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Kaili Berg
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Twelve Clans Holds 2022 Annual Meeting



Kaili Berg
On Saturday, December 3, Twelve Clans held their Annual shareholder Meeting at Ho-Chunk Gaming, Wisconsin Dells. Twelve Clans, Inc. is chartered as a Section 17 corporation of Ho-Chunk Nation. The company's governance is managed by an appointed board of directors with participation by Owner's Representatives. Quarterly reporting occurs to the legislature of Ho-

Chunk Nation. Incumbent Directors Eric Trervan (Chairman), Susan Waukon (Vice Chairman), and Joseph Brown Thunder (CEO of Buffalo Nickel Creative) were present. As the sovereign wealth fund of the Ho-Chunk Nation, Twelve Clans, Inc. provides diversified business and investment resources for the future development of the Nation. The purpose of the meeting was to share the current

status and accomplishments of Twelve Clans, Inc. for the past fiscal year and transact any other business. "I think the meeting went well compared to last year. It is unfortunate we did not get to 60 people that we needed for quorum," said Susan Waukon, Vice Chairman. "I am excited about the growth opportunity. We have done some good things and changed the investment policies to move away from passive investments and go into areas like government contracting and land development. They already created Twelves Clans Gaming and Development LLC to
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Letter from the President

Season's greetings.

December has just begun, but we are already a third of the way through it.

Time flies when you are having fun.

Last week, I was able to help my niece, Myrtle Long, celebrate her birthday at the Tribal Office Building. I was asked to read the cards.

One of my brothers remembered our dad, Morgan White Eagle, and how he used to share when he was asked to pray or talk at certain functions or gatherings.

He emphasized the blessings that were shared with him, to let us know we are blessed and to remind us to be thankful to God for all we have and do.

In that same vein, I let you know I was the card reader and remembered my relatives, and more so, my close relatives.

This time of the year, at least for me, brings about reflection on another trip around the sun.

This is the fourth and final year of my 4-year term as president, and I reflect on my own time, but also my time as president of our great nation.

I feel I've come a long way, personally, and professionally.

Over the last four years, I've grown as a person. I feel I understand leadership a little better now. I also feel I understand responsibility better now too.

Over the next 6 months, I plan to write letters to the next president about what to expect in the position as president of the Ho-Chunk Nation.

I only hope my insight is helpful and provides a little guidance to the leader of our people.

So that is the intent of my writings. I will dedicate the latter issue, or the even numbered issues of the Hocak Worak, to sharing reflections on how to navigate the office of the president.

So let your candidate know to review the first 6 months of 2023 on what to expect as they serve in this position.

For myself, I still haven't completely ruled out running for a second term.

Despite social media rants and raves, we have very capable and diligent executive staff doing honest work for us.

Coming into the office, I heard about the nation planned to use Infor Lawson and transition away from the AS400 for our accounting platform system.

The Infor Lawson system was purchased during the Greendeer administration. It made it all the way through the Cleveland administration with not much accomplished to implement the multi-million dollar investment.

I am proud to say that my administration dragged the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) suite across the finish line, and is now working to add useful modules to make it even more efficient.

This was no small feat, as it took a lot of hours of planning, teamwork, sacrifice, and hard work to do.

That alone is something my administration can hang its hat on.

Moreover, we did all that during a worldwide pandemic.

I cannot say enough about how our Department of Health, specifically our Executive Director Kiana Beaudin, handled all the health concerns throughout the pandemic.

It's a lot to understand the health threats, what best action to take, how to roll out vaccines, how to treat through isolation, etc., but they did a great job of getting us through it all.

It really was a matter of life or death, in some, if not all, cases.

Our Emergency Management Coordinator, both our former, Amanda Richmond, and current, Kevin Scholtze, also played a great role in getting us through the COVID-19 pandemic.

Without this leadership, things may have not turned out the same.

Lastly, let me hit on how our tribal mindset transitioned from an expense tracking one, to one that invests in ourselves.

Why invest in ourselves? Because we are worth it.

For the last decade or two, I distinctly remember our Information Technology (IT) team requesting capital projects for annual budget appropriations to no avail.

Our IT is the brains and wiring of what we do as a tribal government organization, yet we previously viewed these requests as a want, and not a need.

Along the same vein as running the AS400 as long as we

did, we let our IT needs deteriorate.

We resisted change. We resisted improvement. We resisted investing in ourselves.

With both our CARES and ARPA funding, we invested greatly into our IT systems to bring us up to speed and make some improvements within our tribal government operations.

This investment is an example of how we switched that financial mindset to what I hope continues to flourish and grow.

I feel the executive branch, all of our executive departments, is doing well and prospering.

In closing, early on in my role as president, I got to sit with Governor Evers at a Milwaukee Brewers game.

It was part of some donation to a political organization prior to me even being elected.

We talked about family, baseball, and both recently winning our perspective elected seats.

I jokingly said, "if you run for a second term, I will do the same. Then we'll have served roughly at the same time."

Well, Governor Evers ran and won a second term.

This unofficial pact weighs on my mind.



President WhiteEagle poses for a photo with First Lady Kathy Evers, Governor Evers, and Lieutenant Governor-elect Sara Rodriguez after the State Capital's Christmas tree lighting event. Wisconsin Dells singers and dancers performed in the holiday program.

Fake Legislature Facebook Page Removed

Submitted by Ryan Greendeer, Public Relations Officer, Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature

A social media page purporting itself to be a satire page of the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature has been found in violation of the Facebook terms of service and removed. Satire is the use of irony, sarcasm, ridicule, or the like, to expose, denounce, or deride the folly or corruption of institutions, people, or social structures according to dictionary.com. By definition then, a satirical work would use completely original work to illustrate a shortcoming. South Park episodes are a prime example of satire.

The U.S. and Ho-Chunk Nation constitutions protect free speech under the bill of

rights. The Supreme Court of the United States upheld the use of parody and satire; that a parody, which no reasonable person expected to be true, was protected free speech.

The fake Facebook page disseminated false information regarding elected officials to tribal members and shined a false light on the real Legislature, exceeding the limits of free speech and violating Facebook's terms of service. The authentic Facebook page for the Legislature now contains a banner reading, "This is an official page of the Ho-Chunk Nation." The Legislature uses a process to validate and promote objectivity with information being posted. That process helps ensure integrity of the posts and promotes trust with tribal members.

"I would never advise my client that a satire tag is a free pass to pose as a legitimate body of government and post

disinformation," says Attorney Michael Murphy.

Tribal members are always encouraged to obtain informa-

tion from authentic sources and verify that information before passing it along.

Letter to Hocak Worak

Heartfelt Pinagigi to my brother Gordon for the birthday meal for me, with our family on Sunday, 11/27/22; I enjoyed every minute.

Thank you to my daughter Manda Mann and her helpers, my son Jon Greendeer – the MC – and for his sincere prayer; and the Little Thunder drum for their good music – appreciated being with my relatives and friends, thank you very much for your expressions of love with cards and gifts. I pray Mauna to bless you and yours in every way.

Sincerely,

Hingewi / Myrtle Long

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cial, men's woodland special,
and a moccasin tournament
were featured in the day's ac-
tivities.

Dylan Prescott emceed the
event and Joe WhiteEagle was
the arena director. Bear Heart
was host drum of the event.



HHCDA Offers Heating Assistance

Ardith Van Riper
Editor

The Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency (HHCDA) offers up to \$650 in heating assistance to tribal members in all areas. An application can be found online or requested by calling (608) 374-1245 and asking for the COVID-19 Programs

Specialist.

The heating assistance can be used once per household. Tribal members must show proof of residence at the address of the bill being paid and can be split between primary heat utility or electric bill. The heating assistance can be used if heat is included in the rent.

HHCDA will send pay-

ments in four to six weeks. Priority goes to households currently disconnected from heat or electricity and then to homes in the process of being disconnected. Assistance is available on a first-come first-serve basis until all funds have been spent.

The HCN Response to COVID-19 Heating Assistance Program Application 2022

asks household questions. Applicants must submit a copy of their tribal identification or Ho-Chunk Nation proof of membership and the heating or electric bill. The tribal identification can be an ID that is expired. If applicable, applicants must submit a copy of the disconnect notice.

HHCDA offers multiple ways to submit the completed

application and accompanying required documents. They can email Covid19chaps@ho-chunk.com, fax (608) 374-1270 or (608) 374-1251, mail to HHCDA, PO Box 730, Tomah, WI 54660, or hand deliver to 1116 East Monowau Street, Tomah, WI 54660.



Attention: The Next Deadline of the Hocak Worak will be December 16th which will be published on December 23th. 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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Elite Elder Celebrates 85 Years

Ardith Van Riper
Editor

On Monday, November 28, a birthday celebration and recognition took place in honor of Myrtle Long in the atrium of the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls. Former Ho-Chunk Nation President Jon Greendeer emceed the festivities, and the Little Thunder Drum was on hand to render songs. Myrtle Long turned 85 years old.

A blanket was gifted to Myrtle Long, and she spoke her appreciation. Then, she gave the blanket to her brother Gordon Thunder.

Words were expressed on her accomplishments and how she continues to mentor and be a resourceful Clan Mother. Jon Greendeer mentioned how respectful and respected

Myrtle Long is. Manda Mann organized the festivities. Volunteer cooks served a luncheon in the caf-

eteria. All those in attendance were welcome to eat.

Lance Long sang a birthday song, and Ho-Chunk Nation

President Marlon White Eagle read the cards and presented the birthday gifts. Gordon Thunder spoke after lunch.

The Little Thunder drum sang a thank you for the food song.



NAJA continues consultation on name change by unveiling new logo

The Native American Journalists Association (NAJA) unveiled a new logo concept during a membership luncheon meeting at the 2022 National Native Media Conference in Phoenix Arizona on Aug. 25.

Although the name change isn't yet official, the presentation of a new logo concept comes after more than two years of board discussions and consultation with membership.

"It was very exciting to present the new logo concept to members in-person because the idea of changing the name to 'Indigenous Journalists Association' has been talked about since before I became a board member," NAJA Board President Francine Compton said.

In order to change the organization's legal name, a majority of the voting NAJA membership must vote in fa-

vor of the name change question, which will be included on the 2023 election ballot.

NAJA first introduced the potential name change to Indigenous Journalists Association in 2021 by surveying membership. The survey launched on Feb. 28 and was open for 31 days. An open consultation meeting with members was held during the survey period in virtual Q & A on March 18. Attempting to reach all members and further understand their view on the name change, another survey was launched this year on Oct. 20. These surveys will help NAJA guide the process should the majority of members be supportive of the change.

Prior to membership consultation, NAJA started using "Indigenous" for program and partnership language in 2020 with the launch of the Indigenous Voice Fund and in

2021 with the Indigenous Investigative Collective. NAJA also partnered with the Global Investigative Journalism

Network on a guide for Indigenous investigative journalism in 2019.

Once a new name is of-

ficially adopted, NAJA will update all corresponding language in the bylaws and policies to reflect the rebranding.



Ho-Chunk Nation
Food Distribution Program Information

COUNTIES THAT WE SERVE:

Eau Claire	Trempealeau	Clark	Jackson
Marathon	Wood	Portage	Shawano
LaCrosse	Marathon	Juneau	Adams
Vernon	Sauk	Columbia	Dane

TAILGATES:

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

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Consumer Alert: Gift Cards Fraudulently Drained of Funds

MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) has recently received several complaints from consumers after they discovered their newly purchased, unused gift cards did not contain any funds. Many consumers reported that, despite there being no evidence

of tampering on the cards or packaging, they contained zero balance before ever being used. Some consumers reported their gift cards being depleted within 20 minutes of activation. Technology, such as bots, may be behind this fraud as there is a short window of time between gift card purchase and the depletion of

funds on the card. Bots are software applications that help perform digital tasks at high speeds. Criminals may use bots to automatically check retailers' online gift card balances and determine cards that have been activated. These bots can search thousands of card numbers per second and notify the criminal
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Ho-Chunk Nation Honors Pearl Harbor Day

Kaili Berg

On Wednesday, December 7, Little Thunder drum group gathered together to honor the 2,403 people whose lives were cut short at Pearl Harbor.

On this day, Japanese Imperial

forces attacked Pearl Harbor, officially bringing the US into World War II. Today we pause to remember the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice that day.



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8	Apr. 21	Apr. 28
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10	May 19	May 26
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12	Jun. 16	Jun. 23
13	Jul. 7	Jul. 14
14	Jul. 21	Jul. 28
15	Aug. 4	Aug. 11
16	Aug. 18	Aug. 25
17	Sept. 1	Sept. 8
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19	Oct. 6	Oct. 13
20	Oct. 20	Oct. 27
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22	Nov. 17	Nov. 24
23	Dec. 1	Dec. 8
24	Dec. 15	Dec. 22

* = early deadline due to holiday

NOTE: Submission deadlines are due by 4:30 PM. Please submit electronically to the email above. We cannot guarantee the publication of submissions meeting these deadlines if the space is not available. If you have any questions regarding this material or it is not received in its entirety, please contact us at the telephone number listed above. Thank you for your business.

Gov. Evers Kickstarts New \$2 Million Veteran Rental Assistance Program

Program will help address veteran housing insecurity and homelessness

MADISON — Gov. Tony Evers today announced the application period is now open for the new \$2 million Veterans Rental Assistance Program, as announced as part of the governor's \$10 million investment to support Wisconsin veterans. The program aims to address housing insecurity and homelessness among Wisconsin veterans and provide housing assistance statewide.

"The last thing our veterans should have to worry about is whether they can afford to keep a roof over their heads at night," said Gov. Evers. "We have to keep working to ensure our veterans have access to affordable housing, mental and behavioral health services, and the education and skills training they need to be successful in civilian life. I am glad these funds will be headed out the door to support folks across our state."

A recommendation from the Interagency Council on Homelessness' "Welcoming Wisconsin Home" report and the Governor's Blue Ribbon Commission on Veteran Opportunity, the

Veterans Rental Assistance Program will help veterans offset reoccurring housing emergencies and provide for long-term stability through help with past due and current rent payments and other living expenses.

"Our veterans deserve all the support we can give, and housing is one of the most basic needs to help individuals and families to find stability and get back on their feet," said Wisconsin Department of Administration (DOA) Secretary-designee Kathy Blumenfeld. "I'm proud that we're taking action on key recommendations to address the needs faced by Wisconsin's veterans."

Similar to the Wisconsin Emergency Rental Assistance Program, income eligibility will be up to 80 percent of the county median income. The program will be managed by the DOA's Division of Energy, Housing and Community Resources and is funded by the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

Applications and additional program information is available at vrapwi.com and 1-800-891-9276.

Keep safety in mind while celebrating the holidays

MADISON- While decking the halls with holiday cheer, make sure your festive decorations don't invite tragedy. ReadyWisconsin encourages you to keep fire safety in mind while celebrating this holiday season.

"Regardless of how you celebrate the holidays, it's important to protect yourself and loved ones from possible dangers," said Wisconsin Emergency Management Administrator Greg Engle. "Be aware of those risks as you get ready for the holidays and consider what to do in the event a fire does start."

Candles are a popular decoration to use during the winter holiday season to give a gentle glow, but they are also a popular reason firefighters may come to your home. U.S. fire departments responded to an average of 7,400 home fires that were started by candles between 2015-2019, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). Candle fires peak in December, followed by January.

Never leave a burning candle unattended and make sure they are kept at least 12 inches away from flammable materials. Never place candles where children or pets could accidentally knock them over. Instead of lighting real candles, consider using battery-operated flameless candles.

Fresh trees are often used in the home to create a festive atmosphere, but could be a major fire hazard if they are not properly placed or maintained. Live trees should be watered daily. It only takes a matter of seconds for a fire involving a dry, live tree to grow into a large blaze. Trees should also be displayed at least three feet away from heat sources, such as a heater or fireplace. Heat will dry out a tree and make it more combustible when exposed to open flames, heat or sparks.

Electrical distribution or lighting equipment was involved in almost half of home holiday tree fires. U.S. fire departments responded to an average of 160 home fires started by holiday trees each

year between 2015-2019, according to the NFPA. Nearly one in five of those fires were started by decorative lights.

Inspect holiday lights before decorating your tree and replace strands that have worn or broken cords or loose bulb

connections. Never link more than three light strands together, unless the directions indicate. *Continued on Page 9*

DHS Awarded \$45 Million to Support Public Health Workforce Development

Grant from U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to advance public health workforce development at state and local levels over next five years

Today, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) announced it has been awarded a \$45 million grant to assess the statewide public health system to help build a stronger public health workforce through retention, recruitment, and training efforts. The funding is part of \$3.2 billion being awarded from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control

and Prevention (CDC) to state, local, and territorial jurisdictions across the U.S. to support the public health workforce and infrastructure nationwide.

"Wisconsin's state, local, and tribal health departments are the backbone of the work being done all across our state to support healthy individuals, families, and communities," said Secre-

tary-designee Karen Timberlake. "We applaud the CDC for this investment into our state's public health infrastructure. This is a win not only for our public health workforce, but for every community that will benefit from enhanced capacity to work collaboratively to build stronger, safer, and healthier communities."

Norman Smith

July 28, 1939 - November 25, 2022

Norman Smith, age 83, passed away at the Black River Memorial Hospital on November 25, 2022.

Norman was born to Paul and Stella (Brown) Spear-smith in DeSoto, Wisconsin on July 28, 1939. He was raised between DeSoto and Wyeville and went to Tomah High School. After graduation, he went on to be an ironworker and did so for about 30 years. In 1973 he married Yvonne Redbird and they were together for 47 years until her passing in 2020.

Norman had a love for watching Nascar, so much that he collected anything Dale Earnhardt Sr. that he could find. He enjoyed both hunting and fishing, and going for rides with his wife, Yvonne, and looking at different animals. Above all, Norman loved his grandchildren more than anything and just spending time with them.

He is survived by his son, Daniel Smith; daughter, Yvette Smith-Brown; sis-

ter, Kate; many grandkids, nieces, and nephews.

Norman is preceded in death by his wife, Yvonne Smith; infant son, Norman Jr.; parents, Paul and Stella; brothers, Levi, Elgon, John, Everett, Earl, and Oliver; sisters, Sadie, and Sandy.

A visitation for Norman will take place November 28, 2022 at the Buswell Funeral Home from 10:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Directly following the visitation will be a burial at the Decorah Cemetery.

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



Sandra "Sandy" Smith

May 11, 1946 - November 21, 2022

Our dear mother Sandra "Sandy" Smith, HoChunk Water Clan, sadly Walked On November 21, 2022 at the age of 76 after a long and full life.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, November 26, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. at the Conway-Picha Funeral Home in Lyndon Station with Stuart Lonetree officiating. Visitation will be held at the funeral home on Saturday, November 26, 2022 beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Sandy was born in Wyeville, Wisconsin to Paul Spear Smith and Estella Brown on May 11, 1946. Our mother unfortunately was a resident at one of the Oregon boarding schools until the age of 18. Mother moved to Chicago which she stayed for years then moved to Black River Falls, Wisconsin then Duluth, Minnesota and finally laid roots in Wisconsin Dells,

Wisconsin. Mother enjoyed going to elder casino trips with the tribe and mostly going with her partner in crime her sister Kate Smith-Martin. She enjoyed music, especially listening to Freddie Fender, Dolly Parton and lastly Otis Redding. She enjoyed going to good Pow Wows and nice road trips with friends. Mother had a lot of stories of her and auntie's adventures in life.

Mother gave life to three children, eldest Tina Smith-Kelly of LaMarque, Texas, Christopher (Jayda) Bush of La Crosse, Wisconsin, and Carlos Marcus of Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin. She had 11 grandchildren: Amber (Donald) Kelly-James, Cedrick Kelly Jr., William Scott IV, Jayvawn Bush, Kilyauna Bush, Ezra Bush, Bently Bush, Rayangelo Marcus, Lailani Marcus, Aiyaunna Marcus, and Makylah Marcus; and 6 great-grandchild-



dren Sebastian James, Zoe James, Alexandria James, King James, William Scott V and Breille Scott. Sandy has two siblings Norman Smith of Black River Falls, Wisconsin, and Kate Smith-Martin of Minnesota. A host of nieces and nephews, two that were as close as her own children, Pamela (Jim) Hagadorn and Megan Martin.

She is preceded in death by her parents, brothers Everett, John, Levi, Elgin, Oliver, and sister Sadie.

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as soon as it finds one with a balance – potentially just seconds after the card becomes active. The criminal may immediately use the card to make purchases or sell the card's information on the dark web before the consumer ever

uses it.

Another possible cause of this issue is physical tampering. Criminals may conceal tampering by using devices like magstripe readers, which can read and record card numbers without leaving evidence. Criminals later call the card's customer service number, or

utilize bots, to find out when the card is activated and deplete its funds before the consumer has any opportunity to do so themselves.

DATCP recommends the following to avoid similar gift card scams:

- Buy your gift cards directly from a known and

trusted source.

- Do not purchase gift cards at online auction sites as they may be stolen or depleted.

- Activate gift cards just prior to giving and/or using.

- Use gift cards quickly after receiving them.

For additional information and consumer protection re-

sources, or to file a complaint, visit DATCP's Consumer Protection webpage at ConsumerProtection.wi.gov. If you have questions or believe you are a victim of a scam, report it by calling DATCP's Consumer Protection Hotline at (800) 422-7128 or emailing DATCPHotline@wi.gov.



Verona High School hangs flags of Wisconsin's 12 Indigenous Nations

By Robert Chappell
 Reprint from Madison365
 Verona Area High School students and visitors now have a near-constant reminder of Wisconsin's Indigenous heritage. The school unveiled the flags of all 12 of Wisconsin's Indigenous Nations hanging above a common area near the school's performing arts center in an event Monday. "It's another example of our intentional strategies for increasing the sense of belonging among our student body and our staff," said Superintendent Dr. Tremayne Clardy.

"We continue to prioritize being the national model of excellence and equity. And we're doing that through actionable steps of making sure all of our demographics are truly represented, and that we're teaching about our history so that we can inform our future." School counselor Lesley Morrison got the ball rolling three years ago, reaching out to all 12 nations seeking donations of the flags. "We wanted to spark those questions and that curiosity in people, in our students and in our community, to gain more

knowledge," said Morrison, who is white but grew up in Lac du Flambeau surrounded by Indigenous people and culture. "It's really important that all students feel that they belong at their own area high school," said school principal Pam Hammen, noting that the location was intentionally chosen because it's near the performing arts center, where most members of the public visit the school. She also noted other displays in nearby areas honoring Asian, Latino and Black cultures.



Verona High School principal Pam Hammen, Verona school counselor Lesley Morrison, Ho-Chunk elder Janice Rice, DPI American Indian education consultant David O'Connor and Verona school superintendent Dr. Tremayne Clardy. Photo by Robert Chappell.

He also noted Indigenous people aren't just historical. "It's one thing to talk about the history of indigenous people, but if you're not including that contemporary voice, it's a lost opportunity," he said. "Indigenous people ... we're your lawyers, we're your teachers, we're your doctors, we're your plumbers." O'Connor, who is a member of the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Ojibwe, said it's also important to acknowledge all 12 nations, beyond the Ho-Chunk Nation who are native to the area that is now south-central Wisconsin. "It's great to learn about your local history first. But as you expand (beyond) your local history, it's a good opportunity to learn about all the nations that call our state home. It may give you an op-

portunity to think about some of the things that make them similar but also some things that make them different as well," he said. Eleven federally recognized Indigenous Nations are based in Wisconsin: Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Ho-Chunk Nation, Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Menominee Tribe of Wisconsin, Oneida Nation, Forest County Potawatomi, Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, St. Croix Chippewa, Sokaogon Chippewa (Mole Lake), and Stockbridge-Munsee. Each is represented in the flag display, in addition to the Brothertown American Indians, which are based in Fond du Lac.

BRMH Hospice Program Celebrates 20th Anniversary

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 Phone: (715)284-1337
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 The hospice program at Black River Memorial Hospital (BRMH) will reach a new milestone this December, celebrating its 20th anniversary. The program generally provides services to patients who have been diagnosed with six or fewer months to live. There is no age requirement as the program's youngest patient was only 6 months old, with the oldest being 106 years old. Patients and their families receive personal care from a team of BRMH providers and nurses, social workers, chaplains, home health aides, and trained volunteers. The hospice staff work together to provide much-needed physical, psychological, social, and spiritual support to both the patient and family. The program evolution has been one for the books. Kevin Newell, who has held the position of hospice Chaplain throughout the entirety of the program, explains how

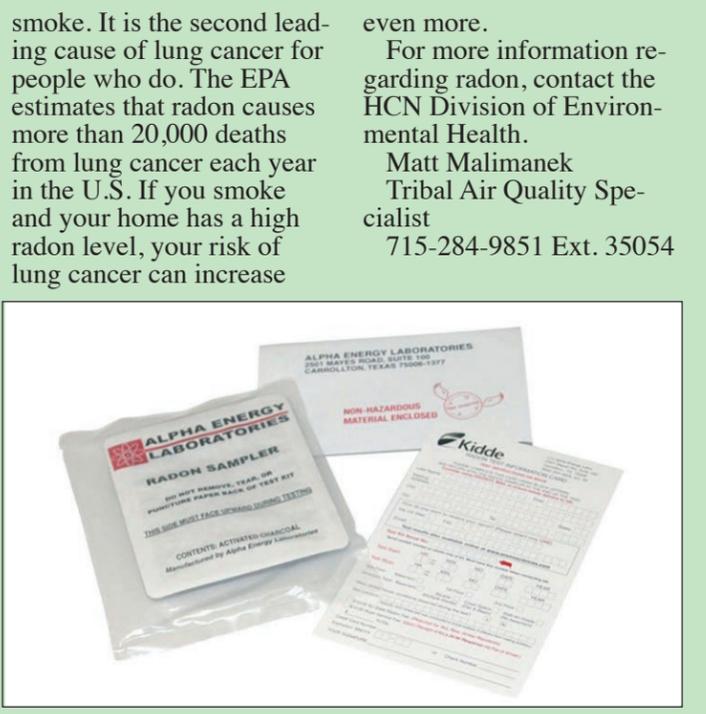
the program started out with a "skeleton crew" that was housed in one small office. Now, 20 years later, the program has secured its own space on County Road A, where they moved to in 2016, and currently has over 30 staff members dedicated to the program. Sanda Reich, Homecare-Hospice RN who has also been active in the program all 20 years, testifies that despite the numerous changes the program has undergone, the purpose remains the same – "to provide ease, love and support to the patient and their families by building a genuine connection and providing quality services". Initiatives along the way, such as Hat's off for Hospice, Kathy's Fund, and community education events have assisted in the success of the program by providing support and building awareness. Today the program continues to fill a critical community need and embraces being there for patients and families during the most critical times of their life. To learn more about the services hospice provides and ways to get involved, visit homecare.brmh.net/hospice
ABOUT BLACK RIVER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
 Black River Memorial Hospital is a not-for-profit 25-bed Critical Access Hospital in west-central Wisconsin offering the best in patient care since 1968. Key ser-

vices available include family medicine and behavioral health clinic, emergency care, infusion center, pain clinic, rehabilitation, obstetrics, transitional care, surgical services, respiratory care, and a wound care center. Also offered are home-based services, a retail home medical and wellness supply store, and much more. BRMH is one of the largest employers in the area employing over 360 staff and providers in addition to visiting specialists in more than 20 specialties. Visit brmh.net for more information.

Have you had your home tested for radon before? Homes with high levels of radon have been found in every state. In fact, radon levels can vary greatly from home to home; even levels next door can be very different. Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas released in rock, soil and water that can build up to dangerous levels inside any home; this means new and old homes, well-sealed and drafty homes, and homes with or without a basement. Radon gas is odorless and invisible and the only way to know if your home has a radon problem is to test for it. Breathing radon can increase your risk of lung cancer. Radon is the number one cause of lung cancer among people who do not

smoke. It is the second leading cause of lung cancer for people who do. The EPA estimates that radon causes more than 20,000 deaths from lung cancer each year in the U.S. If you smoke and your home has a high radon level, your risk of lung cancer can increase even more. For more information regarding radon, contact the HCN Division of Environmental Health. Matt Malimanek Tribal Air Quality Specialist 715-284-9851 Ext. 35054

January is Radon Awareness Month



The HCN Division of Environmental Health uses Radon Test-Kits, like the one pictured, to test Tribal Member's Homes

NOTICE

RIGHT TO OBJECT

In accordance with HCC 8 §14 Title Transfer & Recording Act

Ho-Chunk Member, MURTON GREENGRASS, has submitted a Request for Title for Permanent Improvements located at:

W8852 DECORAH RD BRW WI 54615

And more particularly described as: NW 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 33, TOWNSHIP 22 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST, TOWN OF KOMENSKY, JACKSON COUNTY, WISCONSIN

Any objections must be filed in person at Executive Office Building / W9814 Airport Road or received by mail at:

Ho-Chunk Nation Realty Division
Register of Deeds
P. O. Box 310
Black River Falls, WI 54615
Phone: 715-284-9343 Ext 11032

By or before JANUARY 23, 2023

Absent any objections the Ho-Chunk Nation Register of Deeds shall issue Title for the above described Permanent Improvements to the named individual(s) within 10 days following the deadline.

NOTICE

RIGHT TO OBJECT

In accordance with HCC 8 §14 Title Transfer & Recording Act

Ho-Chunk Member, MICHELLE SAMPERE, has submitted a Request for Title for Permanent Improvements located at:

S1042 WINNESHIEK ST WISCONSIN DELLS WI 53965

And more particularly described as: LOT 12 OF THE SE 1/4 OF THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 13 NORTH, RANGE 5 EAST, TOWN OF DELLONA, SAUK COUNTY, WISCONSIN

Any objections must be filed in person at Executive Office Building / W9814 Airport Road or received by mail at:

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cate it is safe to do so. If the wires are warm to the touch, unplug and remove them. Be sure to turn off all lights on trees and other decorations when going to bed or leaving the house and unplug extension cords when they are not in use.

Cooking during the holiday season can also bring fire concerns into your home, with Christmas Eve and Christmas Day among the top days of the year for cooking fires. If you're preparing a holiday meal or treats, avoid distractions in the kitchen, keep cooking areas clear of decorations or other items that could catch fire, and have a

fire extinguisher available nearby.

Check your smoke alarms to make sure they are working properly. Alarms should be located on every level of your home and be tested monthly. Create an escape plan with your family and practice it so everyone knows two ways to get out of the house in the event of a fire.

For additional holiday safety tips, visit <http://readywisconsin.wi.gov>.

Follow ReadyWisconsin on Twitter (<http://twitter.com/ReadyWisconsin>) and Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/ReadyWisconsin>) for regular safety tips throughout the year.

CAA HEE WAKŠU WIIRA
December: Deer Antler Shedding Moon

HARVEST OF THE MONTH

Sawazii suu
(Sunflower Seeds)

ABOUT SUNFLOWER SEEDS

- Sunflowers are native to North America and were first grown as a crop by indigenous tribes over 4000 years ago.
- Sunflower seeds are a great snack, and good source of plant-based protein.
- Their fat content is mostly unsaturated fat, which is heart-healthy.
- Sunflower seeds can be enjoyed as-is or ground into a paste or flour.

SUNFLOWER SEED CAKES

Makes 15 Cakes

Ingredients:

- 2 & 1/2 cups shelled sunflower seeds (fresh or dried)
- 3 cups water
- 3 tablespoons maple syrup
- 6 tablespoons fine cornmeal
- Oil, olive or canola

Steps:

- Put the seeds and water into a pot and simmer, covered, for 1 hour.
- Drain, then grind the seeds in a food processor.
- Slowly mix in maple syrup and cornmeal, until it makes a stiff dough.
- Shape dough into 3-inch, flattened cakes.
- Heat a skillet with a small amount of oil.
- Sauté cakes on both sides until lightly browned.

Nutrition Facts (1 cake): 164 calories, 12g Fat, 9g Carbohydrate, 4.5g Protein



<https://www.food.com/recipe/american-indian-sunflower-seed-cakes-310404>

NUTRITION FACTS

Sunflower Seeds	
2 Tbsp. Serving (16g)	
Calories	104
Fat	8.3g
Saturated	0.9g
Unsaturated	7.4g
Carbohydrate	2.4g
Sugars	0.5g
Fiber	1.6g
Protein	3.3g

<https://fdc.nal.usda.gov/index.html>

For more information contact a HCN Registered Dietitian/Nutritionist:

BRF, TOMAH, WITTENBERG AREAS:
(888) 685-4422, EXT. 35335

BRF, LA CROSSE AREAS:
(888) 685-4422, EXT. 35340

DELLS, NEKOOSA, MADISON AREAS:
(888) 552-7889, EXT. 35554

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

VIRTUAL CLASS!

No winter driving required!

HCN Health & Wellness Division



BALANCING YOUR LIFE & DIABETES

Winter 2022-2023

Session	Date	Topic
Session 1	December 6	What is Diabetes - Kathleen
Session 2	December 13	Blood Sugar Monitoring - Kathy
Session 3	December 20	Heart Healthy Eating - Heather
Session 4	January 3	Eating Well with Diabetes - Kyla
Session 5	January 10	Moving to Stay Healthy - Nick
Session 6	January 17	Diabetes Medications - Kathleen
Session 7	January 24	Balancing Blood Sugar - Kathy
Session 8	January 31	Know Your Numbers - Kyla
Session 9	February 7	Diabetes Mind, Spirit & Emotion - Jess
Session 10	February 14	Stay Healthy With Diabetes - Nick
Session 11	February 21	Making Healthy Changes - Heather

Classes are at 1 pm, virtual, via Zoom. Classes are interactive and we learn from each other. You will receive an invite to the session the Monday before class (all classes will be held on Tuesdays). You must have a minimum of a phone and an email address to participate in the classes. You may call into the sessions if you are unable to join via video. You will be assigned a Lifestyle Coach who will assist you with your goal setting and any questions you may have regarding your diabetes.

Contact Rachel Montana or Lyndsey Killian at 715-284-9851 ext. 35039 or ext. 35068 or email rachel.montana@ho-chunk.com or lyndsey.killian@ho-chunk.com to sign up or if you have any questions.



Foot Clinic





Ho Chunk Nation

Department of Community Health

—11/15 Health Office Nekoosa (9am-2pm)—

—11/22 Siga Center Wittenberg (10:30am-2pm)—

—12/6 TAU Tomah (10:30am-2pm)—

12/15 TAU Dells (9:30am-2pm)

12/20 Branch Office Madison (10am-2pm)

1/10 Three Rivers (Basement) La Crosse (10a-2pm)

Created by: S.S. 10/28/2022

**Notice of Filling a Vacancy and Deadline
For Districts 2
Election Board Delegate
Term ending December 2023**

Districts	Number of Election Board Members	Alternate
Tomah	1	

TERMS: Election Board members may serve only two terms. This term ends December 2023.

NOMINATIONS: One (1) Election Board Delegate to represent for District 2 – Tomah. At your next District’s monthly meeting in December 2022.

The District’s meeting minute must include each District’s nomination for Election Board Delegate. The minutes must be emailed to the Election Board Office no later than

4:00 PM – Friday, January 31, 2022

HO-CHUNK NATION ELECTION BOARD OFFICE
W8801 Mission Road
Black River Falls, WI. 54615
Email: election.board@ho-chunk.com
715/284-8900 • 715/299-6104

Posted November 22, 2022

TOMAH AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Tomah High School
Tomah, WI 54660
(608) 374-7961

**NOTICE OF TITLE VI PUBLIC HEARING
TOMAH AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

The Tomah Area School District will hold two public hearings during one meeting time scheduled for Tuesday, December 20, 2022, at the Tomah Perkins Meeting Room, 1015 E. Blvd., Tomah, Wisconsin. The Title VI meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. with the JOM/IEC meeting to follow.

The first part of the meeting will allow parents/guardians of Native American children the opportunity to provide input concerning Public Law 81-874. The second part of the meeting will inform parents of the needs assessment process for the district’s 2023-24 Title VI Application of the Indian Education Act. In addition, parents will participate in a discussion of the application’s provisions and given the opportunity to provide suggestions regarding the application.

Bonnie Bird
Title VI Indian Education Coordinator-Teacher
Tomah Area School District

NOTICE

RIGHT TO OBJECT

In accordance with HCC 8 §14 Title Transfer & Recording Act
Ho-Chunk Member, **BARBARA SMITH**, has submitted a Request for Title for Permanent Improvements located at:
6130 HWY 54 W WISCONSIN RAPIDS, WI 54495

And more particularly described as: THE SE CORNER OF THE NE 1/4 OF THE NE 1/4 of SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 22 NORTH, RANGE 4 EAST, TOWN OF CRANMOOR, WOOD COUNTY, WISCONSIN

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HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT,		For Official Use
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF <u>George A. Stacy</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Amended	FILED IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL / SUPREME COURT OCT 25 2022
	Notice to Creditors	
	Case No. <u>PR 22-04</u>	<i>Mary Thund</i> Clerk of Court / Assistant

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

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

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



**Legal Notice
INVITATION FOR BID**

RFP # 2022SFS18
Land Appraisal Services

c/o Ho-Chunk Nation Treasury Department
Procurement Division
Attn: Steve Sallaway
W9814 Airport Road
Black River Falls, WI 54615

The Ho-Chunk Nation is inviting sealed bids for the above referenced project. Only firms with the capability, experience, and expertise with similar projects should obtain the Invitation for Bid document and submit bids.

Sealed bids must be submitted by **2:00 PM CST on December 23, 2022**. Any bids received after this date and time will be rejected and returned to the bidder unopened.

Documents may be obtained by downloading it at <https://ho-chunknation.com/procurement-opportunities/> Search on the bid number and bid title.

Please call Steve Sallaway at 800-779-2873, Ext. 11316 for response to any questions or requests for additional information.

Published this 9th day of December, 2022.

Steve Sallaway
Procurement Agent
Ho-Chunk Nation

The Ho-Chunk Nation reserves the right to reject any and all bids.



**Legal Notice
INVITATION FOR BID**

RFP # 2022SFS17
Broadband Consultant Services

c/o Ho-Chunk Nation Treasury Department
Procurement Division
Attn: Steve Sallaway
W9814 Airport Road
Black River Falls, WI 54615

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MEETING NOTICE

DISTRICT 1

BRF District MEETING



Wed., December 14, 2022
6:00 p.m.

Tribal Office Building
Legislative Conference Room
or by web ex link

Vice President, Karena Thundercloud karena.thundercloud@ho-chunk.com
Rep. Phyllis Smoke phyllis.smoke@ho-chunk.com
Rep. George Stacy george.stacy@ho-chunk.com
Legislative Aide, Michelle Ramberg michelle.ramberg@ho-chunk.com

Posted on: 11/29/2022



HO-CHUNK NATION
PEOPLE OF THE BIG VOICE

MEETING NOTICE

DISTRICT 1

Wausau District MEETING



Tuesday December 13, 2022
5:30 p.m.

Dale's Weston Lanes & The
Mountain Bay Banquet
Conference Center
5902 Schofield Ave. Weston,
WI 54476

Vice President, Karena Thundercloud karena.thundercloud@ho-chunk.com
Rep. Phyllis Smoke phyllis.smoke@ho-chunk.com
Rep. George Stacy george.stacy@ho-chunk.com
Legislative Aide, Michelle Ramberg michelle.ramberg@ho-chunk.com

Posted on: 11/29/2022



HO-CHUNK NATION
PEOPLE OF THE BIG VOICE

DISTRICT 2 AREA MEETING NOTICE



La Crosse Area
Three Rivers House
724 Main St. La Crosse, WI
Monday, December 12, 2022 6:00 p.m.

Tomah Area
Blue Wing Community Building
300 Epinal Ave. Tomah, WI
Tuesday, December 13, 2022 6:00 p.m.

Baraboo/WI Dells/Mauston Area
Indian Heights Community Building
975 Dyer Rd. Wisconsin Dells, WI
Thursday, December 15, 2022 6:00 p.m.

*Please note all D2 meetings will be in person.

Rep. Stephanie Begay stephanie.begay@ho-chunk.com (608) 408-0339
Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. conroy.greendeer@ho-chunk.com (608) 387-2163
Rep. Kristin K. White Eagle kristin.whiteeagle@ho-chunk.com (715)299-0583
Hilary Green, Legislative Aide hilary.green2@ho-chunk.com



HO-CHUNK NATION
PEOPLE OF THE BIG VOICE

Posted on 12/6/22

DISTRICT 3 MEETING NOTICE



WITTENBERG DISTRICT MEETING
Monday, December 12, 2022 - 6:00 p.m.

GREEN BAY DISTRICT MEETING
Tuesday, December 13, 2022 - 6:00 p.m.

MADISON DISTRICT MEETING
Wednesday, December 14, 2022 - 6:00 p.m.

WI RAPIDS DISTRICT MEETING
Thursday, December 15, 2022- 5:30 p.m.

MILWAUKEE DISTRICT MEETING
Thursday, December 15, 2022- 6:30 p.m.

For WebEx information please contact:

Rep. Sarah Lemieux at sarah.lemieux@ho-chunk.com or 715-315-8071
Rep. Darren Brinegar at darren.brinegar@ho-chunk.com or 715-315-1031
Rep. Shelby Visintin at shelby.visintin@ho-chunk.com or 715-896-9323



HO-CHUNK NATION
PEOPLE OF THE BIG VOICE

DISTRICT 4 AREA MEETING NOTICE



IN PERSON /VIRTUAL CHICAGO
AREA MEETING
Chicago Branch Office
4738 N. Milwaukee Ave.
Chicago, IL 60630
Monday, December 12, 2022
6:00 p.m.

IN PERSON /VIRTUAL TWIN
CITIES AREA MEETING
All Nations Indian Church
1515 East 23rd Street
Minneapolis, MN 55404
Thursday, December 15, 2022
6:00 p.m.

For WebEx information please contact:
paul.fox@ho-chunk.com
brianna.tahdoanippah@ho-chunk.com
danielle.delong@ho-chunk.com
robert.pilot@ho-chunk.com



HO-CHUNK NATION
PEOPLE OF THE BIG VOICE



NOTICE:

HO-CHUNK NATION GAMING COMMISSION
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Date: December 15, 2022

Time: 10:00 AM

Location/Facility: HCG-Nekoosa

Room: Annex Conference Room

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

Posted 12/05/2022



WIN A FORD EXPLORER ST
INTELLIGENT 4WD SUV
DECEMBER 31

NEW YEARS EVE

RED CARPET AFFAIR

HO-CHUNK GAMING
WITTENBERG

MUSIC | CHAMPAGNE | PARTY FAVORS | FOOD
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Dr. Karen Swallen, Wisconsin Dells

Here for you from the start



From family planning to ensuring a successful delivery, we take care of you every step of the way at SSM Health St. Clare Hospital - Baraboo. Our comprehensive maternity care team includes:

- Eight family medicine providers with specialized training in obstetrics who provide complete care to families from pregnancy, childbirth, and beyond.
- Family Birth Suite nurses with extensive experience and training supporting patients through pregnancy, labor and delivery, and post-partum.
- Certified lactation specialists providing support for breast-feeding moms and babies.
- Mom's group and childbirth classes available offering additional social and psychological support for mom, baby, and family.



Kim Mackey, MD
Specialized obstetrics (prenatal care) and gynecological care.

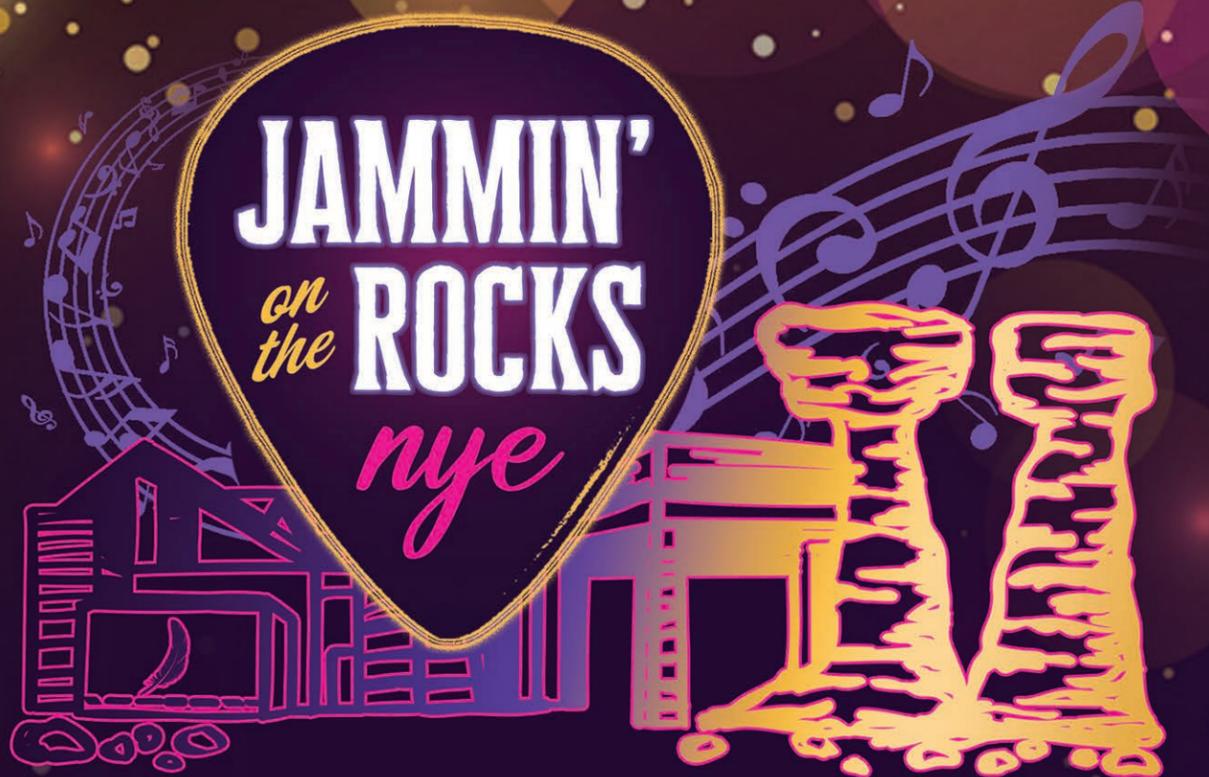


Michael Balistreri, MD
Maternal and fetal medicine care for high-risk pregnancies.

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St. Clare Hospital
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Make an appointment with one of our women's health providers to learn more about our patient-centered approach to taking care of you and your growing family. Visit [ssmhealth.com/BarabooBaby](https://www.ssmhealth.com/BarabooBaby) or call 608-355-3800.

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DECEMBER

31

2 FREE BANDS



9pm - 1am



2 MIDNIGHT BALLOON DROPS
HOURLY HOT SEAT DRAWINGS

10AM - 2PM | 2 WINNERS
\$500 REWARDS PLAY EACH!

3PM - 7PM | 3 WINNERS
\$750 REWARDS PLAY EACH!

8PM - 11PM | 2 WINNERS
\$2,022 CASH EACH!

MIDNIGHT & 1AM | 3 WINNERS
\$2,023 CASH EACH!

nye **BINGO BASH!**
DECEMBER 31, 2022

\$7,500 MUST GO JACKPOT! / \$2,500 CONSOLATION PRIZE
10 Cash Drawings | \$100 buy-in for electronic bingo,
\$50 for paper bingo. *No matinee session on Dec. 31

nye **HOTEL PACKAGES | \$450 + TAXES STAY 2 NIGHT MINIMUM**
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2022 WITH FRIDAY,
DECEMBER 30, 2022 OR SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023

INCLUDES: 2 \$50 Rewards Play Vouchers, 2 Free Access to live concerts - Madison County (Country) and Cherry Pie (Rock & Roll) 9pm-1am 2 New Years Day Brunch Vouchers, 2 BOGO Drinks

HO-CHUNK GAMING
WISCONSIN DELLS

**HO-CHUNK NATION
LEGISLATURE
REGULAR MEETING
TRIBAL EXECUTIVE
OFFICES
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI
NOVEMBER 15, 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.-VC
Rep. Stephanie Begay-P
Rep. Kristin White Eagle-VC
Rep. Darren Brinegar-VC
Rep. Shelby Visintin-EX
Rep. Sarah Lemieux-EX
Rep. Danielle DeLong-VC
Rep. Robert Pilot-VC
Rep. Paul Fox-VC
Rep. Brianna Tahdoahnippah-VC

VC-Video Conference

Determination of Quorum: Quorum is established at 10:03 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. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to add New Business: S. Resolution-Request to Call and Hold Secretarial Election to Amend the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution. Second concurs. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

*Legislative Meeting-
November 8, 2022*

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the November 8, 2022 Legislative Meeting Minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Reports:

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

Executive Branch Monthly Reports:

Department of Business

No Representation. No Report.

MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to TABLE the Department of Business report until there is representation. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Department of Education

Bethany Redbird School Community Relations Division was present and covered the services available

to assist Ho-Chunk enrolled and JOM registered students. A written report was submitted.

- BIA Internet Access Support Program-Up to \$100.00 per month in internet access reimbursement per household.

- PreK-12 Grant Program – Up to \$2000.00 per enrolled Ho-Chunk child (ages 3-18)

- Johnson O'Malley- to provide supplementary financial assistance to meet the unique needs of the student. Must be at least ¼ Native American to be eligible.

Department of Housing

Interim Executive Director of Housing Tracy Littlejohn was present and gave a brief update. Currently, she is going through all the policies and getting ready for the budget process. A written report was received.

Department of Labor

Executive Director of Labor Angela Ward was present along with her staff, and reported the Labor Department is status quo.

Elder Division Manager Jean Stacy-Snow mentioned there are 29 positions filled by elder workers. The program is for anyone age 62 years and older who would be willing to work part time. The Elder Community Work Program is now called Elder Workforce Division.

Residential Construction Inspector Frank Thunder mentioned while working on the Human Health Hazard Ordinance, it was discovered there was not a residential code recorded anywhere. There have been revisions needed and Department of Justice Attorney Eric Shircel is close to having the final draft ready. With the Wisconsin Municipal Ordinance, they are looking at revising this and to take the stress off the Nation regarding abandoned homes issue.

Vice President Karena Thundercloud asked if Mr. Thunder is working with the Legislators on the Health Hazard Code or attending the Abandoned Homes Workgroup. Mr. Thunder said no, he has been working with Attorney Eric Shircel, and he has not been involved with the workgroup. The Vice President mentioned there will be a meeting on Friday and the information will be sent to him.

Lois Behrens, 477 program reported there is an open invitation to come to the monthly information meetings at DICC. Unfortunately, a lot of people attended, but no one wants a job. They have tried incentives such as \$10 gas cards and free food. The 477 program will continue to try to get people interested.

Greg Bird, Occupational Safety reported on the

gaming inspections that are required through the Gaming Commission and the Gaming Compact. At this time a new RFP is being worked on to bring in a new inspection company. The Safety Department goes out to all 64 facilities for in-house inspections. An invitation for the Legislators to walk along with the Safety Department as they do the in house inspections of the gaming facilities. The next inspections will be held April, 2023.

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.

New Business:

Resolution-Acceptance of Bureau of Indian Affairs Project Grant Funds for Ho-Chunk Nation GIS Program Contract Services

MOTION by Rep. George Stacy to adopt **Resolution 11-15-22 A**, Acceptance of Bureau of Indian Affairs Project Grant Funds for Ho-Chunk Nation GIS Program Contract Services. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization of Agricultural Fee Land Lease on the Parmenter Property for Scott and Alexia Devries

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to adopt **Resolution 11-15-22 B**, Authorization of Agricultural Fee Land Lease on the Parmenter Property for Scott and Alexia Devries. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 10-1(Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr.)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Granting Consent as an Interest Holder for a BIA Residential Lease for Meagan Martinez on the James Wilson Homestead Tract #439 200

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to adopt **Resolution 11-15-22 C**, Granting Consent as an Interest Holder for a BIA Residential Lease for Meagan Martinez on the James Wilson Homestead Tract #439 200. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Cancellation of Lease #1519 on Lot #4 of Indian Mission #439 T 2090 & 439 T 2016

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to adopt **Resolution 11-15-22 D**, Cancellation of Lease #1519 on Lot #4 of Indian

Mission #439 T 2090 & 439 T 2016. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Cancellation of Lease #4529 on Lot #27 of Chakh-Hah-Chee Property Tract #439 T 2137-Vice President Karena Thundercloud/Angie Greengrass McDonald

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to adopt **Resolution 11-15-22 E**, Cancellation of Lease #4529 on Lot #27 of Chakh-Hah-Chee Property Tract #439 T 2137. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization of Residential Land Lease on Lot #27 of Chakh Hah Chee North #439 T 2137 for Sandra Banuelos

MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to adopt **Resolution 11-15-22 F**, Authorization of Residential Land Lease on Lot #27 of Chakh Hah Chee North #439 T 2137 for Sandra Banuelos. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization of Agricultural Land Lease on the Ho-Chunk RV & Resort for James and Judy Hall

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to TABLE Resolution, Authorization of Agricultural Land Lease on the Ho-Chunk RV & Resort for James and Judy Hall until next Legislative Meeting.

Second by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Cancellation of Lease #4310 on Lot #33 of La Grange Hills Property Tract #439 T 2123

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 11-15-22 G**, Cancellation of Lease #4310 on Lot #33 of La Grange Hills Property Tract #439 T 2123. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization of Residential Land Lease on Lot #4 of Indian Mission #439 T 2090 & 439 T 2016 for Herbert and Paula Cleveland

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 11-15-22 H**, Authorization of Residential Land Lease on Lot #4 of Indian Mission #439 T 2090 & 439 T 2016 for Herbert and Paula Cleveland. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-In Support of the Head Start Federal Grant Application

MOTION by Rep. Danielle DeLong to adopt **Resolution 11-15-22 I**, In Support of the Head Start Federal Grant Application. Second by Rep.

Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

HHCA Bylaws

MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to approve the HHCA Bylaws. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 10-0-1(Rep. Stephanie Begay) **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Begay abstained the vote due to her father being on the HHCA Board.*

Resolution-Confirmation of Lucinda Lonetree as District 2 Sauk County Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency Board Member

MOTION by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. to adopt **Resolution 11-15-22 J**, Confirmation of Lucinda Lonetree as District 2 Sauk County Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency Board Member. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 10-0-1(Rep. George Stacy) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Confirmation of Robert Funmaker as District 2 Juneau County Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency Board Member

MOTION by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. to adopt **Resolution 11-15-22 K**, Confirmation of Robert Funmaker as District 2 Juneau County Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency Board Member. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization to Place Proposed Amendments to the Legislative Organization Act out for Thirty Day Public Comment

Rep. Shelby Visintin joined the meeting via video conference at 11:39 a.m.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 11-15-22 L**, Resolution-Authorization to Place Proposed Amendments to the Legislative Organization Act out for Thirty Day Public Comment. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 3-8(Rep. George Stacy, Rep. Phyllis Smoke, Rep. Kristin White Eagle, Rep. Darren Brinegar, Rep. Danielle DeLong, Rep. Robert Pilot, Rep. Paul Fox, Rep. Brianna Tahdoahnippah)-1(Rep. Shelby Visintin) **MOTION DEFEATED.**

Rep. Sarah Lemieux joined the meeting via video conference at 11:40 a.m.

Resolution-Adoption of Amendments to the Employment Relations Act of 2004

Vice President Karena Thundercloud mentioned this amendment will separate *Continued on Page 15*

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drugs, alcohol and controlled substances from the Employee Relations Act.

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to adopt **Resolution 11-15-22 M**, Adoption of Amendments to the Employment Relations Act of 2004. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-1(Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr.)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Enactment of the Ho-Chunk Nation Drug, Alcohol and Controlled Substances Code

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to adopt **Resolution 11-15-22 N**, Enactment of the Ho-Chunk Nation Drug, Alcohol and Controlled Substances Code. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 11-1(Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr.)-1(Rep. George Stacy) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Legislative Attorney Carolyn Garnett mentioned, if there was a violation for a positive cannabinoids test prior to today's date, those would not be held against the individual for future employment. For continued employment or rehire, if they tested positive in the past, that would not be held against them. If the employee was required to do ongoing testing, that would not be required to continue as of today's date.

Resolution-Authorization to Place Ho-Chunk Nation Trust and Investment

Committee Establishment and Organization Act of 2011 out for Public Review and Comment

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 11-15-22 O**, Authorization to Place Ho-Chunk Nation Trust and Investment Committee Establishment and Organization Act of 2011 out for Public Review and Comment. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar 12-0-1(Rep. Stephanie Begay) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Shelby Visintin and Rep. Sarah Lemieux are off line 11:50 a.m.

Resolution-Amendments to the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Code

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to adopt **Resolution 11-15-22 P**, Amendments to the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Code. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 5-4(Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr., Rep. Kristin White Eagle, Rep. Robert Pilot, Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah)-2(Rep. Phyllis Smoke, Rep. Paul Fox) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Request to Call and Hold Secretarial Election to Amend the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to adopt **Resolution 11-15-22 Q**, Request to Call and

Hold Secretarial Election to Amend the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution. Second by Rep. Danielle DeLong. 8-2(Rep. George Stacy, Rep. Phyllis Smoke)-1(Rep. Stephanie Begay) **MOTION DEFEATED.**

Legislative Counsel Michael Murphy mentioned this resolution required a vote of nine to be considered adopted, there were eight votes. This is a defeated resolution.

Recess:

MOTION by Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah to break for lunch until 1:00 p.m. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:19 p.m.

Call to Order: Vice President Karena Thundercloud called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

Roll Call:

President Marlon WhiteEagle-VC (1:31 p.m.)
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-EX
Rep. Sarah Lemieux-EX
Rep. Danielle DeLong-VC
Rep. Robert Pilot-VC
Rep. Paul Fox-VC
Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah-VC

VC-Video Conference

Opening Prayer: Rep. Darren Brinegar asked for a moment of silence.

9:02 a.m. Rep. Paul Fox is online.

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

New Business:

Resolution-Approval of

Removal Hearing (will be held in Executive Session)

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

MOTION by Rep. Danielle DeLong to move to Executive Session. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting moved into Executive Session at 10:05 a.m.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:15 p.m. until 1:02 p.m. The meeting was called back

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

Executive Session:

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 Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting moved to Executive Session at 1:06 p.m.

Vice President Karena Thundercloud is excused for the remainder of the meeting. Tribal Secretary, Rep. Stephanie Begay chairs Executive Session at 1:10 p.m.

Rep. Phyllis Smoke is excused from Executive Session at 1:29 p.m.

President Marlon WhiteEagle is present via video conference and continues to chair the meeting at 1:31 p.m.

Rep. Darren Brinegar was excused from Executive Session at 2:04 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to move to Open Session. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting moved to Open Session at 2:32 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Release to Open Session:

MOTION by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. to approve the RFQ for the Ho-Chunk Cinema and earmark the Tribal Assistance Fund as a funding source. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to release this motion to Open Session and request Legislative Legal to draft a resolution for next session. Second concurs. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to authorize the release of this statement from the Legislative PRO Office and release the motion to Open Session. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to take out of the second portion of the statement. Second concurs. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adjourn the Legislative Meeting to December 6, 2022 at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE SPECIAL MEETING TRIBAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI NOVEMBER 22, 2022

Call to Order: Vice President Karena Thundercloud called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Roll Call:

President Marlon WhiteEagle-EX
Vice President Karena Thundercloud-P
Rep. George Stacy-VC

Rep. Phyllis Smoke-P
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 9:04 a.m.
Rep. Robert Pilot-VC
Rep. Paul Fox-VC 9:02 a.m.
Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah-VC

VC-Video Conference

Determination of Quorum: Quorum is established at 9:02 a.m.

HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE SPECIAL MEETING TRIBAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI NOVEMBER 29, 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-P
Rep. Phyllis Smoke-VC
Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr.-EX
Rep. Stephanie Begay-P
Rep. Kristin White Eagle-VC
Rep. Darren Brinegar-VC

Rep. Shelby Visintin-VC
Rep. Sarah Lemieux-P
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 10:01 a.m.

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

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to approve the agenda. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

New Business:

Budget Modifications for Employee Appreciation

9:04 a.m. Rep. Danielle DeLong is online.

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 11-22-22 A**, Approval of Budget Modifications for Employee Appreciation. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-1(Rep. Danielle DeLong) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Employee Appreciation

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 11-22-22 B**, Employee Appreciation. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adjourn the Special Legislative Meeting. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Special Legislative Meeting adjourned at 9:07 a.m.

Resolution-Removal of Associate Trial Court Judge Mary Jo Hunter

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 11-29-22 A**, Removal of Associate Trial Court Judge Mary Jo Hunter. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adjourn the Special Legislative Meeting. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Special Legislative Meeting adjourned at 2:06 p.m.

to order in Executive Session. Quorum was established.

The meeting recessed during Executive Session from 1:31 p.m. until 1:42 p.m.

The meeting returned to Open Session at 1:58 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Danielle DeLong. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Amendment to the Agenda:

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to add to the agenda: Resolution-Removal of Associate Trial Court Judge Mary Jo Hunter. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

NOTICE AND RULES OF GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2023



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

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

(1) Primary Elections shall be held prior to an Election with three (3) or more candidates in order to ensure compliance with the majority vote requirement as provided for in paragraphs 1c and 1e.

(2) If no candidate in any Primary Election receives more than 50% of the votes cast in such Election, the two candidates with the highest vote totals from the Primary Election (and any candidates tied with the lower of such totals) shall appear on the ballot in the Runoff Election. When there are two (2) seats vacant in a district, the top two (2) vote getters for any vacant seats, if no candidate has received 50% + 1 vote, shall be on the ballot for the General Election or Runoff Election. (3) Primary Elections shall be conducted in the manner prescribed by this Code and in accordance with the timetable adopted by the Election Board.

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

Ho-Chunk Nation President
July 2023 - June 2027

LEGISLATURE:

District 1, Seat 2
July 2023 – June 2027

District 2, Seat 1
July 2023 – June 2027

District 3, Seat 1
July 2023 – June 2027

District 3, Seat 3
July 2023 – June 2027

District 4, Seat 2
July 2023 – June 2027

JUDICIARY:

Trial Court Chief Judge
July 2023-June 2027

Trial Court Associate Judge 1
July 2023-June 2027

Trial Court Associate Judge 2
July 2023-June 2027

NOMINATIONS OF CANDIDATES

The official candidacy forms may be obtained from the Election Board Members or the Election Board Office. A candidate for elective office shall submit an Official Nomination Petition, Declaration of Candidacy and a \$5.00 filing fee by hand delivery or U.S. Mail to the Election Board office before the close of the nomination period on **Friday, January 6, 2023 by 4:30 pm.** ORIGINAL FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED. FILING BY FAX OR COPIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTABLE.

Only Nomination Petition form will be available on the Ho-Chunk Nation Website, due Friday, January 6, 2023 by 4:30 pm.

ELIGIBLE VOTERS:

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

REGISTRATION:

Each person seeking to vote must register at the polling place. If a person cannot write, that person must sign his/her name with a mark before two (2) witnesses.

ELIGIBILITY DISPUTES:

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

The Election Board will rule on all written challenges to the list of eligible voters immediately after the close of the challenge period. Section 11(c) iii, (Deadline Wednesday, February 15, 2023).

Ho-Chunk Nation Election
Board
W8801 Mission Road
Black River Falls, WI. 54615
TELEPHONE (715)284-8900
TOLL FREE (800)890-0583
FAX NUMBER(715)284-8600
E-MAIL:
Election.board@ho-chunk.com

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

Deadline to challenge the candidate(s) list to Election Board is 5 days after posting the Final Candidates List of Certification.

ABSENTEE VOTING:

A voter may vote by absentee ballot provided the Election Board receives the absentee ballot request in writing no later than **Saturday, February 25, 2023 by 4:30 pm.** See *Election Board Code, section 13(a), i* Requests MUST INCLUDE the eligible voter's name printed or typed (with signature), physical address where the ballot will be

delivered (we use UPS next Day Air – UPS Next Day Air will not deliver to a P.O. Box), daytime telephone number and enrollment number.

Absentee Ballots must be received before 7:00 pm on Tuesday, March 7, 2023.

Absentee ballots may be returned by overnight mail, so they may be received at the Election Board Office or the polling places prior to the close of the polls on Election Day. **NOTE THAT FEDEX and UPS NEXT DAY AIR DOES NOT DELIVER IN BLACK RIVER FALLS ON SATURDAYS.**

POSTING ELECTION RESULTS:

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

CONTESTING OF ELECTION RESULTS:

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

ELECTIONEERING:

There will be no electioneering within fifty (50) feet of any polling places.

**GENERAL PRIMARY
ELECTION DAY
Tuesday, March 7, 2023**

**POST NOTICE OF
ELECTION
Tuesday, December 6, 2022**

**POST ELIGIBLE
VOTERS LIST
Friday, February 3, 2023**

**CHALLENGES TO THE
ELIGIBLE VOTERS LIST
MUST BE RECEIVED
PRIOR TO 4:30 PM
Wednesday, February 15,
2023**

**LAST DAY TO REQUEST
ABSENTEE BALLOTS
Saturday, February 25, 2023
4:30 pm.**

**GENERAL RUN-OFF ELECTION
Tuesday, June 6, 2023**

**SWEARING IN CEREMONY
Wednesday, July 5, 2023**

**POLLING PLACES:
OPEN AT 8:00 A.M AND
CLOSE AT 7:00 PM.**

**•BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI
INDIAN MISSION
COMMUNITY BUILDING
W8813 Mission Road
(715)299-6104**

**•TOMAH, WI
BLUEWING COMMUNITY
BUILDING
320 Epinal Avenue
(608)377-3787**

**•LA CROSSE, WI
LACROSSE BRANCH OFFICE
724 Main Street
(608)783-6025**

**•BARABOO, WI
HOUSE OF WELLNESS
S2845 Whiteeagle Road
(608)355-5155**

**•WISCONSIN RAPIDS, WI
CHAK-HAH-CHEE
COMMUNITY BUILDING
916 Chak-hah-chee Lane
(715)886-8411**

**•WITTENBERG, WI
SIGA FUNMAKER
COMMUNITY CENTER
W17634 Radke Rd
(715)253-4407**

**•CHICAGO, IL
CHICAGO BRANCH OFFICE
4738 North Milwaukee Avenue
(715)284-7894**

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MILWAUKEE BRANCH
OFFICE
3501 S. Howell Avenue
(414)747-8680**

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OFFICE
1724 Selby Ave
(651)641-1801**

**•MADISON, WI
MADISON BRANCH OFFICE
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2413 Hazelwood Ln
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