p.m.

Call to Order: President Marlon White Eagle called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

Roll Call:

President Marlon White Eagle-P

Vice President Karena Thundercloud-VC

Rep. George Stacy-P(2:04 p.m.)

Rep. Hinu Smith-P

Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. VC

Rep. Stephanie Begay-P

Rep. Kristin White Eagle-VC

Rep. Darren Brinegar-VC

Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr.-VC

Rep. Sarah Lemieux-VC

Rep. Matthew Mullen-VC(2:05 p.m.)

Rep. Robert TwoBears-VC

Rep. Paul Fox-P

Rep. Kathleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit-VC

VC-Video Conference

Determination of Quorum:

Quorum is established at 2:03 p.m.

New Business (Continued):

Resolution-Approval and Grant of Bureau of Indian Affairs Temporary Road Construction Easement for Elder Circle

MOTION by Rep. Kathleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to adopt ***Resolution 04-21-20 H***, Approval and Grant of Bureau of Indian Affairs Temporary Road Construction Easement for Elder Circle. Second by

Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr.-VC
 Rep. Sarah Lemieux-VC
 Rep. Matthew Mullen-VC
 Rep. Robert TwoBears-VC
 Rep. Paul Fox-P
 Rep. Kathleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit-VC

VC-Video Conference

Determination of Quorum:

Quorum is established at 10:04 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 I. Resolution-Accepting CARES Act Funding Award Granted in Response to

Rep. Darren Brinegar. 11-0-1(Rep. Matt Mullen) MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Authorization for the Ho-Chunk Nation Executive Branch to Submit an Application for FY 2020 Tribal Homeland Security Grant

MOTION by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to adopt ***Resolution 04-21-20 I***, Authorization for the Ho-Chunk Nation Executive Branch to Submit an Application for FY 2020 Tribal Homeland Security Grant, deleting the "s" in "grants" in the "Be It Finally Resolved." Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 8-4(Vice President Karena Thundercloud, Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr., Rep. Hinu Smith, Rep. Stephanie Begay)-1(Rep. Darren Brinegar) MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Limited Authorization for Health Department Draw Down from Third Party Revenue Fund (Morgan Stanley Select UMA Active Assets Account)

MOTION by Rep. Robert TwoBears to adopt ***Resolution 04-21-20 J***, Limited Authorization for Health Department Draw Down from Third Party Revenue Fund (Morgan Stanley Select UMA Active Assets Account). Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Curfew Ordinance-Attorney General-TABLED at the April 15, 2020 Special Legislative Meeting

MOTION by Rep. Hinu Smith to adopt ***Resolution 04-21-20 K***, Quick Passage Procedure to Enact Ho-Chunk Nation Curfew Ordinance (3 HCC § 16), leaving the curfew hours

blank, and adding on Number 6: Curfew Hours "Curfew

hours will be determined on the extent of the emergency and at the discretion of the Chief of Police, Attorney General, Incident Command and the Legislature during any declared emergency, with notice given to the Legislature", adding on Number 11: "A schedule for such fines will be developed by the Ho-Chunk Nation Chief of Police and the Attorney General and, if applicable, criteria for incarceration will also be developed." adding that the Nation's laws, our jurisdiction, only rest within our lands. Second by Rep. Kathleen Lone-Tree Whiterabbit. MOTION IS AMENDED to add that the Curfew Ordinance be placed out for 45-day Public Comment. Second concurs. 10-2(Rep. Darren Brinegar, Rep. Matt Mullen)-1(Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr.) MOTION CARRIED.

The Department of Justice added that the Judges did not weigh in on the law yet.

Amendment to the Agenda:

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to add under New Business Q. Resolution-Authorization to Establish COVID-19 Relief/Response Fund.

Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 12-1(Rep. Darren Brinegar)-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Authorization to Establish COVID-19 Relief/Response Fund

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt ***Resolution 04-21-20 L***, Authorization to Establish COVID-19 Relief/Response Fund. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 12-0-1(Rep.

Darren Brinegar) MOTION CARRIED.

Executive Session:

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to move into Executive Session and take a five (5) minute break. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

3:27 p.m.

Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. is excused from the meeting at 5:23 p.m.

Rep. Kristin White Eagle is excused from the meeting at 5:59 p.m.

Rep. Matt Mullen recused himself from the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to move into Open Session. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 9-1(Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr.)-0 MOTION CARRIED.

7:24 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Kathleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to adjourn. The next Legislative Meeting will take place Tuesday, April 28, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, WI. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 9-1(Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr.)-0 MOTION CARRIED.

The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

**HO-CHUNK NATION
LEGISLATURE
SPECIAL MEETING
TRIBAL EXECUTIVE
OFFICES
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI
APRIL 28, 2020**

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

Roll Call:

President Marlon White Eagle-P
 Vice President Karena Thundercloud-VC
 Rep. George Stacy-P
 Rep. Hinu Smith-P
 Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. VC
 Rep. Stephanie Begay-P(10:11 a.m.)
 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-P
 Rep. Kathleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit-VC

VC-Video Conference

Determination of Quorum:

Quorum is established at 10:04 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 I. Resolution-Accepting CARES Act Funding Award Granted in Response to

COVID-19, J. Resolution-Approval of the 2020 Title III Elder Benefits Grant and STRIKING under New Business E. Department of Housing Wood Chipper. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 11-1(Rep. Darren Brinegar)-1(Rep. Stephanie Begay) MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

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MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to approve the April 21, 2020 Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Unfinished Business:

COVID-19 Executive Branch Situation Report

The President stated that yesterday the Governor lifted some restrictions of the Stay at Home order. The Nation is looking to now re-open Ho-Chunk RV, although the pool will not be open. There are 13 positive tests to date within the Ho-Chunk Nation, with 2 deaths. The President stated that the Nation conducted another round of layoffs, however, it wasn't that many employees.

The Ho-Chunk Health Care Center and House of Wellness both have drive-thru COVID-19 testing tents.

Rep. Begay asked the President if essential workers have

the option to request a voluntary layoff. The President replied that the Nation has not done anything regarding this yet, but essential workers can volunteer for layoff.

Nathaniel Longtail, Executive Compliance Officer, stated that each morning the President's Office meets with the Legislative Branch, Judicial Branch, and General Council Branch discuss the pandemic, with up-to-date numbers.

Vice President Karena Thundercloud asked when the Legislature will see the re-opening plans for the casinos. The President asked for what purpose? The Legislature is interested in how soon and how the casinos will be re-opening. With the Legislature's fiduciary responsibility

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sibility, the Legislature needs to know this information. The President stated that when the plans are ready, they will be forwarded to the Legislature.

The President stated that the Nation goes along with the State for FEMA funding, as it's the more economical choice.

MOTION by Rep. Hinu Smith to request the Executive Director of Health call in once a week and answer questions. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 12-0-0

MOTION CARRIED. *Rep. Robert TwoBears did not respond during vote count due to technical difficulties.*

Resolution- Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Ho-Chunk Nation Employment Relations Act (6 HCC § 5) (RE: Annual Leave payout during Emergency Situations)

# of Hours	# of Employees	Value of Annual Leave
60-99	240	334,845
100-160	234	552,736
160-199	146	510,523
200+	229	1,119,646
Total:	849	2,517,750

The chart to the left was created by the Treasurer. This is in regards to annual leave payouts.

MOTION by Rep. Hinu Smith to adopt Resolution-Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Ho-Chunk Nation Employment Relations Act (6 HCC § 5) adding any employees who has over 160 hours will not be lost, including furlough, temporary layoff or permanent layoff. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. MOTION IS AMENDED to remove additional language, but adding another BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that states the legislative intent is to protect accrued annual leave for such employees where they were not able to meet the 60-hour requirement. Second concurs. MOTION IS AMENDED to TABLE until later today. Second concurs. 11-2(Rep. Matt Mullen, Rep. Robert TwoBears)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Quick Passage Procedure to Amend to the Ho-Chunk Nation OSHA-Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Planning

Legislative Counsel mentioned that this can be tabled and they will continue to look at it. From the beginning of the public health emergency, the only law the Nation has on the books relating to the emergency is this one. Is the Nation following the current law, or not, and if the Nation is fol-

lowing the law, the Legislature has not been briefed on that.

MOTION by Rep. Hinu Smith to TABLE Resolution-Quick Passage Procedure to Amend to the Ho-Chunk Nation OS-HA-Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Planning. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-1(Rep. Robert TwoBears)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit did not respond during vote count due to technical difficulties.

Isolation and Quarantine of Communicable Diseases

There was brief discussion regarding the redline version of the code. Currently, there is no Ho-Chunk law in place to enforce quarantine for those who are infected with a communicable disease.

MOTION by Rep. Hinu Smith to TABLE Isolation and Quarantine of Communicable Diseases. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-1(Rep. Matt Mullen)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Smith stated that there will be a follow-up meeting with Department of Justice, Health, and Labor regarding the code.

Rep. White Eagle stressed getting a public health expert to weigh in on this, and reviewing how the county law enforcement agreements could support this cause – she inquired if the pending agreements were completed and updated. Additionally, she mentioned that Sauk County will start drive-thru COVID-19 testing on Wednesday. The Nation should look into expanding agreements with Sauk County Public Health and other counties for greater community outreach.

Executive Director of Health, Kiana Beaudin was available via video conference. She gave a brief verbal update regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. Currently, 30 Tribal Members have been tested on site. The Department of Health will be advertising its drive-thru testing. Ms. Beaudin stated that the Nation received 200 COVID-19 testing kits.

The State of Wisconsin gave 1,000 COVID-19 testing kits to the Tribes in Wisconsin to be split evenly. The Nation is to receive 80 tests, but Ms. Beaudin is unsure if the 80 tests were apart of the 200 tests the Health Department already received.

The Department of Health does have the ability to test for anti-bodies, but Department of Health has not received the anti-bodies test yet. The Department of Health does not have the ability for plasma donations from COVID-19 survivors. If COVID-19 survivors wish to donate their plasma, they can do so through the Red Cross.

Ms. Beaudin also stated that the Department of Health is looking for alternatives for the Tribal Members in the metropolitan areas in regards to Food Distribution Program Tribal Commodities.

Ho-Chunk Preference Implementation on Government and Gaming Layoffs

MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to STRIKE Ho-Chunk Preference Implementation on Government and Gaming Layoffs. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Memorial Day Pow-Wow Request

The revised budget was received the morning of the meeting.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to TABLE Memorial Day Pow-Wow Request. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-1(Rep. Robert TwoBears)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

New Business:

Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Ho-Chunk Nation Employment Relations Act (6 HCC § 5) (RE: Recall of Ho-Chunk Employees within 12 months)

The proposed change to the ERA is in Section 5.13 and reads, “In the event that Ho-Chunk Nation tribal member employee layoffs occur pursuant to an Emergency Declaration under Chapter IX of the Employment Relations Act, all Ho-Chunk Nation tribal member employees who have been laid off shall be recalled, based upon a timeline determined by the Executive Director of Personnel and consistent with operational need.”

MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to adopt **Resolution 04-28-20 A**, Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Ho-Chunk Nation Employment Relations Act (6 HCC § 5) (RE: Recall of Ho-Chunk Employees within 12 months). Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 10-2(Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr., Rep. Robert TwoBears)-0

MOTION CARRIED.

Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. did not respond during vote count due to technical difficulties.

During discussion:

There was a question if employees need to be recalled to their same position, or if they can be recalled to a different position. Jim Lambert, Human Resources Manager, stated that they would be recalled to the same position.

The Attorney General stated she is disappointed to see this back on the agenda. She asked if this means that the spending caps need to be readdressed.

The President stated that the budget caps were set, and the Executive Branch will not go over the budget. Each department was given a 10% cut.

The President further mentioned that there are tribal members who commit legal theft of the Nation's resources when they clock in and clock out and they outsource their job, or pass it onto someone who is willing to work. This resolution is not taking into consideration that there are some people who want to work. The President said that by voting for this resolution, you are teaching employees that is acceptable behavior to go to work and not perform. If this resolution passes, the President will meet with the Attorney General to consider legal action that could be taken against the Legislature.

Vice President Karena Thundercloud stated that the Legislature has been asking for copies of the COOPs, layoff plans and re-opening plans and they have not received anything. The Legislature has fiduciary responsibilities, and needs this information to be able to make these types of decisions.

Rep. Brinegar stated that this resolution is to ensure that once we decide to recall our staff, the Ho-Chunk staff come back first.

The Attorney General stated that the flaw with this law is that it has not been vetted out with the Executive Branch. Her recommendation is to table, and let Department of Justice and Department of Personnel discuss, instead of adopting whatever hasty language the Legislature presents. The Attorney General requested that the Legislative Branch and Executive Branch work together to create a law regarding this.

The President asked if this resolution takes into consideration the budget caps.

Legislative Counsel stated that the Legislature is not dictating when recalls will happen or how fast recalls will happen. The language in the resolution refers to the Executive Branch.

Lunch Break:

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to break for a 30-minute lunch. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. did not respond during vote count due to technical difficulties.

12:24 p.m.

Call to Order: President Marlon White Eagle called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

Roll Call:

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

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

New Business:

Resolution-Phase II-Continued Declaration of State of Emergency for Ho-Chunk Nation, Travel Restrictions, Coordination of Information, Future Planning in Response to COVID-19

Rep. White Eagle stated that this resolution is a continuation of the current State of Emergency.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 04-28-20 B**, Phase II-Continued Declaration of State of Emergency for Ho-Chunk Nation, Travel Restrictions, Coordination of Information, Future Planning in Response to COVID-19, with corrections to the fifth Be It Further Resolved on page 4, stating instead that “such plans as implemented are to be shared with Legislature,” and

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to move the date in the seventh Be It Further Resolves on page 4, stating instead “to provide a preliminary plan to the Legislature by May 5, 2020 for the re-opening of the Nation’s gaming operations and businesses.” Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Attorney General recommended that this resolution be tabled, as the Department of Justice received this resolution late. She continued to say that this resolution appears to be very WWBC at first blush, and stated this is hasty legislation. The Attorney General would like all the branches of government work together, as the Executive Branch did not have input on this resolution.

Rep. Kristin White Eagle stated that this is in the spirit of working together, and looking at the preliminary plans for re-opening the businesses to start generating revenue again. The President added that the Legislature should read the OSHA Ordinance completely.

Ho-Chunk Nation General Welfare Exclusion Ordinance

Legislative Counsel stated that this ordinance went out for 45-day public comment in late 2018. After this is adopted, there will likely be another amendment to the ordinance. The intention is that Department of Justice and Legislature will work together cooperatively to make those amendments. Meetings will take place in the near future.

MOTION by Rep. Hinu Smith to adopt **Resolution 04-28-20 C**, Enactment of the General Welfare Exclusion Ordinance (4 HCC § 17). Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization for Approval of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation Electronic Title/Registration Processing Contract-eMV Partner

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 04-28-20 D**, Authorization for Approval of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation Electronic Title/Registration Processing Contract-eMV Partner, with adding that nothing within the resolution waives the sovereign immunity of the Ho-Chunk Nation. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 11-0-2(Vice President Karena Thundercloud, Rep. Matt Mullen) **MOTION CARRIED.**

NCAI COVID-19 Relief Application

Ryan Greendeer, Legislative Public Relations Officer stated that the thought was to establish an emergency food distribution for food insecure homes that may not otherwise meet the threshold or time constraints set by the USDA.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to support the proposal for grant submission, for Legislators to provide further input on the proposal prior to submission, and to submit as soon as possible. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-1(Rep. George Stacy)-1(Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr.) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Acceptance of HHCDAs Indian Housing Plan for FY 2020 IHBG CARES Act Funding

MOTION by Rep. Hinu Smith to adopt **Resolution 04-28-20 E**, Acceptance of HHCDAs Indian Housing Plan for FY 2020 IHBG CARES Act Funding. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-1(Rep. Darren Brinegar) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Neil Whitegull, Executive Director of HHCDAs, stated that HHCDAs is in the process of completing the Indian Housing Plan for the CARES Act funding. A copy should be sent to the Legislature and Office of the President by the end of the day today.

Gaming Commission Report

Gaming Commissioners Samantha Thaler, Heidi Bird and Corinna Blaschke were present to address the Legislature.

The Gaming Commission submitted a Gaming Commission Reopening Plan Report. To open during the State of Emergency, the Nation would have to report to the NIGC that the Nation attests to health and safety. The Gaming Commission is working with Labor Department to review the documents, and a safety audit will need to take place before opening. The Gaming Commission will receive the re-opening plans from the Department of Business this Friday. The Gaming Commission will then forward the plans to the Legislature.

There was brief discussion regarding gaming licenses that have expired or are set to expire during layoffs. The Gaming Commission would like to see Compliance staff recalled to help with the renewal of gaming licenses. The biggest concern of the Gaming Commission is the vendor licenses that have expired during the

State of Emergency.

Resolution-Accepting CARES Act Funding Award Granted in Response to COVID-19

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to TABLE Resolution-Accepting CARES Act Funding Award Granted in Response to COVID-19 until after Executive Session. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The resolution states that prior to submitting a budget to the Federal Awarding Official, Executive Branch will confer with the Legislature regarding the proposed budget and the use of the CARES Act funding.

Resolution-Approval of the 2020 Title III Elder Benefits Grant

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to adopt **Resolution 04-28-20 F**, Approval of the 2020 Title III Elder Benefits Grant. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-1(Rep. Matt Mullen) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Executive Session:

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

1:59 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to move into Open Session. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 12-1(Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr.)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

4:29 p.m.

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

Resolution- Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Ho-Chunk Nation Employment Relations Act (6 HCC § 5) (RE: Annual Leave payout during Emergency Situations)

Additional language was added to the resolution after being tabled earlier in the meeting. The additional language added included, “BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature’s intent of this amendment is to protect all accrued annual leave time for employees who have been temporarily laid off, or furloughed, as a result of, and during the current Emergency Declaration (declared by the President and Legisla-

ture in March 2020), and any similar layoffs brought about from the circumstances of an Emergency Declaration.”

MOTION by Rep. Hinu Smith to adopt **Resolution 04-28-20 H**, Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Ho-Chunk Nation Employment Relations Act (6 HCC § 5). Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 8-1(Rep. Robert TwoBears)-4(Rep. Stephanie Begay, Rep. Kristin White Eagle, Rep. Darren Brinegar, Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr.)

MOTION DEFEATED.

Rep. Kristin White Eagle stated she will vote in opposition to this resolution because 90% of the gaming employees are non-Ho-Chunk. The intent of federal & state legislation during this pandemic is to support businesses in maintaining their workforce and we need our non-Ho-Chunk employees to return for our Nation’s recovery and to not incur greater payroll costs later. It would be detrimental to move forward with this when healthcare and insurance costs could potentially be recouped from the CARES Act.

concurs. 5-8(Rep. Stephanie Begay, Rep. Paul Fox, Rep. George Stacy, Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr., Rep. Kristin White Eagle, Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr., Rep. Matt Mullen, Rep. Robert TwoBears)-0 **MOTION DEFEATED.**

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The Attorney General added that the Department of Justice is in the process of creating two ERAs, one for government employees and one for gaming employees. The proposed amendments that are being presented now can be brought forward when the ERAs are presented. The Attorney General recommended tabling this.

Resolution-Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Ho-Chunk Nation Employment Relations Act (6 HCC § 5)

There are two resolutions, with two different options (one for Ho-Chunk preference or Ho-Chunk Tribal Member) for the Legislature to consider. This amendment is in regards to layoffs of fifty (50) or more employees as a result of an Emergency Declaration.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to TABLE Resolution-Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Ho-Chunk Nation Employment Relations Act (6 HCC § 5). Second by Rep. George Stacy. 9-3(Rep. Darren Brinegar, Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr., Rep. Robert TwoBears)-1(Rep. Matt Mullen) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Amendments to Ho-Chunk Nation Non-Tribal Health and Prescription Plan

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to adopt **Resolution 04-28-20 K**, Amendments to Ho-Chunk Nation Non-Tribal Health and Prescription Plan. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. MOTION IS AMENDED to include effective date of May 1, 2020, but not enforceable until proper notice is given. Second

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to adjourn. The next Legislative Meeting will take place Tuesday, May 5, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, WI. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Special Legislative Meeting adjourned at 5:11 p.m.

<p>HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT, IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF <u>Myron A. Funmaker</u></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Amended Notice of Hearing on Petition for Probate</p> <p>Case No. <u>PR 19-06</u></p> <p>PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: 1. A Petition for Probate was filed. 2. The decedent, with date of birth <u>6/27/1966</u> and date of death <u>2/09/2019</u> was domiciled in <u>Trempealeau</u> County, State of <u>Wisconsin</u>, with a mailing address of <u>W14272 Becker Lane, Galesville, WI 54630</u>. 3. The names or addresses of the following interested person are not known or reasonably ascertainable: <u>N/A</u> 4. The petition will be heard at Wa Ehi Hoci, W9598 Hwy 54 E, Black River Falls, WI, 54615, before Judge <u>JoDeen B. Lowe</u>, on (Date) <u>5/7/2020</u> at (Time) <u>1:30 pm</u>.</p> <p>You do not need to appear unless you object. The petition may be granted if there is no objection.</p> <p>If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-284-2722 at least 10 working days prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.</p> <p>DO NOT PRINT the following text when publishing this notice.</p> <p>* IF not all of the addresses of the interested parties are known, give this form once it is returned to you filled out by the Clerk of Court to the newsletter staff for publication *</p> <p>Notice to Petitioner: The petitioner is responsible for providing a copy of this notice, a copy of the will and codicils (if any), and a copy of the petition to all interested persons by certified mail or personal service at least 45 days before the hearing. If the address, or identity of any person is not known and cannot be ascertained by reasonable diligence, the petitioner must post a copy of the notice in at least three (3) conspicuous public places within the Nation at least forty-five (45) days before the time set for the hearing and publish the notice in the official newsletter of the Ho-Chunk Nation, currently known as the Hocak Wokak, for three (3) consecutive issues. See 8 HCC § 13.65a(2).</p> <p>Notice to Newspaper: Notice must be given by publication of this form in the official newsletter of the Ho-Chunk Nation for three (3) consecutive issues with the first publication occurring at least forty-five (45) calendar days prior to the hearing date noted in Section 4.</p> <p>PR002, 04/18 Notice Setting Time to Hear Application and Deadline for Filing Claims This form shall not be modified. It may be supplemented with additional material.</p> <p>8 HCC § 13.47b, HO-CHUNK NATION PROBATE CODE</p>	<p>HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT, IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF <u>Myron A. Funmaker</u></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Amended Notice to Creditors</p> <p>Case No. <u>PR 19-06</u></p> <p>Notice to Newspaper and Personal Representative: The personal representative is responsible for providing the deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate to all known or reasonably ascertainable creditors. This notice shall be published for three (3) consecutive issues; the first publication date must be within 15 days from the date underneath the Clerk of Court's signature.</p> <p>Here is the language that should be published in the newspaper:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF: <u>Myron A. Funmaker</u> A Petition for Probate was filed in the Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court. You have 90 days from the date of the first publication of this notice to present your claims to the personal representative, <u>Kyle M. Funmaker</u>, or the Clerk of Court at P.O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The deadline for filing claims is _____. Only those claims so presented may be paid from the estate.</p> </div> <p><i>Mary Shunk</i> Clerk of Court <i>Mary Thuncler</i> Name Printed or Typed <u>3/11/2020</u> Date</p> <p>Form completed by: (Name) <u>William Simonsick</u> Address <u>401 N 5th St #200</u> <u>Wausau, WI 54403-6100</u> Telephone <u>715-847-4532</u> Bar Number (If any) <u>195-00274-W-89</u></p> <p>PR14, 04/18 Notice to Creditors This form shall not be modified. It may be supplemented with additional material.</p> <p>§8 HCC 13, HO-CHUNK NATION PROBATE CODE</p>		
<p>Legal Notice INVITATION FOR BID</p> <p>BID # 2020DWS05 ARCHAEOLOGICAL PHASE I WORK FOR PROPOSED LAND USE PLANNING</p> <p>c/o Ho-Chunk Nation Treasury Department-Procurement Division Attn: Dakota Walton-Smith W9814 Airport Road Black River Falls, WI 54615</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Sealed bids must be submitted by 2:00 PM CST on June 4, 2020. Any bids received after this date and time will be rejected and returned to the bidder unopened.</p> <p>Documents may be obtained by downloading it at https://ho-chunknation.com/procurement-opportunities/. Search on the bid number and bid title.</p> <p>Please call Catherine Link at 800-779-2873, Ext. 1502 or Dakota Walton-Smith at 800-779-2873, Ext. 1243 for response to any questions or requests for additional information.</p> <p>Published this 8th day of May, 2020.</p> <p>Dakota Walton-Smith Procurement Agent Ho-Chunk Nation</p> <p>The Ho-Chunk Nation reserves the right to reject any and all bids.</p>		<p>NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF: OWEN CYRUS MIKE A Petition for Probate was filed in the Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court. You have 90 calendar days from the date of the first publication of this notice (FEBRUARY 28, 2020) to present your claims to either the: CLERK OF COURT PO BOX 70 BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI 54615</p> <p>OR to the Personal Representative of the Estate: PAULA MIKE W7052 BUSH ROAD NEILLSVILLE, WI 54456</p> <p>The deadline for filing claims is: MAY 28, 2020 Only those claims so presented may be paid from the estate.</p>	
   <p>Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council, Inc.</p> <p>GLITC Mission: <i>To enhance the quality of life for all Native people.</i></p> <p>GLITC Vision: <i>The Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council, Inc. (GLITC) shall be a diligent advocate for the advancement and promotion of tribal nations and communities by honoring the seventh-generation perspective.</i></p> <p>In conjunction with the State of Wisconsin recommendations, we are asking that our Foster Grandparent (FGP) and Senior Companion (SCP) Elders Volunteers stay safe and healthy in their homes. The Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Offices in Lac du Flambeau are closed until May 26, 2020 and staff is working remotely.</p> <p>The FGP and SCP team of: Pat Takamine, Wendy Rozhon, Don Lincoln and Cassie Molkentin continue to work from their homes via online and telephone communications. We all can be reached via our business phones and email.</p> <p>We are currently coordinating with Tribal Elder Sites to coordinate a care package effort for distribution to the Elders that participate in those programs. This will include information from our Senior Companion and Foster Grandparent programs and contact information for any question you may have about joining our Volunteer Teams within your own Tribes and Nations.</p> <p>We will continue to reach out to our volunteers by phone to answer any questions and provide support where we can. We will continue to make calls and check in and assist with the bi-weekly paperwork that we need completed to continue to process the temporary approved stipend process.</p> <p>Our continued concern is for you, our most valuable resource, the Elders of our Tribal Communities. We are working to ensure you remain safe and healthy during this challenging time. Thank you for all you do!</p>			

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

Tuesday, 5/5/2020

COUNTY	POSITIVE	DEATHS
Adams	4	1
Clark	21	4
Columbia	32	1
Crawford	7	0
Dane	443	22
Eau Claire	42	0
Jackson	12	1
Juneau	18	1
La Crosse	32	0
Marathon	21	1
Monroe	14	1
Sauk	67	3
Shawano	17	0
Vernon	2	0
Wood	2	0
COUNTY TOTALS:	734	35
*HCN TOTALS:	13	2

AMERICAN INDIANS TESTED POSITIVE IN WISCONSIN IS 88.



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

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

All Health Facilities **CLOSED**

Monday May 25th

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MEMORIAL DAY

PLEASE PLAN ACCORDINGLY FOR MEDICATION REFILLS.
IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY, CALL 911.

Both the House of Wellness and the Ho-Chunk Health Care pharmacies will also be closed on Memorial Day.

NOTICE OF VACANCIES

Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Aging Unit Elderly Advisory Board

Member (1 vacancy)

District 2: Baraboo/Wi Dells Areas

According to Ho-Chunk Tribal Aging Unit (TAU) Advisory

Board Establishment Act and Organization Act;

Terms: Board members shall serve for a three (3) year term and may serve more than one (1) term.

Selection/Appointment: The members of the TAU Board shall be selected by the Elders from each of their respective Districts. Each District shall choose its member selection process.

The election shall be held at the Wisconsin Dells TAU meal site on

May 13, 2020, from 8:30am-2:30pm, PENDING THE LIFTING OF THE PANDEMIC SOCIAL DISTANCING ORDER.

You may Contact TAU/Wi. Dells at 608-253-2185 for further information.



Ho-Chunk Nation Office of Tribal Enrollment

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

In accordance to HCC § 12, Per Capita Distribution Ordinance, Sec.7c. Each member shall be required to submit an annual address verification form (either paper or electronic) to the Enrollment Office in accordance with the procedures and instructions promulgated by the Enrollment Office.

Please take notice of the following very important information:

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Ho-Chunk Nation leadership had to make the difficult decision to implement an emergency plan to only maintain employees to perform the critical functions and services within the Nation's governmental structure.

Due to the current staffing level of the Enrollment Office, **the Annual Address Verification process is postponed to coincide with the November 2020 Per Capita Distribution schedule.** As the situation changes, we will re-evaluate the staff level to determine if further changes must be made to the Annual Address Verification schedule and post updates in future editions of the Hocak Worak.

It is very important that you keep your address current. The Change of Address form can be found on the Nations website at <https://ho-chunknation.com/documents>. Although mail and faxes are still accepted and retrieved from the Office twice a week, the most efficient way to submit information to the Enrollment Office is to email to: enrollmentinfo@ho-chunk.com.

*Office of Tribal Enrollment forms are available online @ <http://www.ho-chunknation.com/documents>



According to us, we are invincible...

... when we participate in the 2020 Census. Even if we live in urban or other off-reservation areas, we may think that our tribes will count us in the census, but that is not the case. Our tribes do not provide enrollment numbers to the U.S. Census Bureau, so we need to respond and make sure we are all counted.

The 2020 Census is the count for all American Indians and Alaska Natives, no matter our age or where we live. We use data from an accurate count to plan programs and services in our communities.

For more information, visit:
2020CENSUS.GOV

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