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Four Declared Winners in the General Primary Election

Ardith Van Riper
Editor

The Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board met and certified the Primary Election Mail Balloting results on March 10. A total of 1,023 ballots were accepted, and 19 were not due to votes not having signatures. Four declared winners will be sworn in on June 30.

Those declared winners include Stephanie Begay (District 2, Seat 3), Myrna Thompson (District 3, Seat 2), Danielle DeLong (District 4, Seat 4), and Tricia Zunker (Supreme Court Associate Justice 1).



Ho-Chunk Nation Election Results General Primary Election MARCH 9, 2021

	MAIL IN	HAND COUNT	TOTAL	%
DISTRICT 1 LEGISLATOR - SEAT 1				
CANDIDATES				
KELLY JO FUNMAKER	44	0	44	15.77%
ROBERT A. MUDD	72	1	73	26.16%
KARENA THUNDERCLOUD	126	0	126	45.16%
GABRIELLE WHITE	33	0	33	11.83%
WRITE-IN	3	0	3	1.08%
WRITE-IN	0	0	0	0.00%
DISTRICT 1 LEGISLATOR - SEAT 3				
CANDIDATES				
TINA BROWN NACGEPI	46	1	47	16.67%
ISAIAH M. FUNMAKER	42	0	42	14.89%
LORI PETTIBONE	28	0	28	9.93%
HINU HELEGESSEN SMITH	94	0	94	33.33%
PHYLLIS SMOKE	71	0	71	25.18%
WRITE-IN	0	0	0	0.00%
DISTRICT 2 LEGISLATOR - SEAT 2				
CANDIDATES				
ROBERT L. FUNMAKER, JR.	47	0	47	18.73%
KIMBERLY LONETREE	17	0	17	6.77%
DERRICK STOUT	61	0	61	24.30%
KRISTIN K. WHITE EAGLE	126	0	126	50.20%
WRITE-IN	0	0	0	0.00%
DISTRICT 2 LEGISLATOR - SEAT 3				
CANDIDATES				
STEPHANIE BEGAY	148	0	148	61.16%
BRADY GREENDEER	83	0	83	34.30%
ROBERT BLACKDEER (WRITE IN)	10	0	10	4.13%
WRITE-IN	1	0	1	0.41%
DISTRICT 3 LEGISLATOR - SEAT 2				
CANDIDATES				
MYRNA J. THOMPSON	107	2	109	50.93%
SHELBY J. VISINTIN	98	2	100	46.73%
WRITE-IN	5	0	5	2.34%
DISTRICT 4 LEGISLATOR - SEAT 1				
CANDIDATES				
ROBERT PILOT	129	0	129	48.86%
ARCHIE WHITE EAGLE, JR.	129	2	131	49.62%
WRITE-IN	4	0	4	1.52%
DISTRICT 4 LEGISLATOR - SEAT 3				
CANDIDATES				
RYAN GREENDEER	43	0	43	15.75%
BRIANNA LITTLEGEORGE	73	2	75	27.47%
GREGORY A. LITTLEJOHN	47	0	47	17.22%
CRAIG MOYER	5	0	5	1.83%
SEMIA SNOWBALL	31	0	31	11.36%
ROBERT V. TWO BEARS	71	0	71	26.01%
WRITE-IN	1	0	1	0.37%
DISTRICT 4 LEGISLATOR - SEAT 4				
CANDIDATES				
ROB REIDER	66	0	66	24.63%
DANIELLE DELONG	156	1	157	58.58%
LAURA JEAN KIDD	39	0	39	14.55%
WRITE-IN	6	0	6	2.24%
JUDICIARY SUPREME COURT ASSOCIATE				
CANDIDATES				
TRICIA ZUNKER	853	5	858	95.65%
WRITE-IN	39	0	39	4.35%

ELECTION CERTIFICATION

WE THE UNDERSIGNED ELECTION OFFICIALS OF THE HO-CHUNK NATION DO HEREBY CERTIFY THE ABOVE TO BE A TRUE AND ACCURATE ABSTRACT OF THE VOTES SHOWN HEREIN FOR THE ELECTION HELD ON THE NINTH DAY OF MARCH, 2021. WE FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THIS ELECTION WAS CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NATION CONSTITUTION AND RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE HO-CHUNK

SIGNED THIS DATE 10-Mar-21

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Want something special placed in the Hocak Worak? Limited space is available so send your request in early. Submissions will be handled on a first come first serve basis.

A Letter from the President

Good news to share.

For the first time since March 2020, we have no active cases of COVID 19 to report for the first week of March 2021.

Our gaming facilities will be increasing hours of operations, opening more table games, and hotels will increase occupancy as well.

The Health Department has

requested the Pfizer vaccine, which will allow the vaccine to be administered to people including young adults ages 16 and 17 years.

To me, this just says the safety measures, like wearing masks, washing hands frequently, and social distancing, are working and being adhered to.

The hope is to loosen re-

strictions to enable 50 percent casino capacity by April 1 and 75 percent by Memorial Day.

The CDC has recently released new guidelines for social gatherings of vaccinated people, but you must have been completely vaccinated.

These are all signs of a return to what we knew as a normal, non-pandemic life.

My sense is we'll see more people vaccinated if and when we receive the Johnson & Johnson one-shot vaccine.

On other good news, the General Council branch is hosting a Virtual Town Hall on Saturday, March 13 from 1:30 to 3:30 pm.

Issues to be discussed are potential General Council 2021 resolutions to reinstate the General Council Agency (GCA), review and create GCA procedures and bylaws, rescind the Office of General Council (OGC) Establishment Act, add telecommuting (virtual) to General Council meeting procedures, and hiring of attorney on an as-needed basis.

Speaking as a General Council member, the resolution that was passed to dissolve the GCA should have been a request to conduct a Constitutional amendment to remove the GCA from the Constitution.

The Constitution states, in Article IV, Section 3, (g), "General Council Branch delegates authority to General

Council Agency to select, hire, manage, and supervise General Council Branch personnel to accomplish the tasks mandated by General Council."

The Constitutional question remains; is the Office of General Council Establishment Act unconstitutional?

Constitutionally speaking, the GCA representatives could meet to amend the procedures to allow for a virtual General Council without the requirement of voting at an in-person General Council meeting.

What I don't remember, and what will potentially be discussed, are what procedures and bylaws did the GCA operate under, and how many representatives sat on the GCA.

Should the Legislature comply with the Constitution and rescind the Office of General Council Establishment Act to be Constitutionally-sound?

A Constitutional amendment has not occurred, so GCA remains with its delegated authority.

Or does the GCA body meet to change the procedure to allow for a virtual General Council meeting in September and to pass a resolution that will rescind the OGC Establishment Act?

The Constitution states, in Article IV, Section 3, (b), "the General Council retains the power to review and reverse actions of the Legislature except those enumerated in

Section 4 of this Article. The General Council shall return such reversals to the Legislature for reconsideration consistent with the action of the General Council."

If there's any hurdle, it's the stigma of what the General Council Agency was.

It was essentially Legislature 2.0, meaning a lot of unnecessary and questionable spending, like too much mileage and per diem paid out, as well as off-site meetings, hotel rooms, etc.

Instead of fixing the GCA, we did what we always do, eliminated it. Or at least tried to.

The General Council Agency still exists in our Constitution, our supreme law.

We should focus on what GCA could be. Let's focus on process improvement to make our tribal government better. Our annual General Council meeting can be productive and steer our government like we want it to be.

General Council's Virtual Town Hall flyer states, "Main goal: members safely participating in their government, collaborating, to be positively productive for the advancement of the General Council branch and our Ho-Chunk Nation."

I encourage as many people to log-on and participate as possible.

God bless the Ho-Chunk Nation.



THERE ARE NO WORDS...

Submitted by Laurel Meek, Ho-Chunk Head Start Program

To adequately express our gratitude to the Ho-Chunk Health Department for the vast array of services that they offer to the Head Start children, families, staff, and the program overall. It goes without saying that the COVID pandemic has created so much uncertainty for all, but health departments and medical teams worldwide have dealt with the extreme demands created by this virus; from direct patient care to safety planning...and everything in between.

They have given so much of their time and energy, at the expense of their own families, and our very own

Ho-Chunk Health Care Center is no exception. The folks that make up this Department are truly the kindest and most caring individuals you could ever dream of meeting, and having the pleasure to work with! Because it would be inappropriate to take up all of the pages in the newspaper, which could easily be done by all of the kind gestures, I will have to keep my comments to a minimum...but absolutely need to make known the wonderful things that are happening...

Prior to the start of this unprecedented school year, the fine folks of the Ho-Chunk Health Care Center worked with us to prepare safety protocols that would be implemented in our program prior to reopening the Head Start

Centers. They also worked tirelessly to assist us in determining best practices that would come to be the daily required safety protocols once Head Start began for the year. These protocols were extremely well thought out, as we could not ask for better results.

As we couldn't provide the annual training in the "normal" way, the folks in Environmental Health set to work creating a virtual training for the Head Start Staff that covered every area previously provided in person! This year, more than ever, it was vital to have training for universal precautions, safety and sanitation among many others. However, with the incredible work load already placed on them, it was unexpected yet most appreciated that they would take the time to ensure that Head Start was taken care of!

The Department of Environmental Health, shortly after the year begins, gathers the families together and provides them with appropriate car seats for the age and size of their child, makes sure they are properly installed, and that information is provided about the benefits of always using the seat. It was a wonderful surprise that although the delivery and install would be done differently...and the parent training would be done virtually, this tremendous project would continue!

Annually, the Head Start centers are inspected for safety, safe food handling, and sanitation, clean safe water... all so that the children have a wonderful and safe place to go each day. Again, despite the demands for their time, nothing has changed. They are still keeping us safe and sound!

The Nutritionist and Dietician also appear at the centers on a regular basis, with wonderful news and information about healthy living and eating, and sharing samples of how yummy these healthy snacks are. None of this has gone away, despite COVID! Now they appear virtually... and the kids love their visits just as much!

The children are always excited at the sight of our very own "exercise lady" as she appears on the smartboard to do a bit of yoga with the children!

Throughout the year, the Health Department Staff, meet with us via the Health Services Advisory Committee, and are amazing at keeping us informed of the most current developments on all things health! Most recently, we have been given the absolute best news! Despite the demands of COVID...the amazing team of Health Care Workers at the Ho-Chunk Clinics are still willing to provide our Head Start children with a well-child exam! Thanks to all of the collaborative efforts of so very many people, our children are safe, healthy and happy!

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU from the children, families and staff of the Head Start Program, for all of these services, and for all of the others too numerous to mention! WHAT WOULD WE DO WITHOUT YOU!?

TESS Payments

During the December 9, 2020 reconvened legislative meeting the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature approved Tribal Member and Employee Surge Supplement or, TESS payments. Adult tribal members received \$500 and \$100 went to tribal members 17 years old and younger due to the continued COVID-19 impact. The Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act of 2014 established Section 139E of the IRS Internal Revenue

Code. This section states that the value of any Indian general welfare benefit will not be included in a recipient's gross income. The TESS payment program met all IRS Tribal General Welfare requirements and should not be considered taxable income.

If you are experiencing any issues concerning the payment, please contact the Ho-Chunk Nation Treasury Department at (715) 284-1660.

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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

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VIRTUAL TOWN HALL

General Council Branch - Office of General Council
SATURDAY MARCH 13, 2021 @ 1:30 P.M.-3:30 P.M.

- IMPORTANT TOPICS for NETWORKING:
- GC2021 – RESOLUTIONS
 - REINSTATE GENERAL COUNCIL AGENCY
 - REVIEW or CREATE GCA PROCEDURES/BY-LAWS
 - RESCIND OGC ESTABLISHMENT ACT
 - ADDING TELECOMMUTING (VIRTUAL) TO GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING PROCEDURES
 - Hire GC Attorney / As Needed Basis

IMPORTANT – DOWNLOAD WebEx for the meeting
Call-in Info, Meeting & Documents Links will be posted
Questions/Requests – E-mail GCB@Ho-Chunk.com

MAIN GOAL:
MEMBERS SAFELY PARTICIPATING IN THEIR GOVERNMENT,
COLLABORATING, TO BE POSITIVELY PRODUCTIVE, FOR THE
ADVANCEMENT OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL BRANCH
& OUR HO-CHUNK NATION.

Aarowyn Laney Williams



Byerlay, McKayla Williams, and Coral Williams; uncles, Jonas (Jessica) Whitegull, Jack Byerlay, Alijas Whitegull, Adam Decorah, Justin Long, Andrew Wright, Vincent Funmaker, and Parrish Williams, Maanasge Williams; grandparents, Neil (Ladina) Whitegull, Stacy (Bryan) Byerlay, Truman (Joy Snake) Williams Jr., and Angela Long; great-grandparents Truman (Gates) Williams Sr., Mary Whitegull, Gary Muir, Janet Muir, Jackie Glass, and Leslie Jones.

Aarowyn Laney Williams, "Ahuru'awiga" (Raise Wing), beloved daughter of Nicholas Williams and Skyler Whitegull, passed away unexpectedly on February 25, 2021. Aarowyn was born on January 22, 2021 in Black River Falls. During her short four weeks, she brought joy and happiness to everyone she met and will be cherished by all.

Aarowyn is survived by her parents; brother, Aamond Lee Williams (4); sister, Aamina Love Williams (7), aunts, Lanie

Private services for Aarowyn have been scheduled. Burial will take place in the Decorah Cemetery in the Township of Komensky.

The Buswell Funeral Home of Black River Falls is assisting the family with arrangements.

Wokixetewire!

Naąpra wakurużawire!

Ciapewire!

Aara wapoxwagigiwire!

Harikinaążwire!

Hišiarawakurukawire!

Woniaixetewi naaa niš'akwiiini wahawiŋ.

We are telling this to you all because we love & respect you all.

Attention: The Next Deadline of the Hocak Worak will be March 19th which will be published on March 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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Virtual town hall to formulate direction of General Council

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An important meeting is being planned to discuss the future of the Ho-Chunk Office of General Council, its abilities and limitations to work for the Ho-Chunk people.

A Virtual Town Hall meeting is planned from 1:30 to 3:30 pm Saturday, March 13, to examine those issues.

“This is a crucial meeting that will help determine how the General Council moves forward,” said President Marlon WhiteEagle.

For instance, one of the topics is the General Council Agency (GCA), which was removed from existence after a resolution was approved at a General Council meeting and then acted upon by the Legislature to dissolve the organization.

The GCA was created to conduct the day-to-day operations of the General Council, which is written into the Constitution. Without the GCA, it could be interpreted that the Nation’s government

is in violation of the Constitution.

Other topics for discussion include reviewing the GCA procedures and bylaws, and rescinding the Office of General Council Establishment Act. The Office of General Council Establishment Act was adopted because of the elimination of the GCA.

“The GCA is written in the constitution and therefore, you’re either going to have to bring back the GCA with procedures that requires accountability and transparency; or a Secretarial Election is needed to amend the HCN Constitution.” said General Council Advocate Cari Fay.

People at the meeting will have the opportunity to discuss the ability to add telecommuting (virtual) attendance to General Council meetings.

Finally, at present the General Council has no ability to have an attorney on board to represent the branch in legal issues. At present, the Office of General Council has an attorney to assist with Resolutions and review General Council procedures.

It’s important for people to attend the virtual event on Saturday because those discussions will formulate the direction of the General Council Branch of government and, in essence, the

direction of the Ho-Chunk Nation, Cari Fay said.

The idea for the meeting was brought up by District II tribal members, but then the idea was expanded to include all members of every district.

“We want town hall meeting so we can get more tribal members involved and get everyone on the same page,” she said.

Join from the meeting link: <https://ho-chunk.webex.com/ho-chunk/j.php?MTID=m3c25cee2542d7bd27d9c5281278e64f7>

Join by meeting number (access code): 187 863 1237 Meeting password: jDHmUdVB658

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You can also dial 173.243.2.68 and enter your meeting number.

Join using Microsoft Lync or Microsoft Skype for Business

Dial 1878631237.ho-chunk@lync.webex.com

HHCDA reveals COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program for 2021

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 Editor

The Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency (HHCDA) announced an Emergency Rental Assistance Program on March 3 for tribal members and the Ho-Chunk Nation in response to the COVID-19 virus of 2020 and the declared state of emergency. HHCDA made applications available for rent up to \$1,000 per month and utilities or home energy costs up to \$300 per month.

This program is intended to assist with rental arrearages and utility arrearages. HHCDA will also provide future rental assistance for up to 12 months for qualifying families.

“This rental assistance will be available to households that are 80% of our area

median income to renters, even if they have previously received rental assistance from HHCDA this past year,” stated Executive Director Neil Whitegull. “This program is for all Ho-Chunk members that live in any Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative District, with the exception that members must live in the United States.”

Families that live in HHCDA or Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Housing rental units are also eligible for this program.

The United States Department of Treasury funds this program, and HHCDA must comply with applicable federal requirements. Assistance will be granted on a first-come first-served basis for eligible applicants.

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Rachel Leigh Greendeer

January 17, 1984 - March 08, 2021

Wiha “T” apjikerega” Rachel L. Greendeer, age 37, of Baraboo, WI passed away at her home on March 8th, 2021.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, March 10, 2021 with immediate family only. Following services all family and friends are invited for a graveside service at approximately 11:00 a.m. Burial will be at Indian Baptist Cemetery in Wisconsin Dells, WI with Manda Mann officiating.

She was born in Tomah, WI on January 17, 1984 to the late Kurt Greendeer Sr. and Kimberly Cloud. Wiha graduated from Tomah High school with the class of 2002 and studied various areas of interest in college.

She was very gifted and talented in anything that she pursued. Her main passion was cooking that led her to be an amazing chef with the potential to do anything she wanted. Wiha spontaneously traveled the country and touched the lives of everyone she met. Wiha was also the sole-founder of “Cuwi Bootcamp” which made her a stellar nani and cuwi to her sons, daughters, nieces



and nephews. She was very loved and will be greatly missed by all.

Wiha is survived by her mother, Kimberly Cloud of Wisconsin Dells, WI, brothers Brady (Kari) Greendeer of Wisconsin Dells, WI, Kurt (Jodel) Greendeer Jr. of Reedsburg, WI, sisters Estelle Greendeer of Baraboo, WI, and Wunneanatsu (Greg) Cason of Fredericksburg, VA; maternal grandmother, Delphine Blackcoon along with many loving nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Wiha was preceded in death by her father, Kurt (Dahee) Greendeer Sr., her paternal grandparents, Lyle and Rebecca Greendeer; her maternal grandfather, Harry Cloud and many other Jajis and nanis and a sister.

Shelter-In-Place

Guidelines from the Ho-Chunk Nation Labor Department Safety Division



Get A Kit Make-A-Plan Be Informed

In a structure:

Close all windows, doors, chimney or fireplace vents. This includes everything that can quickly and easily be closed to prevent the chemical from entering a building you are in.

Turn off forced air heating or cooling systems. Turn off exhaust fans.

Go into a room, preferably one with no or few windows. Information will be disseminated to the public throughout the incident. When instructed or you deem appropriate, seal all doors, windows, vents, etc. with plastic and tape. Use damp towels under doors. Remember, by sealing up a room (or the entire home) for a prolonged period of time, there can be a danger of asphyxiation. Always maintain a planned fire escape route.

Continue to listen to the radio or TV on a local news station. You will be notified when the emergency is over. (Use a battery-powered radio if the power is off.)

When you are told the area is safe, ventilating your place of shelter may be recommended by opening all doors and windows and airing out the building in case a small amount of the chemical has seeped in.

If in a vehicle:

Close all windows and shut all manual vents. Turn off the ventilation system. Turn on the radio for emergency information.

There may be a time when an emergency takes place in your community due to a hazardous materials release. The outside air quality may be affected to the point that it isn't safe to be outside or to evacuate. In a case like this it is usually safer to shelter-in-place until wind disperses and moves the material away.

NOTIFICATION

If there is an emergency that is a risk to the public, your local officials will notify you by radio, TV, or if you are a registered CodeRED subscriber. The outdoor warning sirens may be activated. If you hear the sirens, immediately go inside and tune into your local radio station.

If you are told there has been a hazardous materials release, most often there is not enough time for evacuation. The safest immediate action is to shelter-in-place while listening for further instructions.

There may be times when there has been NO advance notice, but you still need to TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION. Take immediate action if you:

- Hear a strange sound like an explosion.
- See a vapor cloud.
- Odor from an inside room.
- Feel nauseous or have burning eyes.

SHELTER-IN-PLACE PRE-PLANNING

It is important that you have a plan for your home or business for sheltering-in-place. Some key steps in this plan are:

- Know what doors and windows are likely to be open and assign someone to check and close them.
- Know where the manual vents are and how to close them.
- Know where forced air heating or cooling controls/power exhaust vents are and how to turn them off.
- Know what room you will go to and how to seal it.
- Have at least one telephone that is not cordless in case power (electricity) is lost.
- Have a radio. One that is battery operated in the room you've identified.
- Be patient—help may not be immediate.
- Know your local news station.
- Only call 911 if there is an injury or other immediate emergency.
- Follow the local County Emergency Management, County Sheriff's Office & Police Department's Facebook pages.

Shelter-In-Place Checklist

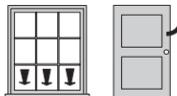
- ✓ Go indoors.
- ✓ Close windows and doors.
- ✓ Turn off ventilation systems.
- ✓ Go to an inside room.
- ✓ Turn on radio for more info.

SHELTER-IN-PLACE MEANS:

1. Move inside a building



2. Close all windows and doors



3. Turn off all ventilation systems (Includes heating and AC)



4. Listen to your local radio or TV



- Bring pets inside if practical.
- If indoors already, stay there.
- Do not go outside to investigate.
- If your children are at school or daycare, they will be instructed to remain indoors.
- Call your emergency contact and let them know where you are.

Shelter-In-Place Kit

You should gather these items together in a box and have ready for any emergency:

- Plastic for windows
- Duct tape
- Towel for under door
- Bottled water and food that won't spoil
- Sanitation supplies
- Radio, flashlight, and extra batteries
- First Aid Kit that includes prescription medication and toiletries

Do you own a NOAA All Hazards Radio?

Besides severe weather information, hazardous material spill information can be heard 24 hours a day on an all hazards radio.

For further information to assist in your planning needs prior to an emergency, contact Ho-Chunk Nation Emergency Management 715-284-9343 www.ho-chunknation.com

The following websites are also beneficial for planning:

- www.ready.gov
- www.redcross.org

Wisconsin Ho-Chunk doctor credited with leading mission that saved hundreds of lives during hurricane

Reprint from Green Bay Press – Gazette

By Frank Vaisvilas

It was late on a holiday weekend when Capt. James D. Warner received a phone call from his skipper, who told him to prepare a medical team for an emergency deployment to the Bahamas the next morning.

“Not sure what to expect, but be prepared for the worst,” was his opening line,” Warner, a flight surgeon for the U.S. Coast Guard, said he was told by his executive officer.

Hurricane Dorian, a Cat-

egory 5 storm with sustained winds of 185 mph, was bearing down on the island nation in the Caribbean Sea about 180 miles from Miami in the late summer of 2019. Bahamian officials were requesting help to save lives.

Warner, 47, a member of the Ho-Chunk Nation in Wisconsin who is stationed in Clearwater, Florida, told his wife that their Labor Day plans had to be canceled in favor of his “all-expenses paid vacation to the Bahamas, courtesy of the U.S. Coast Guard.”

Dorian was still positioned over the Bahamas when he and his team, which included a rescue swimmer, arrived at a Naval clinic on Andros Island the next morning.

“We just started helping people as soon as we could,” said Warner, who was the chief medical officer for the mission.

He immediately got to work establishing a communication network among international medical teams throughout the area and coordinating evacuation plans.

Nighttime was fast approaching when Warner received word that a medical and evacuation team was desperately needed on the Abaco Islands for life-saving operations.

That chain of islands had borne the full brunt of Dorian, but the storm’s wind wall had moved north. That gave Warner’s crew an opportunity to reach the islands and its more

than 17,000 inhabitants on the tail end of the hurricane. He recalled smiling at that challenge.

Warner suited up, grabbed his helmet and equipment, gathered his team and boarded an H60 Jayhawk. It was a one-hour “rough ride” to the island as the hurricane’s winds pushed the helicopter to its maximum safety limits.

He was astounded by what he could see in the fading daylight when he arrived, describing that it looked like a massive bomb had exploded in the area.

“It was devastating,” Warner said. “The whole island was destroyed. ... All we could see flying over was cars piled on top of other cars and trees sheared.”

They landed in several feet of water in the parking lot of the Marsh Harbour Clinic on Great Abaco Island, which was the only building still standing with electricity on the island thanks to its backup generator.

The clinic was filled wall to wall with hundreds of the island’s residents seeking medical attention and refuge.

“The locals were very scared, wet, and without power or food,” Warner said. “You just don’t forget something like that.”

He met with the clinic’s doctor, who was busy treating a patient’s serious leg injury and started to assess the scene.

“I wasn’t sure if he was the calmest person I had ever met or if he was simply sleep-deprived and shocked by his situation, but he spoke with a slow, steady voice as he explained his patient’s prognosis,” Warner later wrote of the experience in the Uniformed Family Physician, a newsletter for medical workers serving in the military.

Warner then triaged patients



Capt. James D. Warner is a flight surgeon with the U.S. Coast Guard and a member of the Ho-Chunk Nation in Wisconsin. Courtesy of The United States Coast Guard

on the island, prioritizing those whose injuries were most serious, and created a method and schedule for Coast Guard medevacs.

His team evacuated the first five patients by carrying them, wading through the water, back to the helicopter. They flew into the night under hard rain to Princess Margaret Hospital on the island of Nassau, about 90 miles away.

Their illnesses and injuries ranged from an arm amputation, blunt-force trauma, severe lacerations and kidney

failure requiring dialysis.

Warner and his team continued medevac operations in the hours and days ahead as he continued to assess and help coordinate the country’s medical services, including transporting other doctors and nurses to where they needed to be.

With many communications lines down, he would sometimes walk miles on foot searching for medical professionals out of contact from communities in need.

His medical humanitarian
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Capt. James Warner snaps a photo from his phone of the devastation in the Bahamas caused by Hurricane Dorian. Courtesy of Capt. James Warner



In this Sept. 16, 2019 file photo, immigrants from Haiti recover their belongings from the rubble in their destroyed homes, in the aftermath of Hurricane Dorian in Abaco, Bahamas. (AP Photo/Ramon Espinosa, File) Ramon Espinosa, AP



Capt. James Warner waits inside a Coast Guard Jayhawk helicopter as it is refueling onboard a Coast Guard vessel called a cutter during his medical humanitarian mission in the Bahamas during Hurricane Dorian. Courtesy of The United States Coast Guard



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HCN Business Executive Director offers La Crosse project information to Development Committee

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March 3, 2021

The Ho-Chunk Nation Executive Branch took another step toward acquiring approval to pursue a proposed Ho-Chunk Nation and City of La Crosse partnership to a multi-use structure that includes retail opportunities and residential units.

Department of Business Executive Director Michael Rave appeared before the Development Committee on Tuesday, March 2, to explain what processes have been taken and what information about the project has been gathered.

Also, HCN Real Estate Director Matthew Carriaga offered his expertise about the process of transferring the proposed La Crosse parcel into trust land.

The land under consideration to be acquired by the Ho-Chunk Nation is in a development area called the River Point District, organized and conducted by developers Wired Properties through the City of La Crosse.

At the meeting, Rave told how the development zone is supported by the state and the Department of Transportation.

Rave identified a section

of land that is near the Mississippi River on a detailed planning map, saying that the parcel was the one the Ho-Chunk Nation was interested in developing.

Several sources of funding are available to the Ho-Chunk Nation, Rave said.

Rave said that the business opportunity would be an excellent way to draw in “new money” as opposed to the money being circulated in the gaming operations.

“It’s important to know that all the value from gaming and retail – that money isn’t necessarily new,” Rave said. “That money tends to be ‘status quo’ year after year. We do what we can to increase revenue on our properties on a day-to-day basis. So, that goes without saying. The net revenues coming into the Nation always remains relatively static.

“Introducing the La Crosse River Point project is a very solvent approach for the Nation in terms of understanding and practically implementing different business opportunities that allow us to focus in other business industries, whether it be retail, expanded hotels, or housing operations,” Rave said.

“In there, we would have the propensity to recognize new money or new cash influx for the Nation,” he said. “Using the model from La Crosse, that approach could be used outside La Crosse, such as Beloit and other places where the Nation owns

land,” he said.

Rave gave data that shows the La Crosse area to have a population of 125,000 and having a need for housing.

The meeting ended without

the Development Committee taking any action.

“No action here today,” said Chairperson Hinu Smith, citing that the request at the meeting was for gathering in-

formation only.

The La Crosse project part of the meeting can be watched on YouTube by clicking on the link: <https://youtu.be/ME-7b67L7QLc>

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DISTRICT 4, SEAT 3

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- Personnel Coordinator for 7 years with the City of Minneapolis – Civil Service Commission.
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- Served as a Ho-Chunk Nation – District 5 Legislator for 16 years.

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- 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

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Applications for download are located online at <https://hhcda.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/ERP-Application-3-03-21.pdf>. An online application will soon be available. Check <https://hhcda.com> in the ‘Forms’ section.

Return all completed applications to HHCDA. Email the application and supporting documents to covid19c-haps@ho-chunk.com or fax to 608-374-1270. Mail the documents to HHCDA, P.O. Box 730, Tomah, WI 54660, or hand-deliver to 1116 E.

Monowau Street in Tomah. There is a drop box outside the front door.

Questions regarding this program can be emailed to Erap@ho-chunk.com or call 608-374-1245.

Annual Income Limits for Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency Low Income Programs								
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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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Low Income 80% or less of County Median Income	54,950	62,800	70,650	78,500	84,800	91,100	97,350	103,650

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Myrna J. Thompson
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 for District 3, Seat 2
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Vision Maker Media Celebrates Women’s History Month in March with Online Film Event and Panel Discussion Featuring Prominent Indigenous Women Leaders

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LINCOLN, Neb., March 2, 2021 — Vision Maker Media (VMM) is marking its 45th anniversary in 2021 with a yearlong celebration of free “commUNITY” events, including thematic online film screenings, online virtual programs and more. To celebrate Women’s History Month in March, VMM will launch its first online program of 2021, a community-themed online film streaming event, titled “commUNITY: Herald Native Women.” All March programs are free and open to the public but registration is required. The Cherokee Nation Film Office is a sponsor of VMM’s 45th anniversary events.

The March celebration will include a program of seven films — two short and five feature-length documentaries — all produced and/or directed by women, and a panel discussion organized in partnership with Americans for Indian Opportunity (AIO). Founded in 1970 by LaDonna Harris (Comanche), AIO advances, from an Indigenous worldview, the cultural, political and economic rights of Indigenous peoples in the United States and around the world.

The seven films will be available all month for streaming 24/7 at visionmakermedia.org. The films portray Native women in leadership, coming of age, and language revitalization. All are available worldwide. For more information about the films and to register, visit visionmakermedia.org.

“Making Matriarchs – Indigenous Values-Based Leadership Development,” a panel discussion featuring four Native women leaders who are among the more than 250 graduates of AIO’s Ambassadors Program, will take place via Zoom on Tuesday, March 16 at 7 p.m. CST. AIO’s Ambassadors Program is the only national leadership training that encourages Native leaders to weave their traditional tribal values in a contemporary reality in order to affect positive social change and advance human rights.

“Americans for Indian Opportunity is pleased to partner with Vision Maker Media during Women’s History Month as we showcase some of the many contributions of Indigenous women to American society,” says AIO Executive Director Laura Harris (Comanche). “Together, we can amplify Native voices, build awareness and understanding, and share a positive and contemporary Indigenous narrative.”

Panel participants include: Francene Blythe-Lewis (Diné, Sisseton-Wahpeton, Eastern Cherokee), executive director, Vision Maker Media (introduction); Laura Harris (Comanche), executive director, Americans for Indian Op-

portunity (moderator); Janeen Comenote (Quinault/Hesqui-ah/Oglala), executive director, National Urban Indian Family Coalition (panelist); Brittany Schulman (Waccama Siouan), director of leadership initiatives, AIO (panelist) and Lindsay Early, deputy director, National Indian Child Welfare Association (panelist). The fourth panelist is unconfirmed at press time.

The panelists will discuss the importance of female leadership and the influence of matriarchy. They will talk about the work they do for social change and education, and how they utilize the teachings of the AIO Ambassadors Program and their “Medicine” (personal strengths and talents) for the good of their communities and humanity.

About Vision Maker Media
 Vision Maker Media

(VMM) is the premiere source of public media by and about Native Americans since 1976. Our mission is empowering and engaging Native people to share stories. We envision a world changed and healed by understanding Native stories and the public conversations they generate. We work with VMM funded producers to develop, produce and distribute programs for all public media. VMM supports training to increase the number of American Indians and Alaska Natives producing public broadcasting programs. A key strategy for this work is in partnerships with Tribal nations, Indian organizations and Native communities. Reaching the national public and a global market is the ultimate goal for the dissemination of Native public media that shares Native perspectives with the world. VMM is a nonprofit 501(c)(3)

funded in part by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB). For more information, visionmakermedia.org, visionmaker@unl.edu or (402) 472-3522.

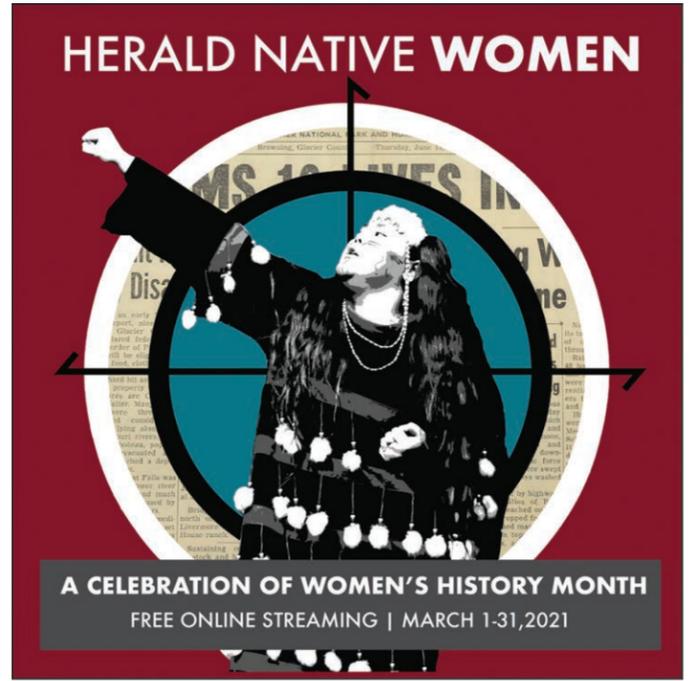


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Facts about COVID-19 Vaccine

FACT: COVID-19 vaccines will not give you COVID-19

None of the COVID-19 vaccines currently in development in the United States use the live virus that causes COVID-19. The goal for any vaccine is to teach our immune systems how to recognize and fight COVID-19 virus in the body. Sometimes this process can cause symptoms, such as fatigue, headache, muscle pain and chills. These symptoms are normal and are a sign that the body is building immunity. It typically takes a few weeks for the body to build immunity after vaccination.

FACT: COVID-19 vaccines will not cause you to test positive on COVID-19 viral tests

Vaccines currently in clinical trials in the United States won't cause you to test positive on PCR viral test. PCR viral tests are used to see if you have a **current infection**. If your body develops an immune response, which is the goal of vaccination, there is a possibility you may test positive on some antibody tests. Antibody tests indicate you had a **previous infection** and that you may have some level of protection against the virus.

FACT: People who have gotten sick with COVID-19 may still benefit from getting vaccinated

Due to the severe health risks associated with COVID-19 and the fact that re-infection with COVID-19 is possible, people may be advised to get a COVID-19 vaccine even if they have been sick with COVID-19 before. At this time, experts do not know how long someone is protected from getting sick again after recovering from COVID-19. The immunity someone gains from having an infection, called natural immunity, varies from person to person. Some early evidence suggests natural immunity may not last very long.

FACT: Getting vaccinated can help prevent getting sick with COVID-19

While many people with COVID-19 have only a mild illness, others may get a severe illness or they may even die. There is no way to know how COVID-19 will affect you. If you get sick, you also may spread the disease to friends, family, and others around you while you are sick. COVID-19 vaccination helps protect you by creating an antibody response without having to experience sickness.

FACT: COVID-19 Vaccine will not alter my DNA

mRNA vaccines like COVID-19 vaccine do not change or interact with your DNA. mRNA vaccines teach our cells how to make a protein that triggers an immune response.

FACT: It is safe to get a COVID-19 vaccine if you plan on having a baby one day.

COVID-19 vaccine is safe for those who would like to become pregnant. There is currently no evidence that antibodies formed from COVID-19 vaccine cause any problems with pregnancy. There is no evidence suggesting fertility problems are a side effect of the vaccine.

FACT: There have been very few anaphylaxis reactions to COVID-19 vaccine

An anaphylaxis is a severe life threatening allergic reaction that can rarely happen after a vaccine. According to the VAERS (Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System) and Wisconsin Department of Health Services there have been 47 cases of anaphylaxis after receiving the Pfizer vaccine (4.7 cases/million vaccines administered) and 19 cases of anaphylaxis after receiving the Moderna vaccine (2.5 cases/million vaccine administered). If you have had severe reactions to vaccines in the past you should consult with your medical Provider before getting any vaccine to determine what is best for you. The HCN Department of Health have not had any reported anaphylaxis reactions to COVID-19 vaccine.

FACT: If you are fully vaccinated you are able to:

Fully vaccinated persons (14 days after second dose for Moderna) who are exposed to an individual diagnosed with covid do NOT need to quarantine. It is recommended that fully vaccinated individuals who are exposed to someone with covid-19 still monitor themselves for symptoms of covid-19, and get tested if become symptomatic.

Fully vaccinated persons (14 days after second dose for Moderna) can gather indoors with other fully vaccinated individuals without the use of masks.

Fully vaccinated persons (14 days after second dose for Moderna) can gather outdoors with non-vaccinated individuals of one household without the use of masks, unless any of the unvaccinated persons are at high risk for severe illness

Fully vaccinated persons (14 days after second dose for Moderna) should continue to practice social distancing, masking, and frequent handwashing while in public to protect the safety and health of the general public.

How do I know which sources of COVID-19 vaccine information are accurate?

It can be difficult to know which sources of information you can trust. Learn more at <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vac-gen/evalwebs.htm>.

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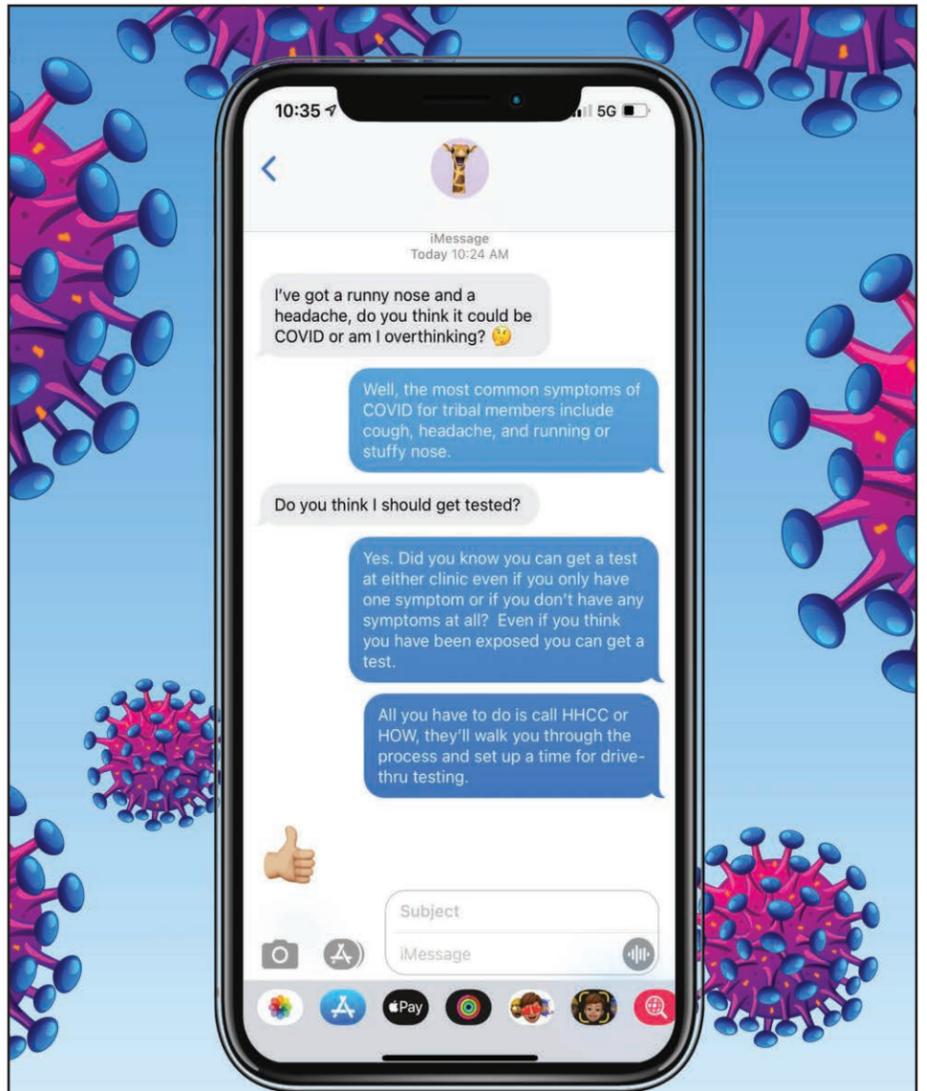
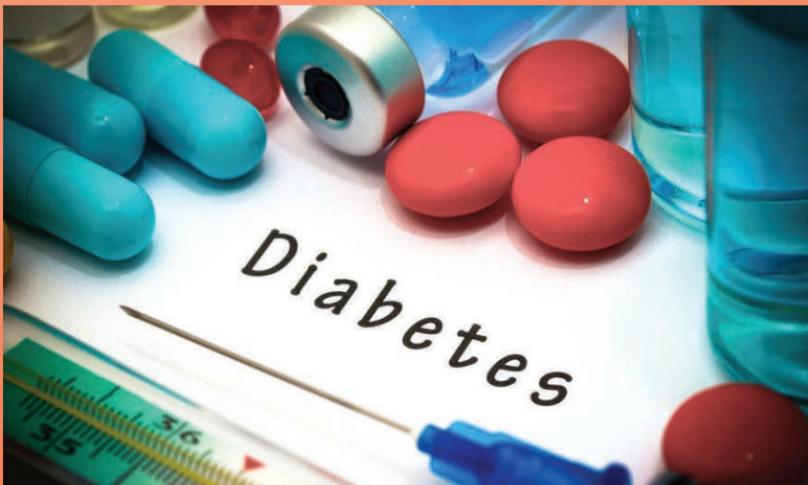
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mission lasted nine days with the support of more than 900 Coast Guard personnel, 32 aircraft and nine Coast Guard ships called cutters.

They answered 1,388 search-and-rescue calls and directly saved the lives of 457 people. Warner personally saved seven lives.

Dorian was the strongest

hurricane to ever hit the Bahamas on record and its lingering over the country made it the most destructive, according to experts.

The nation's official report was that more than 70 people were killed, but hundreds of undocumented immigrants were declared missing.

Warner and the Coast Guard are credited for keeping the

situation from becoming much worse and helping to save thousands of lives during and immediately after the storm.

This past December, over a year after the rescue mission, Warner was awarded the Meritorious Service Silver Medal, the second-highest form of recognition from the Department of Homeland Security

for outstanding leadership and superior public service.

"Captain Warner went to extraordinary lengths and personal risk to establish direct contact with medical providers throughout the Bahamas' impacted area," his commanders wrote in their nomination letter. "His decisive actions while leading a small cadre of health service technicians

and aircrew in the affected area dramatically amplified the operational impact of our organization, undoubtedly helping to stem a humanitarian disaster."

Warner didn't know he had been nominated last summer until after he won the award.

"I was really thankful," he said. "This is very meaningful."
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How mRNA COVID-19 Vaccines Work

Understanding the virus that causes COVID-19.
Coronaviruses like the one that causes COVID-19 are named for the crown-like spikes on their surface, called **spike proteins**. These **spike proteins** are ideal targets for vaccines.

What is mRNA?
Messenger RNA, or mRNA, is genetic material that tells your body how to make proteins.

What is in the vaccine?
The vaccine is made of mRNA wrapped in a coating that makes delivery easy and keeps the body from damaging it.

How does the vaccine work?
The mRNA in the vaccine teaches your cells how to make copies of the **spike protein**. If you are exposed to the real virus later, your body will recognize it and know how to fight it off.

When your body responds to the vaccine, it can sometimes cause a mild fever, headache, or chills. This is completely normal and a sign that the vaccine is working.

The vaccine DOES NOT contain ANY virus, so it cannot give you COVID-19.

After the mRNA delivers the instructions, your cells break it down and get rid of it.

Antibody

Getting vaccinated?
For information about COVID-19 vaccine, visit: [cdc.gov/coronavirus/vaccines](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/vaccines)

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HARVEST OF THE MONTH

XAÅWIZI (Dandelions)

ABOUT

- The leaves, roots, and flowers of dandelions can all be enjoyed.
- Dandelion greens are high in Vitamin A and Vitamin K.
- LEAVES: Leaves can be enjoyed raw, boiled, or steamed. For a less-bitter taste, harvest young, tender leaves and try boiling them.
- FLOWERS: Flowers can be sprinkled on a salad or used as an edible garnish. Flowers are also used in tea and even as a yellow color dye.
- ROOTS: Use roots as you would any other root vegetable. Roots can also be used in teas.

THINGS TO CONSIDER

- Be sure to gather dandelions that are free from any chemical treatment and as with any foraged food, that it is permissible to gather in that area and to avoid over-harvesting.
- Check with your provider before consuming products like dandelion tea as it may interact with certain medications. Also avoid dandelion tea if pregnant or nursing as it's effects are not known.

SAUTÉED DANDELIONS

Ingredients

- 3 Tablespoons olive oil (or other oil)
- 3 cups onions or ramps, chopped
- 4 cups dandelion leaves, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 Tablespoon soy sauce
- Black pepper, to taste

Steps

- Saute onions or ramps in oil.
- When soft, add dandelions, garlic, soy sauce, and black pepper.
- Cook for 10-20 minutes until all flavors blend.

Nutrition
1 serving = 1/4 of recipe
Calories: 154
Total Fat: 11 g
Saturated Fat: 1.5 g
Total Carbohydrate: 14 g
Dietary Fiber: 4 g
Protein: 3 g
Sodium: 271 mg
Vitamin D: 0 mcg
Calcium: 126 mg
Iron: 1.7 mg
Potassium: 359 mg

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DATE: March 9, 2021

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Waza higiwire

The vision of the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health is to build a strong mind body and spirit together (Waza higiwire) and we need your help. The Department has been working to provide COVID-19 vaccine to our community members and employees. We have been able to receive adequate Moderna vaccine supplies to vaccinate each of the priority groups that we have identified. Vaccine events have been occurring at the House of Wellness and District 1 Community Center for the last 2 months. Starting the week of March 15th vaccine events are being expanded to Wittenberg, Nekoosa, and Tomah. These are all in an effort to reach as many Tribal members and employees possible. To date (3/6/2021), 1,465 first doses and 618 second doses have been given to Tribal Members. This is a great start but we still have more work to do. In order for the vaccine to provide the best protection to our entire community we need to vaccinate at least 70-80% of our community. It is vitally important that any Tribal Member and their household members be vaccinated. Increasing the number of those vaccinated not only can reduce the number of deaths in our community it can also decrease the number of hospitalizations and long-term effects of COVID-19. Getting vaccinated also has impacts on the overall health and wellbeing of our Tribal Community. Increasing the number of people vaccinated in our tribal community will help to get community members back to work. It will allow for the revenue generating operations to have more operations flexibility which, intern increases the potential income. This income provides support to many Tribal members. The benefits of more vaccinated individuals in our community include being able to gather together again safely for cultural events/celebrations, and provide protection to those who cannot be vaccinated due to age (children) or health status.

Vaccinating our community members 18 years and older is vitally important as they are a large segment of the working population that cares for elders and for children. Currently, for our Tribal members 18 years and older, 1,373 or 33% have received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose in the state of Wisconsin and 1,465 or 24% of our members have received at least one dose

nationally. In order to reach an immunity of at least 70%, 2,936 members statewide and 4,300 members nationwide need to be vaccinated (under Moderna, receive two doses).

One of the most vulnerable groups within our community include elders. At this time, of the 702 elders living in WI, 403 have received at least one dose, which is approximately 57% of our elders in the state. In order to reach an immunity of at least 70% within our elder population, 492 members statewide and 686 nationwide need to be vaccinated (under Moderna, receive two doses).

If you know of anyone in need of vaccine please contact the Department of Health and we can assist in arranging vaccine access. Please register for one of the upcoming events at HOW, DICC, Wittenberg, Nekoosa, or Tomah by going to the Department website (<https://health.ho-chunk.com/>) or calling 715-284-9851 ext. 35411 or 33126.

Focusing on our community is the DOH priority, but because our community interacts and relies on services such as schools, EMS, fire/rescue, roads, utilities (electric/heat), and mail service from outside of our community it is important that we work with our local public health partners. By working with our partners we can help to ensure our students have access to school. We can help to ensure our facilities have the infrastructure to operate effectively and that those outside of our community are able to access our businesses safely. The DOH has been working with local public health to assist in vaccinating educators and childcare providers as well as some of the essential public workers. We will continue to strategically work with our partners around vaccine to increase the protection of the health and wellbeing of our community members.

We have more work that needs to be done, until enough vaccine is available to everyone it is important that we continue to prevent COVID-19 by wearing a mask when going into public/attending events, stay 6 feet apart, wash hands routinely, stay home if you are ill, and get a test anytime you think you may have been exposed or if you are not feeling well.

Ho-Chunk Health Care Center **House of Wellness**
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ful. I was speechless in the beginning.”

One day, when he’s had enough of flying into hurricanes, Warner said he would eventually like to return to Wisconsin, where he learned about his tribal roots, so he can lend his expertise to the benefit of the Ho-Chunk Nation.

For now, he’s happy serving with the U.S. Coast Guard.

“I get to do a mission that actually helps people,” Warner said. “The mission of the Coast Guard is great. I really enjoy serving with them.”

Frank Vaisvilas is a Report For America corps member based at the Green Bay Press-Gazette covering Native American issues in Wisconsin.

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Destruction from Hurricane Dorian at Marsh Harbour in Great Abaco Island, Bahamas, on Sept. 4, 2019. *Al Diaz, Miami Herald Via AP*



A Coast Guardsman evacuates a person from the March Harbour Clinic in the Bahamas during Hurricane Dorian. *Courtesy of Capt. James Warner*

If you are fully vaccinated for COVID-19 you can:

- ✓ Reduce the number of deaths in our community
- ✓ Reduce the number of hospitalizations in our community
- ✓ Reduce long term complications of COVID-19
- ✓ Increase ability to get community members back to work
- ✓ Increase our ability to practice our culture and traditions more safely
- ✓ Visit with other fully vaccinated people indoors without wearing masks or physical distancing
- ✓ Visit with unvaccinated people from a single household who are at low risk for severe COVID-19 disease indoors without wearing masks or physical distancing
- ✓ Refrain from quarantine and testing following a known exposure if asymptomatic



Pre-registration Link:
<http://health.ho-chunk.com/CV19/Vaccine>

Pre-registration by phone:
715-284-9851
Ext. 35041 or 35092



March 9, 2021
RELEASE

HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE
Governing Body of the Ho-Chunk Nation

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Legislature Denies Presidential Nomination of Gennafer Garvin

The Legislature considered and denied the nomination of Gennafer Garvin to the post of Attorney General and Executive Director of the Department of Justice. Ms. Garvin was previously nominated by President WhiteEagle, which the Legislature accepted on October 20, 2020. On October 21, 2020, Ms. Garvin withdrew her name from consideration for the Attorney General position. Therefore, the Legislature denied Ms. Garvin’s confirmation on November 17, 2021.

The Confirmation Process of Executive Directors for the Ho-Chunk Nation Act prohibits the President from nominating a candidate that has previously been denied confirmation. As a result, and in accordance with the law, the Legislature denied the acceptance of nomination for Ms. Garvin on March 9th.

The Attorney General is the Executive Director of the Department of Justice and performs critical functions such as defending the sovereignty of the Ho-Chunk Nation, providing expert legal advice and competent representation on matters that concern the Nation’s interest and welfare, and to ensure prosecutorial enforcement of the Nation’s laws.

The President must nominate a successor within 14 days of this denial.

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Ho-Chunk Community Drive-thru Ham Giveaway

Fill out our community survey at our drive-thru event to receive a free ham

March 19, 2021

Milwaukee Branch Office

3501 S. Howell Ave
10:00 AM — 12:00 PM

Madison Branch Office

4724 Tradewinds Pkwy
2:00 PM — 4:00 PM

March 26, 2021

Green Bay Branch Office

2413 Hazelwood Lane
10:00 AM — 12:00 PM

Wittenberg Siga F.M. Building

W17634 Radke Rd
2:00 PM — 4:00 PM



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From the staff at FNCF

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HO-CHUNK NATION
LEGISLATURE
REGULAR MEETING
TRIBAL EXECUTIVE
OFFICES
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI
FEBRUARY 23, 2021

Call to Order: President Marlon White Eagle called the meeting to order at 10:03 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.-EX
Rep. Stephanie Begay-VC
Rep. Kristin White Eagle-VC
Rep. Darren Brinegar-VC

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

Determination of Quorum:

Quorum is established at 10:04 a.m.

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

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to approve the agenda with an addition under New Business J. Resolution-Establishment of

Tribal Federal Priorities Workgroup. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 10-2(Rep. Darren Brinegar, Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr.)-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

*Special Legislative Meeting-February 8, 2021
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DISTRICT 1 MEETING NOTICE

BLACK RIVER FALLS VIRTUAL MEETING

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

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

WAUSAU VIRTUAL MEETING

Tuesday, March 16, 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: 03/01/21



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DISTRICT 2 AREA MEETING NOTICE



**La Crosse /Tomah
Virtual WebEx Meeting
Monday, March 15, 2021
6:00 p.m.**

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

Due to the current State of Emergency the District II Representatives will hold their Area Meetings using a virtual format at this time. Please contact anyone noted below for meeting information.

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 3/03/21

DISTRICT 3 MEETING NOTICE



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

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

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

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

WI RAPIDS DISTRICT MEETING-VIRTUAL
Thursday, March 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 03/01/21



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DISTRICT 4 AREA MEETING NOTICE



**VIRTUAL CHICAGO AREA MEETING
Monday, March 15, 2021
6:00 p.m.**

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

**VIRTUAL TWIN CITIES AREA MEETING
Thursday, March 18, 2021
6:00 p.m.**

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

For WebEx information please contact:

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Posted on: 03/01/21



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MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to approve the February 8, 2021 Special Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 11-0-1(Rep. Robert TwoBears) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (Continued):

Legislative Meeting-February 9, 2021

MOTION by Rep. Hinu Smith to approve the February 9, 2021 Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 11-0-1(Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit) **MOTION CARRIED.**

NOTED FOR THE RECORD: Rep. Hinu Smith stated that at the February 9, 2021 Legislative session a motion was made to adopt a resolution authorizing a true increase for the Department of Social Services Child and Family Services Child Placement Assistance. During the meeting it was stated that the resolution passed. However, under the Appropriations and Budget Process Act a true increase requires a two-thirds vote of the Legislature. The resolution did not receive the necessary votes and was thus defeated, which the minutes and signed resolution accurately reflect.

Special Legislative Meeting-February 16, 2021

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to approve the February 16, 2021 Special Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-1(Rep. Robert TwoBears) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Committee Reports:

Administration Committee-February 11, 2021

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to approve the February 11, 2021 Administration Committee Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Museum Director Job Description

MOTION by Rep. Hinu Smith to TABLE Museum Director Job Description. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 11-0-1(Rep. Darren Brinegar) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Unfinished Business:

COVID-19 Executive Branch Update

Department of Health

Executive Director of Health Kiana Beaudin was present via video conference. She stated

that there are 740 confirmed positive cases within the Nation, with 6 active cases. Currently, the Nation's COVID-19 positivity rate is 13.7%.

Rep. Robert TwoBears asked for data on false negative COVID-19 results. Executive Director of Health replied that she will request that information and get Rep. TwoBears an answer as soon as possible.

COVID-19 Executive Branch Update

Department of Health (Continued)

Executive Director of Health mentioned that a total of 2,145 vaccines have been administered with a breakdown of: 1,806 first doses and 339 series complete.

Rep. Stacy asked the Executive Director of Health for her feedback on the Masking Ordinance, and if she thinks amendments need to be made. Executive Director of Health Beaudin mentioned that she would like to see zero-tolerance for those who wish to not wear a mask while at Ho-Chunk Gaming Facilities.

Chief of Police Earl Lemieux was present via video conference. Chief Lemieux stated that Tribal Police are having difficulty implementing the Ordinance because people refuse to tell police what their medical condition is that constitutes to fall under an exemption within the Ordinance.

Legislative Counsel mentioned potential action:

-Amending the Gaming Ordinance, as this Ordinance applies to all Ho-Chunk Gaming Casinos, although this would have to be submitted to the NIGC for approval and that is a lengthy process.

-A joint resolution between the Legislative Branch and Executive Branch, as done in the past (at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic).

-Or, the President could issue an Executive Order regarding this, although that is completely up to the President.

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to request a joint resolution between the Legislative and Executive Branches to address a zero-tolerance policy regarding masking at all Ho-Chunk Gaming Facilities, to be considered for passage as soon as possible. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Office of the President

Amanda Richmond, Emergency Management Coordinator, was present to address the Legislature. Ms. Richmond briefly discussed warming shelters, and stated that she will continue with work with the Ex-

ecutive Director of Health and Executive Directors regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.

Department of Business

Executive Director of Business (EDOB) Michael Rave was present to address the Legislature. EDOB Michael Rave explained that having exemptions in the Masking Ordinance is complicating operations at the facilities. EDOB Michael Rave mentioned that taking action to tighten it up and have zero tolerance for no masks is the right step to make our facilities safer for both our employees and guests.

EDOB Rave overviewed his written report to the Legislature.

Office of General Council

Cari Fay, General Council Advocate was present via video conference and stated that there is nothing new to report. Rep. Fox notified General Council Advocate Cari Fay that a motion was referred to Office of General Council from the February 18, 2021 Twin Cities District Meeting. The motion will be referred later on in this meeting, during District Meetings.

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 Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 9-3(Rep. Robert TwoBears, Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit, Rep. Paul Fox)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

CARES Act Proposals

Vice President Thundercloud mentioned that the Nation may be receiving more CARES Act funds in the future from the Federal Government. She asked President White Eagle if the Executive Branch is working on new proposals or processes for a smoother transition this time around. President White Eagle replied that the Executive Branch will start working on this.

Resolution-Adoption of Amendments to the All-Terrain Vehicle Usage Ordinance

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to adopt **Resolution 02-23-21 A**, Adoption of Amendments to the All-Terrain Vehicle Usage Ordinance. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 10-2(Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr., Rep. Robert TwoBears)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Suspension of Credit Cards

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud

to TABLE Resolution-Suspension of Credit Cards until next meeting. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 10-2(Rep. Darren Brinegar, Rep. Robert TwoBears)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Approval of True Increase to Resolution 10-31-20B Adoption of Ho-Chunk Nation Executive Branch Budget Bill Fiscal Year 2020-2021 for the Department of Social Services Child and Family Services Child Placement Assistance

Child and Family Services Division Director Valerie Blackdeer was present via video conference. Ms. Blackdeer explained that the Department estimated that monthly costs equal \$155,979, so for February-the end of June the total would cost \$779,897. Ms. Blackdeer stated that \$1,207,404 is needed in order to finish the remainder of the year.

Resolution-Approval of True Increase to Resolution 10-31-20B Adoption of Ho-Chunk Nation Executive Branch Budget Bill Fiscal Year 2020-2021 for the Department of Social Services Child and Family Services Child Placement Assistance (Continued)

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to adopt **Resolution 02-23-21 B**, Approval of True Increase to Resolution 10-31-20B Adoption of Ho-Chunk Nation Executive Branch Budget Bill Fiscal Year 2020-2021 for the Department of Social Services Child and Family Services Child Placement Assistance in the amount of \$1,207,404. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to include the following: that any remaining funds, at the end of the fiscal year, be returned the General Fund, that the Executive Branch submit the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budgets to reflect the most accurate funding for this line item, and that funding coming from the General Fund, specifically short term portfolios. Second concurs. 11-0-1(Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr) **MOTION CARRIED.**

President Marlon White Eagle stated that the Executive Branch could look at the historical information from Treasury on this, and see what the highest cost per year has been over the past 3, 5, or 10 years, and Executive Branch can budget that amount, or Legislature can allocate the money down the road. President White Eagle stated that the Executive Branch does their best to estimate, but they [Executive Branch] might be asking for a raise in the budget limit.

Resolution-Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the ERA/Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the ERA and

Authorization to Place out for 45 Day Public Comment

Vice President Thundercloud asked the President how many Tribal members are still on the recall list. President White Eagle mentioned that he does not have that information right now, but he can forward that information to the Vice President once he receives it.

MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to adopt **Resolution 02-23-21 C**, Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the ERA and Authorization to Place out for 45 Day Public Comment. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 10-1(Vice President Karena Thundercloud)-1(Rep. George Stacy) **MOTION CARRIED.**

New Business:

Resolution-Confirmation/Denial of Ryan Crain to the Position of Executive Director of the Department of Treasury

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to adopt **Resolution 02-23-21 D**, Denial of Ryan Crain to the Position of Executive Director of the Department of Treasury. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 6-5(Rep. Stephanie Begay, Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr., Rep. Sarah Lemieux, Rep. Paul Fox, Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit)-1(Rep. Matt Mullen) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Vice President Thundercloud stated that the motion to deny is based on that Mr. Crain's accounting skills seem to be lacking. Rep. TwoBears shared the same concern as the Vice President, and Rep. TwoBears stated that Mr. Crain does not have an accounting background, in government or business.

Mr. Crain was present via video conference and mentioned that he has enjoyed his time working as the Interim Treasurer, and thanked the President for this opportunity.

Resolution-Adoption of Amendments to the ERA

Vice President Thundercloud stated that the major amendments are changing annual and sick leave to Personal Time Off (PTO), and an amendment to Chapter IV, Section 20 a (2): Any hours over one-hundred sixty (160) will be paid to the employee at the end of the fiscal year provided that the employees have used eighty (80) hours of PTO during that fiscal year.

Vice President Thundercloud mentioned that Legislators have been working with Department of Personnel and Department of Justice regarding the ERA Amendments.

It was mentioned that the resolution states that the amendments are not effective until *Continued on Page 14*

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the new fiscal year, July 1, 2021.

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to adopt **Resolution 02-23-21 E**, Adoption of Amendments to the ERA. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 10-2(Rep. Hinu Smith, Rep. Matt Mullen)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

NOTED FOR THE RECORD: Rep. Hinu Smith is opposed to the reduction in accrual rate of PTO.

Resolution-Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Tribal Transportation Program Road Maintenance Contract

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to adopt **Resolution 02-23-21 F**, Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Tribal Transportation Program Road Maintenance Contract. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorizing a Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity with Filevine

Chief Judge Lowe was not available for the beginning of this discussion, as she was presiding over a hearing. Department of Justice Attorney Erik Shircel was present via video conference and stated that Chief Judge Lowe asked him to speak to this agenda item if she were unavailable.

Attorney Shircel stated that the Judiciary received a BIA grant for a new case management software. The Judiciary selected Filevine as their preferred vendor. Attorney Shircel mentioned that Filevine is insisting on wanting to keep finding arbitration as a method of dispute resolution in the agreement, and there is federal court case law that indicated that finding arbitration issues a waiver of sovereign immunity.

Attorney Shircel also stated that removal of the arbitration language is a "no go" from the corporation's board of directors, so the Judiciary is asking for a waiver of sovereign immunity. Attorney Shircel mentioned that the contract includes language that limits both party's liability to no more than the subscription fees paid in the previous 12 months.

Legislative Counsel asked Attorney Shircel a few questions regarding the sales order and license agreement. It was stated that the agreement would auto-renew.

Attorney Shircel stated that the Judiciary completed the three bid process for the new case management software. Attorney Shircel mentioned that if the Legislature opts not to agree to the waiver of sovereign immunity, then either Filevine, on their side, will

have to determine how important that language is, or the Judiciary would have to look at one of the other options for case management software. Attorney Shircel stated that he was not involved in the bidding, he was involved in providing legal support on the contract. It was mentioned that Judiciary's current case management software is going to be phased out, and will no longer be supported by the current vendor.

Chief Judge Lowe is now online, and stated the urgency is that the software company that they currently have will only be operating for a finite amount of time and the amount of data they have in that system will take a considerable amount of time to transfer to the new one.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to TABLE Resolution-Authorizing a Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity with Filevine. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 10-1(Rep. Robert TwoBears)-1(Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Lunch Break:

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to break for lunch until 1:00 p.m. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 8-4(Rep. Stephanie Begay, Rep. Kristin White Eagle, Rep. Darren Brinegar, Rep. Robert TwoBears)-0 **MOTION CARRIED. 12:21 p.m.**

NOTED FOR THE RECORD: Rep. Kristin White Eagle stated that she previously asked her colleagues to be excused at 1:00 p.m., and the next agenda item is an agenda item for District II Legislators.

Call to Order: President Marlon White Eagle called the meeting to order at 1:03 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.-EX
Rep. Stephanie Begay-VC at 1:05 p.m.
Rep. Kristin White Eagle-EX, VC at 1:40 p.m.
Rep. Darren Brinegar-VC
Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr.-VC
Rep. Sarah Lemieux-VC
Rep. Matthew Mullen-VC
Rep. Robert TwoBears-VC
Rep. Paul Fox-P
Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit-P

VC-Video Conference

Determination of Quorum: Quorum is established at 1:04 p.m.

Resolution-Consideration for Hearing on La Crosse-Development Project

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to TABLE Resolution-Consideration for Hearing on La Crosse-Development Project until after Executive Session. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Stephanie Begay arrives via video conference at 1:05 p.m.

Resolution-Suspension of Rent and Mortgage Payments for Department of Housing and HHCA and Nation Water and Sewer Payments through September 2021

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to TABLE Resolution- Suspension of Rent and Mortgage Payments for Department of Housing and HHCA and Nation Water and Sewer Payments through September 2021. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 10-0-1(Rep. Matt Mullen) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Lemieux stated that she will be taking this resolution to the Housing Committee, too, for further discussion.

Resolution-Authorizing the Department of Social Services Domestic Abuse Division to Apply for the Office of Victims of Crime Fiscal Year 2021 Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside Formula Grant

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to adopt **Resolution 02-23-21 G**, Authorizing the Department of Social Services Domestic Abuse Division to Apply for the Office of Victims of Crime Fiscal Year 2021 Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside Formula Grant. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 10-0-1(Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr.) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Attorney General

Rep. Hinu Smith thanked President White Eagle for the nomination of an Attorney General. The Legislature received that nomination on February 22, 2021. Rep. Smith stated that the Legislature did not have the Attorney General nomination at the time that she added this to the agenda.

NOTED FOR THE RECORD: Rep. Hinu Smith stated that the Legislature had not received a nomination for the vacant Attorney General position since December 29, 2020 until just recently, February 22, 2021. Over 50 days went by without any action by the President, which is inconsistent with the requirement from the Confirmation Act.

President White Eagle added that it is a very different thing to find a candidate willing to fill this position.

Rep. Hinu Smith asked the President who the Acting Attorney General is right now. The President replied that At-

torney Elysia Rodriguez is the current Acting Attorney General.

Rep. Smith asked if Attorney Rodriguez has been Acting Attorney General for the past 50 days. The President replied that no, she has not. The President mentioned that before Attorney Rodriguez was Acting Attorney General, Attorney Wendi Huling was acting.

The President stated that a notice was sent to the Vice President on February 15, 2021 stating that Attorney Rodriguez is the Acting Attorney General.

Rep. Smith asked for written notification on who was the acting Attorney for the past 50 days, as the Nation is without an Attorney General. President White Eagle replied that Office of the President can send that by the end of this week.

Resolution-Quick Passage Amendment to ERA (Whistleblower) or Consideration of New Law

President White Eagle stated that Executive Branch has drafted a Whistleblower policy, and they can share that with the Vice President. Vice President Thundercloud mentioned that the ERA Workgroup has talked about making this a standalone law, independent from the Executive and Legislative Branches.

MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to TABLE Resolution-Quick Passage Amendment to ERA (Whistleblower). Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. Second is withdrawn. **MOTION IS WITHDRAWN.**

MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to adopt **Resolution 02-23-21 H**, Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Ho-Chunk Nation Employment Relations Act. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to include deleting the words "the elimination of" within section 6 g. Whistleblower Protection. Second concurs. 10-1(Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr.)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to request Legislative Counsel work with Outside Counsel to draft language for a standalone Whistleblower protection law. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 8-3(Vice President Karena Thundercloud, Rep. Robert TwoBears, Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

President White Eagle requested that Department of Justice be involved.

NOTED FOR THE RECORD: Vice President Thundercloud opposed, as the ERA Workgroup has already taken this topic on.

Resolution-Establishment of Tribal Federal Priorities

Workgroup

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to adopt **Resolution 02-23-21 I**, Establishment of Tribal Federal Priorities Workgroup. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

District Meetings:

D1 Black River Falls-February 10, 2021

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to refer to the Legislative Budget Analyst the **MOTION** by Lori Pettibone to have a final cost report provided to the district after these law suits and litigation are completed. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to refer to Office of the President and Social Services the **MOTION** by Cari Faye to have Legislature request a report from Social Services for children being placed in non-native homes and what they are doing about it, (in written format) and be provided the report to tribal members at the next District meeting. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Cari Faye to keep the current mask mandate in place on our tribal lands and our businesses at the next Legislative Meeting.

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to refer to Legislative Counsel the **MOTION** by Cecilia Krause to have the Nation sponsor a support letter to free Leonard Peltier from prison. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 11-1(Rep. Robert TwoBears)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to refer to Legislative Counsel the **MOTION** by Tina Brown to have all District 1 Legislators support a resolution to not allow hunting of wolves on tribal lands. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to refer to Office of the President, Housing, HHCA and the Development Committee the **MOTION** by Angela Ward to have the Nation aggressively apply for federal grant funding to assist with the homelessness issue within the Nation and purchase homes, shelters, to build more rental homes, renting options for families, sober living homes, half way homes and funding for infrastructure for building these structures. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

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READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Cecilia Kraus to create a community group to discuss the needs of the community with a virtual option. Information about this group to be posted in the Newsletter.

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to refer to Legislative Counsel and Department of Justice the MOTION by Darcy Funmaker to have IGRA trust fund issue and Social Security Issue be addressed and discussed in open session and be a standing Legislative agenda item until the issue is fully resolved and that the constituents be updated at the district meetings. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D1 Wausau-February 16, 2021

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to refer to Office of the President and Department of Health the MOTION by Bruce LeMere that the Health Department set up COVID-19 vaccination clinics at the Siga Funmaker Building-Wittenberg and Tribal Healthcare Services Office-Nekoosa. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D2 Tomah/La Crosse-February 16, 2021

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to Treasury, Legislative Financial Staff, and Office of the President the MOTION by Tara Chapman to request the amount being spent on the Nation's credit cards for the year. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

1:57 p.m. President Marlon White Eagle stated that he needs to leave the meeting, and will return later. Vice President Karena Thundercloud chairs the meeting.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to Office of the President and Department of Health the MOTION by Jeanine Heffner for Health Department to consider those that are staying at home elders or homebound and those that cannot make it to the Nation's clinics for the vaccination in the future and consider a possible mobile vaccination. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to Legislative Counsel and the Finance Committee the MOTION by Michelle De Cora for Legislature to move the DOJ contract division and Contract Administrator under the Legislative Branch and budget to protect the integrity of the Nation's contract process. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to Legislative Counsel the MOTION by Michelle De Cora for Legislature to draft a Code on the Bereavement Fund. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to Office of the President and Department of Social Services the MOTION by Sandy Winneshiek request the TAU Director Greg Blackcoon to attend next month's La Crosse/Tomah area meeting regarding the TAU policy for snow plowing and lawn care. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to HHCDA the MOTION by Adam Kruse to establish a Worksite Surveyor position for HHCDA. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to Legislative Counsel the MOTION by Tara Chapman for Legislature to amend the Whistleblower to remove the Attorney General and add the Legislature, either the Legislative Counsel or Vice President. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D2 Tomah/La Crosse-February 16, 2021 (Continued)

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to Legislative Counsel the MOTION by Tara Chapman to review Police Board Code or Establishment Act so Legislature can call for candidates to serve on the Board. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to the Finance Committee and Legislative Finance Staff the MOTION by Michelle De Cora to cut the Executive Branch budget by 30%. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to Legislative Counsel the MOTION by Adam Kruse for the Legislature to impose penalties on the President and his staff for using the official Ho-Chunk Nation name per the Constitution Article V, Section 2. (h). Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to the Development Committee and Office of the President the MOTION by Melanie Stacy for Legislature to not support the La Crosse Business venture until a business plan, marketing plan, soil testing, and feasibility study is completed. Second by Jeanine Heffner. Motion Amended for the Developers to pay for all the studies and tests to be

done before the Nation gets involved in the business venture. Second Concurr. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D3 Madison-February 10, 2021

No motions.

D3 Wittenberg-February 15, 2021

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to refer to the Office of the President and Department of Administration the MOTION by Lanette Walker to bring back staff for the Siga Funmaker Center from the recall list. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 10-0-1(Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr.) **MOTION CARRIED.**

D3 Wisconsin Rapids-February 18, 2021

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to refer to Office of the President and Department of Business the MOTION by Elizabeth Walker to request EDOB Mike Rave and President Marlon White Eagle to attend the next scheduled area meeting. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D3 Milwaukee-February 17, 2021

No motions.

D3 Green Bay-February 16, 2021

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to refer to Legislative Legal and the Legislative Liaison for 12 Clans, Inc. Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. the MOTION by Pam Wilber for 12 Clans to comprise a report and have it turned in at our next Owner's Rep meeting so Legislators can send to constituents. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to refer to Legislative Legal and the Legislative Liaison for 12 Clans, Inc. Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. the MOTION by Pam Wilber if 12 Clans cannot meet in person, to coordinate a Webex or Zoom meeting. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D4 Chicago-February 15, 2021

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to refer to the Finance Committee and the Finance Committee Presiding Officers the MOTION by Sunshine Thunderchief to have our Legislature begin putting funds in the Per-Cap account immediately and request as of July 1, for the next fiscal year, start distributing Per-Caps starting August 1, 2021 per quarter. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 11-1(Rep. Darren Brinegar)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D4 Twin Cities-February 18, 2021

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to refer to the Finance Committee the MOTION by Robert Pilot to direct the Legislators of District 4 formally District 5 to bring forward to the Finance Committee for the Twin Cities Branch Office carpet needs to be replaced, if possible the tile kind of carpet. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Fox stated that the funds could be taken out the Branch Office Repairs Funds, and then moving this to the Department of Administration.

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to refer to the General Council Advocate and the Election Board through the Department of Justice the MOTION by Anthony Veesenmeyer to request the presence of the General Council Advocate at the March 2021 District 4 Twin Cities Area Meeting to: a) report on the 2020 General Council including expenditures, b) to present plans for the General Council, September 18, 2021, virtual, hybrid and in-person including financial projections for each scenario and legal procedures to move forward motions and actions made at such meeting and c) to add a non-binding referendum to 2021 General Council to move forward with virtual General Council Meetings. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Executive Session:

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

2:30 p.m.

2:30 p.m. Rep. Robert TwoBears is excused for the remainder of the meeting.

2:44 p.m. President Marlon White Eagle returns to the meeting, and chairs the meeting.

MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to move into Open Session. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 11-1(Rep. George Stacy)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

5:42 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

New Business (Re-visited):

Resolution-Consideration for Hearing on La Crosse-Development Project

Rep. Kristin White Eagle stated that at the February 16, 2021 District 2 Tomah/

La Crosse District Meeting, a motion was made for the Legislature to not support the La Crosse Business venture until a business plan, marketing plan, soil testing, and feasibility study is completed. Rep. White Eagle stated that discussion leading up to this motion from the area, was a lot of questions that Legislators could not answer because they do not have information on the venture. Part of Tribal members' concerns from District 2 were the authority to have the meetings with the city of La Crosse, relationships with the city, past practices and how that came about, broadcasting publicly.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle that the Legislative Development Committee hold an Investigative and Review Hearing under Section 20 and 22 of the Legislative Organization Act, to obtain more information about the La Crosse Development Project pursued and proposed by the President and Executive Branch, as discussed at the January 26, 2021 Development Committee meeting, in order to make any necessary recommendations to the Legislature and consider any approvals that may be necessary, or agreements that have already been made on behalf of the Nation; and, further, the Legislature authorizes the Committee to review the delegation of authority to the Executive Branch Departments that are working in pursuit of this project, including how this project progressed outside of the Nation, to assist the Legislature; and that the Presiding Officers of the Development Committee coordinate with the Members, and Legislature, to schedule such a Hearing. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Paul Fox and Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit were offline during vote count.*

President White Eagle stated that he has the power to: "to represent the Ho-Chunk Nation on all matters that concerns its interests and welfare" (Article 6, Section 2 k of the Constitution)

President White Eagle also stated that there were no agreements signed, or no promises of any sort.

Adjournment:

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to adjourn the Legislative Meeting to Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Paul Fox and Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit were offline during vote count.*

The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

COVID-19 VACCINE

COMMUNITY EVENTS

9AM-5PM*

EACH WEDNESDAY IN MARCH:

**HOUSE OF WELLNESS,
S2845 WHITE EAGLE ROAD, BARABOO, WI**

EACH THURSDAY IN MARCH:

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

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- HCN Employees, 18+
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