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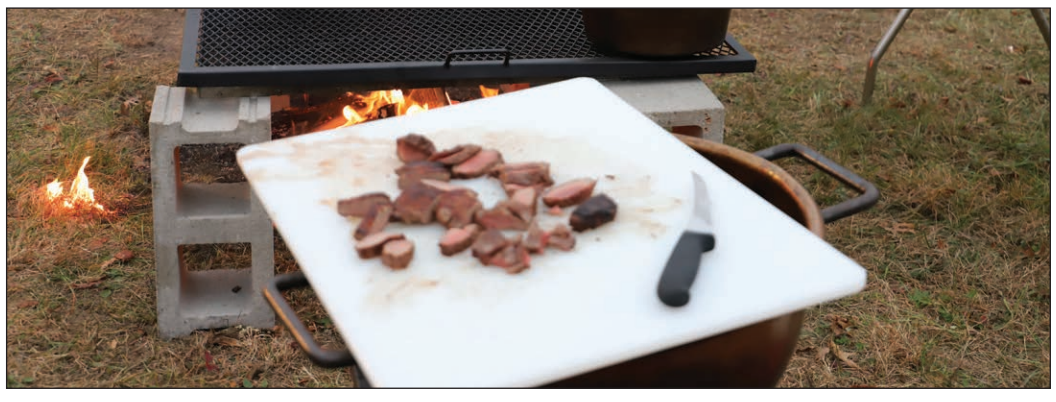
Annual Green Corn Harvest Celebration

Kaili Berg

On November 9, a Green Corn Harvest celebration took place behind the Tribal Office building in Black River Falls.

An earth oven was dug, while various dishes were prepared and shared, a traditional moccasin game was played, and singing and dancing took place.

The Green Corn harvest takes place around this time of year to make sure the Ho-Chunk people had enough food to last through the winter. They would gather foods and process them for storage and then celebrate as it was a gift from the Creator.



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Team Wisconsin Announces Athletes to Compete in the 2023 North American Indigenous Games

Ardith Van Riper
Editor

The 2023 North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) convenes in Halifax and Millbrook First Nation, Nova Scotia, on July 15 through 23. Team Wisconsin revealed several rosters of youth selected to travel to Canada and represent their communities in the Games. The NAIG is a multi-sport competition involving Indigenous North American athletes ages 13 to 19 vying for a gold, silver, or bronze medal.

Historically, those sports include archery (3-D archery), badminton, basketball, baseball, boxing, canoeing, golf, lacrosse (box lacrosse), rifle shooting, soccer, softball, swimming, tae kwon do, track and field and cross-country (athletics), volleyball, and wrestling. Three sports are traditional Indigenous sports: box lacrosse, 3D archery, and canoe or kayaking. The 2023 Games does not have boxing or tae kwon do categories but includes beach volleyball.

The age edibility for athletes for the 2023 NAIG is:

- 19U – 2004 and later
- 16U – 2007 and later
- 14U – 2009 and later

It is estimated that the 2023 Games will bring together more than 5,000 athletes, coaches, and team staff from 756+ Indigenous Nations with the help of 3,000 volunteers.

The Games have taken place intermittently since 1990. Initially, the NAIG was hosted every three years and altered between Canada and the United States of America. In more recent years, the Games have just been hosted in Canada. The NAIG is governed by the North American Indigenous Games Council, which consists of a 26-member council of rep-

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Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Office Building site of Thanksgiving Potluck for Employees

Ardith Van Riper
Editor

On Nov. 22, several Ho-Chunk Nation executive departments were invited to contribute and participate in a Thanksgiving Potluck in the atrium. Employees gathered, ate, and shared some camaraderie before the holidays.

UW-Stevens Point Hosts Tribute to Sharon Cloud

Kaili Berg

On Friday November 18, a tribute to Sharon Cloud was held in the Laird Room of the DUC at UW-Stevens Point. Cloud worked at the university for 30 years, spending 10 as the director of the NAC.

Friends and alumni shared stories about Cloud while traditional foods were served. The evening ended with a performance by the internationally known Woodland Sky Native American Dance Co.

DNR Celebrates Successful 2022 Elk Hunting Season

MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is celebrating a successful elk hunting season. The state's fifth elk hunting season opened Saturday, Oct. 15 and closed Wednesday, Oct. 19 as a result of all four state licensed hunters filling their harvest authorizations.

Three hunters were fortunate to harvest a bull elk in the first two days of the season and the fourth tag was filled by day five.

"All four hunters did their homework," said Josh Spiegel, DNR Wildlife Biologist. "The hunters' drive to succeed was very impressive. Selected hunters made several scouting trips prior to the season opening, and their efforts translated to a successful hunt and a memorable season."

Notably, this year's hunt marked the first modern harvest of an elk using a bow, another milestone for Wisconsin conservationists. It takes tremendous effort and practice to complete a harvest with a bow.

As with previous elk hunting seasons, Ojibwe tribal hunters also have the opportunity to harvest elk in the Ceded Territory of Wisconsin this season. The tribal season closes Sunday, Jan. 8, 2023. For inquiries regarding the tribes' 2022 elk hunt, please contact Travis Bartnick, Wildlife Biologist, at the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission by email at tbartnick@glifwc.org.

Wisconsin's annual elk hunt takes place in the Clam Lake Elk Range, home of Wisconsin's longest tenured elk population since reintroduction efforts started in 1995. In 2022, the estimated population of the Clam Lake elk herd is 336 elk. Bulls have been harvested across this range each year since the hunt started in 2018.

Elk were also reintroduced in Jackson County starting in 2015 to form the Black River Falls herd. The Black River Falls herd reached 130

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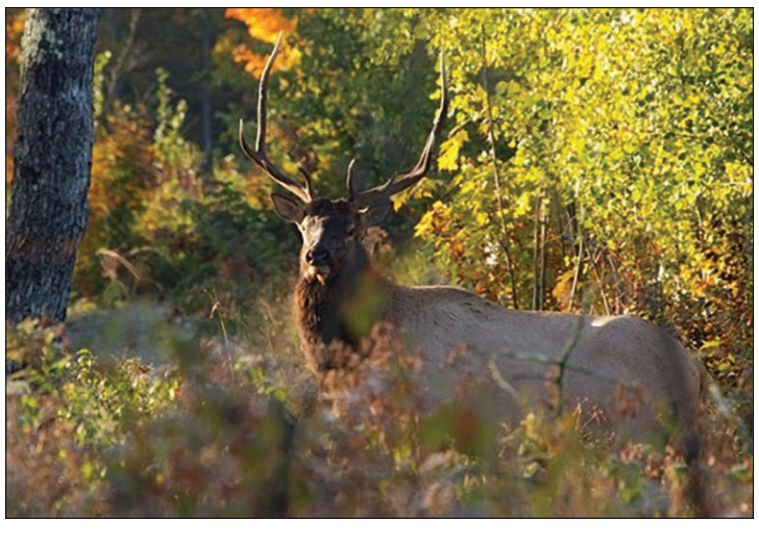

The state's fifth elk hunting season opened Saturday, Oct. 15 and closed Wednesday, Oct. 19. All four state licensed hunters filled their harvest authorizations. / Photo Credit: Wisconsin DNR

CORRECTION

The following individual applicants have met the requirements of the HO-CHUNK NATION CODE (HCC) TITLE 2 – GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 7 – TRIBAL ENROLLMENT AND MEMBERSHIP CODE, Enacted by Legislature: October 16, 2007 in accordance with the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation and the Tribal Enrollment and Membership Code. The Enrollment Officer will certify a Notice of Eligibility for Membership and will publish such Notice in the Nation's newsletter and on the Nation's website. Upon publication a sixty (60) Day notice period begins. The Notice of Eligibility for Membership must include the Applicant's name, date of birth, Base Roll ancestry, Ho-Chunk Blood and parent. In cases of adopted Applicants certain identifying information will be neither published nor released pursuant to Wisconsin and other States' Laws. **This determination may be appealed to the Ho-Chunk Nation Judiciary by any adult enrolled Ho-Chunk Nation Member within sixty (60) Days after the date on which the Office of Tribal Enrollment publishes the Notice of Eligibility for Membership.**

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APPLICANT NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	BLOOD QUANTUM	ANCESTOR	FATHER	MOTHER
1. Funmaker, Kimimila Winyan	01/31/2019	¼	George Funmaker Sr Wojh Tchaw He Ray Kah 1881 - 00328	George Israel Funmaker	Non-Member

I, **Eliza Decorah /s/,** Enrollment Officer for the Ho-Chunk Nation, hereby certify that the above Enrollment Eligibility List was reviewed and corrected to accurately present the Applicants Father's Name. Signed and dated this ***18 day of November, 2022***.

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resentatives from Canada and the United States.

Halifax is the traditional ancestral land of the Mi'kmaq people.

2023 North American Indigenous Games
Team Wisconsin
Rosters as of Nov. 9

3D Male Archery
Wilbur Blackdeer 19U HCN
Sander King 16U HCN
Sullivan King 16U HCN
Nasir ? 19U ON

3D Female Archery
Olivia Prescott 19U HCN

19U Male Athletics
Asenex Turney MEN
Ali Davenport MEN
Robert Thompson LDF
Wayne Thompson LDF
Omar Baily FCP
Jeridan Bigboy-Banks BR
Imanual Brinegar HCN
Antony Perez ?

19U Male Baseball
Presley Allen LDF
George Bruette TAT
Pete Bruette TAT
Brayden Connors BR
Pearson Denny MEN
Raymond LeMieux TAT
Brett Owen HCN
Austin Peters MEN
Tristan Rainey St Croix
Brady Shepard FCP
Frank Shepard FCP
Cooper Smith ON
Wendell Waukau MEN
Josh Besaw (alt.) MEN
Wilbur Blackdeer (alt.) HCN

19U Male Basketball
Andrew Rave, Jr HCN
Cameron Kruse HCN
Chaske Jacobs ON
Damian Funmaker HCN
David Danforth III ON
Delsin Pero ON
Derrick Webster MEN
Donavan Danforth ON
Isaiah Moss MEN
Lloyd Reevis MEN
Peter Albert HCN
Rylan Funmaker HCN

19U Male Box Lacrosse
Aaron Rodriguez ON
Damien Degroot ON
Aiden Skenandore ON
Damien Degroot ON
Vernon Stevens ON
Jayden Gerhardt ON
Ernest L. Stevens IV ON
Laken Hargrove ON
Hudson King ON
Lohatiyo Metoxin ON
Julian Greendeer HCN/ON
Chase Bain MEN/ON/SIO

19U Male Golf
Saswaen Shawanokasic MEN
Dugan Wedster, Jr. MEN

19U Male Wrestling
Brexden Kane SOK
Benjamin Miller ON
NaKadin Boyd (alt.) ?
Justin Funmaker HCN
Elias Glinski FCP
Gregory Turney III MEN
Jerry Goselin LDF
Jerome Labarge LDF
Hunter Webster (alt.) ON
Kanewin Dickensin (alt.) MEN
Viney Bender (alt.) BR
Devlin Vele SBM
Jevon Rave HCN
Leonard Chosa LDF
Jaxon Smith ?
Landon Saglin LDF
Wahkeenyah Waukau MEN
Gunnar Crowe BR
Dominic Weso HCN
John Cornelius HCN
Asenex Turney ?
Sander King (alt.) HCN
Sully King (alt.) HCN
Ethan Thorbahn (alt.) SOK
Vacant
Vacant
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Vacant

19U Female Athletics
Asalia White FCP
Cali Shawano MEN
Emma Komanekin MEN
Seneca Funmaker HCN
Leila Cleveland HCN
Vacant
Vacant
Vacant

19U Female Basketball
Eajah Danforth ON
Mariah Fish MEN
Taliah Degroot ON
Neejana Armstrong HCN
Samara Kane SOK
Victoria Miles WIN
Katie Waukau MEN
Marjaria Stevens ON
Maekayla Cadotte LCO
Haley Reed ON
Yvette Miles WIN
Rhianna Danforth ON
Darcie Spruce (alt.) MEN
Madison Ackley (alt.) SOK
Jasmine Morgan (alt.) MEN

19U Female Golf
Alison Green HCN
Vivian Ninham ON

19U Female Soccer
Nailah Orosco ON
Alyssa Zamora ON
Alyah Frias ON
Owi La Smith ON
Stevi Ventura ON
Lola Bailey ON
Azalyah Douangmala ON
Asaylea Aleman ON
Elise White ON
Katelyn Wisneski ON
Emersyn Stacy HCN
Kendra Bigboy-Piehl BR
Desirae O'Brien MEN
Bella Hill HCN
Mahkia Cloud HCN

19U Female Softball
Briana Cruz HCN
Lauren Allen LDF
Aniya Peters MEN
Pamela Lepscier MEN
Keira Tech HCN
Mariah Barber ON
Abigayle House HCN
Weengeetah Mohawk STB
Bertina Dodge STB
Lilian Lemieux HCN
Kendra Wallenfang ON
Katie Mahkimetas MEN
Lavara Gilpin PTN

19U Female Swimming
Kira Goodbear HCN
Izzi Zablocki ON
Allison Giroux HCN
Abi Winnicki FCP

19U Female Volleyball
Alezaha King MEN
Karah Latender MEN
McKenzie Gruner MEN
Jayden Gruner MEN
Emma James MEN
Kaitlyn Wolf BR
Coral Cook SB
Kaelyn Chasenah HCN
Paulina Kamau HCN
Malina Kamau HCN
Aslee Corn (alt.) MEN
Cayley Capman (alt.) MEN
Lexi Boixin (alt.) MEN
Jazzlynn Oshkosh (alt) MEN

19U Female Wrestling
Zion Pemma FCP
Harlow Skenandore ?

16U Male Athletics
Naataani Powless ON
Leander Cornelius ON
Ethan Gonzalez LDF
Cree Defoe RC
Tristen Brinegar HCN
Randall Blackdeer II HCN
Anthony Cruz HCN
Chase Plentywolf HCN

16U Male Basketball
Cecil Lopez HCN
Gavin Greene BR
Barron Waupoose MEN
Ryan Corn MEN
Valin Ramberg HCN
Jadyn Thompson ON
Quintin Bresette RC
Reese Kakwitch MEN
Javon Silva ON
Anikohsaeh Corn MEN
Naes Waukau MEN

16U Male Box Lacrosse
Chase Yellowbank WIN
Carter Yellowbank WIN
Albert Danforth ON
Takoda Sullivan BMO
Logan Becerril ON
Eldon Hindsley HCN
Emmit Madrid ON

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HCN Celebrates Veterans Day

Kaili Berg

Employees of the Ho-Chunk Nation observed Veterans Day on Friday, November 11, with a red, white, and blue tribute featuring singing, speeches, and expressions of gratitude for those who served in the nation's armed forces.

Attention: The Next Deadline of the Hocąk Worak will be December 2nd which will be published on December 9th. Please contact Hocąk 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 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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Braylin Schomner	ON
Jamison Quiver	ON
Eli N. Komanekin	HCN
Raylee Polanco	ON
Xavier Hindsley	HCN
Micah GoodEagle	ON
Kian Hargrove	ON

16U Male Golf

Jordan Johnson, Jr.	MEN
Jonas Johnson	ON

16U Female Athletics

Annika Tuchalski	SOK
Marcella Wiggins	BR
Elyssa Bailey	FCP
America Cackowski	ON
Micah Wright	LDF
Skye Chapman	LDF
Summer Smith	LDF
Vacant	

16U Female Basketball

Lena Waunau	MEN
Destiny Webster	MEN
Anisa Peters	MEN
Aaliyah Corn	MEN
Urijah Reevis	MEN
Josalyn White	OS
Marley Atkinson	ON
Mariah Cloud	ON
Kylee Beversdorf	HCN
Kadence Funmaker	HCN
Addyson Simpson	CN
Melaina Granquist	SB

16U Female Golf

Alex Stacey	HCN
Emma Cunningham	ON

16U Female Soccer

Emersyn Stacy	HCN
Bella Hill	HCN
Nailah Orosco	ON
Alyssa Zamora	ON
Alyah Frias	ON
Desirae O'Brien	MEN
Mahkia Cloud	HCN
Kendra Bigboy-Piehl	BR
Owi La Smith	ON
Stevi Ventura	ON
Lola Bailey	ON
Azalyah Douangmala	ON
Asaylea Aleman	ON
Elise White	ON
Katelyn Wisneski	ON

16U Female Softball

Frances Awonohapay	MEN
Natalie Peters	MEN
Ayanna O Kimosh	ON
Shadei Peters	MEN
Gracee Johnson	MEN
Cyree Cleveland	HCN
Zoren Ramberg	HCN
Cecilia Crignon	MEN
Vayda Garvin	HCN
Sophia Lemieux	HCN
Gabriella Lemieux	HCN
Kylee Beauerdorf	HCN
Adonia Casarez	HCN
Tasheena King	HCN
Mataya Danforth	ON
Sasha Rave	?

16U Female Swimming

Elena Goodbear	HCN

16U Female Volleyball

Lillian Big Eagle	ON/ID
Rylie Kakwitch	MEN
Jayda Livingston	LDF/CHP
Alexis Zhuckkahosee	MEN
Isabella Falcon	HCN
Isabel Young	PTW
Arvina Martin	HCN/STB
Aubrey Corn	MEN
Kendra Wolf	BR
Jaeleigh Blackdeer	HCN
Kiesha Corn	MEN
Samantha Wilber	MEN
Hannah Falcon (alt.)	HCN
Lucy Young (alt.)	PTW
Mary Shepard (alt.)	PTW

14U Male Athletics

Ryder Ackley	SOK
Jayden Defoe	RC
Jayden Conelius	MEN
Anthony Corn	MEN
Vacant	
Vacant	
Vacant	
Vacant	

14U Male Basketball

Silas Cohen	ON
Debron Danforth	ON
Jacius White	MEN
Raylon Baird	ON
Mason Laster	ON
Holden Skenadore	ON
Roman Rasmussen	ON
Lucas Murphy	MEN
Tristian Lawe	MEN
Corey Hindsley, Jr.	HCN
Ayvien Lopez	HCN
Javon James	MEN

14U Female Athletics

Brooke Dorman-Defoe	RC
Vacant	
Vacant	
Vacant	
Vacant	
Vacant	
Vacant	
Vacant	

14U Female Basketball

Emma John	ON
Jayla Robbinns	HCN
Kendra Bigboy-Piehl	BR
Olivia Pyawasay	MEN
Haley Heath	MEN
Dacey Webster	MEN
Adrian Beaulieu-Morgan	RL
Kalista Blackowl	ON
Eunique Blackowl	ON
Aiyana Pemberton	HCN/CHP
Harmony Walker	HCN
Kaylinn Thompson	ON/HCN

14U Female Swimming

Kennadi Vandenheuvel	ON
Reese Vandenheuval	ON

KEY

Indigenous Nation Name	
Bad River	BR
Bay Mills (Ojibwe)	BMO
Chippewa	CHP
Forrest County Potawatomi	FCP
Ho-Chunk Nation	HCN
Isaniti Dakota	ID
Lac du Flambeau	LDF
Menominee	MEN
Oneida	ON
Potawatomi	PTW
Red Cliff	RC
Red Lake	RL
Sioux	SIO
Stockbridge	STB
Three Affiliated Tribes	TAT
Winnebago	WIN

Ndnsports.com social media post, November 15, says, "Shout out and congratulations to Team Warchief who are your 2022 USSSA Native American & First Nations Softball World Champions #NativeAthletes #WarChief."

Ho-Chunk Nation

Food Distribution Program Information

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LaCrosse	Marathon	Juneau	Adams
Vernon	Sauk	Columbia	Dane

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WITTENBERG SIGA FUNMAKER COMMUNITY CENTER-We are there the first Wednesday of each month from 10:30AM-12:30PM

WISCONSIN DELLS INDIAN HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTER-We are there the second Wednesday of each month from 10:00AM-1:30PM

TOMAH-We are there the third Wednesday of each month from 12N-1:00PM located behind the Ho-Chunk Casino

LaCrosse Pick-Up-We are there the third Friday of each month from 12N-1PM and this is located at Bethany Lutheran Church, 3936 CTY B, LaCrosse.

NEKOOSA COMMUNITY HEALTH BUILDING-We are there the fourth Wednesday of each month from 12N-1:00PM

SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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Elite Elders

Those eligible for the Elite Elder Medicare Part B Reimbursement Program shall be reimbursed for Medicare Part B premiums that they paid, with a maximum reimbursable amount of the annual standard monthly premium rate set by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services for the prior year.

Watch for an application in the mail during the month of December.

Documents needed:
Medicare Part B Reimbursement Application
End of the year benefit summary from Social Security
All applications and back up paperwork must be turned in by **March 30, 2023**
***There will be no exceptions made for late applications.**

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USDA Partners to Create Thriving, Livable Communities That Will Attract People and Jobs to Rural Areas and Tribal Nations

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16, 2022 – U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Under Secretary Xochitl Torres Small today announced that USDA is awarding $4 million in cooperative agreements to 17 organizations under the Rural Placemaking Innovation Challenge (RPIC). Placemaking is a collaborative planning and technical assistance process that helps leaders from rural communities create quality places where people will want to live, work, visit and learn.

The assistance will help the organizations support people who have been unserved or underserved and live in socially vulnerable communities, Tribal communities and rural areas. For example:

• In Wisconsin, Ho-Chunk Nation will use a $249,112 cooperative agreement to develop a plan to enhance the Tribe's capacity to develop a high-speed internet network. This project will help improve virtual education, remote job accessibility and telemedicine.

"USDA Rural Development fosters opportunity in rural America by investing in infrastructure, opening doors to better jobs, and access to innovation and technology," said State Director for Wisconsin Julie Lassa. "This agreement will help the Ho-Chunk Nation develop a plan to enhance the capacity of broadband connectivity in Jackson County, improving access to virtual education, remote work, and telemedicine."

The organizations will work directly with people in rural communities to develop plans that will enhance people's ability to have access to high-speed internet in their homes, live in affordable housing, and have access to safe and reliable transportation to go to school and work, and more. This assistance will support the communities for up to two years.

The agreements announced today also will support people living in five communities participating in the Biden-Harris Administration's Rural Partners Network. The network is a whole-of-government effort led by USDA to transform the way federal agencies partner with rural places to create economic opportunity in rural America.

The investments will also help people in rural and Tribal communities in Alabama, Arkansas, California, Georgia, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Mexico, New York, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, and Washington.

For more information about the program, visit www.rd.usda.gov/rpic. To access a placemaking toolkit and additional resources, visit: Rural Placemaking | Rural Development (usda.gov).

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"Employee Appreciation" Disbursement Provided Through Legislative and Executive Effort

Resolution 11.11.2022B was approved for an Employee Appreciation distribution to be sent to each employee by December 16, 2022

Resolution 11.22.2022B includes the following language:

WHEREAS, the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Branch and Executive Branch have a great appreciation for all the Nations employees have done to make the Ho-Chunk enterprises and government a success, while also working to generate revenues that sustain the Nations programs and services, in the midst of uncertain national economic times; and

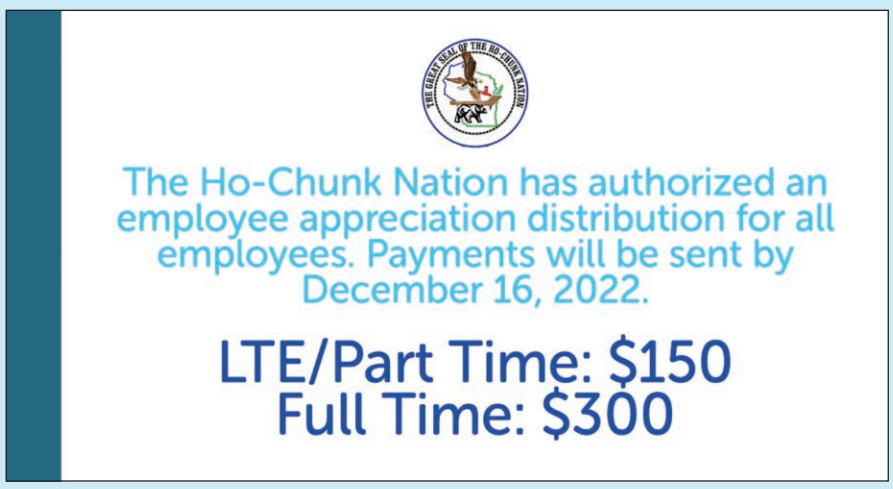
WHEREAS, the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Branch and Executive Branch have collaborated to identify funds that may be used in order to show appreciation to Ho-Chunk Nation employees; and

The Resolution includes Ho-Chunk Nation Employees, employees of the Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency (HHCDA), First Nations Community Financial, Children's Learning Village Montessori Academy and the Ho-Chunk Nation Transportation Authority.

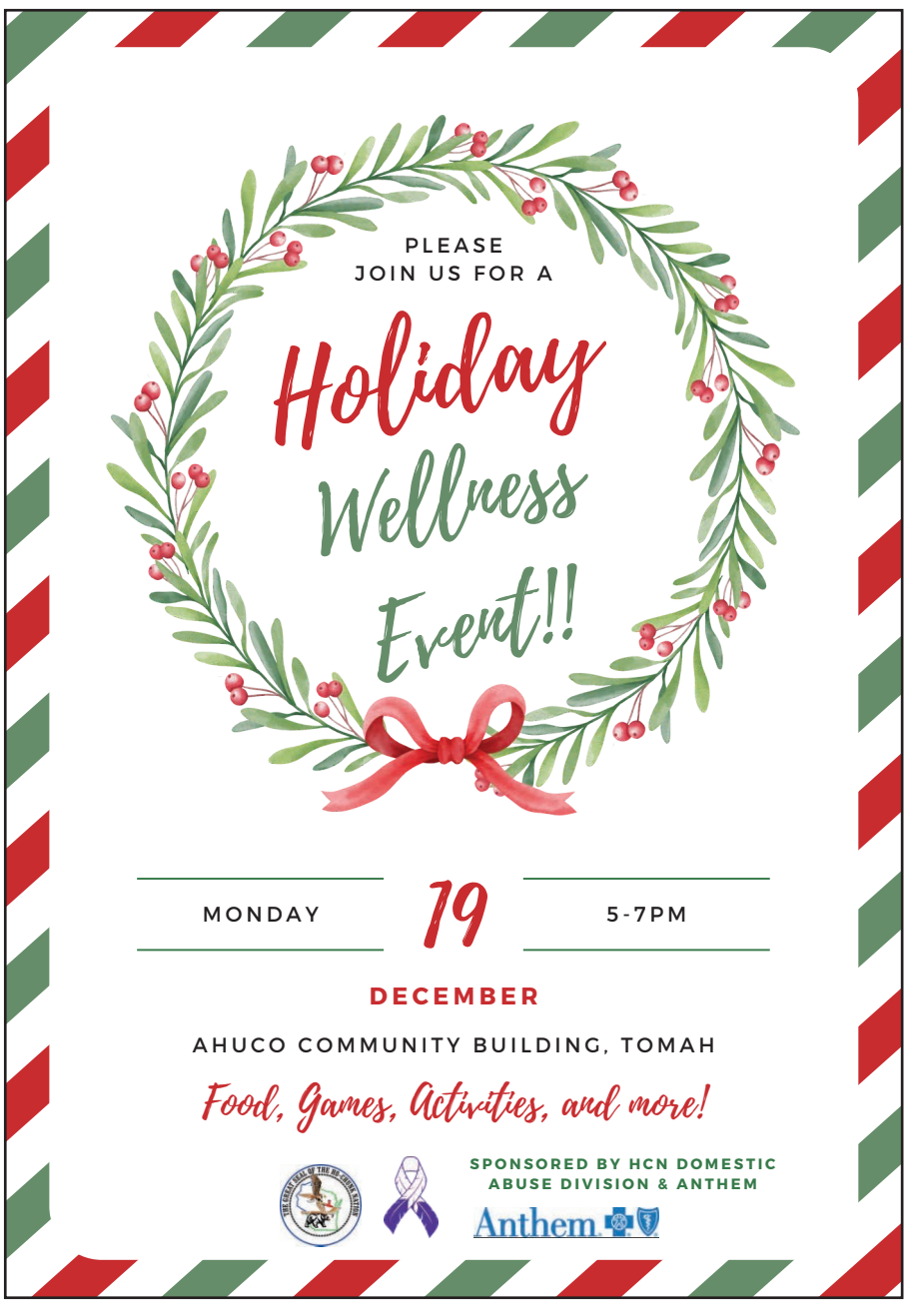
Criteria includes:

1. $150 for every applicable Limited Term Employee (LTE), permanent part-time (PT), and permanent quarter-time employee of the Nation or such group of Ho-Chunk Nation employees as noted above.

2. $300 was approved for every appointed, contracted, elected, exempt, and permanent full-time (FT) employee of the Nation or such group of Ho-Chunk Nation employees as noted above.



Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Branch social media post, November 22, announced "Employee appreciation is approved."



What is the Ho-Chunk IRB, Anyway?

Submitted by:
Dr. Marcus Lewis &
Dr. Neil Cox, IRB Chair and Vice Chair

Many Ho-Chunk members have heard of the Nation's Institutional Review Board (IRB), but most of us aren't really sure what it is or what it does. This article will clarify the role of the IRB and provide insight into the work it does on behalf of the Ho-Chunk People. The Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature established an Institutional Review Board (IRB) in 2005 with the passage of the Tribal Research Code. According to that code, the IRB shall "… grant permission to researchers to conduct research on Nation Territory."

What Does That Mean? It means that the IRB reviews studies about Ho-Chunk people to protect the Ho-Chunk People from unreasonable risk and exploitation. Throughout history, our people have been the subjects of unethical research that has misrepresented or distorted our history, culture, traditions, stories, etc. It is the IRB's job to ensure that does not happen again.

Our group consists of physicians, Ho-Chunk elders, external partners, and other community members who review the applications we receive. Most our applications are medical studies (e.g., pharmacological, diabetes related, etc.), which is why we have at least two physicians who serve on our board. We also have members with expertise in social science research design. Social science research is the vast majority of non-medical research we review. Most importantly, our Ho-Chunk elder member provides valuable insight/feedback on applications that have implications about our history, values, and culture.

What Kind of Applications Do You Get? We receive applications from internal sources like HHCDA or the Business Department to external sources like the University of Wisconsin. Some applications are for Ho-Chunk departments looking to improve their services and others are students at all levels working on a class project or on their dissertation. Sometimes, our applicants are a mix such as an internal department working with a university on a project that may have important implications for the Ho-Chunk Nation and/or Indian Country in general. In short, our applicants vary greatly.

What is Your Process? First, prospective researchers begin by completing an IRB application (which can be requested by emailing IRB@ho-chunk.com). Once that application is complete, applicants should email it back to the same address. Someone will acknowledge receipt of the application. Next, the IRB will review the application and discuss any questions/concerns that we may have with the study, its methods, how it protects the information of the Ho-Chunk subjects/respondents, and how it explains and interprets its results. This process usually takes about 10-15 business days to complete and much of our work is done asynchronously, which allows us to process applications more quickly than in years past.

Who Should Submit an Application? Anyone who wishes to conduct a study. In the event that the study does not meet the definition of research or if the resultant data is for internal review/evalu-

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ABC News Anchor Refers to Indigenous People as "Creatures" in Reference to Native American Heritage Month

BY DARREN THOMPSON, Native News Online

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NEW YORK — During news coverage on Native American Heritage Month, ABC reporter Kyra Phillips misspoke and referred to Indigenous people as "Indigenous creatures" on ABC News' streaming channel on Thursday morning.

"Celebrating Native American Heritage Month, when we come back we'll take a look at Indigenous creatures taking Hollywood and pop-culture by storm," Phillips mistakenly said on Thursday's broadcast.

The mistake has been corrected, and the news company hasn't issued an explanation to the error, which was captured and published on TikTok by user @indigenousdronepilot.

"I was taken back when I first seen it, but not surprised," Brooke Waukau (Johnson), whose TikTok handle is @indigenousdronepilot, told Native News Online. "For outsiders looking in, that misuse of words could look like a harmless mistake, but for Indigenous people it is a reminder of the mistrust and broken relationship we have with the media."

As of press time, the video has had more than 730,000 views, thousands of shares, and social media is abuzz with memes, comments, and posts.

Popular social media handle Injun Comedy said in a post on Facebook, "We're not 'something else' any more, we're 'Indigenous creatures' now." The popular social media group has more than 225,000 followers and has already posted links to merchandise that have the text "Indigenous creatures."

Native Hoop Magazine posted on its social media today, defending the ABC News story about Native American Heritage Month. "That clip of ABC News calling us indigenous creatures is taken way out of context," Native Hoop Magazine wrote on its Facebook on Friday. It shared a link to the network's publication of the story and its title includes "Native American creators."

The ABC story was about Native American people involved in the creation of several hit shows such as Reservation Dogs and the movie Prey.

"We don't want them to honor us once a year for Native American Heritage Month," said Waukau, who's also a MMIW Task Force Coordinator for the Wisconsin Department of Justice. "We want them to do their job all year round and run stories on our missing men, women, and children."

CORRECTION: A previous version of this article erroneously named 20/20 anchor Amy Robach as the anchor who referred to Native Americans as "Indigenous creatures." The ABC reporter who made the reference is Kyra Phillips.

‘Long overdue’: Senate passes bill for Native veterans organization

Charter for National American Indian Veterans is decades in the making

Monday, November 21, 2022
By Acee Agoyo
Reprint from Indianz.Com

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A bipartisan bill to advance the work of a Native veterans organization is inching toward final passage as the 117th Congress winds down.

Last Thursday, the U.S. Senate passed S.1725 to grant a Congressional charter for the National American Indian Veterans, Inc. (NAIV) organization. The bill was approved by unanimous consent, meaning it had the support of the entire chamber.

“We are one step closer to giving our Native American veterans the recognition they truly deserve and have earned,” Sen. Mike Rounds (R-South Dakota), the sponsor of S.1752, said on Monday following passage of his bill. “There are many Congressionally chartered veterans service organizations, but none that solely represent the interests and needs of Native American veterans. Our bill would change that by recognizing the mission and authority of the NAIV with a Congressional charter.”

In remarks on the Senate floor last week, Rounds noted that NAIV has worked in every state to advance the interests of American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian veterans. As COVID-19 has affected Indian Country at disproportionate rates, he said the organization secured and distributed supplies and equipment to more than 375 tribes in 30 states

“NAIV works closely with Tribal Veterans Services Officers to make certain Native American veterans receive proper benefits and resources,” Rounds said on Monday. “Congress regularly looks to NAIV for input when addressing issues facing Native American veterans. This charter will help give NAIV a larger platform to continue advocating for and serving the more than 140,000 Native American veterans living in the United States.”

NAIV was founded in 2004, following discussion during a Senate hearing in which lawmakers highlighted the lack of a Congressionally-chartered Native veterans organization. The group, which is based on the Cheyenne River Sioux Reservation in South Dakota, operates on a decentralized basis, with 14 regional offices around the nation.

“In New Mexico and across the country, Native Americans have made a profound impact on our country by proudly serving in our Armed Forces,” said Sen. Ben Ray Luján (D-New Mexico), a co-sponsor of S.1752. “That’s why I’m proud the Senate passed our bipartisan legislation that will create a Congressional Charter for the National American Indian Veterans organization.”

“This organization is an important resource that supports Native veterans and ensures they have access to the benefits that they have earned,” Lujan added. “This approval by the Senate reaffirms our nation’s commitment to Native veterans, who have proudly served throughout America’s history to present day.”

Despite the commitment of Native veteran leaders, Congress never followed up by granting a charter to NAIV. The bill, which still must pass the U.S. House of Representatives, finally moves the effort forward after nearly two decades.

“I am very thankful to Senator Rounds for never giving up on this bill,” Don Loudner, a citizen of the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe who serves as National Commander of NAIV, said on Monday.

“Thanks to his efforts, and those of the bipartisan team he assembled, we are closer than at any time, in the last 20 years, to having Congress recognize the sacrifices of generations of American Indians who have answered the nation’s call and fought in every war since the American Revolution,” said Loudner, who is a combat veteran of the Korean War.

Robert Dunsmore, the veterans service officer for the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe also hailed passage of S.1752. He served in the U.S. Army and has been working to address Native veteran needs across the nation.

“This charter is long overdue,” Dunsmore said. “We as American Indian veterans want to thank the U.S. Senate for moving this forward. We as veterans have been asking for this charter since 2004. We as American Indian veterans hopefully will have voice on matters that pertain to American Indian veterans. As

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U.S. Army veteran Crystal Herriage, left, is seen next to her daughter, Rep. Sharice Davids (D-Kansas), following the dedication of the National Native American Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C, on November 11, 2022. Photo by Indianz.Com (CC BY-NC-SA 4.0)

A National American Indian Veterans jacket is seen on Loren Corpuz, a U.S Marine Corps veteran from the Yakama Nation, as he waits to perform with his trumpet at the dedication of the National Native American Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C, on November 11, 2022. Photo by Indianz.Com (CC BY-NC-SA 4.0)

Ralph Zotigh (Kiowa) and Dennis Zotigh (Kiowa / Ohkay Owingeh / Santee Sioux) ascend the steps to the stage to perform an honor song for women veterans, Gold Star mothers and American war mothers organizations during the dedication of the National Native American Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C, on November 11, 2022. Photo by Indianz.Com (CC BY-NC-SA 4.0)

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ation purposes, the chairperson or vice chairperson will inform the applicant that their study may proceed. However, if the study does meet the definition of research, we will proceed to an IRB review which will take 10-15 business days to complete. Again, any person or organization that is interested in conducting research on Ho-Chunk Nation lands or with Ho-Chunk enrolled populations should complete an IRB application consistent with the Tribal Research Code.

When an application is approved or denied, the applicant will receive written notification from the chairperson with specific conditions upon their research. For example, the IRB typically requires successful applicants to share their research findings/final report with us prior to publication. While this may seem like a superfluous step, we believe it is paramount to ensure that the lived experiences of the Ho-Chunk subjects are presented in a fair and ethical manner.

In closing, we recognize and appreciate the value that research can bring to the Ho-Chunk Nation. The IRB works to evaluate applications in a timely manner to ensure that such research projects are safe, that they will not exploit our population, and that they are consistent with our social and cultural practices. If you have any questions about the board or wish to request an application, please email IRB@ho-chunk.com.

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a tribal veteran service officer, I fully endorse this bill."

Non-Native supporters are cheering as well. Ken Teunissen of South Dakota is a recipient of the Purple Heart, the oldest U.S. military award.

"This a giant step for our Native brothers and sisters who are veterans and fought beside us," said Teunissen. "We need to give them the respect that is afforded to all veterans. Hopefully now they will have a voice of their own."

Movement on the Congressional charter for NAIV comes days after the formal dedication of the National Native American Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. More than 1,700 Native veterans, their families and their supporters took part in a ceremony on the National Mall on the afternoon of November 11.

The memorial is located on the grounds of the National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI). It was completed in November 2020 but the COVID-19 pandemic meant only a virtual program took place at the time.

"The museum is proud to be the home of the memorial and will carry out our responsibility to forever welcome and honor veterans and educate people about the extraordinary military service of Native veterans and active duty service members," Cynthia Chavez Lamar, a citizen of the Pueblo of San Felipe who serves as director of the NMAI, said at the ceremony.

Chavez Lamar, who is the first woman to be the permanent leader of NMAI, called the memorial a "long overdue" recognition for Native people, who enlist in the military at the highest rates of any racial or ethnic group, according to U.S. government data. The design itself was created by a Native veteran — artist Harvey Pratt, who is a citizen of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes.

"Without warriors, we may not be here," Pratt said before he lit the sacred flame that represents a key part of his design — a large, circular structure that sits in view of the U.S. Capitol.

"This memorial is about warriors of the past, warriors of today and warriors of tomorrow," said Pratt, whose colors, elements and materials of "Warriors' Circle of Honor" were chosen to pay respect to the sacred traditions of tribal nations across the U.S.

Rep. Sharice Davids (D-Kansas), a citizen of the Ho-Chunk Nation, also spoke at the dedication ceremony. She is a co-sponsor of H.R.6402, the House version of the NAIV charter bill.

At the event, Davids recognized the presence of her mother. Crystal Herriage, who is Ho-Chunk, served 20 years in the U.S. Army and has been a major influence on one of the first two Native women in the U.S. Congress.

"I learned so much from my mom's service," Davids said. "I learned what it means to serve your country. I learned about what it means to sacrifice for your country and your community. I learned what it means to be dedicated and have a purpose, because of her."

"That is absolutely a lesson I have brought with me to Congress," Davids continued. "I know that because of everything our service members, our veterans, those who have walked on, have done — we have got to have your back in Congress and I will work every single day to make sure that's true."

The 117th Congress, which began in January 2021, is in the final weeks of work, so time is running out to enact the charter for the NAIV organization. The session is expected to conclude by the end of December.

Cynthia Chavez Lamar, the director of the National Museum of the American Indians, looks toward the direction of the U.S. Capitol, where a rainbow was visible during the dedication of the National Native American Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C, on November 11, 2022. Photo by Indianz.Com (CC BY-NC-SA 4.0)

Charla Lowry, left, and Alexis Raeana Jones, both citizens of the Lumbee Tribe, pose together after singing the National Anthem at the dedication of the National Native American Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C, on November 11, 2022. Photo by Indianz.Com (CC BY-NC-SA 4.0)

Wes Studi, a veteran from the Cherokee Nation, served as a co-emcee of the dedication of the National Native American Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C, on November 11, 2022. Photo by Indianz.Com (CC BY-NC-SA 4.0)

Jefferson Keel, a veteran and citizen of the Chickasaw Nation, takes the stage during the dedication of the National Native American Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C, on November 11, 2022. Photo by Indianz.Com (CC BY-NC-SA 4.0)

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individuals in 2022, bringing the statewide total to approximately 466 elk.

The DNR drew three hunters at random from a pool of about 25,400 Wisconsin resident applicants. The fourth hunter was selected by the Wisconsin Chapter of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation through a raffle drawing with over 1,600 entries. This year was the foundation's fifth and final year of holding a separate drawing.

The 2023 elk hunt application period is expected to open March 1 and run through May 31, 2023. For more information and to subscribe for elk translocation updates, visit the DNR's elk webpage.

Check Out-of-State Christmas trees and Décor for Elongate Hemlock Scale and Other Invasive Pests

MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) is reminding consumers to check for invasive pests before purchasing live out-of-state Christmas trees and holiday décor.

In previous years, plant health inspectors have intercepted cut trees and décor infested with invasive pests coming into Wisconsin from other states. The non-native, invasive pest known as the elongate hemlock scale (EHS) has been found multiple times on fir wreaths, Christmas trees, baskets, and boughs sourced from eastern states. EHS is a threat to Wisconsin's Christmas trees, native hemlock, and balsam fir forests, and a quarantine rule has been proposed to prevent this pest from establishing in Wisconsin. Inspectors have also occasionally detected boxwood blight fungus and invasive bittersweet on wreaths, spongy moth egg masses on cut conifer trees, and dead spotted lanternflies on nursery stock.

"Since pests like EHS are not established in Wisconsin, the best way to prevent the establishment of these invasive pests is to make sure your tree or wreath was grown in a state without the pest," said DATCP Bureau of Plant Industry Director Brian Kuhn. "It is important to check material carefully before bringing it home as a variety of pests and diseases can travel on plant material."

To help protect Wisconsin's natural resources and Christmas tree industry, check trees and wreaths for pests. To identify EHS, look for discolored needles and small brown, scale insects under oblong coverings on the underside of the needles. If you suspect EHS or other invasive pests on fir wreaths or Christmas trees, please take a photo and report it to DATCP's pest hotline at (866) 440-7523 or datcppesthotline@wi.gov.

To learn more about EHS, visit https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/EHS.aspx and learn about other regulatory insects and diseases at http://plantpests.wi.gov.

Wisconsin is home to more than 375 licensed Christmas tree farms that sell trees, wreaths, garlands, and other décor. Choosing and cutting a live, fragrant tree every year is an ecofriendly way to support Wisconsin farmers while creating a fun family tradition. A list of cut-your-own and retail lots is available from the Wisconsin Christmas Tree Producers Association at https://www.christmastrees-wi.org/map/.

About DATCP's Bureau of Plant Industry

DATCP's Bureau of Plant Industry licenses approximately 2,000 nurseries and Christmas tree farms annually. The bureau works to control serious plant pests, diseases, and exotic species that threaten Wisconsin's crops, forests, and plant communities.

Wisconsin sees 10% increase in overdose deaths

By Robert Chappell
Reprint from Maddison365

Drug overdose deaths increased by about 10 percent in Wisconsin between 2020 and 2021, well ahead of the national increase of four percent – both likely driven by the pandemic, analysts say.

Wisconsin's 1,754 overdose deaths from April 2020 to April 2021 represented a 10 percent increase from the same period one year earlier.

As with many impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, the pandemic accelerated an existing trend.

"Drug-related overdose deaths have been increasing steadily ever since 2015. But in the last two years, they have skyrocketed," said Nick VinZant, Senior Research Analyst at QuoteWizard by LendingTree, the firm that published the data from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

It's not clear in the CDC data whether the increase is attributable to new drug use, an increase in frequency of use or some other factor.

Evangeline Suquet, Behavioral Health Division Director for the Ho-Chunk Nation, says the increase in fatalities is likely related to an increase in relapses during the early days of the pandemic.

"We, as a tribal nation, believe it is related to the ruralness, not only the ruralness, but the stay-at-home order. So people had a lot of time on their hands, and opted to use as opposed to doing something more constructive," Suquet said.

Isolated and disconnected from their support systems, addicts in recovery slipped into old habits.

"We had some longtime community members who had remained abstinent because they were involved in a very structured protocol in order to maintain their sobriety," Suquet said. "When the pandemic hit many of those began with marijuana, and then began to use what they had been previously using."

Suquet also noted opiates like heroin now sometimes contain additional drugs like fentanyl, which is more deadly.

Suquet said the Ho-Chunk Nation has addressed the issue by hiring six peer support specialists – themselves recovering addicts who are available evenings and weekends to provide support.

"They are out in the community on the ground, in the areas where the addition is happening. And I think that's the important piece. Because that assistance after hours is historically when people need someone to talk to them," Suquet said.

Suquet also emphasized the need for community-wide outreach and education.

"I'm not trying to say everyone has a heroin user in their household, but there are a number of families out there struggling with the heroin addict," she said. "And so I began … to sort of push this importance of education because of the stay-at-home order. People had a lot of time on their hands and didn't always make the best choices."

Openness and honesty about addiction can go a long way, VinZant said. Nine states actually saw a decrease in overdose deaths in 2021.

"I think one of the big things is that what they did that really had an impact was to raise awareness about how big of an issue that this has become," he said. "Acknowledging is a big first step."

HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT,

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
PHILLIP A BRENNWOOD

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Notice of Hearing on Petition for Probate

Case No. PR 22-07

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. A *Petition for Probate* was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 5-26-1952 and date of death MAY 30th, 2022 was domiciled in HENNEPEN County, State of MINNESOTA, with a mailing address of 375 PENN AVE N MINNEAPOLIS MN 55405.
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 JoAnn Jones, on (Date) December 20 2022 at (Time) 10:00am.

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
Mary Thunder
Name Printed or Typed
10/10/22
Date

Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board Notice

Election Board Meeting/WebEx

Friday, December 2, 2022 at 9:00 am

Lower B/H

HCG – Wisconsin Dells, WI

The public will be allowed to observe through WebEx.

Posted 10/20/22

HO-CHUNK NATION GAMING COMMISSION

NOTICE

Change of Date:

HO-CHUNK NATION GAMING COMMISSION

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Date: November 28, 2022

Time: 10:00 AM

Location/Facility: Teejop Hocira- Madison

Room: Executive Conference Room

For more information contact the Gaming Commission (715) 284-7474 • Ext. 11051

Posted 11/14/2022

MEETING NOTICE

Trust & Investment Committee

Regular Monthly Meeting

~~Thursday, November 17th~~
Rescheduled to December 1st

4:30pm – 6:30pm
WEBEX

Ho-Chunk Nation
Cisco/WebEx Conference Call

For call-in Information, email:
Samie.Overboe@ho-chunk.com
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Proposed 2022 Wolf Management Plan Available Now

Public Comment Period Nov. 10, 2022-Jan. 10, 2023

MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) today released a draft of the updated Wolf Management Plan for public review and comment. This management plan lays out a holistic approach to ensuring the state's wolf population remains healthy and secure while balancing the public's diverse interests.

The DNR is holding a 60-day public review and comment period, during which the public can offer feedback on the draft plan. The 60-day period starts today and ends on Jan. 10, 2023. The draft plan and instructions for giving feedback can be found on the DNR's Wolf Management Plan webpage.

"The proposed draft Wolf Management Plan reflects the detailed and significant work done by DNR staff to ensure the health and stability of Wisconsin's wolf population. Input from diverse and varied stakeholders was critical to the development of this proposal," said Wisconsin DNR Secretary Preston D. Cole. "I encourage the public to review and provide robust, meaningful feedback on the plan to the DNR. Because this is such an important issue for all of Wisconsin, we are providing an extended 60-day review period to offer all interested parties the opportunity to digest, reflect and provide feedback on the draft Wolf Management Plan."

The proposed plan was developed in consideration of many factors, including public input, consultations with Wisconsin's tribal nations, scientific literature reviews, a study on current public attitudes towards wolves and potential outcomes of various management decisions.

The draft plan aims to effectively balance the tradeoffs between three main objectives:

- Ensuring a healthy and sustainable wolf population to fulfill its ecological role.
- Addressing and reducing wolf-related conflicts.
- Providing multiple benefits associated with the wolf population, including hunting, trapping and sightseeing.

In addition, the draft plan details proposals to increase public understanding of wolves, identify important scientific research to be conducted and outline steps to ensure collaboration on science-based wolf management in Wisconsin.

More details about the plan's objectives and metrics for evaluation are described in the implementation section of the management plan. The descriptions and metrics provided give a clearer understanding of the intent behind each objective, how the DNR plans to measure it and what conditions constitute satisfactory progress toward the objective.

What's Staying The Same?

The draft plan provides that DNR staff will continue to monitor wolves each year and address wolf-related conflict (consistent with current law). The DNR will continue supporting and conducting scientific research and science-based decision-making. Collaboration with other agencies, tribal nations, stakeholder groups and the public on items of mutual importance remains a department priority.

What's Changing?

The plan proposes several changes to align the DNR's wolf management strategy with the current state of the wolf population, the available science and the perspectives of a diverse public, such as:

- Moving away from a single numeric population goal and instead using an adaptive management process focused on balancing the three main objectives (above).
- Reducing harvest registration times and issuing zone-specific wolf harvest permits to improve the department's ability to effectively meet harvest quotas.
- Adding mechanisms to address localized concerns, including wolf harvest concerns near tribal reservation boundaries and focused wolf harvest in areas with a history of wolf-livestock conflict.
- Revising wolf management zone boundaries to better reflect current wolf distribution and habitat.

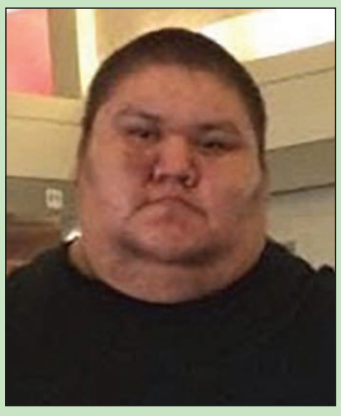
The public is encouraged to review the updated plan in detail to learn more.

Randall A. White Eagle

July 9, 1981 ~ November 18, 2022 (age 41)

Randall A. White Eagle "Maaxihogiwiga", age 41, of Wisconsin Rapids, passed away peacefully Friday, November 18, 2022 at Aspirus Wausau Hospital surrounded by family.

Commitment services will be at 11:00 A.M. on Monday, November 21, 2022 at the Cex Haci Community Building in Nekoosa. Wilfrid Cleveland will officiate. Visitation will be from 9:00 A.M. until the time of services on Monday at the community building.



Burial will be at Spring Grove Cemetery in Wisconsin Dells where his family members lay peacefully.

Randy was born July 9, 1981 in Wisconsin Rapids to Daniel and Marilyn (Roy) White Eagle II.

He had several different jobs with the Ho-Chunk Nation over the years, including working at Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa as a blackjack dealer and worked in surveillance, as he enjoyed that job.

Randy was one of the funniest guys you would ever meet, even in serious situations. He always had a good story to tell, along with plenty of jokes, to keep family and friends comfortable. He was a Packers, Bucks, and Brewers fan. He was also a fan of the San Antonio Spurs. He took Mario Kart 64 very seriously. He also loved watching MMA and UFC fighting, Jeopardy, was a big fan of the Property Brothers show. He loved Christmas music and would listen to it all year long for relaxation. Randy would love to cruise around with family members, taking back roads to enjoy the weather.

Randy is survived by his mother, Marilyn White Eagle; siblings: Maurice (Ann) White Eagle, Bonita Roy, Cameron (fiancé Sarah) White Eagle, Anson (Sarah) White Eagle, Curtis (Sheila) White Eagle; and many extended brothers and sisters, sons and daughters, nieces and nephews, and grandchildren. Randy raised Jayce, Jared, Justine, Ellyn, and Nigel as his own children. He is preceded in death by his father, Daniel White Eagle II and his brother, Daniel White Eagle III.

Herman-Taylor Funeral Home, Wisconsin Rapids, is honored to be assisting the White Eagle family.

HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT,

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
George A. Stacy

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Notice to Creditors

Case No. PR 22-04

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Notice to Newspaper and Personal Representative:

The personal representative is responsible for providing the deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate to all known or reasonably ascertainable creditors.

This notice shall be published for three (3) consecutive issues; the first publication date must be within 15 days from the date underneath the Clerk of Court's signature.

Here is the language that should be published in the newspaper:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF: George A. Stacy
A *Petition for Probate* was filed in the Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court. You have 90 days from the date of the first publication of this notice to present your claims to the personal representative, George O. Stacy, or the Clerk of Court at P.O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The deadline for filing claims is January 23, 2023
Only those claims so presented may be paid from the estate.

Mary Thunder
Clerk of Court
Mary Thunder
Name Printed or Typed
10/25/22
Date

Form completed by (Name) George O. Stacy
Address PO Box 302
Black River Falls, WI 54615
Telephone 715-896-6267
Bar Number (if any)

PR14, 04/18 Notice to Creditors
§8 HCC 13 HO-CHUNK NATION PROBATE CODE
This form shall not be modified. It may be supplemented with additional material.

Florine Bonnie Decorah-Johnson

October 30, 1947 – November 20, 2022

Florine Bonnie Johnson, age 75, of Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin walked on Sunday, November 20, 2022.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, November 23, 2022, at 12:00 Noon at the Native American Church in Wisconsin Dells with Stuart Lonetree officiating. Burial will be at Spring Grove Cemetery in Wisconsin Dells, WI. Visitation will be held at the Native American Church on Tuesday, Nov 22, beginning at 3:00 p.m.

Florine was born October 30, 1947, in Black River Falls, the daughter of John and Mabe (Eagle) Decorah. Florine was avid with beading and craft making. She enjoyed following the Green-Bay Packers, Badgers and local sports teams. She was very proud of her grandsons. She loved going out to eat and sightseeing.

Florine is survived by her husband, Donald; sons, David and Joseph and 2 grandsons, Jaret Decorah and Monte Shegonee. She is further survived by her brothers, Jonathan (Sharon) Whitebear and Gerald Kines. She is preceded in death by her parents; sister, Emmaline Thomas and brother, Norman Thomas.

SERVICES
Funeral Service
Wednesday, November 23, 2022
12:00 PM
Native American Church
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Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965

Visitation will be held at the Native American Church on Tuesday, Nov 22, beginning at 3:00 PM.

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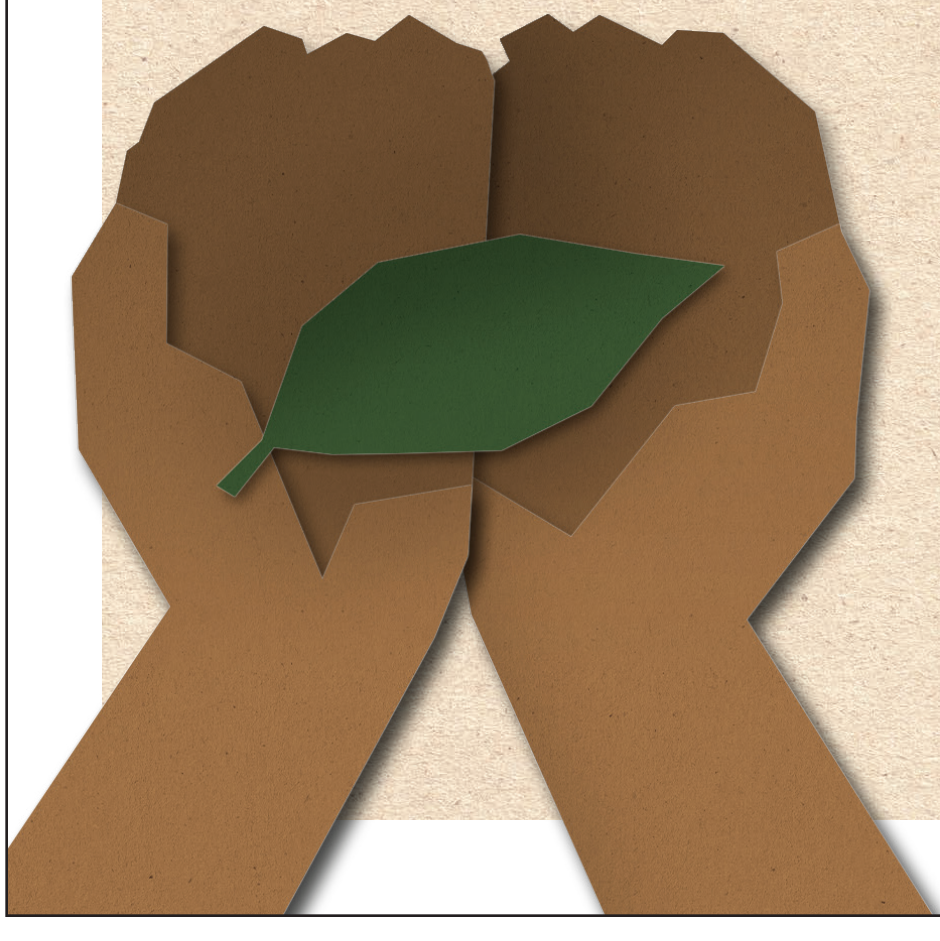

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Teejop & Beyond: Celebrating Native Nations of the Great Lakes

OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2022

Teejop & Beyond at Madison Public Library welcomes a variety of Native artists, storytellers, and community leaders for a series of programs celebrating Indigenous people in and beyond Teejop (Four Lakes, or Madison). Native presenters from different nations will lead programs highlighting both traditional and contemporary practices, stories, and community relationships.

Upcoming Events:

Storytime - The Medicine Dress

Dec 3, 11AM-12PM | Hawthorne Library

Come and join Ho-Chunk storyteller Andi Cloud as she shares the story of The Medicine Dress, also known as the Jingle Dress. Andi will also discuss pow-wows, pow-wow etiquette, styles of dance, and how to find pow-wows in Wisconsin and Midwest.

Beadwork 101

Dec 10, 2-4PM | Goodman South Madison Library

Beadwork is a traditional Indigenous craft that varies in style across tribes. Last year's Storyteller-in-Residence Andi Cloud will share some of the methods she's learned and help you get started by beading a mini medallion. All supplies provided.

MADISON PUBLIC LIBRARY

HO-CHUNK GAMING MADISON

Registration Required. Register online:
madpl.org/teejopandbeyond

HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE REGULAR MEETING TRIBAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI NOVEMBER 8, 2022

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

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

VC- Video Conference

Determination of Quorum: Quorum is established at 10:02 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. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Legislative Meeting- November 1, 2022

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the November 1, 2022 Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

Commission Reports:

Gaming Commission Report

Gaming Commissioner Toni Blackdeer was present via video conference and gave a brief update.

Reports:

Tribal Enrollment Numbers- *Enrollment Office reports the first Legislative Meeting of every month-**TABLE***

HHCDA Report

MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to TABLE the HHCDA Report until later in the meeting when Executive Director Neil Whitegull is present. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

Executive Branch Monthly Reports:

Department of Heritage Preservation

Note: The last report the Executive Director of Heritage Preservation gave was at the July 12, 2022 Legislative Meeting.

Executive Director of Heritage Preservation Samson Falcon was present via video conference and gave a detailed overview of the Heritage Preservation Department. A written report was received.

Revisit:

MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to revisit HHCDA Report. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

HHCDA

Executive Director of HHCDA Neil Whitegull was present via video conference and gave an update on the COVID Response Programs still available. A written report was received.

Department of Justice

Attorney General Scott Seifert was present via video conference and gave a brief update. On November 21, 2022 Department of Justice will be holding interviews to fill the Chief of Police position. A written report was received.

Rep. Stephanie Begay asked what current grants the Police Department receives. The Attorney General said there is an exhaustive list of grants, he will ask them to create a list of exactly how many they have and what the grants cover. Rep. Begay also asked what the responsibilities of the Police Department currently is. Attorney General Seifert said they are patrolling, assisting other Police Departments, answering calls and follow-up, evidence processing, and motorized patrol. There are four officers and support staff.

Department of Natural Resources

Note: The last report the Executive Director of DNR gave was at the June 14, 2022 Legislative Meeting

Executive Director of Department of Natural Resources Tina Brown was present via video conference to take any questions. No written report was received.

Department of Treasury

Finance Director Jeriah Rave was present via video conference and gave the Treasury update. A written report was received.

Rep. Kristin White Eagle asked if he was aware of the Trust and Investment Committee actions.

Jeriah Rave said there was a Trust and Investment meeting last Friday at Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells and he has not seen any of the minutes from last meeting and cannot provide any information on the meeting. He also believed this was a monthly open meeting.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to accept the Trust & Investment Committee's formal recommendation to authorize the rebalancing of $300,000 from Madison Investment (Reinhart) Active Intermediate Fixed Income into the Vanguard Total Stock Market Index Fund and to allow the authorized Legislators to sign. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**. *Rep. Phyllis Smoke was out of the room during the vote*.

Note: Rep. White Eagle requested the Clerk to add to the record the portion of the Trust and Investment Committee Meeting minutes that pertain to the motion just made. Additionally Mr. Rave said that he can provide a draft copy of the Trust and Investment Committee meeting minutes from last Friday, as these meetings are open to the public. Mr. Rave mentioned that he would also forward today's minutes to the Treasurer so that she is aware.

There was a concern regarding voluntary withholdings from the General Welfare payments, and could it be used for rent. What is the policy, ordinance or law regarding taking money out of the $800 monthly payment? The Vice President mentioned the General Welfare payments started with everyone getting the full amount, and then it was changed to take out child support. It is mandated by law so Treasury could take that payment out.

Mr. Rave commented that any Tribal Member who would like a voluntary wage assignment can come to Treasury, if wage assignment is within the Nation. The General Welfare payments are for the direct health and welfare of the Tribal Members.

President WhiteEagle commented that the deductions that Treasury is allowing through payroll and General Welfare payments. Internal vendors within the Nation can use a voluntary wage assignment. For any external vendors, the automatic deduction from the General Welfare payments are not allowed. Contact the Treasury Department and they can clarify which ones are. It's the policy of the Treasury Department.

Travel Policy Update

Vice President Karena Thundercloud mentioned she had sent a memo to the Treasurer and the President questioning some of the standards set in the Travel

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December Elders Birthdays

1. Carol Ann Calkins
   Alexander Gourd
   Jeanette Lieb
2. Beth Anacker
   James Ferguson
   Jerry Lewis Park
   Eliot Littlejohn
4. Gene Cloud, Sr.
   Ricky Hunt
   Melody Whiteagle Fintak
5. Katherine Burgess
   Terrance Conery
   Gloria Perez
   Patrick Red Eagle
   Sharon Thompson
   Shelley Thundercloud
6. Andrew Delarosa
   Rose Marie Funmaker
7. Debra Baublit
   Gordon Fitzpatrick III
   Mark Taylor
8. Debra Bundy
   Sandrea Radtke
   Margaret Showers
9. Nina Garvin
   William Hall
   Maribeth Jones
   Patricia Logan
   Linda Revels
   Rosemary Thundercloud
10. Marilyn Hilling
    Kathlyn Hodge
    Valerie Kempen
    Russell Poulton
11. Eileen Blackdeer
    Joycelyn Buchanan
    Howard Ryan
12. Anthony Green
    Steven Kearnes, Sr.
    Virzena Kofol
    Chloris Lowe, Sr.
    Byron Steele
    Charles Yellowthunder
    Ruth Yellowthunder
13. Darlyn Banuelos
    Rosemarie Davison
    James Day
    Lorenzo Funmaker
    Movita Rodriguez
14. Douglas De Cora
    Donald Deere
    Carl Owen
15. Donald Barta
    Susan Greengrass
    Angelina Liazuk
    Lisa Nichols
    Amelia Ortiz
16. Steven Link
    Aleta Yellow Thunder
17. Joseph Keenan
    Clayton Winneshiek
18. Jean Climer
    Gloria Visintin
19. John Denny
    Gregory Lonetree
    Charles Smith
21. Albert Carrimon
    Sybil Grey Owl
22. Ollie Heth
    Lawrence La Mere
23. Levi Blackdeer
    Cornelius De Cora
    Carole Laustrup
    Ronald Nichols
    Kenneth Twin
    Susan Twinbear
24. Christina La Mere
25. Ronald Anwash
    Meredith Decorah
    James Hellerud
    Crystal Pettibone
    Mary Taylor
26. Christopher Keenan
27. Joy Lightstorming
28. Frank Big Soldier
29. Audrey Beverly Conner
    Sharyn Buchanan
    Eric Thundercloud
    Gwendolyn Whitegull
30. Frank Dikeman
    Willa Redcloud
31. John Holst
    Kimberly Waukau
    Anita Whiteeagle Winneshiek

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policy that have been put in effect. The Vice President is looking for a DOJ review, as some of the steps outlined in the Travel Policy are directly against the Finance Ordinance. What is being done about it? Mr. Rave said Treasury is looking at Vice President's memorandum and other issues for consideration and will make applicable changes. They will be completed for review soon.

Unfinished Business:

Office of General Council Report

The last written report received from the Office of General Council was July 19, 2022.
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.

No Representation. No report was received.

Kiijire Nagu

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to STRIKE Kiijire Nagu from the agenda. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

Consideration of Quick Passage to the Employment Relations Act Regarding Second Jobs within the Nation
Resolution-Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Employment Relations Act Regarding Second Jobs within the Nation

Business Analyst Scott Marecek mentioned he spoke with the Executive Director of Business Laurette Pettibone and she agrees this is a benefit for the C-Stores and the larger businesses. The Nation is putting its employees to seek outside of the Nation for a second job. With this amendment it will keep employees here within the Nation. This will also help with housekeeping, food and beverage, and for call-ins.

MOTION by Rep. George Stacy to TABLE Consideration of Quick Passage to the Employment Relations Act Regarding Second Jobs within the Nation and Resolution-Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Employment Relations Act Regarding Second Jobs within the Nation. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. MOTION IS AMENDED to STRIKE until the proper research has been completed and to place back on the agenda when it has been completed. Second concurs. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

New Business:

Tribal Consultation with U.S. Treasury, TGWEA

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to register Legislators and/or relevant staff for any and all upcoming US Treasury consultations occurring in December 2022 regarding the Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act and the TTAC report and to authorize our Legislative Counsel and Legislature to work with outside counsel in preparing both oral and formal written comments and testimony and to assign one Legislator to give our testimony. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.
Rep. Stephanie Begay is out of the room at 11:22 a.m.

Economic Diversification Coordinator NEW Job Description

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to approve the Economic Diversification Coordinator New Job Description. Second by Rep. Danielle DeLong. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

Economic Diversification Officer NEW Job Description

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to approve the Economic Diversification Officer New Job Description. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

Retail Associate REVISED Job Description

MOTION by Rep. George Stacy to approve Retail Associate Revised Job Description. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

Rep. Stephanie Begay returns to the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

Shift Leader REVISED Job Description

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to approve the Shift Leader Revised Job Description. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-1(Rep. Darren Brinegar) **MOTION CARRIED**. *Rep. Darren Brinegar abstained due to this position being held by his son*.

President Marlon WhiteEagle is out of the room at 11:43 a.m. Vice President Thundercloud continues to chair the meeting.

Tutor Specialist NEW Job Description
Tutor Services Division Manager NEW Job Description

Data Analyst Mandy Youngthunder was present via video conference to present the two job descriptions. With the two positions, it will create a Tutor Services Division in the Education Department. The Tutor Services Division Manager will supervise a team of 18 tutor specialists.
The 18 Tutors Specialists will be assigned to the Youth Center in Black River Falls, Tomah, La Crosse, Wisconsin Dells, Madison, Milwaukee, Green Bay, Nekoosa, St. Paul, Wittenberg, and two remote tutors.

MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to TABLE the Tutor Specialist and Tutor Services Division Manager New Job Descriptions, and request an implementation and program plan for these two positions from the Department of Education. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

Dr. Marcus Lewis asked if there is a template the Legislators would like them to use for implementation planning that exists or if this something Education can create. Is there a bulleted list that could be sent in an email that will hit what Rep. Brinegar is looking for? Rep. Brinegar will work with the Education Department on this.

Resolution-Authorization for the Departments of Health and Social Services to Receive Annual Funding Allocations from the Wisconsin State Department of Health Services

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt ***Resolution 11-08-22 A,*** Authorization for the Departments of Health and Social Services to Receive Annual Funding Allocations from the Wisconsin State Department of Health Services. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

Recess:

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to recess for lunch until 12:20 p.m. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:49 a.m.

Call to Order: Vice President Karena Thundercloud called the meeting to order at 12:21 p.m.

Roll Call:
President Marlon WhiteEagle-VC (12:22 p.m.)
Vice President Karena Thundercloud-P
Rep. George Stacy-VC
Rep. Phyllis Smoke-VC
Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr.-EX
Rep. Stephanie Begay-P
Rep. Kristin White Eagle-P
Rep. Darren Brinegar-VC
Rep. Shelby Visintin-VC
Rep. Sarah Lemieux-VC
Rep. Danielle DeLong-VC
Rep. Robert Pilot-VC
Rep. Paul Fox-VC
Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah-VC

VC- Video Conference

Determination of Quorum: Quorum is established at 12:22 p.m.

Resolution-Appointment of Phyllis Smoke, Legislative Representative to the Wazee Wastewater Commission

MOTION by Rep. George Stacy to adopt ***Resolution 11-08-22 B***, Appointment of Phyllis Smoke, Legislative Representative, to the Wazee Wastewater Commission. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-1(Rep. Phyllis Smoke) **MOTION CARRIED**.

Resolution-Acceptance of Ho-Chunk Housing & Community Development Agency Indian Housing Plan for Fiscal Year 2023

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to adopt ***Resolution 11-08-22 C***, Acceptance of Ho-Chunk Housing & Community Development Agency Indian Housing Plan for Fiscal Year 2023. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

Resolution-Memorandum of Understanding with the Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency for Heating Assistance

Rep. Darren Brinegar mentioned the Legislature had set aside funds in the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Budget for heating assistance for a total of 2.5 Million for the Tribal Membership. The criteria will be for those who are about to be disconnected or currently disconnected will be taken care of first. There will be help for approximately 3269 households with heating assistance this winter. HHCDA staff will be processing the payments. Thank you to Mr. Whitegull and the staff at HHCDA, during the pandemic they took on a lot of responsibilities processing the various COVID payments, and their continued hard work.

MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to adopt ***Resolution 11-08-22 D***, Resolution-Memorandum of Understanding with the Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency for Heating Assistance. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

Resolution-Increase to Memorial Marker/Headstone Assistance

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt ***Resolution 11-08-22 E***, Increase to Memorial Marker/Headstone Assistance. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

Resolution-Establishment of Restricted Account for the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt ***Resolution 11-08-22 F***, Establishment of Restricted Account for the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

Resolution-Establishment of Cannabis Workgroup

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt ***Resolution 11-08-22 G***, Establishment of Cannabis Workgroup and add Department of Justice as an invited department. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

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

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox 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. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. joined the Executive Session meeting via video conference at 12:44 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to move to Open Session. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

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

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adjourn the Legislative Meeting to November 15, 2022 at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 1:17 p.m.

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