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Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board shifts to Mail Balloting for next Primary Election

Ardith Van Riper
Editor

The Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board shifts to mail balloting for the March 9 Primary Election. No polling sites will be open.

Per the Election Code, “The Election Board shall send by United States Mail a ballot to each eligible voter or Ho-Chunk Member who will be an eligible voter by the date of the election.”

The Election Board mailed the ballot packages on January 22. The ballot package consists of a ballot, instruction sheet, ballot secrecy envelope, and return envelope.

A delay occurred for those eligible voters with Post Office Boxes as their mailing addresses. Those ballot packages were mailed out January 29.

Eligible voters who do not receive

a ballot or their ballot is spoiled, destroyed, or lost must request a replacement no later than February 16.

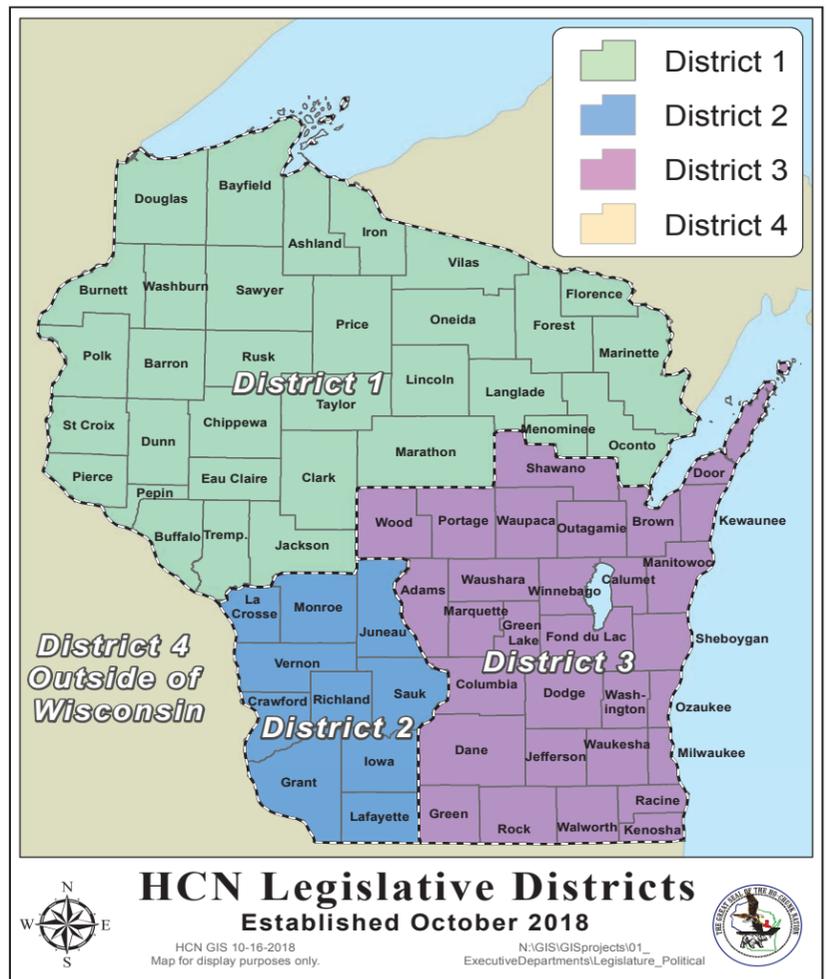
Call 715-284-8900 or 800-890-0583 for a replacement ballot. Eligible voters also have the option to email election.board@ho-chunk.com for a replacement ballot. Include your name, tribal identification number, and mailing address in the body of the email.

Voters must follow the instruction sheet to cast their vote, except for the last bullet point. No notary is required.

The voter must mark the ballot with a number two pencil. Then place the ballot in the secrecy envelope and seal it. Then place the sealed secrecy envelope inside the return envelope and seal it. The voter must sign and complete the certificate on the return envelope. Finally, the voter returns the envelope to the Election Board by United States Mail.

Again, the last line regarding a notary was an error on the instruction sheet. No notary is required.

Return ballots must be received no later than the day of the election. Voters are encouraged to return those ballots as soon as possible.



No polling sites will be open for the March 9 election. Ballot packages have already been mailed to eligible voters. The deadline for requesting a replacement ballot is February 16.

Eagle-Eyed Wisconsinites Report Dozens Of New Bald Eagle Nests

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MADISON, Wis. – Eagle-eyed Wisconsinites reported dozens of new bald eagle nests in 2020, while volunteers from Madison Audubon Society monitored known nests from the ground in nine counties.

These collective volunteer efforts greatly helped

the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources’ (DNR) bald eagle monitoring and protection efforts in 2020 and are expected to do so again as bald eagles soon begin nesting in southern Wisconsin.

Documenting and surveying known bald eagle nest locations is important to track population trends. This allows DNR staff to provide current information to landowners and forest managers on nest locations so they can avoid disturbing the birds during breeding season.

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NEWS RELEASE

A Letter from the President

Once again it's the budget season within the Ho-Chunk Nation.

The lawmakers set the spending limits for the tribal government. Now it's time to propose budgets for the upcoming fiscal year.

Our fiscal year starts on July 1 and goes until June 30.

The goal is to always come under the spending limits. It's not an exact science, but the limits are determined from casino incoming revenue projections.

Our Treasury team has let us know we are beginning to be able to set money aside in the reserve accounts. Those reserve accounts are what we used to get us through the casino closures as a result of the pandemic. They've been able to put money back into those accounts for a few months now.

With 12 departments, the executive branch has to make tough decisions when budgeting. We prioritize on the services needed and used most.

During the last budget cycle, the members of the Finance Committee would ask the department executive directors, "How do you feel about your budget?"

Budgeting isn't about feeling good concerning the lack of funding to offer services. It's calculating and crunching numbers.

My response to how we feel about the budget was, "We want every tribal member and employee to be paid like we're all presidents." That would make us all feel good - if you want us to feel good about it.

That's just not realistic.

The important thing to focus on is not going over budget and make sure we get through the fiscal year without needing to request additional funding.

During this past week, I reminded our representatives that our revenue is all of our money - meaning it never becomes their money alone. They are the body to allocate the funding, but it's because the people delegated that duty to them to do so.

Often I hear the rhetoric that "We gave you (the other branches of government or tribal member) this or we gave you that." That's just not the case.

It was always the tribal members' resources being allocated.

As the former editor of the Hocak Worak, tribal members would refer to some excessive spending by the legislature and want me to write about it. I'd ask to interview or quote those people and the response would be, "Let me get my budget passed first."

By the time the budget was

passed, it was old or irrelevant and no one would want to talk about it.

The budget process always seemed like abuse or misuse of authority to me.

Last year, the Finance Committee held all the budget hearings and acted on none of them.

The Executive Branch came in under budget. The committee made comments in their review. We asked for them to increase the spending limit if they wanted certain increases.

Ultimately, they enacted two continuing resolutions

and an eight-month budget bill for the fiscal year.

The court deemed these short-term budget allocation actions unconstitutional.

One good thing from this all is we are attempting to balance the budget, meaning we are not spending more than we ought to. Having a balanced budget means exactly that - balanced. The income and the expenses should be equal.

The former Treasurer Crystal Deschinny was explaining to me that there was one paragraph in the Nation's audits

stating that we were overspending. It was occurring for a few years.

We haven't been doing that for the past couple of years. We're being fiscally responsible and doing the same amount of services and work with less funding.

Although we don't have all the job positions we've had in the past, we're getting more work performance from our employees.

That's the definition of being responsible - responsible to the Ho-Chunk people we serve.



President WhiteEagle administered the Oath of Office to the St. Paul/Minneapolis Youth Council during an Area Meeting in December 2019. Youth Council members and District 1 Legislators Paul Fox, Robert TwoBears, and Kathyleen Lonetree-Whiterabbit poses for a photo after the swearing in ceremony.

A Call to Young Voters (And the Young at Heart!)

"We the People, pursuant to our inherent sovereignty, in order to form a more perfect government..."

- Preamble of the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation

Forming a more perfect government takes active effort from "We the people." It feels like just yesterday that we exercised our US constitutional right to participate in government by going to the polls and casting a vote for the candidate of our choice. We are now in a position to exercise our Ho-Chunk Nation constitutional rights to do the same in our own upcoming elections.

Although I am not active on any social media platforms, it is encouraging to learn that currently there is reportedly active discourse regarding our impending elections. It is, therefore, my hope that there will be more interest and participation in our government from our Nation's Gen Y generation (23-28 year-olds) and our Gen Z group - the 18-22 year-olds. With their generally more active and engaged use of social media, I am hopeful that political inquiry and discussion will become more prevalent in their "liking" and "sharing" activities leading up to the elections.

As younger people, I am sure that there are many issues more popular and fun to

explore and share. However, room should be made to be thinking about one's personal future and that of the tribe of which you are all members. Voting for elected officials will absolutely have an impact on all of us Ho-Chunk, and voting is a very important responsibility not to be taken lightly. You represent the future of "We the people," and your active participation will assist in shaping the future fate of our proud Nation along with the ongoing mission of "form(ing) a more perfect government."

I would urge all voters - but especially our younger voters - to get yourselves educated on the issues that face the Ho-Chunk Nation. Talk to people who are or who have been actively engaged in our political processes. Take some time to learn some history, both distant and more contemporary Ho-Chunk history. Tune into the Ciporoke podcast hosted by tribal member, Shelby Grant. There are likely other similar podcasts and online programming available. Research more broadly online; there is a good deal of Ho-Chunk-related content posted on the internet. Read the Legislative meeting minutes. Log in to Area Meetings; they are all virtual so you may now listen in or more actively participate from the comfort of your home.

I would also urge voters to ask questions of those running for office - this would include both challengers and incumbents.

What significant or signature legislation have the incumbents adopted that clearly display their record of advancing the interests of the Nation? In your minds, are they worthy of another four years based on their actions and respective voting records? Per our constitution, the more routine and vital responsibilities of the Legislators are to A). to make laws and B). to appropriate funds. Similar questions should be asked of challengers: What are your legislative objectives geared toward advancing the interests of the Ho-Chunk people? It is important to listen and gauge whether their objectives are aligned with Legislative functions or Executive branch functions.

All candidates might be asked about their view of President WhiteEagle's ongoing efforts to more clearly delineate the respective roles of the Legislative and Executive branches of government. He has written in the Hocak Worak that there seems a shift away from the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution and a backslide of the government operating more like the WWBC. He has filed lawsuits in the Nation's judiciary to get law-

ful and clearer interpretations of the constitution's separation of powers provisions. These are necessary steps in "forming a more perfect government." Getting the candidates' viewpoints on this issue will enable voters to discern the candidates' level of understanding of the constitution, something they will be charged with upholding upon being duly elected.

Candidates might be asked of their past experience in governing. They may be asked about their appropriations objectives. What is their vision? Where do they see the Nation four years hence (20 years hence), and how do they plan to get us there? What is their knowledge and experience in the Nation's budgeting process, and do they have a vision for a better process?

Another set of questions could be crafted to discover their objectives in being more outward-facing. What image of the Ho-Chunk Nation and messaging do they wish to project in Indian Country, in the local and state governments and their respective communities and with the feds? What government-to-government objectives do they have, and do they see the value in creating and maintaining strategic relationships with government entities outside of the Nation? In your mind, do they present and

project well? Could you envision them effectively representing the Nation in settings outside of the tribe?

In sum, I would urge all voters, but especially our young tribal members, to more seriously consider your votes. Get yourselves smart(er) on the issues. Ask questions. Talk amongst your peers. Listen to the candidates and carefully consider their campaigns and accompanying pledges. At any level in our country's voting processes, there is likely a natural and human tendency to vote for "what's best for me." I would urge voters to more carefully consider "what's best for the future of our shared Ho-Chunk Nation."

All of the candidates are to be commended for putting themselves out there. There is personal risk. And to all voters, I would posit that there is no such thing as a perfect candidate. However, with sound reasoning and careful consideration, we may elect candidates that more likely may contribute to making the Ho-Chunk Nation "a more perfect government."

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Joe Biden: 'Tribal sovereignty will be a cornerstone'

The Biden administration has made several actions (and big ones) in the first week concerning tribal nations

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Country Today

The third of four executive orders signed by President Joe Biden on Tuesday focuses on strengthening the nation-to-nation relationships with tribes. It's only one presidential action of many taken by the administration in week one.

Biden signed a presidential memorandum that requires all federal agencies and executive departments to have a "strong process in place for tribal consultation," said Libby Washburn, Chickasaw and the newly appointed special assistant to the president for Native American Affairs for the White House Domestic Policy Council. The position previously was held by Kim Teehee, Cherokee, and Jodi Archambault, Hunkpapa and Oglala Lakota, in the Obama Administration.

The move represents the new president "committing to regular, meaningful robust consultation with tribal leaders" and it requires all federal agencies and executive departments to have a "strong process in place for tribal consultation," Washburn said.

Biden gave remarks on his racial equity plan, which includes the signed tribal consultation memorandum, from the White House State Dining Room.

"Today I'm directing the federal agency to reinvigorate

the consultation process with Indian tribes," Biden said, noting respect for sovereignty "will be a cornerstone of our engaging with Native American communities."

Washburn said previous presidents like Barack Obama and Bill Clinton have done this.

So what makes this one different?

It enforces a previous tribal consultation executive order signed on Nov. 6, 2000.

This time around the executive order requires the head of each agency to submit, within 90 days, a memorandum with a detailed plan of action on how they will implement policies and directives, Washburn said. Agencies must listen to what tribes want.

These federal agencies and executive departments will have to continuously keep the White House updated, she said.

Tribal consultation is also crucial when it comes to the pandemic.

"This builds on the work we did last week to expand tribes' access to the Strategic National Stockpile for the first time, to ensure they receive help from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, FEMA, to fight this pandemic," Biden stated Tuesday.

On Jan. 21, Biden announced that FEMA would make financial assistance available to tribal governments at 100 percent of the



President Joe Biden signed the executive order, "a memorandum for the executive departments and agencies, tribal consultation and nation relationships" on Jan. 26. (Screenshot)

federal cost share. When the COVID-19 pandemic was declared a national emergency, it activated eligible tribal, state and local governments to access FEMA emergency funding, Washburn said. The federal cost share was 75 percent, and tribes were responsible for 25 percent of the cost.

"It has been something the tribes have been asking for, for a long time, and there has been legislation pending in the House and Senate on it," Washburn said.

The funding can be used for safe openings, operations of schools, childcare facilities, health care facilities, shelters, transit systems, and more.

Another ask by the tribes: access to the Strategic National Stockpile. And granted by the administration on Jan. 21.

The public health supply chain executive order states that the "Secretary of Health and Human Services shall consult with Tribal authorities and take steps, as appropriate and consistent with applicable law, to facilitate access to the Strategic National Stockpile for federally recognized Tribal governments, Indian Health Service healthcare providers, Tribal health authorities, and Urban Indian Organizations."

Fawn Sharp, Quinault, president of the National Congress of American Indians, said the

administration's first week demonstrated that the needs of tribal nations are a priority.

"I am both excited and encouraged that the Biden Administration is taking so many meaningful and significant steps towards Tribal Nations' priority issues -- respect for sovereignty, racial equity, urgent action on climate change, protection of sacred sites and ancestral ecosystems, and the commitment to meaningful Tribal consultation," she said. "There's immense work still to be done, but we celebrate that the first steps President Biden has taken towards truth and reconciliation with Tribal Nations are so responsive to our needs and aligned with our values and principles."

Since Day One, the Biden administration has gone full speed on taking presidential actions that affect tribal nations.

Hours after taking his oath, Biden revoked the permit for the Keystone XL pipeline, placed a temporary moratorium on all oil and gas activities in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, and signed another executive order on "advancing racial equity and support for underserved communities through the federal government."

"I think it's exciting and it shows that things are going to be front and center for him

and his entire administration," Washburn said, adding that includes hiring more Native people across the board.

In addition to New Mexico Rep. Deb Haaland's nomination for Interior secretary, Washburn said, "President Biden, he promised during the campaign that tribes would have a seat at the table at the highest levels of federal government and a voice throughout the government, and I think that he's really showing in the early beginning days of his administration that he is going to make sure that happens."

And down to what is in the Oval Office. Washburn pointed out that a painting of Andrew Jackson, a strong proponent of Indian removal, was removed from the Oval Office. The "Swift Messenger" sculpture by Allan Houser, Chiricahua Apache, now sits on a bookcase, reported the Albuquerque Journal.

As for land acknowledgements, that's an ongoing conversation.

"It is something that we are talking about, so I think we will talk about it and really, I'd like to talk to Deb Haaland about it as well, and once she's confirmed it's something that I think will become a focus," Washburn said.

Outside Vendor Review Committee

Submitted by Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Branch

The Legislature adopted a resolution creating the Outside Vendor Review Committee/Task Force. This task force will be made up of the members of the Legislature's Development Committee. They will be tasked with ensuring the Nation properly analyzes and reviews proposals over \$100,000 from contractors and professionals outside of the Nation.

The formation of this committee/task force will help the Legislature maintain its fiduciary responsibility and ensure

competence and reputability of contracts, partners and commitments made on behalf of the Ho-Chunk Nation.

The task force will receive proposals directly or referred from the Executive branch through the Legislative process. They will conduct due diligence by meeting to review background checks and providing a thorough analysis to mitigate the risk to the Nation.

We anticipate this committee will be only one of several factors in strengthening the Nation's sovereign economy.

Attention: The Next Deadline of the Hocak Worak will be February 19th which will be published on February 26th. 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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Joseph Steven 'Joey' Cholka

Joseph Steven 'Joey' Cholka died unexpectedly at home Thursday January 21, 2021.

Joey was born September 6, 1962 in Cleveland OH to Donald and Polly Ann (O'Brien) Cholka Sr. After graduating high school Joey began working, being the work-aholic everyone soon recognized him to be, usually in the construction of new housing with a need to be outdoors he particularly enjoyed roofing. Joey had the biggest heart of anybody...ever! He loved his family dearly and was always faithful and loyal to his friends. He loved life, but never more than when

he was quad-racing on his four-wheeler.

Surviving Joey are his mother Polly Ann O'Brien; his son Joey Cholka and daughter Amber Cholka; his siblings Rosemarie Adams, Casie LaMorie, Toni Kachnowski, Donald Cholka Jr., and Denise, Steven, Phillip and Harry John Cholka. And many nieces, nephews and cousins, aunts and uncles.

He was preceded in death by his father Donald Michael Cholka Sr.

A private family funeral service for Joey will be held Monday January 25, 2021 at 3:00 PM at the Buswell Funeral Home in Black River



Falls. Clayton Winneshiek will officiate the services.

The Buswell Funeral Home, 106 S. Second St., in Black River Falls is serving the family. (715) 284-2231.

Gregory Demetri Gromoff

Black River Falls

Gregory Demetri Gromoff, age 58, died Wednesday February 3, 2021 surrounded by his loving family and caregivers.

Greg was born October 1, 1962 in Chicago IL to Constantine and Irene Gertrude (Malleck-Snowball) Gromoff Sr. Greg was a high school graduate whose favorite job while growing up was ranching. For 11 years, Greg got great joy from being a ranch hand at the Ho-Chunk Bison Ranch, until its closing. Greg was formerly married on January 18, 1992 to Barbara Ann Lewis and later divorced yet remained close friends.

Greg was a spontaneous, open-minded and very social individual. He enjoyed fishing, loved eating fried bread, and took pride in helping others as a driver for others who needed help getting around. He loved to talk with others, often reminiscing and telling of the old stories and the Ho-Chunk heritage. He was a wonderful practical joker, especially when it came to his own lost finger jokes

and how it came to pass. He was a family man who loved his grandbabies dearly. God bless our memories of Greg, he will truly be missed.

Surviving Greg are his sons Lance Cub Lewis and Steven Nickaboine; his daughter Jamie Lee Gromoff; his grandchildren Savannah, Ayden and Azalea Nickaboine and Abraham and Adline Gauthier; his brothers Clinton Lee Gromoff, Michael Allen Gromoff, Bernard Denasha and Ronald Martin; his sisters Angela Kay (Joel) Smith and Laura Connors; as well as his aunt Mildred Decorah.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his siblings Constantine Gromoff Jr. and Linda Shegonee; his uncles Lawrence, Daniel, Luke Jr., Frank, Phillip and Gordon Snowball and his aunts Lorraine Carrimon, Matilda Whitedog and Exhilda Goodbear.



A visitation for Greg will be Friday evening February 5, 2021 from 4 to 6 PM at the Buswell

Funeral Home, 106 S. Second St., in Black River Falls, and from 10 to 11 on Saturday at the Old Community Center Building on Mission Road before the committal ceremony starting at 11:00 AM. Burial will follow the services at the United Church of Christ Cemetery at 12-noon.

The Buswell Funeral Home is serving the family, (715) 284-2231.

DISTRICT 1 MEETING NOTICE

WAUSAU VIRTUAL MEETING

Tuesday, February 16, 2021
6:00 p.m.

Please contact Michelle Ramberg at michelle.ramberg@ho-chunk.com for meeting information.

BLACK RIVER FALLS VIRTUAL MEETING

Wednesday, February 10, 2021
6:00 p.m.

Please contact Michelle Ramberg at michelle.ramberg@ho-chunk.com for meeting information.

Due to the Pandemic and Social Distancing for the safety of our constituents, we will be hosting WebEx meetings.

Posted on: 01/27/21



HO-CHUNK NATION
PEOPLE OF THE BIG VOICE

Claude Perry Payer



Claude Perry Payer, age 59 died at home Monday January 25, 2021.

Claude was born December 19, 1961 in Black River Falls to Joseph and Mary (Waukon) Payer. Claude was a high school graduate who worked most of his life for retail stores like Walmart and also worked at the Casino. He was a good natured man with a happy disposition all of the time. He treated everyone he met very respectfully. Claude was a loaner by nature, but he loved birds and kept them his whole life as pets in his home. Claude will truly be missed by all who got to know him.

Surviving Claude are his brothers and sisters, Ralph

Payer, William Payer, La-Vetta Cloud and Barb (Rodney) Helgeson; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and aunts and uncles. He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother George Payer and his sister Ruth Ann Payer.

Funeral Services for Claude will be Thursday January 28, 2021 at 11:00 AM at the Buswell Funeral Home in Black River Falls. Friends may call during a Visitation at the funeral home from 10 to 11 before the service.

The Buswell Funeral Home, 106 S. Second Street in Black River Falls is serving the family. (715) 284-2231.



Notice

Ho-Chunk Nation - Office of Tribal Enrollment

Online Tribal ID Appointments

Starting January 20, 2021, tribal members can schedule an appointment online with the Office of Tribal Enrollment to have a Tribal ID issued. Tribal ID appointments can be made for either adults or minors. For each appointment made, the member will receive an email confirmation. Tribal ID cards will only be issued at the Tribal Office Building.

Once you schedule an appointment, you will be asked to submit your payment, ID documents and Change of Address form 48 hours (2-days) before your appointment date to the Enrollment Office. Payment can also be made at the time of the appointment. Enrollment only accepts Money Orders and Cashier's Checks prior to the appointment. Cash will be accepted at the time of the appointment. All current policies and payment schedules will remain the same.

All appointments are in 25-minute increments.

ID SCHEDULE:

Monday	12:30 pm – 3:40 pm
Tues/Wed/Thurs	8:15 am – 3:40 pm

Cancel or reschedule at least 24 hours in advance of your appointment. If you become COVID symptomatic, cancel or reschedule as soon as possible.

The Tribal Office Building requires a face mask and temperature reading upon arrival. Tribal Members must also be symptom-free. If you have a fever or flu symptoms, follow the Nation's recommended regulations.

Starting on January 20, 2021, go to the following link to set up your appointment:

<https://calendly.com/hcn-enrollment>

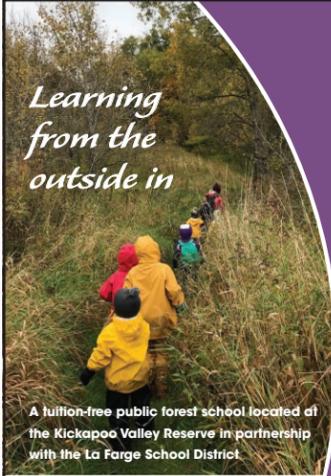


Kim Lawrence Whitegull



Kim Lawrence Whitegull, age 63, died at home Saturday January 23, 2021. Kim was born April 20, 1957 in Black River Falls to Millard and Bernice (Deer) Whitegull. Kim attended UW LaCrosse after graduating high school. He then went to work holding numerous positions at the Ho-Chunk casino, his favorite being working the BINGO floor. Kim was a man's man, enjoying gaming both at the Casino as well as out of doors hunting, fishing and hiking. He liked sports especially the Packers and the Brewers. He was a devoted family man who loved his family and friends. He was always helping out others when he could utilizing his talents and hobby as a carpenter and craftsman. Surviving Kim are his son Nicholas Whitegull and daughter Sara Dobbs; his brother Casey (Jill)

Whitegull; sisters Mary G. Whitegull, Gwendolyn F. Whitegull and Roxanne Whitegull-Anderson; and three grandchildren Lucas, Kaimery and Isabella; and many other relatives. He was preceded in death by his parents; his daughter Amanda Whitegull; his brother Rex Daniel Whitegull and sister Rebecca Whitegull-Lagarde. Funeral services for Kim will be held Tuesday January 26, 2021 at 11:00 at the Andrew Blackhawk American Legion Building. Mann John will officiate the services. Visitation will be from 10:00 to 11:00 before the service. Burial will follow the services at the Decorah Cemetery. Devotions will be Monday evening. The Buswell Funeral Home, 106 S. Second St., in Black River Falls is serving the family, (715) 284-2231.



Learning from the outside in

A tuition-free public forest school located at the Kickapoo Valley Reserve in partnership with the La Farge School District



Kickapoo Valley Forest School

Our Mission

The Kickapoo Valley Forest School (KVFS) will enrich children's learning with opportunities to connect, explore, and engage through immersion in the natural world.

Our Vision

The KVFS is a school where children are empowered to grow confidently and develop an authentic sense of self, place and belonging. The KVFS is a school committed to creating space for children to experience wonder and engage meaningfully with their environment through a deep respect for, understanding of, and connection to the natural world.



Growing to serve 4-year-old Kindergarten (4K) through 2nd Grade students



What is a Forest School?

Forest School is a child-centered educational setting offering children opportunities for holistic growth through daily learning in nature. The school emphasizes play, exploration, and supported risk-taking to develop confidence, self-esteem and wonder through learner-inspired, hands-on experiences in a natural environment. The local community and environment are rich resources for learning in all areas of the curriculum including literacy and language arts, number sense and mathematics, social studies, science, art, and music.



About KVFS

KVFS is a public, place-based forest school serving children 4K-2nd grade in La Farge, WI.

What makes Kickapoo Valley Forest School special?

- All-weather nature immersion every day
- Nature-inspired indoor classroom spaces
- Child-led learning
- Inquiry-based teaching style
- Place-based education
- Interdisciplinary curriculum rooted in seasonal cycles
- Community focused to strengthen relationships within our classroom and beyond
- Supported, safe environment for healthy risk-taking

This is a great opportunity for families to meet the needs of children best served by abundant outdoor time, large motor activities, lots of movement and a nature-based curriculum.

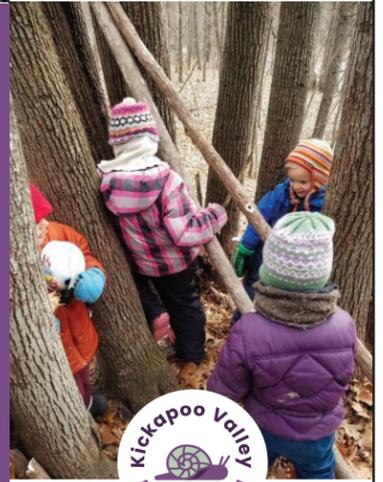
Public charter school on the Kickapoo Valley Reserve in partnership with the La Farge School District.

KVFS opens September 2021 serving 4K and Kindergarten students with a full-day, 5 days per week program.

Enrollment is capped at 16 students per class.

Adult-student ratio will be 1 adult: 8 children.

KVFS curriculum aligns with Wisconsin State Academic Standards.



Kickapoo Valley Forest School

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DISTRICT 3 MEETING NOTICE

MADISON DISTRICT MEETING-VIRTUAL
Wednesday, February 10, 2021 - 6:00 p.m.

WITTENBERG DISTRICT MEETING-VIRTUAL
Monday, February 15, 2021 - 6:00 p.m.

GREEN BAY DISTRICT MEETING-VIRTUAL
Tuesday, February 16, 2021 - 6:00 p.m.

MILWAUKEE DISTRICT MEETING-VIRTUAL
Wednesday, February 17, 2021- 6:00 p.m.

WI RAPIDS DISTRICT MEETING-VIRTUAL
Thursday, February 18, 2021- 6:00 p.m.

Pandemic Precautions: Due to the high number of Covid cases we will be holding District 3 meetings all virtual.

For Webex information please contact:
Rep. Sarah Lemieux at Sarah.Lemieux@Ho-Chunk.com or 715.315.8071
Rep. Darren Brinegar at Darren.Brinegar@Ho-Chunk.com or 715-315-1031
Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. at Lawrence.WalkerJr@Ho-Chunk.com or 715-299-0815

Posted 01/27/21



HO-CHUNK NATION
PEOPLE OF THE BIG VOICE

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Aging Elder Advisory Board
(1 vacancy, 2 candidates) – Tomah

(1 vacancy, 2 candidates) – Black River Falls

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

Voting Process

Ballots with the two candidates per area will be distributed in the March monthly newsletter at the two respective sites. If you do not receive a newsletter on a regular basis please call the participating Tribal Aging office to request a ballot. Ballots can be mailed in or dropped off at the respective Tribal Aging Office.

Ballots will be accepted until the end of the business day on Friday, March 19th 2021.

Tomah Tribal Aging Office – 608-372-4547

Black River Falls Tribal Aging Office – 715-284-0811

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“The word is out that we’re interested in learning about new nests,” said Rich Staffen, Conservation Biologist for the DNR Natural Heritage Conservation Program, who is responsible for occupied nest surveys in nine counties in south central and southwestern Wisconsin. “Since our last occupied nest surveys in spring 2019, for my region alone, I have gotten 44 new nest reports of likely bald eagles. These are from citizens or biologists and reported to me or Madison Audubon So-

ciety. Most have been verified as active bald eagle nests.”

Highlights from public reports – most of them in southern Wisconsin where bald eagles are rapidly claiming new territories [PDF] – included a second documented nest in Kenosha County and two new nests in Madison. Milwaukee County, the only county without a documented nest, nearly erased that goose egg in 2020 until a volunteer discovered a nest less than a quarter-mile outside the county line.

Several of the new reports came from landowners or outdoor enthusiasts who discov-

ered nests. Others came from some of the 2,000 volunteers who helped the DNR and partners complete data collection in 2019 for the Wisconsin Breeding Bird Atlas II, a five-year statewide effort to document the abundance and location of Wisconsin’s nesting birds.

The DNR and Madison Audubon Society staff have confirmed many of the new nest reports or sent volunteers to check the nests and potentially add to the list for future monitoring.

Madison Audubon Society’s Bald Eagle Nest Watch

Aids Monitoring Effort

Up to 15% of the new nests reported in southwestern Wisconsin were discovered by volunteers assigned to watch known nest sites for Madison Audubon Society’s Bald Eagle Nest Watch.

Currently in its fourth year, the Madison Audubon Society’s Bald Eagle Nest Watch program is increasingly important to monitoring and protecting Wisconsin bald eagles. The program is expanding into the Fox Valley through a partnership with Kaukauna’s 1000 Islands Environmental Center.

Audubon program coordinators work with the DNR to get the location and historical data they need to assign volunteers to survey the nests.

This year, nearly 200 Bald Eagle Nest Watch volunteers will monitor more than 60 nests in 14 Wisconsin counties, enabling the DNR to focus survey efforts along riverways and public lands, where nests can be harder to see from the ground.

Volunteers watch their assigned nest for one hour every week from early February,

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DISTRICT 4 AREA MEETING NOTICE



VIRTUAL CHICAGO AREA MEETING

**Monday, February 15, 2021
6:00 p.m.**

Due to the high number of Covid cases we will be holding District 4 February meetings virtual.

VIRTUAL TWIN CITIES AREA MEETING

**Thursday, February 18, 2021
6:00 p.m.**

Due to the high number of Covid cases we will be holding District 4 February meetings virtual.

For WebEx information please contact:

- Rep. Paul.Fox@Ho-Chunk.com**
- Rep. Robert.TwoBears@Ho-Chunk.com**
- Rep. Kathy.Whiterabbit@Ho-Chunk.com**
- Rep. Matt.Mullen@Ho-Chunk.com**

Posted on: 01/27/21



**HO-CHUNK NATION
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DISTRICT 2 AREA MEETING NOTICE



**La Crosse /Tomah
Virtual WebEx Meeting
Tuesday, February 16, 2021
6:00 p.m.**

**Baraboo & Mauston/Wisc. Dells
Virtual WebEx Meeting
Thursday, February 18, 2021
6:00 p.m.**

Pandemic Precautions: Due to the high number of Covid cases we will be holding District 2 meetings all virtual.

Contact a District 2 Representative for the WebEx link or the meeting phone number.
Rep. Stephanie Begay Stephanie.Begay@ho-chunk.com - 608-408-0339
Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. Conroy.Greendeer@ho-chunk.com - 608-387-2163
Rep. Kristin K. White Eagle Kristin.WhiteEagle@ho-chunk.com - 715-299-0583

Michelle Ramberg, Legislative Aide michelle.ramberg@ho-chunk.com



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Posted on 1/28/21



**HO-CHUNK NATION
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**



Media Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DATE: February 9, 2021

CONTACT: Kiana Beaudin, Ho-Chunk Nation Health Department Health Officer, 715-284-9851
COVID-19 Death Notice

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

The Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health has had a total of 735 community members who have tested positive for COVID-19, 12 people have died. Like other communities throughout the State of Wisconsin the impact of this new disease has been devastating. Just like other parts of the State we have community members recovering at home and we have community members being treated in a hospital setting. We continue to work with our local, State, and Federal partners to care for our communities.

Even though vaccine is becoming available in our community we must continue to stay home as much as possible, practice social distancing, use a mask when you go out of your home, and when vaccine is available to you please get vaccinated. Take care of one another.

Ho-Chunk Health Care Center

N6520 Lumberjack Guy Road

Black River Falls, WI 54615

Ph. 715-284-9851 FAX 715-284-5150

House of Wellness

52845 White Eagle Rd

Baraboo, WI 53913

Ph. 888-552-7889 FAX 608-355-9643

**GUARDIAN
AD LITEM
TRAINING**



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

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

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

The Judiciary is looking for qualified individuals to serve as guardians ad litem. Guardians ad litem are compensated for the time and travel expended as part of their duties.

**LOCATION:
ONLINE/VIRTUAL
(VIA ZOOM)**

**DATES AND TIME:
MARCH 22-24, 2021:
8:00 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.;
MARCH 25, 2021:
8:00 A.M. TO NOON**

**RVSP:
DAVID WILSON
Senior Staff Attorney at
david.wilson@ho-chunk.com or
(715) 284-2722**

Hųc wihiraagnįra

February: Last Bear Moon

Harvest of the Month

Ną taanįžu
Maple Syrup

Gathering

The sap from maple trees is often gathered in late winter to early spring. Maple sap is then boiled down to create maple syrup and even maple sugar.

Nutrition

-1 Tablespoon of maple syrup contains about 50 calories and 15 grams of carbohydrates, therefore still needs to be enjoyed in moderation.
-It also contains manganese, riboflavin and other nutrients.



Sources: <https://myr.extension.wisc.edu/articles/2009/11/01/focus-on-food-safety-when-making-maple-syrup/>, https://www.cmr.msu.edu/news/maple-syrup_nutritional_facts, <https://www.todaysdietitian.com/newarchives/0715p16.shtml>, <https://practicalselfreliance.com/maple-sugar/>.

HCN Health and Wellness Div.
<http://health.ho-chunk.com>



Store

-For best quality, use unopened canned syrup within 2 years & store in a cool, dry place.
-Refrigerate after opening.
-Freeze syrup for long-term storage (leaving room at the top for expansion).

Prepare

-Enjoy maple sap in beverages.
-Maple syrup and maple sugar can be used in place of other sweeteners in your favorite recipes.

Making Maple Sugar

Pour 2 cups of maple syrup in a large saucepan. Boil without stirring until syrup reaches 255 to 265°F. Remove from heat and stir quickly with a wooden spoon or a stand mixer. Syrup will lighten and start to granulate quickly. Enjoy!

For more Information
Contact a HCN Registered
Dietitian/ Nutritionist:

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

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HO-CHUNK NATION
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH



Media

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

February 4, 2021

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

Ho-Chunk Nation COVID-19 Vaccine New Data Dashboard

Ho-Chunk Nation – The Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health has been working with the Ho-Chunk Nation Realty Division and Niklas Anderson to develop a Ho-Chunk Nation COVID-19 Vaccine data dash board. The dash board is intended to provide both leadership and our community members with information about the status of COVID-19 vaccination within the Ho-Chunk Health Department Service area. We have been evaluating our State, regional, and local partner data dash boards regarding vaccine as we developed our metrics. These metrics have assisted the department in developing our Epidemiology plan and our COVID-19 Vaccination plan. We will continually evaluate the data dash board to determine if additional metrics would help to inform decisions. The purpose of the data dash board is to help our community members and leadership make informed decisions and to guide future planning.

The link to view the new data dash board can be found here: bit.ly/hcnvacc. The dash board is best viewed on lap tops, desk tops or larger screens and is not well suited for mobile devices. The information will be refreshed when new information regarding vaccine is available.

The new data dash board can also be found on the Ho-Chunk Nation Health Department website (<http://health.ho-chunk.com/>).

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COVID-19
VACCINE
COMMUNITY EVENTS

9AM-5PM

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD

HOUSE OF WELLNESS,
52845 WHITE EAGLE ROAD, BARABOO, WI

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH

DISTRICT 1 COMMUNITY CENTER,
N7261 WARRIOR AVE, BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI

WHO'S ELIGIBLE?

- All previously eligible individuals from tiers 1a and 1b
- HCN Employees
- Significant Others, Age 60+ of HCN enrolled tribal members* and HCN employees*
*MUST PRE-REGISTER

- HCN Enrolled Members, Age 18+ with high-risk medical conditions:

- Cancer
- Chronic kidney disease
- COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease)
- Down Syndrome
- Heart conditions, such as heart failure, coronary artery disease, or cardiomyopathies
- Immunocompromised state (weakened immune system) from solid organ transplant
- Obesity
- Pregnancy
- Sickle cell disease
- Smoking
- Type 2 diabetes mellitus

REQUIREMENTS / NOTES

EMPLOYEES -
bring HCN Employee ID Badge,
or recent pay stub along with ID

TRIBAL MEMBERS -
bring Tribal ID/CDIB.
(Expired Tribal ID accepted)

SIGNIFICANT OTHERS -
bring ID to verify address.

- Those receiving 2nd dose, arrive 9am-12pm
- Those receiving 1st dose, arrive 12pm-5pm
- Vaccine will be administered inside the building and all safety precautions including masking and social distancing will be followed.
- You will be observed for 15-30 minutes after receiving the vaccine.

PRE-REGISTER ONLINE AT:
<https://health.ho-chunk.com/CV19/Vaccine>

POINT YOUR
SMARTPHONE'S
CAMERA HERE TO
PRE-REGISTER:



Phone Pre-Registration: (715)284-9851,
Ext. 35041 Michelle Winneshiek
Ext. 35092 Jennifer Deere
Ext. 35020 Amanda Erickson
Ext. 35545 Patient Services

2021 CSA SHARES

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2021 JUNE-OCTOBER GROWING
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A weekly or bi-weekly share of fresh vegetables
from a farm near you.

Applications accepted: Feb 1st - April 15th, 2021

Please contact Rebecca Krause at
Rebecca.krause@ho-chunk.com or 715-284-9851
ext. 35337 to sign up or for more information.

Each facility has it's own sign up procedures and
paperwork. Please reach out to Rebecca Krause to
obtain the correct paperwork for your area.



REMINDER: Masks are REQUIRED

at all Ho-Chunk Nation facilities.
Please follow CDC, Tribal, and
local public health guidelines
by wearing a mask, staying
socially distant (6 ft away),
and washing hands frequently.



HO-CHUNK HEALTH CARE CENTER
N6520 LUMBERJACK GUY RD.
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when eagles begin pairing up in southern Wisconsin, to June or July when young hatched during the spring are ready to leave the nest or fledge.

Volunteers also document human disturbances near nests that may impact the birds. The Bald Eagle Nest Watch has used information volunteers collected about disturbances to work with local landowners and governments to re-route trails and alter prescribed burns to reduce disturbances that can potentially cause bald eagles to abandon their nests.

“They are really filling a much larger role,” Staffen said. “They’ve been a huge help.”

How To Report A New Nest And Get Involved In Nest Monitoring

The public is encouraged to report nests that are in remote areas and appear to be new. People can report suspected new nests to the DNR through our eagle watching web page.

“You can look at the size of the nest to see if it’s a new pair,” Steffen said. “They add to the nest every year, so newer nests are smaller nests.”

The Bald Eagle Nest Watch website has additional information about the Audubon program and will provide updates on how the nests are doing throughout the season.

Once endangered, bald eagles have made a remarkable comeback in Wisconsin. DNR aerial surveys have shown numbers soaring from 108 occupied nests in the early 1970s to a record 1,695 in 2019, expanding to 71 of Wisconsin’s 72 counties.

The recovery of bald eagles was made possible by the national ban on the pesticide DDT, added protections under federal and state endangered species laws, river clean-ups, public donations and monitoring by the DNR’s Natural Heritage Conservation program and partners. Wisconsin’s bald eagle license plate also celebrates this success and raises money to help drive the next conservation success.

Find more information about bald eagles in Wisconsin and opportunities to see them this winter in the wild and virtually, visit the DNR eagle watching web page.



Bald eagle monitoring and protection efforts identified dozens of new bald eagle nests in 2020. Photo Credit: Wisconsin DNR



VOTE GREG LITTLEJOHN FOR HCN LEGISLATURE

DISTRICT 4, SEAT 3

Running for the right reasons! Insuring our collective futures!

I humbly request your support of my candidacy. I am a member of the Bear Clan. My Choka was Grant Littlejohn and my Gaga was Rachel (nee Whitedeer) Littlejohn. My Jaji was Edward G. Littlejohn, Sr. He was one of the first Business Committee members of the Wisconsin Winnebago Business Committee. Let us reflect on their past accomplishments, appreciate all of their sacrifices and achievements that produced our current constitution and organizational structure.

Experience:

- Personnel Coordinator for 7 years with the City of Minneapolis – Civil Service Commission.
- Licensed insurance agent (all lines) for over 36 years.
- Served as a Ho-Chunk Nation – District 5 Legislator for 16 years.

Elect me to the HCN Legislature – District 4, Seat 3 so that I may actively pursue the following goals and objectives:

- Adopt a “HCN Tribal General Welfare Benefit Ordinance” excluding our NPD from gross income for tax purposes;
- Maximize the profitability of our enterprises in order to sustain your percap;
- Enhance and expand our gaming enterprises;
- Practice fiscal responsibility within our government;
- Enhance our diabetes prevention programs for our tribal members and employees;
- Expand our youth, elder, veteran, and language program offerings;
- Encourage our branches of government to work together cooperatively towards a better future for our children and grandchildren.

I have excellent experience and talents that will launch us into a much brighter future. Please vote!

Pinagigi,

Greg Littlejohn – HCN Legislature Candidate – District 4, Seat 3

RE-ELECT TRICIA ZUNKER FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE HO-CHUNK NATION SUPREME COURT; PRIMARY ELECTION TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2021

Fair; Neutral; Experienced; Compassionate; Committed

As Justice, I remain committed to apply the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution and the written laws of the Legislature, while recognizing and upholding the inherent customs and traditions of our People. I have served with fairness, diligence, courtesy and compassion since elected to this position in September 2013. Serving my People in this capacity has been my greatest professional honor. I humbly request your vote on March 9, 2021.

Who I Am

I am an enrolled member of Ho-Chunk Nation and I am from Wausau, Wisconsin. I am Bear Clan. My Ho-Chunk name is Hinųk pii. My father is Timothy Radtke and Grandmother is Exilda Mary Rockman Stone. My Great-Grandparents are Grover Rockman and Bessie White Eagle Rockman. I’m a solo parent a young son.

EDUCATION

- J.D. (law degree), UCLA School of Law
- B.A., University of Wisconsin-Madison, triple major in: 1) Political Science; 2) International Relations; and 3) French. I also earned a Certificate in European Studies.

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Associate Justice, Ho-Chunk Nation (Sept. 2013- Present)
- Attorney, Zunker Law Group; Law Firm Experience in Los Angeles
- Professor (Legal Writing; Constitutional Law), California School of Law (2007-present)
- Dean of Faculty, California School of Law (2013 -present)
- Professor (Criminal Law courses; Business Law and Ethics), Colorado State University-Global Campus (2011- present)
- Professor (Legal Writing), University of Maryland (2012 -present)
- Published Academic, Northwestern Interdisciplinary Law Review

MEMBERSHIPS

- Ho-Chunk Nation
- State Bar of California
- Ho-Chunk Nation Bar Association
- National Native American Bar Association (NNALSA)
- National American Indian Court Judges Association (NAICJA)
- Wisconsin Tribal Judges Association (WTJA)
- Central Wisconsin Indigenous Peoples’ Day Committee, Founding Director and Current Treasurer
- Wisconsin Indian Education Association

Vote Tricia Zunker on March 9, 2021 for Associate Justice

It is vital to me that everyone is treated with dignity and respect which includes timely issuance of opinions. My work ethic allows me to fully consider issues in front of me and reflect thoroughly while also ensuring that matters are resolved in a timely manner. The court system is designed to answer the legal issues in front of it, not add additional stress to tribal members with undue delay in issuing opinions. In cases assigned to me, I have not issued a late order or decision.

I will continue the faithful and impartial performance of my duties as Associate Justice. I’m hardworking, ethical, and committed to preserving the Nation’s customs and traditions while analyzing the law as a neutral decision-maker. I’m experienced and truly grateful for the opportunity to serve our Nation in this capacity. I humbly requesting your vote on Tuesday, March 9, 2021. Pinagigi.



Primary Election
3/9/2021



DISTRICT 4 - SEAT 1

Vote Wakaja Hari
'Robert Pilot'

Pi na gi gi
For Your Support!

"A Big Voice For Our Communities"



- ✎ Eagle Clan
- ✎ Current Dist. 4 Minnesota Chairperson & Active in Governing Council Meetings
- ✎ Kaaka: Helen McKee-West & Coka Xete: Howard McKee Jr.
- ✎ 36 Years Clean & Sober
- ✎ High School Teacher, Entrepreneur & Radio Host



Husband to Wendy & Jajii to Two Strong Women

I'm Robert Pilot and I want to put Ho-Chunk People First! Your support will help me make these a reality...

- ✎ "Paths to Diversify Our Revenues & Investments- Hemp and Solar"
- ✎ "Will support programs for Elders, Veterans & Youth"
- ✎ "Preserve Ho-Chunk Language and Culture"
- ✎ "Will Strive for Higher Education Programs for Ho-Chunk Students"
- ✎ "Will Encourage Chemical Dependency Recovery for Ho-Chunk Communities"



Contact Me: 612 -240-6391

www.facebook.com/RobertPilot4HoChunkD4



VOTE March 9th, 2021

Rucge Ska Ga

Craig Moyer District 4 Seat 3

"uploading... NEW IDEAS & NEW LEADERSHIP"

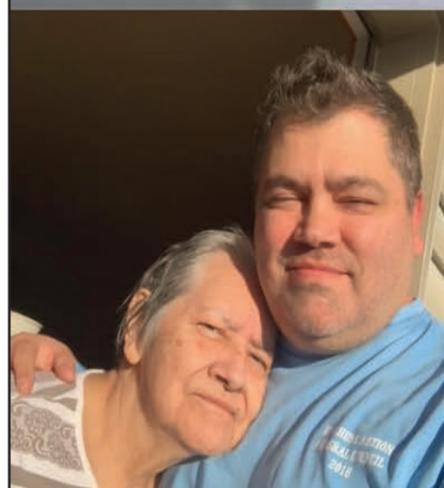
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- >> Coka "Maxi Suc Ga" Howard Joseph McKee Jr
- >> Nani "Blue Wing Woman" Mildred McKee-Moyer



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Haa, Wazaniwina haap te'e hanica wira haipi. Hoocak raasra Maaxi Sgai Wiiga hiigaire. Maixete raasra Brianna Littlegeorge Ga hiigaire. Maa Kerepana taani waa' u naksana. Woonigre Waksik hikikarac hiza waa' u naksana. Manico horusregi haci haje. My dad is Roger Littlegeorge (Kelley Thundercloud). My mom is Michelle Cloud. My cooka was Kenneth Littlegeorge Sr. wanaxira and my gaga was Barbara (Blackdeer) Littlegeorge wanaxira. My cooka on my maternal side was Walter Lewis wanaxira and my gaga is Marie (Decorah) Lewis. I was raised in Black River Falls WI. I have four children of my own, but have opened my heart to three more.

Prior to moving to White Bear Lake, MN, I lived in Black River Falls and worked for the Legislature. I was both a District 3 Aide and District 5 Aide for a total of 4 years. I received a lot of experience working with our tribal members – taking district concerns and meeting minutes. I know the processes of the department and understand the Ho-Chunk constitution and its laws. As a result, I'd be able to make a smooth transition into office if elected.

If you've met me, you'd know that I am outgoing, outspoken, and love to help people. I am always willing to stand up and fight for people that need me to. I am straightforward and will ask the questions that some others may be too afraid to ask. But enough about me, it's about what I can do for you.

First of all, I want to improve the lives of our tribe. We need to focus on uniting and working together to mend our people mentally, emotionally and physically. We have been so focused on improving ourselves financially, that we have forgotten who and what life is really about. These unprecedented times (Covid-19) have really shown us what is important in life and it's our people's health and well-being. Therefore, I would like to advocate for a rehabilitation facility for those struggling with sobriety and enhance our wellness programs especially for those who don't have access to the resources in our largely populated areas.

However, our finances are a priority as well to obtain financial security. It's a given when electing a legislator and something I would like to secure for each and every tribal member and their families. I'd also like to maintain fiscal responsibility in our budgets and spending so we can build a better future for our children. I would like to see our enterprises succeeding and possibly even expanding outside of gaming.

Most importantly, I grew up around the language and culture of the Ho-Chunk ways, and that's a major part of who I am today. I believe that is something we need to hold on to and preserve so that our children can experience the feeling of being Ho-Chunk and feel they are at home in their heart and soul for generations to come when they hear the language, pray, or attend our doings. Without knowing any of our language or culture, we are nothing more than enrollment numbers. We need to save our language and culture and that is a major priority for me.

There is a lot more I'd like to expand on such as housing, education, our enterprises and the teamwork initiatives I feel we should strive for within the nation. And not to mention, overall- transparency and accountability.

If you have any questions, feel free to message me. Thanks for your time.

Brianna Littlegeorge
MaaxiSgai



V O T E
Kelly Jo Funmaker
HO-CHUNK NATION DISTRICT 1 - SEAT 1

I humbly ask for your vote on the March 9, 2021 Ballot.



I will commit to accountability, and making ethical decisions that will be in the best interest of District 1 and to the Nation as a whole. I will speak with a strong voice to assure the needs of District 1 are heard. The interests and the future of our people will be a significant aspect of my focus as your Representative. I will commit the next four years of my life to the best interest of the Ho-Chunk Nation.

If you vote for me you will be voting for a Representative that is Accountable, Ethical, Vocal and a Decision Maker



Contact info:
kjfunma@gmail.com
708-269-6343

VOTE DIEHN

JACKSON COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, BRANCH 2



"I am committed to presiding over a court that protects your rights, holds people accountable, and treats all people fairly under the law."



"I've known Dan for a long time including serving on the Hospital Board of Directors together. I'm voting for Dan for Jackson County Judge because I trust he will work hard to run a court that is fair to everyone."

—Elliot Garvin

EXPERIENCE ★ LEADERSHIP ★ INTEGRITY



- JACKSON COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY SINCE 2018
- 18 YEARS BLACK RIVER FALLS CITY ATTORNEY
- 25 YEARS PRACTICING ATTORNEY IN JACKSON COUNTY
- BOARD OF DIRECTORS - BLACK RIVER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
- PAST PRESIDENT - FRIENDS SHARING FOOD
- PAST PRESIDENT - BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB ADVISORY COUNCIL

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Authorized and Paid for by the Committee to Elect Dan Diehn, Gina Barkley, Treasurer



HO-CHUNK NATION
LEGISLATURE
REGULAR MEETING
TRIBAL EXECUTIVE
OFFICES
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI
JANUARY 19, 2021

Call to Order: President Marlon White Eagle called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Roll Call:

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

VC-Video Conference

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

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

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to approve the agendas as presented. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Legislative Meeting-January 5, 2021

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to approve the January 5, 2021 Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Special Legislative Meeting-January 12, 2021

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to approve the January 12, 2021 Special Legislative Meeting minutes and authorizing the release of discussion and motion regarding Spectra lawsuit to Open Session. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Committee Reports:

Administration Committee-January 7, 2021

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to approve the January 7, 2021 Administration Committee Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 10-0-1(Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr.) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Addition of Requirement of No Felony Convictions to Job Descriptions for Staff Employees of the President, Legislators and Judges

MOTION by Rep. Kath-

yleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to adopt **Resolution 01-19-21 A**, Addition of Requirement of No Felony Convictions to Job Descriptions for Staff Employees of the President, Legislators and Judges. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Unfinished Business:

COVID-19 Executive Branch Update-(Standing Agenda Item)

Department of Health

Executive Director of Health Kiana Beaudin was present via video conference. Ms. Beaudin stated that as of yesterday, there are 656 confirmed COVID-19 cases within the Nation. The Department of Health has vaccinated 462 individuals so far.

Ms. Beaudin stated that Department of Health will have events in outlying areas later in the process and when the vaccine is more widely available.

Office of the President

President White Eagle stated that the District 1 Community Center is now open, and is open for students for one-on-one services from the Black River Falls School District. This will be available in other areas as community buildings open back up.

Department of Business

Executive Director of Business (EDOB) Michael Rave was present to address the Legislature. A written report was submitted. EDOB Rave stated that Ho-Chunk Gaming Tomah is set to re-open July 1, 2021. Also, the C-Store in Tomah will be closed until January 26, 2021 due to COVID-19 exposures and quarantines. EDOB Rave asked if casino and C-Store employees can be added to a higher tier, as they are frontline employees who come into contact with the public.

Rep. Lemieux asked for an update on the state of the Legislature approved funding of Administration Leave for employees who are quarantined due to COVID-19.

President White Eagle stated that a policy has been put in place, but there is no allocation for this yet. President White Eagle will forward that policy to the Legislature.

Office of General Council

Cari Fay, General Council Advocate, was available via video conference and provided a written report.

Status Report of Previous General Council Resolutions

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to table until the document is complete, and at that time add it back to the agenda. Second by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. **SECOND IS WITHDRAWN.** Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 10-1(Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to TABLE Resolution-Grant an Easement to Town of Sumpter on Maa Wakacak for Access to Pioneer Cemetery. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 8-3(Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit, Rep. Paul Fox, Rep. Robert TwoBears)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

CARES Act Proposals

Anthony Falcon, Finance Director, stated that Treasury provided a summary of CARES *Continued on Page 12*

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Act proposal expenditures and the remaining of those allocations. Also provided was the accounting reports that went along with those individual activities.

Resolution-Approval of Ho-Chunk Nation Drone/Aviation Insurance Coverage Renewal

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to adopt **Resolution 01-19-21 B**, Approval of Ho-Chunk Nation Drone/Aviation Insurance Coverage Renewal. Second by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Merit Increases Status Update

Executive Accounts Manager Christopher Bush stated that a memo regarding merit increases was sent to Department of Justice for approval. Once the memo goes out, the pending merit increases will be processed.

Resolution-Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between the Ho-Chunk Nation and the International Crane Foundation

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 01-19-21 C**, Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between the Ho-Chunk Nation and the International Crane Foundation. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

ATV UTV Code

Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. stated that this code went out for 45 day public comment, and comments were received.

MOTION by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr to request Legislative counsel to draft a resolution for adoption of amendments to the ATV UTV Code for next session. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Establishment of Legislative Taskforce to Study Systemic Racism and Its Effects on Ho-Chunk Members

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to adopt **Resolution 01-19-21 D**, Establishment of Legislative Taskforce to Study Systemic Racism and Its Effects on Ho-Chunk Members. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

New Business:

Resolution-In Support of the Ho-Chunk Nation Head Start Applying for the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction Preschool Development Planning Grant for American Indian Language Revitalization

Laurel Meek, Head Start Di-

rector stated that this grant will be utilized to translate common children books to Ho-Chunk language. This includes purchasing technology for families to utilize the books at home. Because it is offered via technology, every student at every center will have access to this.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 01-19-21 E**, In Support of the Ho-Chunk Nation Head Start Applying for the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction Preschool Development Planning Grant for American Indian Language Revitalization. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization for the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Social Services Tribal Aging Division to Apply for and Enter into the Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources Tribal

Grant Agreement Nutrition Services Incentive Program Grant

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to adopt **Resolution 01-19-21 F**, Authorization for the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Social Services Tribal Aging Division to Apply for and Enter into the Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources Tribal Grant Agreement Nutrition Services Incentive Program Grant. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization for Application by the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health Division of Environmental Health for Bureau of Indian Affairs FY21 Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Program Funding

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to adopt **Resolution 01-19-21 G**, Authorization for Application by the Ho-Chunk

Nation Department of Health Division of Environmental Health for Bureau of Indian Affairs FY21 Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Program Funding. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Legislative Citation for Hope Smith

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to TABLE Resolution-Legislative Citation for Hope Smith. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Establishment of Outside Vendor Proposal Review Committee and Task Force and Approval of Charter

MOTION by Rep. Hinu Smith to adopt **Resolution 01-19-21 H**, Establishment of Outside Vendor Proposal Review Committee and Task Force and Approval of Char-

ter. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Stephanie Begay did not respond during vote count due to technical difficulty.

Resolution-Legislative Overturn of Presidential Veto Regarding Resolution 01-05-21 D

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to adopt **Resolution 01-19-21 I**, Legislative Overturn of Presidential Veto Regarding Resolution 01-05-21 D. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

2/3 affirmative vote is required for Legislative Overturn of Presidential Veto

Ancestors Below our Feet

Vice President Karena Thundercloud stated that this is in

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ELECT

SHELBY J.

V I S I N T I N

**FOR HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATOR
DISTRICT 3, SEAT 2**

- ✓ Help restore us back to a Pre-COVID state in areas where we have been affected adversely.
- ✓ Continue my long record of working on Tribal Housing for the Nation
- ✓ Identify and expand our revenue streams outside of gaming to sustain us in the future
- ✓ Support issues and concerns for our tribal members, veterans, elders, children, education, health, social services, language and culture and more as long as it is feasible and in the the best interest of our Tribal Members and our Great Ho-Chunk Nation.
- ✓ 8 Years of Legislative Experience

- ✓ UW Milwaukee - 2003
M.S. Ed. Administrative Leadership
School of Education
- ✓ UW Milwaukee - 1998
B.A. Letters and Science
Major: American Indian Studies
Minor: Psychology



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Continued from Page 12 regards to a group that approached the Nation regarding a burial at University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. Currently, there is a temporary memorial on campus. They are looking to raise money to put a permanent memorial there. This is a collaboration with all Tribes in Wisconsin.

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to request Legislative Counsel draft a letter of support for the Ancestors Below our Feet project. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Alcohol Ordinance

MOTION by Rep. Hinu Smith to adopt Resolution 01-19-21 J, Enactment of the Alcohol Ordinance (3 HCC § 19). Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 9-2(Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr., Rep. Matt Mullen) MOTION CARRIED.

NOTED FOR THE RECORD: Rep. Greendeer stated that he will be opposing this as he stated an adverse effect of this law may be an increase in drunk driving.

Resolution-Restatement of Resolution 07-19-16A Contract Signature Authority

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt Resolution 01-19-21 K, Restatement of Resolution 07-19-16A Contract Signature Authority. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay.

11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Quick Passage Amendment to Code of Ethics

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to adopt Resolution 01-19-21 L, Quick Passage Amendment to Code of Ethics. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

2/3 affirmative vote is required for Quick Passage.

Resolution-Legislative Request for the Review of Contract with iCompass

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to adopt Resolution 01-19-21 M, Legislative Request for the Review of Contract with iCompass. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit out of the room.

Resolution-Legislative Request for Review of Contract for Outside Legal Services

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to refer Resolution-Legislative Request for Review of Contract for Outside Legal Services to Executive Session under Legal Advice. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Executive Branch/DOJ Budget Mod request for outside counsel

The President asked if the Department of Justice was present to speak to this item. There was no response by the Department of Justice.

Legislative Counsel stated that this item is on the agenda because the Nation has been sued in Jackson County Court by Spectra. The lawsuit was filed on December 16, 2020 and this is a matter of public record. Legislative Counsel mentioned that Department of Justice would be the office where any litigation against the Tribe would come in the door and receive a copy. Legislative Counsel further mentioned that Department of Justice requested Legislature for appointment of outside counsel because they could not handle the case and they would be conflicted out. Department of Justice requested that this be discussed at the January 12, 2021 Special Legislative Meeting. Based on the discussion then, this is why the issue is on today's agenda.

There is nothing to take action on, as there is nothing in the packet on this. President White Eagle stated that he is not aware of any budget mods that are needed. President White Eagle also stated that there is an existing contract with Attorney Drobnick, and that he is waiting on a return phone call from Attorney Drobnick regarding this.

Lunch Break:

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox

to break for lunch until 1:00 p.m. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

12:18 p.m.

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

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

VC-Video Conference

Determination of Quorum: Quorum is established at 1:03 p.m.

District Meetings:

D1-Black River Falls-January 13, 2021

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Nathaniel Longtail to support the Ancestor Beneath our Feet Project and

report back quarterly to the district meetings.

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Tina Brown to have the district reps provide all laws they have proposed and amended to the next district meeting, not including resolutions.

MOTION by Rep. Hinu Smith to refer to Legislature the MOTION by Nathaniel Longtail Jr. for Legislature to take immediate action with the Establishment of a Workgroup to Review the Per-Capita Distribution Ordinance and Social Security Benefits Concerns to be in compliance with Resolution 06-18-19L. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 9-1(Vice President Karena Thundercloud)-1(Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit) MOTION CARRIED.

READ FOR THE RECORD: Vice President opposed, as this has already been done. The Nation formed an IGRA trust for the per-capita distribution for the minors.

MOTION by Rep. Hinu Smith to refer to Executive Session under Legal Advice the MOTION by Darcy Funmaker to amend her motion to have Legislature pay her bill of \$14,300 to Social Security due to the changes that were made in Executive Session and by quick passage on 4-18-18 to the minor's trust funds and per capita ordinance that Continued on Page 14

Advertisement for Ryan Greendeer, District 4. Includes photo of Ryan Greendeer, text: 'VOTE RYAN GREENDEER DISTRICT 4', 'Strong Resilient Dedicated Sensible', and 'www.ryangreendeer.com'. Also includes a star logo with 'RYAN GREENDEER' text.

Advertisement for Myrna J. Thompson Maxisga-wi for District 3, Seat 2 Legislature. Includes large 'VOTE' text, photo of Myrna J. Thompson in a Marine uniform with 'MARINES THE FEW THE PROUD' text, and campaign text.

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those parents submit their bills and reimbursement. To have Legislature make immediate payment on an emergency basis, as this will set the foundation for other families and people affected by this process to bring forward. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Hinu Smith to refer to Executive Session under Legal Advice the **MOTION** by Kelly Jo Funmaker to have the legislature hire outside counsel who are experts in this field to resolve this issue once and for all for individual tribal members that have been affected, and to make people that receive social security payments, this does not happen to them again. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Nathaniel Longtail to have D1 Legislature support the resolution to establish a taskforce to address systemic racism.

D1-Wausau-January 12, 2021

No motions.

D2-Tomah/La Crosse-January 12, 2021

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to Legislative Finance Staff the **MOTION** by Tara Chapman for D2 Legislators to provide the breakdown and terms of the compact deduct and how much is left. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. to refer to Of-

fice of the President and Department of Business the **MOTION** by Roberta Decorah to re-open HCG-Tomah casino and work on future expansion of the gaming facility in Tomah and expand to the old distribution center. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 10-0-1(Rep. Stephanie Begay) **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to Legislative Legal Counsel the **MOTION** by Michelle De Cora for Legislature to take back contract authority and oversight including moving the DOJ contract division under the Legislative Branch and budget. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

READ FOR THE RECORD: (As a resolution regarding this was adopted earlier today)

MOTION by Melanie Stacy for Legislature and Legal Counsel to revisit the resolution and revise it so you have immediate and full access to all HCN contracts and for it to be done on an emergency basis. Motion amended to include directed to grant authority for viewing access to the contract database to all Legislators.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to Office of General Council the **MOTION** by Donald Greengrass request for General Council Advocate or Deputy Advocate to attend virtually at La Crosse/Tomah February area meeting. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

READ FOR THE RECORD: (As this was addressed earlier today)

MOTION by Michelle De Cora that in event of a President Veto of Resolution 01-05-21 D Amendments to the Finance Manual, District 2 Reps to override the Veto.

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Tara Chapman to table the CARES Act proposals for the next month's area meeting.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to Treasury and Legislative Finance Staff the **MOTION** by Tara Chapman to request how much funding has been spent on outside counsel for the President to sue the Legislature. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to Office of the President the **MOTION** by Tara Chapman to request that the President defend his decision to terminate the Spectra contract and intentions with the court case. Motion amended to be provided in a written report on letterhead. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

President White Eagle stated that he would like Legislators send Constituents to his office to talk about their requests, rather than take time in Legislative Session to address their motions.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to Legislature and Legislative Counsel the **MOTION** by Michelle De Cora for Legislature to establish a Newsletter Act requiring or meeting journalism ethics and standards. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to Department of Administration, Department of Personnel and Office of the President the **MOTION** by Michelle De Cora to create a policy that a website create for any department that all departments are to post information including policy changes, funding available, meeting minutes, resolutions. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D2-Mauston/Wisconsin Dells/Baraboo-January 13, 2021

MOTION by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. to refer to Office of General Council the **MOTION** by Elena Terry for the OGC to provide a report to the community at next month's meeting and request Cari Faye to present it herself at the next Area Meeting regarding General Council proceedings and to be accessible to answer questions. Second by Clariss Funmaker. Clariss asks for an additional report from OGC from prior months for General Council happenings. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Patti Lowe-Ennis to nominate Winona Mann as Alternate for Wisconsin Dells on the Election Board. Second by Patti Reyes. 5-0-4. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. to confirm Winona Mann as District 2 Election Board Alternate pending residency questions and background check, and refer to Election Board. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. to refer to Office of the President, Heritage Preservation and Realty the **MOTION** by Winona Mann to have the D2 Reps do some type of research or follow-up to the Wild Bearies land leases and if at all possible have their staff do it. Second by Patti Lowe-Ennis. Winona amends her motion to request a MOU to be drafted for Wild Bearies and the Ho-Chunk Nation to help her get a land lease and adds that this is to occur prior to the next Area Meeting. The second concurs. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Jon Warner to request clarification on this taskforce on whether it is rural or urban, if it is racially specific, and how the differences between Districts and areas affect it, and requests Rep Paul Fox to present it at next month's Area Meeting.

Rep. Paul Fox stated that the Twin Cities Area Meeting is the same night as the Maus-

ton/Wisconsin Dells/Baraboo Area Meeting, so is unable to attend, but he will provide a written report.

MOTION by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. to refer to Legislative Legal and Department of Justice the **MOTION** by Jon Warner to see if all MOU's with law enforcement and local municipalities have systemic racial clauses in them and to add penalties. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. to refer to Office of the President and Social Services the **MOTION** by Joyce Warner to change the radius of TAU services and to have all elders treated the same, equal treatment regardless of radius. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 10-0-1(Vice President Karena Thundercloud) **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. to refer to Office of the President and Social Services the **MOTION** by Winona Mann to have TAU staff attend the next Area Meeting and respond to these inquiries. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. to refer to Social Services, Office of the President, Legislative Legal and Department of Justice the **MOTION** by Jon Warner to request Reps to begin working on the establishment of a TAU Department with the condition that the Department Director is an elder. Second by Winona Mann. Motion is amended to request D2 Reps to establish a taskforce with the TAU executive components, and get the financial needs to sufficiently and adequately fund it. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D3-Madison-January 6, 2021

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to refer to the Vice President and Legislative Legal the **MOTION** by Brenda Neff to have the Nation acknowledge Congresswoman Deb Holland if she is confirmed as Secretary of the Interior. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D3-Green Bay-January 12, 2021

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to refer to Legislative Legal and Legislative Finance Officer the **MOTION** by Pam Wilber to get the total amount invested in the Beloit project and what the Nation is obligated to in the MOU with the City of Beloit. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

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D3-Milwaukee-January 13, 2021

Due to the passing of a tribal member, there was no January Milwaukee District Meeting.

D3-Wisconsin Rapids-January 14, 2021

No motions.

D4-Chicago-January 11, 2021

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to refer to the Finance Committee, Office of the President and Treasury the **MOTION** by Benjamin Krause that the (D4) Legislators provide a TRAP compliance report for Chicago Area meeting in February 2021. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to refer to Office of the President and Heritage Preservation the **MOTION** by Benjamin Krause the District 4 Chicago Community oppose this resolution that was on the agenda at the January 5, 2021 Legislative meeting regarding: Grant an Easement to Town of Sumpter on Maa Wakacak for Access to Pioneer Cemetery. As well for District 4 Reps. To vote against that resolution. Second by Rep. Matt Mullen. **MOTION IS RESCINDED. MOTION IS READ FOR THE RECORD UNTIL DISTRICT 4 LEGISLATORS CAN MEET WITH REP. WHITE EAGLE TO DISCUSS.**

NOTED FOR THE RECORD: Rep. Kristin White Eagle stated that she will oppose this as this has already been fully vetted through Heritage Preservation and the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer. Rep. Greendeer stated he will oppose for the same reasons as Rep. White Eagle.

Rep. White Eagle offered to meet with District 4 Legislators to further discuss this project.

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to refer to Office of the President and Department of Health the **MOTION** by Benjamin Krause that the Legislature work with Executive Branch and Department of Health to redo the USDA Food Distribution program to the At Large Area. Motion is amended to work with Local Vendors in the Chicago area. Second by Rep. Matt Mullen. 10-0-1(Rep. George Stacy) **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to confirm JoAnn Maney as the Delegate for District 4 Chicago Area to the Election Board. Second by Rep. Matt Mullen. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to confirm Wendy White Eagle as the Alternate for District 4 Chicago Area to the Election Board. Second by Rep. Matt Mullen. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by William Kirkwood to table Mr. Kent Kirkwood's motions for Black Lives Matter till Kent Kirkwood can be present to clarify direction on his motions.

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Sunshine Thunderchief to have Rep. Paul Fox represent the Resolution that was presented on Black Lives Matter during the January 5, 2021, Legislative Meeting, and to begin a taskforce for the Ho-Chunk Nation to educate and support Black Lives Matter.

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Sunshine Thunderchief to have the Ho-Chunk Nation not contribute to any political parties Republican or Democrats or political PAC. **MOTION RESULTS IN TIE SO NO ACTION.**

D4-Twin Cities-January 14, 2021

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Libby Fairchild for District 4 to support Native Roots Radio show for the year of 2021 and donate \$10,000 coming out of the District 4 Community Improvement fund. Second by Lisa Stroessner. 5-5-6 **MOTION TIED HAS NO ACTION.**

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Lisa Stroessner to table Native Roots Radio Show until next month.

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to refer to Executive Session the **MOTION** by Marlene Helgemo that District 4 Minneapolis/St. Paul Ho-chunk's urge the Ho-Chunk Nation to act quickly and urge the US Senators of MN and WI and IL to swiftly confirm the nomination of Debra Caylin Haaland as Secretary of the United States Department of Interior. Second by Rep. Matt Mullen. 11-0-1(Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr.) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Executive Session:

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

2:06 p.m.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

5:06 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Release of Executive Session:

Letter of support for Deb Haaland

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to request Legislative Counsel to create a letter of support for Deb Haaland as Interior Secretary, authorizing signature from the President and Vice President, and release to Open Session. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Minors Trust and Social Security Issue

MOTION by Rep. Hinu Smith to request Legislative Counsel and Legislative Financial Project Consultant to provide history and background of the approved changes to the IGRA trust in relation to Social Security benefit issues to demonstrate that the Legislature was trying to assist affected tribal members and release to Open Session. This motion also includes getting an opinion from Social Security at the federal level through Representative Pocan. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit out of the room.

Release of Executive Session(Continued):

Spectra Lawsuit

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle requesting the DOJ to put in writing to the

Legislature that they cannot represent the Nation on this case (Ovation Food Services, Spectra, v. Ho-Chunk Nation, Jackson County Court Case No. 2020 CV 00011) and why, within seven calendar days; also requesting that the DOJ, Executive Director of Business and Office of the President provide a copy of any service of process documents, verifying that the Summons & Complaint in this case were served and received by any of these parties, and that same be provided to the Vice President and Legislative Counsel immediately. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to release the above motion to Open Session. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

12 Clans, Inc. Owners Representative Meeting

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to authorize the Vice President to chair the Twelve Clans, Inc. Owners Representative meeting this Friday, January 22, 2021 in the event that the President cannot. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to release to Open Session. Second concurs. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to adjourn the Legislative Meeting. The next Legislative Meeting will take place Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at the Tribal Office Building. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

**HO-CHUNK NATION
LEGISLATURE
SPECIAL MEETING
TRIBAL EXECUTIVE
OFFICES
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI
JANUARY 25, 2021**

Call to Order: President Marlon White Eagle called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

Roll Call:
President Marlon White Eagle-VC
Vice President Karena Thundercloud-EX
Rep. George Stacy-VC
Rep. Hinu Smith-VC
Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr.-VC
Rep. Stephanie Begay-VC
Rep. Kristin White Eagle-VC
Rep. Darren Brinegar-EX
Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr.-EX
Rep. Sarah

Lemieux-VC
Rep. Matthew Mullen-VC
1:09 p.m. Rep. Robert TwoBears-VC
Rep. Paul Fox-VC
Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit-VC
VC-Video Conference

Determination of Quorum: Quorum is established at 1:07 p.m.

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

1:09 p.m. Rep. Matt Mullen arrives via video conference.

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to approve the agenda. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to include the addition of Resolution-Memorandum of Under-

standing with Black River Falls School District under New Business. Second concurs. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

New Business:

Resolution-Memorandum of Understanding with Black River Falls School District

MOTION by Rep. Hinu Smith to adopt **Resolution 01-25-21 A**, Memorandum of Understanding with Black River Falls School District. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 8-0-2(Rep. Robert TwoBears, Rep. Paul Fox) **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to have Department of Social Services and Department of Education bring forward MOU's with school districts within

the different areas in an expedited fashion, just as the Black River Falls School District MOU was brought forward. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to include Department of Administration. Second concurs. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Bethany Redbird, School Community Relations Director-Department of Education, stated that she will work with all areas to bring forward MOU's similar to that of Black River Falls.

Executive Session:

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

1:27 p.m.

2:00 p.m. Rep. Stephanie

Begay is excused for the remainder of the meeting.

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to move into Open Session. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

2:55 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to adjourn the Special Legislative Meeting. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Special Legislative Meeting adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

NOTICE AND RULES OF MAIL BALLOTING

PRIMARY ELECTION

TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2021



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

14. Mail Ballot Voting.

- a. Mail Ballot Voting.
- i. Determination as to whether to conduct an Election by mail balloting. (a) At the discretion of the Election Board, elections shall be conducted by mail ballot. (2) Procedures for Mail Balloting. (a) The Election Board shall designate a Post Office Box rented by the Board as the place where Ballots shall be returned. Ballots must be received at the Post Office Box designated by the Election Board not later than the day of the Election. (b) The Election Board shall send by United States Mail a ballot to each eligible voter or Ho-Chunk Member who will be an eligible voter by the date of the election. The Election Board shall mail ballots forty-five (45) calendar days before the date of the election; and, if said date falls on a weekend, then on the first working day thereafter. (c) A Voter may obtain a replacement ballot from the Election Board if his or her ballot is destroyed, spoiled, lost or not received by the Voter. (d) The Election Board shall not mail a replacement ballot later than ten (10) working days before the day of an Election. If pursuant to *Section 14, subparagraph a. (3)* a voter requests a replacement ballot, the Election Board shall only give a replacement ballot if the request for the replacement ballot is made fifteen (15) working days before the day of the Election.
- b. Ballots. The Ballot package mailed out by the Election Board shall consist of a ballot which otherwise meets the requirements of *Section 12*, an outer envelope, instruction sheet, ballot secrecy envelope, and return envelope.
- c. Voting Procedure. The Voter shall mark the ballot and place it in the ballot secrecy envelope and seal it. The Voter shall then place the ballot secrecy envelope inside the return envelope and seal it. The return envelope shall be signed by the Voter as his or her name appears on the return envelope and he or she shall return it by United States Mail to the location designated by the Election Board.
- d. Returns. The Board shall verify that the returned envelope bears the signature of the voter. If the envelope is not signed, the ballot shall be rejected. The entire rejected ballot shall be deposited unopened in a separate, secure box for invalid ballots. If the envelope is not signed, the ballot shall be rejected. The entire rejected ballot shall be deposited unopened in a separate, secure box for invalid ballots. If the envelope is signed, the ballot shall be deposited in the locked ballot box. For ballots placed in the locked ballot box, the Election Board shall make a notation in the poll book, next to the Voter's name, that indicates that the Voter has returned his or her ballot.

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

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

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

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

LEGISLATURE:
July 2021 – June 2025
District 1, Seat 1
Kelly Jo Funmaker
Robert A. Mudd
Karena Thundercloud
Gabrielle White

District 1, Seat 3
July 2021 – June 2025
Tina Brown Nagepi
Isaiah M. Funmaker
Lori Pettibone
Hinu Helgesen Smith
Phyllis Smoke

District 2, Seat 2
July 2021 – June 2025
Robert L. Funmaker, Jr.
Kimberly Lonetree
Derrick Stout
Kristin K. White Eagle

District 2, Seat 3
July 2021 – June 2025
Stephanie Begay
Brady Greendeer

District 3, Seat 2
July 2021 – June 2025
Myrna J. Thompson
(Pending background)
Shelby J. Visintin

District 4, Seat 1
July 2021 – June 2025
Robert Pilot
Archie White Eagle, Jr.

District 4 Seat 3
July 2021 – June 2025
Ryan Greendeer
Brianna Littlegeorge
Gregory A. Littlejohn
Craig Moyer
Semia Snowball
Robert V. Two Bears

District 4, Seat 4
July 2021 – June 2025
Rob Reider
Danielle DeLong
Laura Jean Kidd

JUDICIARY:
July 2021 – June 2025
Supreme Court Associate
Justice 1
Tricia Zunker

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

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

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

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

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

CONTESTING OF ELECTION RESULTS:

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

PRIMARY ELECTION DAY
 Tuesday, March 9, 2021

POST NOTICE OF ELECTION
 Wednesday, December 9, 2020

POST ELIGIBLE VOTERS LIST
 Wednesday, December 23, 2020

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

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

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

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

POSTED 1/16/2021