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# Honoring Our Ho-Chunk Nation's Departed Warriors

## Teaching our young people about Memorial Day and introducing traditional games

Ardith Van Riper  
Editor

In collaboration, the Ho-Chunk Nation, the Ho-Chunk Nation Youth Services, the Notah Begay III (NB3) Foundation, and the Andrew Blackhawk Legion Post 129 sponsored the events 'Honoring Our Ho-Chunk Nation's Departed Warriors' at the Andrew Blackhawk Memorial Pow-Wow Grounds near Black River Falls, Wisconsin. As a result, attendees experienced a weekend of social dances, traditional games, and flag-raising ceremonies rather than a full schedule pow-wow. The gathering took place May 28, 29, and 30.

The NB3 Foundation is a national, award-winning Native-led nonprofit. They are leading the way in improving Native American children's health through physical activity, healthy nutrition, youth development, and cultural connections.

"It was a lot of planning and coordinating to have something to honor the veterans who are no longer with us," stated Youth Services Division Director Lori Pettibone. "We wanted to teach our young people about what Memorial Day was about, with having some fun games. We hope they will get interested in the games we played."

Traditional games included Lacrosse, Double Ball, Moccasin, Pinaga, and Kasu. Prize money was awarded to different age categories for third, second, and first places. The Lacrosse and Double Ball games took place at District One Community Center.

Memorial Day is a day of remembrance for those who  
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## Plans in motion for the 2022 Annual Meeting of the General Council

Ardith Van Riper  
Editor

On May 20, the Ho-Chunk Nation President Marlon White Eagle called for the 2022 Annual Meeting of General Council to be held on July 30. The sole Office of General Council employee, Henry White Thunder, returned on June 7 and began putting plans in motion. The meeting is scheduled to occur in person at Warner Park in Madison, Wisc.

The Annual Meeting of General Council is the most crucial meeting of the Ho-Chunk Nation because enrolled tribal members of voting age assemble to set policy for the Nation. For a short time, it was unclear who would organize the

gathering.

Former General Council Advocate Cari A. Fay is no longer employed by the Of-

fice of General Council. A volunteer workgroup offered to take on the planning task  
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# A Letter from the President

Greetings, one and all. According to the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution Article III, Section 4, titled "Supremacy Clause," our Constitution "shall be the supreme law over all territory and persons within the jurisdiction of the Ho-Chunk Nation.

I swore an oath to uphold and defend our Constitution as a part of assuming the office as President.

Our Constitution is my guide to holding this office.

I pay close attention to Article III, titled "Organization of the Government."

Section 1 states, "The Ho-Chunk Nation possesses inherent sovereign powers by virtue of self-government and democracy."

Section 2 states, "The government of the Ho-Chunk Nation shall be composed of four (4) branches: General Council, Legislature, Executive, and Judiciary."

Section 3 states, "No branch of the government shall exercise the powers or functions delegated to another branch."

Section 4 is in the opening sentence above.

The annual meeting of the General Council is now set for July 30, 2022.

What is important to remember is that General Council IS 20 percent of eligible voters, not 4 people, or not 50 people.

It certainly is not a group of concerned tribal members eager to push their secret, personal agenda, or a grass roots group of tribal members. They only represent a fraction of the General Council.

The General Council is 20 percent of eligible voters.

Article IV, Section 1 states, "The People of the Ho-Chunk Nation hereby grant all inherent sovereign powers to the

General Council. All eligible voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation are entitled to participate in General Council."

That means the General Council possesses all inherent sovereign powers, not any one of the branches of our 4-branch government.

The General Council authorizes, AND TRUSTS, each branch to perform a certain function.

Section 2 states, "The General Council hereby authorizes the legislative branch to make laws and appropriate funds in accordance with Article V.

The General Council hereby authorizes the executive branch to enforce the laws and administer funds in accordance with Article VI.

The General Council hereby authorizes the judicial branch to interpret and apply the laws and Constitution of the Nation in accordance with Article VII."

If General Council possesses all inherent sovereign powers, and can authorize a branch to perform a certain function, then it can easily change what powers it delegates to each branch.

Section 3 lists the Constitutional powers retained by General Council. The following are those powers.

(a) The General Council retains the power to set policy for the Nation.

(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. The General Council retains the power to review and reverse decisions of the Judiciary,

which interpret actions of the Legislature. The General Council does not retain the power to review and reverse decisions of the Judiciary, which interpret this Constitution.

(c) The General Council retains the power to propose amendments in accordance with Article XIII, including those which reverse decisions of the Judiciary interpreting this Constitution.

(d) The General Council retains the power to establish its own procedures in accordance with this Constitution.

(e) The General Council retains the power to call a Special Election. (f) Actions by the General Council shall be binding.

In my opinion, whatever occurred on September 18, 2021 at the Andrew Blackhawk Memorial powwow grounds was the Ho-Chunk Nation's version of the Attack on the US Capital on January 6, 2021.

But for lack of better phrasing, a potential General Council meeting, whether special or annual, was held with no quorum met in Black River Falls.

The annual meeting of the General Council held on December 11, 2021 with no quorum met in Milwaukee.

It appears we have no guarantee that quorum will be met at any General Council meeting, whether special or annual.

For some reason, Section 4, titled "Excepted Powers," states "the General Council does not retain the power to review actions relating to the hiring or firing of personnel."

As president, I have noticed many of the interactions with tribal members are regarding Section 4. It seems people

want preference in hiring or voice their recommendation of certain personnel to be fired.

Section 5, titled "Annual Meetings," states, "the People shall meet in General Council at least one time

each year, which shall be called by the President, and at other times as provided in Section 6 of this Article. Notice shall be provided by the President for all Annual Meetings of the General Council."

Section 5 authorizes the President to call for all annual meetings of the General Council.

Section 6, titled "Special Meetings," states, "Special Meetings of the General Council shall be called by the President upon petition by twenty (20) percent of the eligible voters, or upon written request of a majority of the Legislature, or when deemed necessary by the President. Notice shall be provided by

the President for all Special Meetings of the General Council."

There has not been a petition by 20 percent of eligible voters to warrant a Special Meeting of General Council, in either of last year's General Council meetings.

Additionally, the Office of the President has not been in receipt of written request of a majority of the Legislature to warrant a Special Meeting of General Council.

Legislature may have made motions in an open meeting, but our Constitution requires written request.

Section 7, titled "Procedures," states, "Twenty (20) percent of the eligible voters of the Nation present in General Council shall constitute a quorum. Each action of the General Council shall require the presence of a quorum. The President shall call all Annual and Special General Council

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Ho-Chunk Nation President Marlon WhiteEagle, Secretary Mary Kolar, Ho-Chunk Nation Veterans Affairs Office Manager Lynette Hopinkah, and Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) Tribal Liaison Terrance Manuelito are pictured at Ho-Chunk Convention Center in Baraboo for a DVA Tribal Consultation.

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THE HO-CHUNK NATION DRUG, ALCOHOL & CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE POLICY WILL BE FOLLOWED FOR EMPLOYMENT PURPOSES.

FOR MORE INFO:

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Continued from Page 1 during a Regular Meeting of the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature on June 7. Representatives from the volunteer group proposed a budget for the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature to consider, but no action was taken.

"We are continuing our due diligence to ensuring all the Nation's laws are followed," stated Vice President Karena Thundercloud. "We have referred the workgroup to the next Legislative meeting on June 14."

Individuals are highly recommended to submit General Council Resolutions now to GCB@ho-chunk.com. This request ensures legal review can be conducted and edits can be made before releasing to the Ho-Chunk Nation membership.

Henry White Thunder asks for volunteers to help with various duties that are routine at each General Council Meeting. He seeks volunteers for things like elder help and serving food.

"I'm qualified to do this," said White Thunder, a Programmer/Analyst and Office Computer Specialist. "I want to help the Nation hold this meeting."

Any departments, divisions, or programs interested in setting up a booth should contact Robin Blackdeer at Robin.Blackdeer@ho-chunk.com or extension 15194.

Although the pandemic made virtual meetings routine, an in-person vote is needed to legally vote on the Resolution to Amend the General Council Meeting Procedures to include full online or virtual attendance participation.

Warner Park is an ample space with an occupancy of over 7,000. Therefore, social distancing is achievable if a quorum is met. Also, elder seating is available, and there will be separate parking and entrance for elders. Warner Park is located at 2930 N Sherman Avenue in Madison, Wisconsin.

Updates for the 2022 Annual Meeting of the General Council will be published in the Hocak Worak, posted on Facebook via the Ho-Chunk Nation and Hocak Worak pages, and on the Ho-Chunk Nation and Hocak Worak websites. The Ho-Chunk Nation - Office of General Council Branch Facebook page is no longer monitored or administered.

# FIELD NOTES

A monthly newsletter brought to you by Ho-Chunk Natural Resources Department

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## In this issue: Black Ash Trees and Spring Elk Calf Search



Ash Trees and EAB



Black Ash Basket



Emerald Ash Borer



Elk Calf

### Black Ash Tree Utilization & Revitalization Project



The emerald ash borer (EAB) has decimated the ash tree resource on Ho-Chunk Nation lands. In response to this pest, the Nation's DNR has been working on a program to inventory the black ash resource on Nation lands and let Nation members know where they can harvest the trees from before they die and are unusable. In the spring of 2021, Forestry Technician Kjetil Garvin, conducted a complete inventory of black ash trees that were of basket making quality on Nation lands. Data was collected on tree location, diameter and height. Forestry staff compiled the data and worked with GIS staff to utilize the Survey 123 program which stores data and creates maps of tree locations. The maps are then provided to tribal members who wish to harvest a tree along with a Minor Forest Products Cutting Permit. Forestry staff are currently working with 20 Nation members to get them an ash tree to harvest. There are trees left in Eau Claire County as well as the Wittenberg area.



The long term goal of the project is to look towards the future of the black ash tree. Attempts will be made to collect black ash seed and store it in a cold storage facility in hopes that the emerald ash borer will eventually move on once all of the ash trees have died. Then the seeds can be planted, potentially restoring black ash for future generations. Attempts will also be made to monitor sites where black ash are harvested to monitor for naturally occurring tree regrowth. If tree regrowth is found, trees will be monitored for EAB symptoms and harvested accordingly.

If interested in harvesting an ash tree, please call (715) 284-2852 or email [Brandon.Bleuer@ho-chunk.com](mailto:Brandon.Bleuer@ho-chunk.com)

### Spring Elk Calf Efforts Underway



Elk calving season is underway in the Central Elk Herd. The Ho-Chunk Nation DNR is working with the Wisconsin DNR and Jackson County Forestry and Parks to locate and collar newly born elk calves. The adult cows within the herd are fitted with GPS collars to monitor their movements and when they move away from the other elk in the herd that is a sign that they are ready to give birth. Then the cow's exact location is determined using radio telemetry equipment. Staff from the various partner agencies spread out and methodically search the area for the elk calf. Elk calves are born scentless and they have very unstable legs, so their primary defense in their first 2-3 days of life is to lay motionless in thick cover and use their spots to help them blend in with their surroundings. This defense mechanism does make it easy for trained individuals to catch and safely handle elk calves. Once a calf is located, basic information is collected such as weight and overall health. It is then given an ear tag with a unique identifying number and fitted with an expandable telemetry collar. The collar is designed to expand as the elk calf grows ensuring that it is not harmed by the collar. These collars were purchased by the HCN DNR for the project. Once the process is complete, the calf is released to reunite with its mother who is usually close by. In the past, spring calf collaring efforts have been a priority management practice for the Central Elk Herd. This year calf searches are being done more on an opportunistic level based on the ease of access to the calf and whether it is on public or private land. There is currently enough data from previous years collaring efforts to have information on herd demographics, herd productivity, calf survival and sex ratio. So far this year, the HCN DNR has participated in 2 calf searching efforts and one cow calf was found and collared. Once a calf is passed 3 days old, they can be difficult to catch because their legs are more stable and they choose to run rather than hide. The age of the calf is another limiting factor when deciding whether or not to search for a calf. There is still time left in the calving season and staff are eager to continue searching efforts.

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Submission by Brandon Bleuer-HCN DNR Forestry Manager & Kjeti Garvin-HCN DNR Forestry Technician

# Graduate Showcase 2022 materials due June 17

Ardith Van Riper  
Editor

Deadline is June 17 to submit Graduate materials.

A special section of the Hocak Worak will showcase 2022 graduates. Graduates include college, high school, and head start.

Email Newsletter@Ho-Chunk.com if you would like your graduate to appear in this showcase.

Submit the following

before June 17:

1. Photo
2. Name of graduate
3. Hocak name (optional)
4. Parents/Guardians names
5. Place graduating from
6. Degree name (for college grads)
7. Future Endeavors or Extra-Curricular Activity

The showcase will appear in Issue 12 which publishes on June 24.

Attention: The Next Deadline of the Hocak Worak will be June 17th which will be published on June 24th. Please contact Hocak Worak at ext. 11004 if you have a change of address or would like to be placed on the mailing list.

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The Hocak Worak encourages the submission of letters to the Editor. All letters must include the signature, address and telephone number of the author. Letters are subject to editing for grammar, length, malicious and libelous content.

The Hocak Worak reserves the right to reject any advertising, material, or letters submitted for publication. The submission of articles, poetry, artwork and photos is encouraged. The Editor makes the sole decision of what is published in the Hocak Worak. The Hocak Worak will not assume any responsibility for unsolicited material.

Submissions deadlines for the Hocak Worak are by 4:30 PM. We cannot guarantee the publication of submissions meeting these deadlines if the space is not available. No part of this publication may be produced without express written consent from the Editor.

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# First Major Retrospective for Award-Winning Ho-Chunk Photographer Tom Jones

*Here We Stand* opens July 23, 2022 at the Museum of Wisconsin Art

**NEWS RELEASE**

(WEST BEND, WISCONSIN—June 1, 2022) –The Museum of Wisconsin Art (MOWA) presents *Tom Jones: Here We Stand*, the first major retrospective of the contemporary photographer. The exhibition will be on view July 23–October 9, 2022. An opening reception with the artist will be held on Saturday, July 23, 2:00–4:00. A robust schedule of programming accompanies the exhibition and is listed below.

The exhibition features 120 photographs from sixteen bodies of work spanning twenty-five years of the artists' career. While each series is distinctly different in subject and photographic medium, Jones has remained consistent: Native American peoples are not vanishing, as-

simulating, or frozen in time. Native American communities are diverse, changing, and multidimensional with a commitment to family, land, and tribal community. Working as an "insider" member of the Ho-Chunk Nation, Jones deploys the lens of contemporary photography to explore personal and deeply felt issues of race, identity, and cultural appropriation.

"Unlike the photographers of late 1800s and early 1900s such as Edward S. Curtis whose staged scenes captured a romanticized Indian culture, Jones's portraits are firmly anchored in present day," said Director of Exhibitions Graeme Reid who curated the exhibition. "As an 'insider' his photography offers a counter-narrative to the traditional depictions of Indig-

enous culture."

The Madison-based artist has earned a national and international reputation for his powerful and insightful photographs, including a recent second-place prize at the National Portrait Gallery's 2022 Outwin Boochever competition. His work is in the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian, the Museum of Contemporary Photography in Chicago, the University of New Mexico Art Museum, Polaroid Corporation, Microsoft Corporation, Minneapolis Institute of Art, and many others. He has a BFA, MFA, and MA, and is a professor of photography at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

An accompanying catalogue provides a thorough and sensitive examination of the photographer who is rapidly becoming the voice of his generation. Included are essays by Jane L. Aspinwall, curator of photography at the Museum of Fine Arts, St. Petersburg and Molli A. Pauliot, a doctoral candidate at University of Wisconsin-Madison in the Department of Anthropology and member of the Ho-Chunk Nation. The catalogue includes a full translation of Pauliot's essay into the Ho-Chunk language by Henning Garvin, professor of linguistics at UW-Madison and Ho-Chunk language specialist. The catalogue can be purchased in the museum shop.

This exhibition is supported in part by the National Endowment for the Arts. Special thanks to 2022 Exhibition Sponsors James and Karen Hyde, Greater Milwaukee Foundation, Pick Heaters, and a grant from the Wisconsin Arts Board.

The Museum of Wisconsin Art in West Bend is open Wednesday through Sunday, 9:30–4:00. Admission as low as \$15 provides unlimited visits for one full year.

**EXHIBITION ACTI-**

**TIES**

Exhibition Opening Party  
Saturday, July 23 | 1:00–3:00  
Native American Photography Panel Discussion  
Saturday, July 30 | 2:00–3:00  
Exhibition Tours with Tom Jones  
Saturday, July 30 | 11:00–12:00  
Saturday, October 1 | 2:00–

3:00

Artist, Teacher, Mentor: A Discussion on Tom Jones  
Saturday, August 6 | 2:00–3:00  
Studio Class | Ribbon Work with Elena Terry  
Saturday, September 17 | 10:00–1:00  
Studio Class | Basketry with Rae Skenandore  
Saturday, October 1 | 10:00–1:00



Tom Jones, *Raymond Goodbear* (from the *Strong Unrelenting Spirits* series), 2015. Archival digital print with beadwork. Courtesy of the artist



Tom Jones, *On the Road* (from the *Native Commodity* series), 2006. Archival digital print. Courtesy of the artist

## Deborah "Debbie" Kaye Hopinka

July 27, 1963- June 3, 2022



Deborah "Debbie" Kaye Hopinka, age 58, of Black River Falls, WI passed away Friday, June 3, 2022. She was born July 27,

1963 to Chauncey and Maxine (Johnson) Hopinka in Wausau, WI. Debbie loved to cook and bake, her favorite being fried bread which she would typically say, "I really out did myself this time", each time she made it. She enjoyed going to the casino and playing the slots. Above all, Debbie loved the company of others and making them laugh, especially her grandchildren.

Debbie is survived by her children, Keith (Micaela) Hopinka, Heather Hopinka and Kyle Hopinka; grandchildren, Amelia, Penelope, Olivia, Kenyon, Kylene, Kaydin, Cassidy, Kira, Kandace, He-les-wv, and Nog-nazi; significant other, Paul

Smith; her sister, Diane; and brothers Dennis and Dean., along with many other relatives and friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Chauncey and Maxine; son, Leonard; and sisters, Denise and Deanna.

Funeral services for Debbie will take place Monday, June 6, 2022 at the Indian Mission Community Building, W8813 Mission Road, at 11:00 a.m. Corwin Roth will officiate. Friends and family are welcome to visitation from 9:00 a.m. until time of service.

The Buswell Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements, 715-284-2231.

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## Joyce Irene Funmaker

August 16th, 1955 - May 29th, 2022

Joyce Irene Funmaker, age 66, of Black River Falls, WI passed away on May 29th, 2022. She was born on August 16th, 1955 in Black River Falls to Irene Whitegull and Henry Rave.

She attended Black River Falls High School. Over the years she supported her family working in a variety of jobs, including for Zenith TV Corporation in Sioux City Iowa, Iowa Beef Processors, and Ho-Chunk Head Start. She was a life-long member of the Native American Church and could be found helping others in the community by cooking meals and supporting families who's loved ones had passed.

Joyce excelled at all Ho-Chunk arts and crafts including basket making, beadwork, and sewing. She enjoyed hunting, bingo, and of course, she was a Green Bay Packer Fan. As a young girl she danced Ho-Chunk applique and enjoyed riding horses. As an elder the thing she enjoyed most were her children and grandchildren, and most especially her great grandson Kingston.

She is survived by her children Courtney, Amy, Bear, and Skylar Funmaker, brothers Roland Rave, Viretta Syckman, Francis Rave Sr., and grandchildren Allyson Funmaker, Nathaniel McKee, Chenille Funmaker-Rosario, Tristan Rosario, Malena McKee,



Natalya Cleveland, Morgan Cleveland, Isaiah Rave, Jarvis Funmaker, Tristan Funmaker, Malachi Funmaker, and great grandson Kingston Ramsey Pfaff.

She is preceded in death by her parents Henry & Irene Rave, brother Gayland Rave, sisters Pat Whiteman, Justine Archer, Gail Rave, brother Theodore Rave, children Ramsey & Lena Funmaker, and granddaughter McKayla McKee.

Funeral Services will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 1, 2022 at District One Community Center with Shannon Rave officiating. Burial will follow at Decorah Cemetery. Friends and family are invited for visitation from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service at the Community Center on Wednesday.

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

# Ho-Chunk Nation to receive over \$11.8 million in Neighborhood Investment grant funding

## Funds to be used to address housing and homelessness

By JoDee Brooke

It was announced June 1 the Ho-Chunk Nation is a recipient of a Wisconsin Department of Administration Neighborhood Investment Grant. According to a release issued Monday, the Nation will receive \$11,833,858 and the money will be used to address housing and home-

issues affecting Ho-Chunk members.

The purpose of the Neighborhood Investment Fund is to provide grants to local and tribal governments for making significant investments with long-term benefits in order to help neighborhoods recover from negative effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. The

program is particularly focused on addressing the needs of residents living in communities disproportionately impacted by the pandemic.

“This is a complex issue for the Ho-Chunk Nation,” explained Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency (HHCDA) executive director Neil Whitegull. “We

at HHCDA do not have exact homeless numbers for HCN members, but we do understand that the Nation’s homeless looks different, in that many families take in others and live in overcrowded conditions. There has been an increase in many of our communities, with request for temporary housing or home-

less assistance, during the COVID crisis.”

HHCDA is a separate 501c3 nonprofit that works to provide the Ho-Chunk Nation and its members with affordable housing, primarily through federal programs and grants. Housing availability for the Ho-Chunk Nation

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### HO-CHUNK NATION YOUTH

Ages (13-17)

## ESSAY CONTEST

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**2 Spots available at Leadership Trail Camp**  
July 5th-8th 2022 9am drop off—3:00pm pickup

Challenging four-day, three-night adventure. Leadership Trail focuses on active skill building and hard skills such as backpacking, navigation, and canoeing. Campers will gain hands-on leadership/interpersonal skills and develop endurance. Subjects such as proper selection and use of outdoor gear, shelter building, wilderness cooking, weather safety, and wilderness navigation. Campers will provide their own backpacks, sleeping bags, and personal clothing and are expected to carry personal as well as group gear in backpacks. Pack weight is typically 30-35 lbs. and hiking distances are approximately 4-5 miles daily. Tents will be provided as well as food and cooking gear. A detailed gear list is provided to each youth.

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**2 Spots available at Wildways Leadership Camp**  
July 25-28th 2022 9:00am drop off—3:00pm pickup

Challenging hike into base camp and paddle on the river, enjoy being in nature, learn area's ecology, set up an efficient camp, developing wilderness skills like fire building and foraging. Build cooperation and communication skills. Ecology and mindfulness of the natural landscape. Detailed gear list will be provided to each youth.  
(3 Meals per day provided)

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#### Statement on today's NBC Story on The Language Conservancy

In its contract with The Language Conservancy (TLC), the Ho-Chunk Nation retains its intellectual property rights over the recordings and the resulting work products (recordings, databases created, etc.), and TLC retains its rights to the technology used to create the online dictionary, app, and e-learning platform. The inclusion of this language was initiated in the first draft of the contract, reinforced by the HCN Department of Justice, and reaffirmed through the Administration for Native Americans application process when we applied last year for the ANA Preservation and Maintenance grant with TLC as our partner.

Our stated mutual intentions in the contract with TLC are to make Hoocak language learning resources (i.e., the online dictionary, the accompanying mobile app and an e-learning platform) widely available to our tribal members. Our current working relationship with TLC has been satisfactory in meeting our stated intention. We are the beneficiaries of our own previous experiences with this issue, other tribes' experiences with this issue, and with other tribes' experiences with TLC specifically, and while we have not had the same experience with TLC, the Ho-Chunk Nation is prepared and will defend our intellectual property rights should the need arise.

It is also important to note this statement in no way defends or rejects any claims made by other tribal communities against TLC, and we fully support every Indigenous community's intellectual property rights and any claims made or actions taken to protect them.

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*Ahuginaii Adrienne L. Thunder*  
Hoocak Waazija Hacı Language Division  
P.O. Box 667  
Black River Falls, WI 54615  
PH: 800-294-9343, Ext. 11143  
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### Looking for support? "Niikjak Woogixete"

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LOV Inc. is partnering with Ho-Chunk Nation to provide resources to tribal families that include a person with a disability. LOV Inc. is a family run organization that works to improve the lives of all people with disabilities in Wisconsin.

**What resources do we offer?**

LOV Inc. has a Family Navigator "wazooki gjjire" that can provide support to your family to improve your wellbeing. Our Family Navigator "wazooki gjjire" can help with issues relating to:

- Housing
- School/Education
- Specialized Disability Services
- Benefit Programs
- Financial Resources
- And much more...

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If your family needs support with these issues or others, or you know a family that may benefit from this support, please contact:

**Roberta Decorah**  
Call/text 608-852-2621  
Email [roberta@lovinc.org](mailto:roberta@lovinc.org)

## "OUR SONG"

**A resiliency support group for people who experience generational trauma.**

**A focus on sharing and healing with no judgement**

**Please join us for a special event**

**When: June 17<sup>th</sup> 5:00pm – 7:00pm**

**Where: Tomah Youth center**

**Who: This is an adult event (CHILDCARE WILL BE PROVIDED!!!! please RSVP so we know how much childcare will be needed )**

**Speakers: Rita Kingswan/ Angela Kingswan w/Anthem**

**A light meal and drinks will be provided**




**Anthem** 

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 died in service to their country. The Ho-Chunk Nation is a warrior society and holds warriors in high esteem. Matt Mann emceed the event. Robert Blackdeer was the Arena Director. Corey Hindsley was the Drum Coordinator. Various food and craft vendors set up around the outside of the arena to sell their products. All those in attendance, both Native and Non-Native, were invited to participate in the social dances. A group of young men who were new

to singing at the big drum was allowed to practice and participate in the weekend festivities. On Saturday evening, DJ Blu St Cyr provided entertainment. In addition, U.S. Representative from Kansas' third Congressional District and Ho-Chunk Nation member Sharice Davids spoke before leading a Remembrance Walk around the arena. On Sunday evening, the Ambassador and Princess Contest winners were revealed, and a round dance took place for 2022 Gradu-

ates. Leila Cleveland and Mathias Rave won the titles. Organizers provided continental breakfast, lunch, and supper meals on Saturday and Sunday. On Monday, breakfast and lunch meals were provided. Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development paid for the dumpster and porta-potties. Also, the Ho-Chunk Housing allowed the use of the tent for the weekend at no cost. The event was open to the public with no admission cost.



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 Meetings, except those meetings called pursuant to Article IX, Section 2. When a quorum is attained, the General Council shall select either the President or another person to conduct the meeting. A secretary shall be appointed to record the minutes of all General Council meetings, including any votes taken. The secretary shall transmit the minutes of General Council meetings to the Legislature.”

Section 7 states that 20 percent of eligible voters constitutes quorum for the General Council to be assembled and convened. If 20 percent of eligible voters are not present during action of General Council, it is not valid.

Lastly, Article XI, titled, “Statutes and Resolutions,” provides a Constitutional definition of what statutes and resolutions are.

Section 1, states that “Statutes” are “all final decisions

of the Legislature on matters of permanent interest shall be embodied in statutes. Such enactments shall be available for inspection by members of the Nation during normal business hours.”

Section 2 states that “Resolutions” are “All final decisions on matters of temporary interest where a formal expression is needed shall be embodied in a resolution, noted in the minutes, and shall be available for inspection by

members of the Nation during normal business hours.”

Statutes are permanent, while resolutions are temporary.

As general practice, resolutions expire when the body voting on the issue has changed.

Potentially, General Council resolutions expire from one year to the next.

However, these legal precedents have not been set or recorded within our judiciary.

But our Constitution does outline the procedure for codifying all our General Council resolution through the Supreme Court since the date of that amendment to our Constitution.

Long story short, we have a process and guidelines to how our tribal government organization is to function within our Constitution.

It is a disservice when the process gets circumvented through lesser laws.



# Collaboration will provide safe housing for drug court participants

By JoDee Brooke

The Ho-Chunk Nation Healing to Wellness Court (HTWC), like other drug courts across the state, struggle trying to find a safe and affordable place for participants to live once they complete the drug court process.

“Usually, a participant must go back and live in the same environment, which is not always the best place for them or find a place to live in the community that is affordable, but not always in the best location,” shared HTWC project coordinator Robert Mann.

“This makes it more difficult for them to stay sober.”

The Ho-Chunk Nation HTWC exists to address alcohol and drug addiction and its associated consequences. It works in partnership with several tribal and community agencies and service providers to achieve important goals. It works to create support systems and programs to foster employment, education, communal, familial and individual health and well-being. HTWC works to maintain relationships and resources to continually assist program

participation. Its goal is to also restore traditional values and language.

“The Ho-Chunk Housing & Community Development Agency (HHCDA) works to assure that our communities are affordable and safe by providing quality homes and services to our tenants and community members,” explained Mann. “HHCDA is united to work with other agencies in promoting self-sufficiency. It is these mission statements that HTWC and HHCDA negotiated to provide housing for HTWC participants.”

An agreement was reached with HHCDA for HHCDA to revise its policies to allow HTWC participants to live at their Veterans Supportive Housing facility on a short-term basis. The veterans housing facility provides housing and services to Ho-Chunk veterans, most of which have jobs, until they become more stable.

“It is not full now and there are often vacancies,” explained Mann. “There are 10 one-bedroom units. It’s not meant to be long-term; it’s just while they are going through the treatment program and until they are able to work and get stabilized. Some don’t have a vehicle; some are homeless.”

The time spent at the HHC-



**Pictured are HTWC project coordinator Robert Mann and HHCDA tenant services lead Patti Emery. “It is our hope that other treatment courts will see an opportunity and be encouraged to pursue a similar service,” shared Mann. JoDee Brooke/Banner Journal**



**The Ho-Chunk Nation Healing to Wellness Court (HTWC) is collaborating with the Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency (HHCDA) to provide temporary housing for treatment court participants. The programming will help those going through the treatment court process find employment and become self-sufficient. The HHCDA was established as a Veterans Supportive Housing facility and provides housing and services to veterans who are also working toward a more stable life. JoDee Brooke/Banner Journal**

DA will give the participants time to find employment and eventually find a safe place to live in the community. According to Mann, HHCDA will also help with providing financial education with the local financial institution to its tenants on how to manage their money.

“They have very strict rules here,” said Mann. “They are not allowed to live here with their children; they can visit, but their children can’t live here with them. There can be relapses, but we address it right away. The treatment

court is geared for less than a year; but that usually never happens. The average time is 18 months. We never close the door; we always try to help them.”

Mann says this collaboration is a big step in a possible solution for the housing problems for other drug courts across the state. “My hope and dream is this works really well and if it does, it might encourage other treatment courts to pursue something similar to what we are doing,” shared Mann.

Continued from Page 5 members on and near the Nation’s land is very limited at this time. The housing shortage in our communities mirrors that of many of the rural communities that are close to Ho-Chunk Nation, as there

just is not that much availability for any income levels and even less affordable units for lower income families in our communities.”

Each year, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provides

Native American tribes with needs numbers used to determine annual housing grants. For many years the Ho-Chunk Nation has had some of the highest numbers of need among the 11 Wisconsin federally recognized tribes.

“The latest HUD estimates, within the Ho-Chunk Nations formula counties, show 270 American Indian/Alaska Natives (AIAN) households are over-crowded or without kitchen or plumbing,” said Whitegull; “890 AIAN house-

holds have a housing expense that is equal to or greater than 50% of the families’ annual income. HUD estimates that within the Ho-Chunk Nation formula area, there is a shortage of 2,592 housing units for  
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For information please contact:  
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Lori Petibone at 1-800-294-9343 ext 15116 or 715-896-0190

\*Tryout information will be available soon. Waiting on dates and locations.

**COVID-19 TESTING** **FREE**

**Event Time: 10am-2pm**

July 12<sup>th</sup>: Madison Branch Office AND HCG Madison (RV out front)  
July 14<sup>th</sup>: Siga Funmaker Community Center AND HCG Wittenberg  
July 19<sup>th</sup>: HCG Nekoosa  
July 26<sup>th</sup>: HCG Wisconsin Dells  
July 28<sup>th</sup>: HCG Tomah (RV out front)

Testing also available M-F at HHCC and HOW Strike Team offices 9-12 and 1-4:00

Testing for Tribal Members and HCN Employees and their families

Ho-Chunk Health Care Center  
18520 Lumberjack Way Road  
Black River Falls, WI 54601  
Ph: 715.335.1031 FAX: 715.335.1159

House of Wellness  
12845 White Eagle Rd  
Baraboo, WI 53513  
Ph: 608.337.7229 FAX: 608.337.5543

**COVID-19 TESTING** **FREE**

**Event Time: 10am-2pm**

June 7<sup>th</sup>: Wittenberg Siga Community Center AND HCG Wittenberg  
June 14<sup>th</sup>: Madison Branch Office AND HCG Madison (RV in front of casino)  
June 21<sup>st</sup>: HCG Nekoosa  
June 23<sup>rd</sup>: HCG Tomah (RV in front of casino)  
June 24<sup>th</sup>: HCG Wisconsin Dells (Health Fair)  
June 28<sup>th</sup>: HCG Wisconsin Dells

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AIAN households with less than 80% of median family income.”

Capital investments, such as construction of buildings, are among the projects eligible for funding. The state intends

to award up to \$212.9 million in grants through this program. Funding is provided by the Federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

“As for the grant, this was very big news for HHCDA and the Ho-Chunk Nation,”

shared Whitegull. “This is one of the first grants the Nation has received from the state of Wisconsin for housing development. The grant will be used for infrastructure development for the construction of 36 rental units in five different

Ho-Chunk Nation communities across Wisconsin. We did hope to provide even more units with the funding, however due to the recent spikes in construction inflation, our construction estimates used for the grant reduced rental

unit development by 40%. Infrastructure costs estimates (the cost of water, sewer and streets) were also much higher than past projects recently completed. We do hope that construction prices will stabilize.”  
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## COVID-19 BOOSTERS NOW AVAILABLE!

Children ages 5-11 years old are able to receive a booster dose 5 months after their second dose was completed

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Ho-Chunk Health Care Center : 715-284-9851  
House of Wellness Clinic: 608-355-1240

[www.health.ho-chunk.com](http://www.health.ho-chunk.com)

Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health, June 2022

MAA HINA'U WIIRA  
*June: Earth Cultivating Moon*

## HARVEST OF THE MONTH

Haascek  
(Strawberries)

### ABOUT STRAWBERRIES

- Strawberries are native to certain regions of North America and can be planted around the beginning of May.
- They are considered a perennial and can grow back every year.
- Strawberries can be used in a variety of ways including syrups, jams, jellies, as well as in other recipes!
- Strawberries are a great source of vitamin C and other antioxidants, which have been linked to decreased risk of disease.
- Nutrition facts: 1 cup of strawberries has 32 calories, 8g carbs, 0g fat, and 1g protein

### THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Fresh strawberries will only keep in the refrigerator for around 3-7 days. If you don't plan on using very many, you can dry or freeze them for up to one year.
- If you are selecting fresh strawberries, select shiny, firm, and bright red strawberries.
- Do not wash your strawberries until you are ready to eat them. This adds extra moisture, which can make them go bad faster.

<https://www.myfitnesspal.com/nutrition-facts-calories/strawberries>  
<https://fruitsandveggies.org/fruits-and-veggies/strawberries/>  
<https://snaped.fns.usda.gov/seasonal-produce-guide/strawberries>

### STRAWBERRY OATMEAL BREAKFAST SMOOTHIE

Serves 2

#### INGREDIENTS:

- 1 cup milk of your choosing
- 1/2 cup rolled oats
- 1 banana, broken up
- 14 fresh or frozen strawberries
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract (optional)
- 1 1/2 teaspoon your choice of sweetener (optional)

#### STEPS:

- In a blender, combine oats, strawberries, banana, and milk.
- Add vanilla or sugar if desired.
- Blend until smooth.
- Pour into glasses and serve.

Nutrition facts: 236 calories, 7.6g protein, 45g carbs, 3.7g fat



<https://www.allrecipes.com/recipe/23539/strawberry-oatmeal-breakfast-smoothie/>

**For more information contact a HCN Registered Dietitian/Nutritionist:**

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(888) 685-4422, EXT. 35340  
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## THE HO-CHUNK NATION DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

# COVID-19 IMPACT STUDY

**Final W-9 Reminder: If you are wanting to receive the financial incentive, be sure to submit your W-9 no later than June 10.**

Be sure to check out **preliminary results here:** <https://health.ho-chunk.com/>

**Share your feedback** on how the Department of Health can most effectively apply the findings by phone, email, or through area meetings by **June 30.**

**Stay tuned for a more detailed report and how stories will be used to support clinic and public health program and service decisions.**

**CALL: (715) 284-9851 ext. 35384**  
**EMAIL: [covidstudy@ho-chunk.com](mailto:covidstudy@ho-chunk.com)**



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 bilize and come down before we actually do start bidding and construction.”  
 Governor Tony Evers has directed \$231,782,338.41 for the Neighborhood Investment Fund Program. Funding for this assistance is provided to Wisconsin by the Federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

The program received 209 proposals requesting \$899,783,081.47 prior to the application deadline of Nov. 11, 2021. There were 169 eligible applications. The program identified categories for the applications based on the projects submitted via the application process, which included housing/homelessness (31), economic development/

workforce (17), revitalization/blight elimination (10), support of vulnerable populations (14), non-profit support (7), child care/education (6), community infrastructure (14), healthcare (7), libraries (7), recreation (49), transit (3) and public safety (4).  
 The program prioritized funding projects in certain categories based on the pro-

gram’s objectives. Applicants in certain categories that received the highest scores and were determined to best fit the program objectives were funded.  
 Those projects that were funded were 19 in housing/homelessness, 4 in economic development, 9 in re-vitalization/blight elimination, 6 in support of vulnerable popula-

tions, 5 in non-profit support, 4 in public safety, 1 in child care/education and 1 in community infrastructure.  
 Due to the large number of qualified applications, the program expanded the original \$200,000,000 in funding available under this announcement to \$231,782,338.41.

HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT,  
 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
Justine D. Hill Roybal

Amended  
 Notice of Hearing on  
 Petition for Probate

FILED  
 IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION  
 TRIAL/SUPREME COURT  
 APR 26 2022  
 Juliana Ostrem  
 Clerk of Court/Assistant

Case No. PR22-03

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:  
 1. A Petition for Probate was filed.  
 2. The decedent, with date of birth JAN 9, 1995 and date of death Nov 14, 2021 was domiciled in CLARK County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of W827b Pine Road Withee, Wisconsin 54498  
 3. The names or addresses of the following interested person are not known or reasonably ascertainable:  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. The petition will be heard at Wa Ehi Hoci, W9598 Hwy 54 E, Black River Falls, WI, 54615, before Judge Lowe on (Date) June 30, 2022 at (Time) 1:30pm

You do not need to appear unless you object. The petition may be granted if there is no objection.

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-284-2722 at least 10 working days prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

Mary Thunder  
 Clerk of Court  
 Name Printed or Typed  
04/26/22  
 Date

DO NOT PRINT the following text when publishing this notice.  
 \* IF not all of the addresses of the interested parties are known, give this form once it is returned to you filled out by the Clerk of Court to the newsletter staff for publication \*

Notice to Petitioner:  
 The petitioner is responsible for providing a copy of this notice, a copy of the will and codicils (if any), and a copy of the petition to all interested persons by certified mail or personal service at least 45 days before the hearing. If the address, or identity of any person is not known and cannot be ascertained by reasonable diligence, the petitioner must post a copy of the notice in at least three (3) conspicuous public places within the Nation at least forty-five (45) days before the time set for the hearing and publish the notice in the official newsletter of the Ho-Chunk Nation, currently known as the Hocak Worak, for three (3) consecutive issues. See 8 HCC § 13.65a(2).  
 Notice to Newspaper:  
 Notice must be given by publication of this form in the official newsletter of the Ho-Chunk Nation for three (3) consecutive issues with the first publication occurring at least forty-five (45) calendar days prior to the hearing date noted in Section 4.

PR002, 04/18 Notice Setting Time to Hear Application and Deadline for Filing Claims § HCC § 13.47b HO-CHUNK NATION PROBATE CODE  
 This form shall not be modified. It may be supplemented with additional material.

## DISTRICT 2 AREA MEETING NOTICE



**La Crosse Area**  
 Three Rivers House  
 724 Main St. La Crosse, WI 54603  
 Monday, June 13, 2022 6:00 p.m.

**Tomah Area**  
 Bluewing Community Building  
 320 Epinal Rd. Tomah, WI 54660  
 Tuesday, June 14, 2022 6:00 p.m.

**Baraboo/WI Dells & Mauston Area**  
 House of Wellness  
 S2845 White Eagle Rd. Baraboo, WI 53913  
 Wednesday, June 15, 2022 6:00 p.m.

**Please Note: All District 2 meetings are in person. Thank you for your attention in this matter.**

Rep. Stephanie Begay [stephanie.begay@ho-chunk.com](mailto:stephanie.begay@ho-chunk.com) - 608-408-0339  
 Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. [conroy.greendeer@ho-chunk.com](mailto:conroy.greendeer@ho-chunk.com) - 608-387-2163  
 Rep. Kristin K. White Eagle [kristin.whiteeagle@ho-chunk.com](mailto:kristin.whiteeagle@ho-chunk.com) - 715-299-0583

Legislative Aide, [michelle.ramberg@ho-chunk.com](mailto:michelle.ramberg@ho-chunk.com)  
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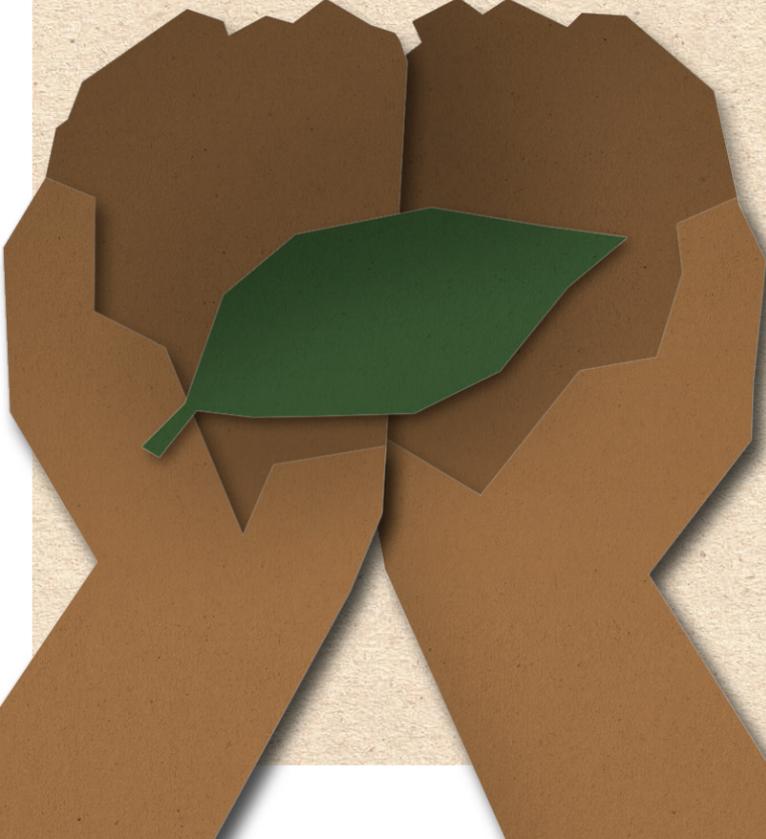


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# Call for Native American Storyteller-in-Residence

**Madison Public Library**, in partnership with **Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison**, is seeking a Native American Storyteller to facilitate interactive programs during a two-month residency in order to highlight Native stories and cultures.



We define storytelling as sharing traditional and/or personal stories when appropriate, sharing knowledge and information, and sharing skills. Applicants may represent any tribal nation of Wisconsin, while also incorporating Ho-Chunk topics and collaborations in honor of their aboriginal land where the library is located.

Storytelling programs should incorporate a variety of activities that facilitate engagement with Native cultures, including but not limited to: Music/theater; videos and digital media; writing/poetry; plant care; walking tours; arts and crafts.

**We encourage you to think outside the box! If selected, we can help you develop your ideas further and figure out logistics, so please don't hesitate to apply.**

## Residency Dates: 8-week residency between Oct-Dec 2022

Must be available for a total of 12 weeks between Aug-Dec 2022 for planning

**Compensation: \$2700**

Apply online or by mail by **July 15, 2022.**

Visit [madisonpubliclibrary.org/storyteller](https://madisonpubliclibrary.org/storyteller) for details  
Applicants will be notified by mid-August.



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HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE REGULAR MEETING TRIBAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI MAY 17, 2022

Call to Order: Vice President Karena Thundercloud called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call: President Marlon WhiteEagle-EX Vice President Karena Thundercloud-P Rep. George Stacy-VC Rep. Phyllis Smoke-VC Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr.-VC (10:26 a.m.) Rep. Stephanie Begay-P Rep. Kristin White Eagle-VC Rep. Darren Brinegar-VC Rep. Shelby Visintin-VC Rep. Sarah Lemieux-VC Rep. Danielle DeLong-VC Rep. Robert Pilot-P Rep. Paul Fox-VC Rep. Brianna Littlegeorge-VC

VC-Video Conference

Determination of Quorum: Quorum is established at 10:01 a.m.

Opening Prayer: Rep. Paul Fox offered a word of prayer.

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to approve the agenda TABLING Unfinished Business D. Health Board of Directors, New Business C. Resolution-Adoption of Amendments to the Ho-Chunk Nation Residential Trust Lease. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Legislative Meeting-May 11, 2022

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the May 11, 2022 Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Special Legislative Meeting-May 13, 2022

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the May 13, 2022 Special Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Robert Pilot. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Commission Reports:

Special Finance Commission-May 12, 2022

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the May 12, 2022 Special Finance Commission Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Reports:

Tribal Enrollment Numbers (Standing Agenda Item)-Enrollment Office reports the first Legislative Meeting of

every month-TABLE

Executive Branch Monthly Reports:

Department of Business

Executive Director of Business Michael Rave was present via video conference and gave a verbal report. A written report was submitted.

Department of Education

Executive Director of Education Nehomah Thundercloud was present via video conference and gave an overview on all the Education program activities. A written

report was submitted.

Department of Housing

Executive Director of Heather Cloud was present via video conference and gave her report update. A written report was submitted. Ms. Cloud had a question regarding Homeownership Program, tribal member are under the assumption that once they reach 55 years old, they will automatically get a satisfaction regardless if they have past due balances.

Department of Justice Attorney Huling mentions she had been the housing attorney for many

years, and the owners have to abide from the mortgage note. If their mortgage note requires them to pay, then they need to finish paying. The home owners have to be current before they age out, if not they have to catch up. If they go out and remortgage a home, they have to satisfy the arrears before they can age out.

Ms. Huling's understanding with the new resolution in regards to Housing and the General Welfare, that housing is not considered an extravagant expense, it is a needed expense. Allowing everybody to age out at 55 it is not an extravagant issue, it's

a needs based responsibility that the Nation is taking under the I.R.S extension. The Home Owners still have to meet requirements, they signed a regular mortgage document, and warranty deed which is registered with the Registrar of Deeds Office. The Nation cannot grant the suspension, if they have not fulfilled the requirement.

Legislative Attorney Garnett also mentions it is the understanding that there should be no arrears for the Elder Mortgage Suspension. With the COVID suspension, it does not dismiss the

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Application deadline: July 8, 2022

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payments. They are still due, those arrears would have to be paid before you are eligible for the suspension.

#### Department of Labor

Executive Director of Labor Angela Ward was present via video conference and gave her update. Report was submitted. Jean Stacy gave a brief update on the Elder Community Work Program.

#### Unfinished Business:

##### COVID-19 Executive Branch Update

Department of Health-Reported at the first and third meeting of the month

Dan Libke was present via video conference and gave the Department of Health current COVID-19 update.

Department of Business-Reported at the second meeting of the month-TABLE

#### Office of General Council Report

No Representation was present from the Office of General Council.

The last written report received from the Office of General Council was November 23, 2021.

The last Legislative Meeting a representative from the Office of General Council was present at a Legislative Meeting was December 7, 2021. A report was given at that meeting.

#### American Rescue Plan Funding

No items were presented at this time.

#### New Business:

##### Resolution-Adoption of the Amendments to the Residential Leasing Code

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt Resolution 05-17-22 A, Adoption of the Amendments to the Residential Leasing Code. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

##### Resolution-Authorization for the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Education Head Start Division to Apply for the Federal Head Start Supplemental COLA and Quality Improvement Grant

MOTION by Rep. Danielle DeLong to adopt Resolution 05-17-22 B, Authorization for the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Education Head Start Division to Apply for the Federal Head Start Supplemental COLA and Quality Improvement Grant. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

#### Amendment to the Agenda:

MOTION by Rep. George Stacy to amend the agenda and address Resolution-Adoption

of Amendments to the Ho-Chunk Nation Residential Trust Lease. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-1(Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr)-0 MOTION CARRIED.

##### Resolution-Adoption of Amendments to the Ho-Chunk Nation Residential Trust Lease

MOTION by Rep. George Stacy to adopt Resolution 05-17-22 C, Adoption of Amendments to the Ho-Chunk Nation Residential Trust Lease. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-1(Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr.) MOTION CARRIED.

##### Resolution-Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 09-21-21 E Establishment of Restricted Account for PTO Payout

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt Resolution 05-17-22 D, Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 09-21-21 E Establishment of Restricted Account for PTO Payout. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to have Treasury update the Legislature with the current amount needed for the PTO Payout. Rep Sarah Lemieux.13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

##### Resolution-Nomination of Representative Darren Brinegar to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Tribal Intergovernmental Advisory Committee

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt Resolution 05-17-22 E, Nomination of Representative Darren Brinegar to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Tribal Intergovernmental Advisory Committee. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-1(Rep. Darren Brinegar) MOTION CARRIED.

#### District Meetings:

##### D2 Ho'unj Xunujk - April 12, 2022

Rep. Kristin White Eagle mentioned a motion made at last month's meeting selecting Roberta Decorah to the Law Enforcement Commission.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle for Legislature to confirm the appointment of Roberta Decorah to the Law Enforcement Commission representing Monroe County in accordance with Wisconsin Statute 165.90 and contingent on meeting the qualifications that are listed in the Legislative Resolution 01-08-08B under Tribal Law Enforcement. Second by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. 11-0-2(Rep. Stephanie Begay, Rep. Brianna Littlegeorge) MOTION CARRIED.

##### D1 Niioxawanj - May 11, 2022

MOTION by Rep. George Stacy to refer to TAU and Office of the President the MOTION by Wilfrid Cleveland to have the TAU meal sites to be open as soon as possible. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Rep. George Stacy to refer to Behavioral Health, Social Services and Office of the President the MOTION by Kelly Jo Funmaker to have the Hosto Pii Hocii plan shared at the next District meeting. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

#### READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Kelly Jo Funmaker to have the Employer Identification Number issue stay on the BRF Meeting agenda under Unfinished Business for C-Stores and Casinos until this issue has been resolved.

##### D1 Howasa - May 12, 2022

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to refer to Finance Commission the MOTION by Leah LaMere to have Ho-Chunk Nation be a gold sponsor for \$10,000 for Central WI Indigenous People's Day Powwow October 8 & 9, 2022. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to refer to Legislative Counsel the MOTION by Ana Longtail for the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature provide a letter to the Wisconsin DNR opposing Green Light Metals for exploratory drilling and reject the mining permit application for this mining company in Eau Dells. Second by Rep. George Stacy. MOTION IS AMENDED and refer to Office of the President and Department of Justice and correct the spelling to Eau Claire Dells. Second concurs. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to refer to Legislature for consideration the MOTION by Ana Longtail to have Vice President Thundercloud advocate for the job positions in the original budget submitted for the HCG-Madison and OOP, and for the District 1 Representatives to vote in favor to restoring the original budget and not abstain. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

##### D2 Hjnukwas - May 9, 2022

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to Legislative Counsel for further review and consideration and to include Legislators the MOTION by Adam Kruse for Legislators to look at revisiting Office of General Council Establishment Act for hiring and supervision. Second by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to the Legislative Session that will address the Budget Bill the MOTION by Susan Waukon to support a balance

budget. Second by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to HHCD, Department of Housing and place in Legislative records the MOTION by Henry Greengrass to reverse the policy preference to houses instead of multifamily units. Second by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

##### D2 Ho'unj Xunujk - May 10, 2022

MOTION by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. to refer to Office of the President, Attorney General and Legislative Legal the MOTION by Roberta Decorah to declare the Ho-Chunk President call for the Annual General Council session as the Constitution requires it. Second by Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-1(Rep. Stephanie Begay) MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Rep. Conroy Greendeer Jr. to refer to Legislative Legal the MOTION by Tara Chapman the Legislature should make sure the General Council Establishment Act includes the resolution adopted at General Council for it to be held on the third Saturday in September of each year. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 4-2(Rep. Phyllis Smoke, Rep. Darren Brinegar)-7(Rep. Stephanie Begay, Rep. Shelby Visintin, Rep. Sarah Lemieux, Rep. Robert Pilot, Rep. Danielle DeLong, Rep. Paul Fox, Rep. Brianna Littlegeorge) MOTION CARRIED.

Rep. Begay mentioned the minutes that were included in the packet, were not what was reflected at the meeting.

Rep. Brinegar would like it noted for the record that he was opposed because he heard the minutes were not written by the wishes of the community.

Rep. Smoke would also like it noted, she agrees with Rep. Brinegar.

Rep. Visintin would like to it noted for the record, regarding today's motion, she agrees with Rep. Brinegar and Rep. Smoke that the motions are to be read verbatim and if there are questions, we go back and ask.

MOTION by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. to refer to Finance Commission the MOTION by Tara Chapman to donate \$2,500 to be in the top spot of Sponsorship, this will be showcased on flyers, and promotions throughout Monroe County, a check will be referred with Scott Wilcox and funds to go to Music in the Park. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 10-0-2(Rep. Robert Pilot, Rep. Brianna Littlegeorge) MOTION CARRIED. Rep. George Stacy out of the room during the vote.

#### READ FOR THE RECORD

MOTION by Roberta Decorah for next month to start having in person Area meetings.

##### D2 Hoxajkeja/Hoguceja/Nj Zhakisuc - May 11, 2022

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to Legislative Legal the MOTION by Robert Funmaker to rescind motion made on April 5, 2022 the MOTION by Rep. George Stacy to request the President to call a Special Meeting of the General Council pursuant to Article IV, Section 6 of the Constitution, and to have Legislative Counsel prepare a resolution reflecting the same. Second by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. 11-1(Rep. Darren Brinegar)-1(Rep. Brianna Littlegeorge) MOTION CARRIED.

#### READ FOR THE RECORD

MOTION by Jon Warner for D2 Reps to vote on the motion to rescind the Special General Council motion.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to Treasurer and Trust & Investment Committee the MOTION by Clariss Funmaker to have an honest and open Trust & Investment Advisors Presentation on the Children's Trust Funds at next month's Area meeting. Second by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. 11-0-2(Rep. Darren Brinegar, Rep. Brianna Littlegeorge) MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to Office of the President and Department of Business the MOTION by Robert Funmaker to allow Executive Branch to budget management wages based on performance metrics and for the wages to be on a sliding scale. Second by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to Finance Commission the MOTION by Robert Funmaker to allocate \$120,000 for the pow-wow line item in the upcoming fiscal year budget. Second by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer the MOTION by Wetha Montelongo to amend the ERA drug testing section, to eliminate test for cannabinoids Nation-wide excluding applicable job descriptions that require drug testing. Second by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

##### D3 Tejop - May 4, 2022

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to refer to Finance Commission the MOTION by Marlys Whiteagle to have Legislature reduce department budgets that submitted incomplete budget, by the designated date provided, and to also change this in the Budget and Appropriations Act. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. MOTION IS AMENDED to include Legislative Counsel. Second Continued on Page 15

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concurr. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to use this as official notice to refer to the President the **MOTION** by Marlys Whiteagle to request President Marlon WhiteEagle to call for a General Council Meeting, before the end of June 30, 2022. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**D3 Pac cinak – May 9, 2022**  
*No motions.*

**D3 Tee hoikšek – May 10, 2022**  
*No motions.*

**D3 Tešišik – May 11, 2022**

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to refer to Finance Commission and Legislative Legal the **MOTION** by Melody Fintak to add a sanction section in the Appropriations and Budget Process Act the departments who fail to meet the budget deadline have a decrease of 10% in their current fiscal year's budget. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Stephanie Begay was out of the room during the vote.*

**D3 Njukusara – May 12, 2022**

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to refer to Finance Commission the **MOTION** by Janice Savage to keep the payment at \$1000.00 per month. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**D4 Gušgonak – May 9, 2022**

**READ FOR THE RECORD**

**MOTION** by Dolly Finn to vote Joann Maney as TAU Advisory Board Member for Chicago district.

**READ FOR THE RECORD**

**MOTION** by Sunshine Thunderchief to vote on the Bally's any language

discussion be release to Open Session.

**MOTION** by Rep. Robert Pilot to refer to Legislative Counsel the **MOTION** by Sunshine Thunderchief to have Legislature refer the Bally's investment to the Trust & Investment Committee. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Robert Pilot to refer to Legislative Legal Counsel the **MOTION** by Ben Krause to have the new Legislative Attorney be filled by a Tribal member. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 11-1(Vice President Karena Thundercloud)-1(Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr.) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**NOTE FOR THE RECORD:**

Vice President Thundercloud opposed as this is a personnel issue.

**D4 Maanico Horuzra – May 12, 2022**

**MOTION** by Rep. Paul Fox to refer to Legislative Office, Legislative Legal and Office of the President the **MOTION** by Wendy Helgemo for the HCN Legislature to call for a Special Election, due to the lack of the President calling for a General Council. Second by Rep. Robert Pilot. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**READ FOR THE RECORD**

**MOTION** by Rosetta Hunt for Benjamin Krause to attend the Twin City June meeting to discuss the efforts of the Ad Hoc Committee.

**MOTION** by Rep. Paul Fox to refer to TAU, and Finance Commission the **MOTION** by Rosetta Hunt for the HCN Legislature, with the support of the EAB, to appropriate funding for one staff member (total of 5 people) and funding to provide services to meet the needs of Tribal Elders residing in St. Paul, Chicago, Madison, Milwaukee and La Crosse for

the upcoming FY2022-2023. Second by Rep. Danielle DeLong. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to rescind referral to TAU. Second concurs. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**NOTE FOR THE RECORD:**

TAU has submitted a budget, this is why the referral was rescinded.

**READ FOR THE RECORD**

**MOTION** by Marlene Helgemo to have Rosetta Hunt be the TAU Representative for the Twin Cities area.

**MOTION** by Rep. Robert Pilot to refer to Social Services the nomination of Rosetta Hunt to be the TAU Representative for the Twin Cities area. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to add Joanne Maney. Second concurs. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to rescind Joann Maney. Second concurs. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Robert Pilot to refer to Social Services the nomination of Joann Maney to be TAU Advisory Board Member for Chicago. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Recess:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to recess for lunch until 1:00 p.m. Second by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*The meeting recessed at 11:58 a.m.*

**Call to Order:** Vice President Karena Thundercloud called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

**Roll Call:**

President Marlon WhiteEagle-EX  
Vice President Karena Thundercloud-P  
Rep. George Stacy-VC  
Rep. Phyllis Smoke-VC  
Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr.-VC

Rep. Stephanie Begay-P  
Rep. Kristin White Eagle-VC  
Rep. Darren Brinegar-VC  
Rep. Shelby Visintin-VC  
Rep. Sarah Lemieux-VC  
Rep. Danielle DeLong-VC  
Rep. Robert Pilot-P  
Rep. Paul Fox-VC  
Rep. Brianna Littlegeorge-VC

*VC-Video Conference*

**Determination of Quorum:**  
Quorum is established at 1:01 p.m.

**Executive Session: (Business Matters, Criminal Matters, Inter-governmental Relations, Land, Law Enforcement, Legal Advice, Personnel Matters, Public Safety or Well-Being):**

**MOTION** by Rep. Darren Brinegar to move to Executive Session for Business Matters, Criminal Matters, Inter-governmental Relations, Land, Law Enforcement, Legal Advice, Personnel Matters, Public Safety or Well-Being. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*The meeting moved to Executive Session at 1:02 p.m.*

*Rep. Darren Brinegar was excused for the remainder of the meeting at 3:24 p.m.*

*The meeting moved to Open Session at 4:21 p.m.*

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-1(Rep. Brianna Littlegeorge) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Amendment to the Agenda:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to amend the agenda to add the Department of Treasury Capital Projects Grant under New Business F. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 10-2(Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr., Rep. Stephanie Begay)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Capital Projects Fund for**

**Tribal Governments**

Crystal Deschinny, Legislative Projects Manager mentions that NOFA sent out an email in March, a grant opportunity with the Department of Treasury Corona Virus Capital Project Fund for Tribal Governments. Each tribe is guaranteed \$167,504 to fund Capital Projects invest a critical need as a result of COVID-19 of the community. To receive the money would be to submit a plan by June 1, 2022. A majority of the funds are being used to help build out Broadband projects, Broadband does fit in the categories of communication, education opportunities. The request is to submit a plan to the Department of Treasury to fund the Broadband Consultant.

Rep. Phyllis Smoke requests this for the Broadband and wants to make sure we have money for the consultant.

**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to authorize the filing of application for U. S. Treasury Department Capital Projects funds for Tribal Governments by the designated deadline, and to include a designation letter authorizing Vice President Karena Thundercloud as authorized Representative to provide materials for the grant. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 7-5 (Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Rep. Stephanie Begay, Rep. Sarah Lemieux, Rep. Brianna Littlegeorge, Vice President Karena Thundercloud)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Adjournment:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adjourn the Legislative Meeting to June 7, 2022 at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Second by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*The Legislative meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.*

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LEGISLATURE  
SPECIAL MEETING  
TRIBAL EXECUTIVE  
OFFICES  
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI  
MAY 31, 2022

**Call to Order:** President Marlon WhiteEagle called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

**Roll Call:**

President Marlon WhiteEagle-VC  
Vice President Karena Thundercloud-P  
Rep. George Stacy-VC  
Rep. Phyllis Smoke-EX  
Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr.-P  
Rep. Stephanie Begay-P  
Rep. Kristin White Eagle-VC  
Rep. Darren Brinegar-VC  
Rep. Shelby Visintin-VC  
Rep. Sarah Lemieux-P  
Rep. Danielle DeLong-VC  
Rep. Robert Pilot-VC  
Rep. Paul Fox-VC  
Rep. Brianna Littlegeorge-VC

*VC-Video Conference*

**Determination of Quorum:**  
Quorum is established at 10:04 a.m.

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

**Approval of Agenda:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Paul Fox to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. George Stacy had technical issues during voting.*

**New Business:**

**Resolution-Legislative Overturn of Presidential Veto 05-17-22 Regarding the Legislative Denial of the Nomination of Kimberly Lonetree to be the Interim Director of the Department of**

**Personnel**

**MOTION** by Rep. Darren Brinegar to TABLE Resolution-Legislative Overturn of Presidential Veto 05-17-22 Regarding the Legislative Denial of the Nomination of Kimberly Lonetree to be the Interim Director of the Department of Personnel until after Executive Session. Second by Rep. Robert Pilot. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. George Stacy had technical issues during voting.*

**Executive Session: (Business Matters, Criminal Matter, Inter-governmental Relations, Land, Law Enforcement, Legal Advice, Personnel Matters, Public Safety or Well-Being):**

**MOTION** by Rep. Darren Brinegar to move to Executive Session. Second by Vice President Karena

Thundercloud. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. George Stacy had technical issues during voting.*

*The meeting moved to Executive Session at 10:16 a.m.*

**MOTION** by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to move to Open Session. Second by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. 11-0-1(Rep. Robert Pilot) **MOTION CARRIED.**

*The meeting moved to Open Session at 11:24 a.m.*

**Revisit:**

**Legislative Overturn of Presidential Veto 05-17-22 Regarding the Legislative**

**Denial of the Nomination of Kimberly Lonetree to be the Interim Director of the Department of Personnel**

**MOTION** by Rep. Darren Brinegar to adopt **Resolution 05-31-22 A**, Legislative Overturn of Presidential Veto 05-17-22 Regarding the Legislative Denial of the Nomination of Kimberly Lonetree to be the Interim Director of the Department of Personnel. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 11-0-1(Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr.) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Adjournment:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. to adjourn the Special Legislative Meeting. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**



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