



MERRY Christmas

2022

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Green Bay Packers Foundation Awards HCN with Grant

Kaili Berg

On December 8, the Green Bay Packers Foundation has awarded the Ho-Chunk Nation a grant for the Ho-Chunk Nation House of Wellness Youth Skills Development Basketball Camp.

The Green Bay Packers Foundation has been giving back to Wisconsin's communities since 1986. The foundation supports charities possessing one or more of the following goals: perpetuates a community environment that promotes families and the competitive value of athletics; contributes to player and fan welfare; ensures the safety and education of children; and/or prevents cruelty to animals.

The Ho-Chunk Nation House of Wellness Fitness and Aquatic Center will organize a two-day basketball camp for boys and girls in the spring of 2023 from the grant.



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TOB Hosts Christmas Party Extravaganza



Kaili Berg

On December 20, employees of the Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Office Building celebrated the annual Christmas party with delicious food, a scavenger hunt, caroling, games, and prizes.



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Letter from the President

Season Greetings.

Winter has officially began.

We got a good dose of snow a week prior to the start of winter.

For much of the Jackson County, we were without power for nearly 2 days. But we persevered and made it through the storm event.

A thousand “thank yous” to all those Ho-Chunk Nation employees who worked tirelessly to assist the community during those days.

Also, thank you to those workers who get up earlier than the rest of us to keep roadways and sidewalks clear of snow and ice during the winter months.

It does a world of good for each tribal member and employee to get to work safely, come to appointments, or seek services.

We are gearing up for another potential winter storm as we go into Christmas week-end.

Prayers for a safe and happy holiday, however you plan to

spend it.

The Office of the President recently held another Presidential Listening Session at the Ho-Chunk Gaming-Nekoosa for casino and other area employees.

We held two sessions, a morning and an afternoon session.

The facilities recently re-opened their banquet room to hold events in the space.

That’s where we set up for the day’s listening sessions.

It was an overall enjoyable day listening to how we can improve.

Once again, we heard the request for competitive wages, more staff hiring, and the need for food venues or food vendors to be available.

The Department of Business is actively addressing these issues.

Executive Director Laurette Pettibone recently secured the ability to hire frontline employees, who possess greater education or experience, using flex designation to increase

their wage to a commensurate pay rate.

Additionally, the Department of Personnel will do a comprehensive Compensation and Classification (Comp & Class) study to increase our employee wages across the entire Nation.

These projects move at a government pace, but we are optimistic that these efforts will help us attract qualified candidates to join our tribal government work culture.

One issue brought up at the Nekoosa listening session, we were able to address during the day’s events. An employee asked for a way to submit comment cards to management.

I am told we got that done.

The need to develop better lines of communication within was evident, when several offices submitted requests but did not hear on any developments on the initiatives.

We all could use better lines of communication; with family and friends.

The practices of phone calls, emails, or text can be daunting at times, but that is how we communicate with one another.

It came as a surprise for the employees that the Nation’s president was there to listening to them. This has not happened in a long time; it might never been done.

The way I explained it was a long conversation, but the short story is that our tribal president also has a role of Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of our tribal enterprises.

It a duly role of sorts.

The Nekoosa property is like the “little engine that could.”

They are not situated near a main road way or interstate. They are located on County Road G.

They are out in rural Wisconsin.

Many of their customers are local, but loyal.

The casino employees and our customers have a family-

like relationship with one another. That’s great.

They are working on a project to develop an RV park as a way to attract more or new customers.

The Nekoosa casino did not benefit from Project Forward. They might have got new carpet during that time.

The Office of the President fully supports their RV park project.

We want to see all our casino properties succeed and improve in a post-COVID environment.

Much appreciation to our Ho-Chunk Gaming-Nekoosa employees. Thanks for taking the time out of your day to stop by to tell us how we can make your work experience with the Ho-Chunk Nation even better.

Our next listening session will be in Madison in mid-January 2023.

We hope to hear from tribal members and employees.

Once again, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

States Take Action To Codify Abortion Rights

A political act aimed to restrict women’s rights, the Supreme Court of the United States (June 2022) overturned Roe v Wade (1973) leaving the onus of access to abortion on individual states. Since then, six states have taken measures to codify reproductive rights while other states ramp up efforts to abolish or otherwise restrict access to abortion.

“The Supreme Court threw out nearly 50 years of precedent in favor of politicizing the body sovereignty of women and girls,” said Lori Jump, chief executive officer, StrongHearts Native Helpline. “By asking states to regulate abortion, they are taking away the rights of women to decide what happens to their body. Six states have reaffirmed reproduction rights, but until all other states follow suit,

women are in a perilous position.”

Six States Uphold Women’s Right To Choose

To date, there have been six ballot measures addressing abortion in California, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Montana, and Vermont where voters upheld abortion rights.¹

On Aug. 2, voters (58.97 percent) refused to amend the Kansas Constitution to declare that nothing in the state constitution creates a right to abortion or funding for an abortion and to affirm the state’s ability to pass laws regarding abortion. Instead, voters upheld legal precedent in Hodes & Nausser v. Schmidt (2019) that the Kansas Bill of Rights provides a right to abortion.

On Nov. 8, five more states took action to uphold reproductive rights of women:

- In California, Proposition 1, Right to Reproductive Freedom Amendment - voters (65.75 percent) supported amending the state constitution to prohibit the state from interfering with or denying an individual’s reproductive freedom, which is defined to right to an abortion and contraceptives.

- In Kentucky, Constitutional Amendment 2, No Right to Abortion in Constitution Amendment voters (52.37 percent) opposed amending the Kentucky Constitution to state that nothing in the state constitution creates a right to abortion or requires government funding for abortion.

- In Michigan, Proposal 3, Right to Reproductive Freedom Initiative, voters (56.65 percent) supported a state constitutional right to reproductive freedom, including

“the right to make decisions about all matters relating to pregnancy, prenatal care, childbirth, postpartum care, contraception, sterilization, abortion care, miscarriage management, and infertility care.”

- In Montana, LR-131, Medical Care Requirements for Born-Alive Infants Measure voters (52.55 percent) opposed measures to state that infants born alive at any stage of development are legal persons; require medical care and to establish a \$50,000 fine and/or 20 years in prison for violating said law.

- In Vermont, Proposal 5, Right to Personal Reproductive Autonomy Amendment was overwhelmingly supported by voters (76.74 percent) to amend the Vermont Constitution to add language protecting the right to personal reproductive autonomy and prohibiting government infringement unless justified by a compelling state interest.

“Although voters have upheld women’s rights in these states, the majority of them passed by a thin margin,” said Jump. “Our work is not done.”

Pending Initiatives, Amendments and Referendums

Currently, there are dozens of pending initiatives, amendments and referendums. In Arizona, Colorado, Florida, Maryland, Massachusetts, Nevada and Oklahoma there were nine proposals that did not make the 2022 ballot. In New York, Pennsylvania and Washington, there are four proposals slated for 2023. And, in Florida, Iowa, Ne-

vada, Oklahoma and South Dakota there are seven proposals slated for 2024. (See links sourced below)

“It’s unfathomable that in this day and age, women and girls must be cognizant of legislation rooted in misogyny and historic oppression,” said Jump. “The criminalization of abortion is an abuse of governmental power to deny body sovereignty. It is a cruel reminder of what Native people have endured for centuries.”

Historic Violence and Oppression

In Indian Country, Native woman and girls suffer the highest rates of stalking, rape, and femicide in the nation. Yet, Indian Health Services has historically prohibited and continues to deny access to abortions in Tribal communities. Without planned parenthood clinics, Native women and girls are at a higher risk of being penalized for seeking abortions in unsafe conditions. Rape victims are often shamed and blamed, and now could face jail time for seeking an abortion.

The History Behind the SCOTUS Decision

According to Leslie J. Reagan, professor of history and law at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign and author of *When Abortion Was a Crime*³ and *Dangerous Pregnancies*⁴, historical record⁵ describes early abortion — as “restoring the menses,” a woman’s period. It was a normal practice in colonial America well into the 19th century. Abortions were illegal only after “quickening,” a term referring to when preg-

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Public Review And Comment Period For Proposed Wolf Management Plan Extended

Comment Period Extended Through Feb. 28

MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) today announced an extension to the public review and comment period for the draft Wolf Management Plan.

The review period is extended until Feb. 28, 2023 at 11:59 p.m.

This extension is intended to allow more time for the public to review the details of the plan and share their feedback on this important item.

The public is encouraged to review the draft plan online and share their thoughts via the online comment tool. The DNR will also accept ques-

tions and comments via mail and email at:

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
C/O Wolf Management Plan Comments
101 S. Webster Street
PO Box 7921
Madison, WI 53707-7921
DNRWildlifeSwitchboard@wisconsin.gov

The public review and comment period is a key opportunity for the public to share their thoughts on the proposed wolf management plan. The DNR will review and consider all feedback submitted during the review period while preparing the final draft of the proposed wolf management plan.

The draft management plan lays out a holistic approach to ensuring the state's wolf population remains healthy and secure while balancing the diverse interests of the public.

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 con-

ducted 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.

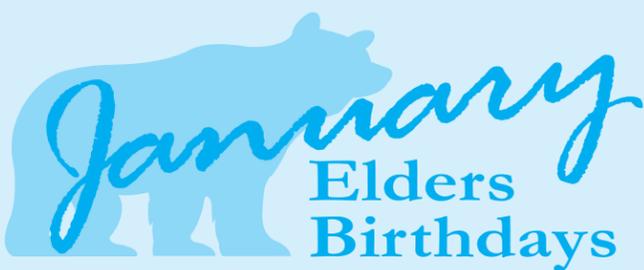
What's Staying The Same?

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.



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D1CC Opens Doors to Jackson County as a Temporary Emergency Shelter during Power Outage

Ardith Van Riper
Editor

The District 1 Community Center (D1CC) opened its doors to the residences of Jackson County as an emergency shelter the weekend of Dec. 16. A severe snow storm caused power outages in the Jackson County area for multiple days. The D1CC is heated, has several available power outlets for phones and devices, has a kitchen area, large gym, and showers.

Ho-Chunk Nation President Marlon WhiteEagle declared a State of Emergency due to the power outage and the unknown timeframe for the restoration of electrical services to residents. Further, the declaration granted the Ho-Chunk Na-

tion Department of Labor, Emergency Manager Keven Scholze and the Division of Safety the authority to coordinate and provide necessary emergency assistance to individuals, and families and protect tribal infrastructure, natural and cultural resources and other assets.

The Red Cross donated camping cots for sleeping conditions. Evangelical Lutheran Church of Black River Falls and Jackson County Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers (JCIVC) partnered with Jackson County and the Ho-Chunk Nation to provide assistance and services for the community members utilizing the shelter. JCIVC distributed food vouchers at Falls Florist and D1CC.

Volunteers from the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Administration worked to keep the shelter open 24 hours. Food and drinks were also distributed throughout the weekend.

A D1CC social media posted on Dec. 18 at 4:01 pm, "We have received word that power has been restored to all areas! D1CC's emergency shelter is closing its doors. Thank you to everyone who donated food, volunteered, or assisted in any way. We had 19 individuals stop in to seek shelter, shower, and grab a hot meal from 5 pm Thursday until 4 pm this afternoon. Thank you for helping us...help others in need!"

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2022 Year in Review

JANUARY

No Per Capita Distribution for February 2022

The eligible 7,760 Ho-Chunk Nation tribal members will not receive a February per capita payment. Per Capita is the distribution of revenues appropriated by the Legislature from gaming revenues. The Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature met on January 6 and passed Resolution 01-06-22 D.

Closure of Tribal Office Building to the Public

By Amanda Richmond, Emergency Management Coordinator, Department of Labor Safety Division

Due to the continued high levels of newly diagnosed positive COVID-19 cases within the Ho-Chunk nation and surrounding counties, the Ho-Chunk Nation Emergency Management Coordinator has closed the Tribal Office Building to the public. This order takes effective January 12, 2022 at 6:00 AM and continuing until further notice.

The Tribal Office Building will be open for appointments only. You are strongly encouraged to call the Tribal Office Building prior to your arrival to ensure that tribal personnel are present when you come to the building. The Tribal Office Building will also be open deliveries.

Half of tribal employees will still be working remotely as determined by department heads and supervisors. Tribal departments and employees can be reached with their tribal extension, and through their email accounts. Certain government services that are not essential may be limited, but the public is able to continue to contact these tribal departments and employees during this time.

Legislative Meetings and Finance Commission Meetings

By Vice President Karena Thundercloud

There will be no further Legislative Committee meetings. Legislative Committees no longer exist, pursuant to amendments to the Legislative Organization Act, adopted by the Legislature on January 6, 2022. Instead, the Legislature will continue to hold meeting of the full Legislature, or meeting of the Legislative Finance Commission.

None of the Relief Payments were Taxable



Tax season is quickly approaching. The Ho-Chunk Nation membership will not need to wait for a 1099-misc Form for the HELP or American Rescue Plan Act Disbursement. The HELP is the monthly \$700 payment, and the American Rescue Plan Act Disbursement is \$3,000 for adults and \$1,500 for children.

Relief disbursements were made under the Ho-Chunk Nation General Welfare Ordinance for the promotion of general welfare of the Ho-Chunk Nation Members under the authority of the Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act of 2014 for tribal government to provide financial assistance to individuals on a non-taxable basis.

Administrative Order January 10, 2022-I

By Ho-Chunk Nation Office of the President

In response to a recent, very significant increase in the number of new COVID cases, and the highly contagious nature of recent variants, the following shall be enforced at all Ho-Chunk Nation properties which are open to the public:

1. The Tribal Office Building (TOB) shall be closed every Friday for purposes of cleaning. Only critical staff will be allowing into TOB on Fridays, and they will only be admitted after 11:00 AM.
2. Public, indoor gatherings in Ho-Chunk Nation properties of 10 or more people are prohibited, unless required in response to an emergency. Enterprise locations and health care facilities shall be exempt from this limitation.
3. This order shall replace and supersede any previous administrative orders regarding TOB operating hours and public gathering limitations to the extent they conflict with this current order.

Public Health Notifications

By Kiana Beaudin, Ho-Chunk Nation Executive Director of Health

Due to the State wide dramatic increase in COVID-19 cases, local public health resources have become overwhelmed with positive case notifications. As public health resources are continuing to be overburdened staff are not able to reach all positive persons. The Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health has also experienced a dramatic increase in testing demand. Due to the increase in testing, the Ho-Chunk Nation Public Health staff are taking 24-48 hours to call positive cases to provide positive cases to provide isolation information and collect information about close contact.

Lambert Honored for 25 years of service to HCN

IT Supervisor Dave Lambert was recognized today, Wednesday, Dec. 22, for 25 years of employment with the Ho-Chunk Nation.

HCN Insurance covers home COVID tests

United States President Joe Biden faced criticism over the holidays for a shortage of at-home rapid COVID-19 tests. This criticism coincided with the surge in cases from the more transmissible omicron variant and Americans traveling to see families. Now the administration is working to increase supply and bring down costs. This campaign caused the Ho-Chunk Nation Insurance to aid in the costs of home COVID tests for employees currently on the group health plan.

Starting on Jan. 15, the administration requires private health plans to cover up to eight home COVID-19 tests per month for people on their plans. Under this policy, Americans will be able to purchase home testing kits for free under their insurance or submit receipts for the tests for reimbursement.

Ho-Chunk Pharmacies Returning to curbside only medication pickups due to COVID-19 surge

As always, prescription mail out is also available at no extra charge.

FEBRUARY

Tax Season for HCN tribal members differs from previous years

Tax season is upon us. The 2021 tax season for Ho-Chunk Nation tribal members differs from previous years because of the impacts of COVID-19. The casinos were closed in March of 2020, and there has not been adequate gaming revenue to fund per capita. As a result, those eligible tribal members did not receive per capita during the 2021 tax season.

Therefore, HCN membership will not need to wait for a 1099-misc Form. The members received HELP and an American Rescue Plan Act Disbursement during the 2021 tax season, and those were relief disbursements. The HELP is the monthly \$700 payment, and the American Rescue Plan Act Disbursement is \$3,000 for adults and \$1,500 for children.

HELP Program Payments Garnishable to Meet Child Support Obligations

During a Regular Meeting of the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature on Feb. 23, the Legislature narrowly passed the 'Resolution to Clarify Enable Child Support Garnishment of HELP Program Funds.' This resolution rescinds Resolution Establishment of HELP Program 12-21-21 N and restates guidelines. The principal procedure changed was that "HELP Program payments is not considered income, but is garnishable to meet child support obligations pursuant to the General Welfare Exclusion Ordinance."

The Ho-Chunk Nation Economic Legacy Project (HELP) is the \$700 monthly payment for Ho-Chunk Nation adults from January 2022 to June 2022. The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) funds the HELP program.

The child support deduction will likely begin with the April payments. "The Treasury Department will need about two weeks to set up the program," said Executive Director of Treasury Samie Overboe during the Regular Meeting of the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature.

MARCH

A Reboot of the Peacemakers project

The Ho-Chunk Nation Judiciary and the Native American Rights Fund presented a Peacemakers educational session on March 7 at the Tribal Office Building near Black River Falls. The HCN Trial Court System is looking to offer an alternative to resolving disputes and conflicts through a traditional model of Peacemaking. Unfortunately, the project experienced multiple delays, including the COVID-19 pandemic, and is now moving forward.



The educational workshop began with introductions by Chief Judge Jo Deen Lowe, prayer, and project review by Associate Judge JoAnn Jones. The session was part of the certification of a potential Peacemaker.

The Ho-Chunk culture and tradition is a way of life passed down through generations. Our ancestors were indigenous to the Midwest. They not only did things to survive but to excel. Rules of conduct for living in this society existed to maintain order, designate specific responsibilities and obligations. These were taught by leadership and family elders who modeled the behaviors and shared their knowledge. These are the roots of Peacemaking.

HCN Department of Health facilities continue to require face masks

Face masks are still required for all patients, visitors, and employees in the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health clinics, health offices, and facilities. The goal is to keep all safe from COVID and other airborne infectious diseases.

On March 8, the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislate Branch announced an amendment to the Ho-Chunk Nation Face Covering Ordinance that face masks are not required for patrons, guests, or visitors. Face masks are recommended for those individuals. However, per that same amendment, employees must wear face masks.

Nebraska man gets 25 years in death of Ho-Chunk woman whose body was found burning in outhouse

Sarah Volpenhein, Reprint from the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

A Nebraska man convicted of killing his Ho-Chunk partner and trying to cover it up by burning her body has been sentenced to 25 years in federal prison.

Jonathan D. Rooney, of Winnebago, Nebraska, was convicted of killing the mother of his children, Kozee Decorah, originally of Wittenberg, Wisconsin, while they were stranded in a remote part of a Nebraska reservation in May 2020. He then tried to dispose of her body by burning it in an outhouse, prosecutors said.

A jury found the 27-year-old man guilty of voluntary manslaughter and destruction of evidence in December after just over a day of deliberating and six days of testimony at trial in U.S. District Court in Nebraska.

On Friday, Chief U.S. District Judge Robert F. Rossiter, Jr. sentenced Rooney to 10 years in prison for the manslaughter offense and 15 years for the destruction of evidence. The sentences will be served consecutively, for a total of 25 years, according to online court records.

APRIL

No May 2022 Per Capita Distribution

During the Legislative Meeting on April 5, a resolution passed declaring, "in light of the unprecedented circumstances, and pursuant to its Constitutional authority, does hereby declare that no per capita distribution will be made to the 7,730 eligible tribal members on May 1, 2022."

Per Capita is the distribution of revenues appropriated by the Legislature from gaming revenues. The first declaration that no per capita will be distributed was in August of 2020.

Graduate Showcase 2022

Deadline is June 17 to submit Graduate materials.

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

Song and Speech Honors Vietnam War Veterans Day

The original Vietnam Veterans Day program for March 29 was canceled due to deaths in the Ho-Chunk Nation community. However, United States Air Force Veteran Ralph Snake wanted to take the time to honor the occasion with song and speech.

"When I heard they canceled this, out of respect for all the men and women that are on the Vietnam Wall, I said, 'Well, something has to be done for them.'"

So, I asked Forrest Funmaker if he could help me out today and he said yes.”

The original event included flag raising, firing squad, playing of TAPs, bringing in the colors, invocation, guest speakers, closing remarks, retiring of the colors, and a meal. The noon impromptu ceremony included honor songs sung by Forrest Funmaker, Patrick Hall, and Dana Houghton in the upstairs atrium of the Tribal Office Building. Veteran Ralph Snake spoke and presented the Eagle Staff.

Tribal Workforce Development Division and 477 Federal Program offers employment services



Two divisions within the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Labor offer employment services. Those divisions are the Tribal Workforce Development (TWD) Division and the 477 Federal Program (477). Both programs assist Ho-Chunk Nation enrolled members, tribal members of all federally recognized tribes, and direct descendants.

The divisions have experienced a lull in clientele and travel the last year because of COVID. However, now that communities are starting to open up, the divisions are planning to visit various areas to inform the Indigenous communities of their services.

MAY

The State of the Wisconsin and the Ho-Chunk Nation Celebrate Earth Day at Kickapoo Valley Reserve

On April 22nd, 2022, the State of Wisconsin and the Ho-Chunk Nation collaborated to celebrate Earth Day at the Kickapoo Valley Reserve, an 8,600 acre tract of land jointly managed by the two entities. The event featured educational breakout sessions, traditional foods and a hike on one of the KVR's many trails.

Ho-Chunk Department of Natural Resources Executive Director Tina Brown brought the idea of engaging Ho-Chunk member's interest in the multifaceted Reserve to KVR Education Director Jonel Kiesau who offered to involve staff members as well as the Viroqua Youth Initiative High School in a collective event.

The Earth Day Celebration featured three presentations: a Reserve Center tour by Erica Cronk, Adopt-a-Trail information from Jason Lies and Tina Brown and a history and forest discussion from KVR Executive Director Scott Walter and Ho-Chunk Tribal Elder Ritchie Brown.

HCN Department of Administration and Volunteers clean alongside Highway 54

The Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Administration coordinated a spring clean-up of portions of Highway 54 between Red Iron Road and the Andrew Blackhawk Memorial Pow-Wow Grounds near Black River Falls on April 21. Earth Day motivated this clean-up.

Wisconsin Watch opens dialogue on economic issues and explores perspectives on journalists' approach to reporting on the Ho-Chunk Nation

Wisconsin Watch, in collaboration with Indian Country Today, opened communication with Ho-Chunk Nation tribal members regarding economic issues and explored perspectives on journalists' approach to reporting on the Ho-Chunk Nation. The 'Share your voice: How to build a stronger economy for Ho-Chunk Nation' event took place on May 12 at the District One Community Center near Black River Falls. The gathering also offered a forum for Ho-Chunk Nation tribal members to interact with leaders.

Indian Country Today President Karen Lincoln Michel moderated the discussion. Panelists included Wisconsin Watch Reporter Mario Koran, Owner of Thundercloud Communications, LLC Anne Thundercloud, Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison Executive Manager Dan Brown, Ho-Chunk Nation Economic Diversification Director Bettina Warner, and Ho-Chunk Nation President Marlon White Eagle.

JUNE

Plans in motion for the 2022 Annual Meeting of the General Council

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

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

Collaboration will provide safe housing for drug court participants

By JoDee Brooke

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

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

The Ho-Chunk Nation HTWC exists to address alcohol and drug addiction and its associated consequences. It works in partnership with several tribal and community agencies and service providers to achieve important goals. It works to create support systems and programs to foster employment, education, com-



munal, familial and individual health and well-being. HTWC works to maintain relationships and resources to continually assist program participation. Its goal is to also restore traditional values and language.

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

Funds to be used to address housing and homelessness

By JoDee Brooke

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

The purpose of the Neighborhood Investment Fund is to provide grants to local and tribal governments for making significant investments with long-term benefits in order to help neighborhoods recover from negative effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. The program is particularly focused on addressing the needs of residents living in communities disproportionately impacted by the pandemic.

Honoring Our Ho-Chunk Nation's Departed Warriors

Teaching our young people about Memorial Day and introducing traditional games

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

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

General Council 2022 Planning Update

As of June 22, staff at the Office of the General Council report they have not received confirmation that any contracts have been signed. The one finalized detail is that the 2022 Annual Meeting of General Council will be held on July 30 at Warner Park in Madison, Wisc. The quorum is currently estimated at 1,237.

Ho-Chunk member, LTC David J.W. Klauser retires from the Wisconsin Army National Guard after 25 years

Submitted by family of LTC David J.W. Klauser

Tribal member, LTC David J.W. Klauser is retiring from the Wisconsin Army National Guard after 25 years of faithful service and a deployment to Iraq in 2007-2008. At his retirement ceremony on June 9, 2022, at the Wisconsin National Guard Joint Force Headquarters in Madison, WI, he shared with the audience that included many WIARNG senior leaders that his Ho-Chunk name is Manape Huk. He also told the audience that while his weekends and Summer will now be more free, he will continue to work as an elected Ho-Chunk Nation Supreme Court Justice.



The Legislature adopted a resolution to provide general welfare assistance

The Legislature's FY2022-23 budget will contain funds to provide \$800 adult tribal member assistance each month and \$400 minor tribal member assistance each quarter through the next fiscal year (July 2022 to June 2023). Adult tribal members will see a \$400 increase in December 2022 and minor tribal members will see an additional \$200 in December 2022.

The Legislature adopts resolution to disburse remaining ARPA funds

The HCN Legislature has adopted a resolution for tribal member assistance using remaining ARPA funds in an amount of \$935 for each adult tribal member to address the continued impacts of the COVID pandemic.

WISCONSIN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT NEWS RELEASE:

Incident Report #1 – June 2022 Tornadoes and Thunderstorms

June 16, 2022

MADISON, Wis. – A strong line of thunderstorms moved across Wisconsin Wednesday afternoon and evening, producing heavy rains, multiple reported tornadoes, and strong winds.

The storms caused damage from Monroe to Marinette counties. Nearly two dozen county and tribal emergency management offices have reported tree, building and other property to the state, along with numerous downed utility lines. A state of emergency has been declared by Monroe County and the Stockbridge-Munsee Nation. No statewide emergency declaration has been requested. Monroe County reported two injuries related to overturned semis, but no major injuries or fatalities have been reported to the state.

The National Weather Service (NWS) is conducting damage surveys in locations across the state today as it works to confirm tornado activity. Confirmation information will be shared by the state's National Weather Service offices.

JULY

Annual Meeting of the General Council takes place July 30

The 2022 Annual Meeting of General Council will be held on July 30 at Warner Park in Madison, Wisc. Registration opens at 8:00 am. Warner Park is located at 2930 N. Sherman Avenue.

Participants must have a valid tribal ID or enrollment verification to register.

The Enrollment Department plans to be on-site to offer Tribal IDs until a quorum is met. Enrollment verifications will be provided to tribal members after a quorum is met. However, only voting-age tribal IDs will be processed at the event. The cost is \$20 (cash, money order, or money gram), and you are required to provide one of the following: state driver's license, state ID, passport, expired tribal ID, or certified birth certificate. Contact enrollmentinfo@ho-chunk.com to set up a tribal ID appointment in the weeks prior to the Annual Meeting of the General Council date.

Ho-Chunk/Ojibwe artist relocates studio to Baraboo, Wisconsin

Paul Arentz- Content Editor/Writer, Reprint from DriftlessNow.com
Last October, Driftless Now spent some time with Hoocak (Ho-Chunk)/White Earth Ojibwe artist Christopher Sweet at his Blue Bear Studio open house. Located in downtown Reedsburg, Sweet wanted to provide an opportunity and venue where people can appreciate Native American art and develop connectedness with each other. Sweet had shared it's important to him that the Native Community feels the studio is a place where, "we are represented and our culture shared." It also opens up to the public a view into Native American culture as expressed through art.

Budget/Update for Annual General Council Meeting 2022

Budgeted vendors include Allied Production, Lumi, Lamers Bus Lines, Aries Chareter, Minnesota Coaches, Drum, Security, Cigarettes, water, hotel rooms for Color Guard, and hotel rooms for IT personnel. Office of General Council noted there is no attorney for the Hocak People, bus schedule and contacts published in Hocak Worak, and Payout would have to be done by the Legislators and their branch.

Lyndon Greengrass plays in the first ever Native American All-Star Baseball Showcase

Lyndon Greengrass was in Atlanta, Georgia, representing the Ho-Chunk Nation at the first-ever Native American All-Star Showcase. The Atlanta Braves and 7G Foundation hosted the two-day Showcase at Truist Park, home of the defending World Series champion Atlanta Braves, on July 16 and 17. The top 50 high school baseball players of Native American descent from around the country participated in a pro-style workout on Saturday and a showcase game on Sunday.

The Native American All-Star Baseball Showcase highlights Native American high school baseball players who aspire to play the game at the next level. Scouts from the Atlanta Braves, University of Tennessee, Georgia State University, Savannah State University, South Georgia State College, Mercer University, and Emory University were in attendance.



No August 2022 Per Capita

The Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature passed Resolution 07-12-22 A by affirmative vote 12, zero opposed, and zero abstaining. The resolution "does hereby declare that no per capita distribution will be made to the 7,757 eligible tribal members on August 1, 2022." The first similar no per capita resolution occurred with the August 2020 distribution.

The Legislature found "that the declaration of per capita distribution for August 1, 2022, is impacted as a result of the closure of the Nation's gaming operations and the Nation's continual recovery from the impacts of the pandemic on the Nation's gaming revenues."

The Annual Meeting of the General Council set for July 30 in Madison

Not all plans are final, but these are

The 2022 Annual Meeting of the General Council is scheduled for July 30 at Warner Park in Madison, Wisc. The quorum is estimated at 1,237. Warner Park is located at 2930 N. Sherman Avenue.

The Annual Meeting of the General Council is the largest and most significant event of the Ho-Chunk Nation. Each year the tribal membership convenes to set policy for the Ho-Chunk Nation. Twenty percent of the eligible voters constitute a quorum.

AUGUST

No Quorum for the Annual Meeting of the General Council 2022

The Annual Meeting of the General Council took place on July 30 in Madison at Warner Park. Registered participants reached 1,141 but did not achieve the quorum number of 1,236.

The day began with registration opening a little before 8:00 am. Three booklets were handed out at the registration booths: the Ho-Chunk General Council Annual Report for 2021-2022, the Twelve Clans Annual Report - Looking to the Future, and the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation.

HCN Health & Wellness Division hosts 2022 Annual Canoe Trip

On August 5, the Ho-Chunk Nation Health and Wellness Division from the Department of Health hosted the annual canoe trip on the Kickapoo River. The excursion began at the Wildcat Mountain State Park on Highway 33 near Ontario, Wisc. Over 100 Ho-Chunk Nation families and employees joined in the fun.

Jordan Kappen Presents the Sixth Annual Hottest Hoops Tourney in Memory of Jordan Vidana

On August 6, a community basketball tournament and youth basketball drive took place at the Lunda Community Park in Black River Falls. Jordan Kappen organized the event in memory of his basketball friend Jordan Vidana. The one-day tournament was open to 30 adults and high school-age children.

Jordan Kappen played basketball overseas in Italy and Australia. He also organizes youth hoops clinics. Kappen started the Hottest Hoops Tourney in 2016.

"The goal of the day is to honor our basketball friend Jordan Vidana, promote the local court, show our appreciation for the game of basketball, and just to bring families, friends, and ball players together for a fun summer day. Ultimately, it is Basketball with a Barbecue Vibe," said Jordan Kappen.



Eric Herman Receives Achievement Award

On August 22, Security Officer, Eric Herman was presented an achievement award for the completion of 35 FEMA-EMI self-study programs. Eric went above and beyond by finishing all 35 classes in half of the time it takes for others to complete the courses.

Green Bay Branch Office Celebrates 10-Year Anniversary

On August 17, the Ho-Chunk Nation membership near the Green Bay Branch Office gathered at the High Cliff State Park to celebrate ten years of the branch office being open and their fourth annual Ho-Chunk Awareness Event. The State Park displays the statue of Chief Red-bird overlooking Lake Winnebago and approximately nine effigy mounds. The occasion featured Ho-Chunk artisans and culture.

General Facility Manager Pamela Wilber greeted guests as they arrived. She had them sign in, receive a raffle ticket and a schedule, and provided instructions on where activities were taking place. Most events took place in or around the High Cliff State Park Gathering Space, located in the upper part of the park, within walking distance of the observation tower. The Gathering Space includes an enclosed shelter building and an adjacent open shelter.

Jon Greendeer was the master of ceremonies and the Ho-Chunk Nation President in 2012 when the Green Bay Branch Office had its ribbon-cutting ceremony on November 5, 2012. The original Green Bay Branch Office was located at 1047 9th Street and is now located at 2413 Hazelwood Lane.

Ho-Chunk Nation Administrative Officials Open District 1 Community Center to the School District of Black River Falls as a Temporary School Space

The Forrest Street Elementary school in Black River Falls was vandalized on August 10. The damage delays the building's school year start. The school houses grades pre-kindergarten through first grade.

The vandals broke windows and glass. In addition, fire extinguishers were set off, releasing chemicals corroding metal in the building.

The school was in the process of being renovated. The estimated finish was before the start of the school year on September 1.

The cleanup from Service Master and the subcontractor, CRDN, will take between three to four weeks to ensure they have mitigated all potential damage from the corrosive material. Until this process is complete, there can be no entry into Forrest Street School.

This cleanup means the construction halts and can resume work after. The renovation estimated timeline is the two and a half weeks they lost on their end. So, the school district plans to have offsite instruction through September.

Introducing Reporter Kaili Berg

Kaili Berg is a multimedia journalist who grew up in Black River Falls, WI. She started her passion in journalism in high school and decided to become an intern for the Ho-Chunk Newsletter in 2016.

Shortly after, she went to college for Digital Media at Western Technical College followed by a professional path with the Ho-Chunk Newsletter in 2019.

After being laid off due to COVID-19, she decided to dive into Digital Media Marketing and freelance creating content, publishing, and reporting client's social media content.

Kaili is a part of Koniag, which is one of 12 regional Alaska Native Corporations. She values strong cultural identity, and having a sense of belonging and connection. She promotes and sustains her Alutiiq culture and language in honor of her heritage.

Ho-Chunk Nation Social Services Hosts the First Annual Healthy Relationships Event

On Thursday, August 18th the Ho-Chunk Nation hosted the first annual Teen Healthy Relationships Event at the HCN Tomah Youth Center, which focused on building healthy relationships for young teenagers.

The event was open to all Ho-Chunk and Native teenagers and there were approximately 40 youth in attendance.

During the event, youth explored different booths that offered resources available to them, and listened to event speakers on building healthy relationships with their peers.

SEPTEMBER

All Nations Softball Co-ed Tournament

The 23rd annual Ho-Chunk All Nations Softball Co-ed Tournament was held on Sept. 3-4 at the Sand Pillow Ball Fields behind the Ho-Chunk Gaming - Black River Falls casino. A total of eight teams registered for the championship title. There was also a Home Run Derby in memory of Zach Thundercloud.

The teams played were Bad News Bears, Meskwaki Nation, Josh Webster Memorial, Kilo Delta LCC/Rampage, TNT Logging, Warstic, and the Erma & Billy/Bay Bank. One team did not show up.

The All Nations Softball Co-Ed Tournament champions were the Josh Webster Memorial team out of Oneida, Wisc. The team played in memory of their brother, son, and friend Josh and this year marked 21 years the family has played in this softball tournament.

Youth Services Hosts Green Corn Dance

The Ho-Chunk Nation Black River Falls Youth Services hosted a Green Corn Dance on Aug. 31 at the Andrew Blackhawk Memorial Powwow Grounds.

The Little Thunder drum provided the evening's songs.

Youth Services prepared a meal and served it to open the event.

A Huge Step to Preserving the Ho-Chunk Language

On Thursday, July 30, the Ho-Chunk Nations language division released its first online Ho-Chunk dictionary.

This is a huge step towards preserving the Ho-Chunk Language.

The work of launching the dictionary has lasted over decades, but the particular project took about three years after funding was approved.

Ho-Chunk Nation Hosts Successful Labor Day Powwow

It was a great turnout for this year's 2022 Ho-Chunk Nation Labor Day Powwow that took place at the Andrew Blackhawk Memorial Powwow Grounds in Black River Falls on September 3 - 5.

Drums were rolling with host drums; Lake Delton, Little Thunder, Ndn Trail, and Ho-Chunk Station.



Rain Moves Neesh La Powwow Indoors

The Ho-Chunk Nation Neesh La Powwow held on Aug. 26 – 28 moved indoors due to rainy conditions. The event typically takes place outdoors at E10739 N Reedsburg Road in a field across from the Ho-Chunk Gaming – Wisconsin Dells casino.

The Friday evening session went as planned. Dancers filled the arena a little after 7:00 pm, and vendors were open for business. The emcee for the weekend was Boy Ladd, Ho-Chunk, and Terry Fiddler, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe. The arena director was Marshall Funmaker, Ho-Chunk/Ottawa.



At first, rain delayed the Saturday 1:00 pm Grand Entry. However, the rain didn't let up, and organizers decided to hold off until the 7:00 pm Grand Entry.

Around 3:00 pm, the emcee announced the powwow was moving indoors to the Lower Dells Ballroom of Ho-Chunk Gaming – Wisconsin Dells Convention Center. The two flag poles on either side of the announcer's stand honored the flags of Sanford White Eagle and Dale White Eagle. Those flags were taken down in ceremony.

The powwow committee mentioned that they were grateful to Ho-Chunk Gaming – Wisconsin Dells for offering and providing indoor space. The committee realized the convention center readied the area in a matter of hours.

Electronic Ho-Chunk Nation Address Verification Form Now Open

The Electronic Address Verification Form portal opened on Sept. 19. The enrolled Ho-Chunk Nation Membership can skip the notary with this electronic option. Otherwise, the paper Address Verification Forms (AVF) were mailed out to eligible tribal members last month. The Enrollment Office is accepting either form of address verification.

The Per Capita Distribution Ordinance requires an annual AVF. Information obtained from this 2022 form determines members' residency for election purposes. Therefore, the 2022 AVF is not indicative of a Per Capita Distribution.

Little Priest Performance at Madison Night Market

Submitted by Mark Leonard

Little Priest drum group performed at the Madison Night Market on Thursday, Sept. 8. Eric Logan gave the audience an oral presentation on the history of the Ho-Chunk Nation roots in Madison, why the drum group is called "Little Priest," and explained how the makeup of Ho-Chunk clans relate to the songs being sung.

The performance took place to the side of the Wisconsin Veterans Museum, which is at the intersection of State Street and the Capital Square. Hanging above the performance on the top corner of the museum hangs a banner of Ho-Chunk Veteran Corporal Mitchell Red Cloud Jr. Eric explained to the audience who Red Cloud Jr. was, and then Little Priest performed the Marine Corp and Army songs.

Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison Brings Ho-Chunk Culture Exhibition to The Glen

On Friday, September 16th, Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison partnered with Madison Parks Foundation to bring an evening of enrichment for Ho-Chunk culture to The Glen.

Wisconsin Dells singers and Dance Troupe featuring Elliot Funmaker performed traditional songs and showcased beautiful pageantry along with dancing.

HCG Madison strives to educate and bring awareness of Indigenous people, the Ho-Chunk people, and Madison's land and history to the area.

OCTOBER

2022 Central Wisconsin Indigenous People's Day Powwow Returns to Wausau

On Oct. 8-9, the Central Wisconsin Indigenous Peoples Day Powwow returned in Wausau for a weekend of history and cultural celebration. The event was hosted by the Central Wisconsin Indigenous Peoples Day Committee (CWIP-DC), and local non-profit organizations.

The event was open to the public and took place at East Gate Hall, in Marathon Park. A traditional feast was offered there with the help of Myrna Littlewolf and her staff.

BRF Youth Services Hosts Orange Shirt Day

The Ho-Chunk Nation Black River Falls Youth Services hosted an Orange Shirt Day event on Sept. 30 to promote awareness and education of the residential school system and its impact on Indigenous communities. It coincides with the Every Child Matters campaign.

Youth Services provided a light meal to begin the evening. The two guest speakers were Myrtle Long and Shena Munden. Tom Redbird was the master of ceremonies.

Myrtle Long shared her knowledge of kinship and clans. She also told the story of one of her brothers who was taken to a residential school. Then she concluded her talk with examples of resiliency and love.

Shena Munden introduced herself in the Ho-Chunk language and then shared Phyllis Webstad's Orange Shirt story.

Historic Discovery of Ancient Ho-Chunk Canoe



On Thursday, September 22 archeologists and volunteers from the Wisconsin Historical Society excavated a 3,000 year old canoe from Lake Mendota located in Madison, Wisconsin.

What was supposed to be a nice day for teaching a diving lesson, turned into a historic finding of an ancient canoe that is dated back to 1000 B.C, according to radiocarbon dating.

The 3,000 year old canoe was discovered by Tamara Thompsen, an archeologist who was diving near the shoreline of Lake Mendota. The canoe was found nearly 300 yards from the canoe that was discovered in June of 2021.

Ho-Chunk Culture Showcased at Celebrate Sauk Event

On Saturday, September 24, The Baraboo Acts Coalition hosted a family-centered event celebrating diverse cultures through food, music, and dancing in Baraboo, Wisconsin.

Evan Logan and dance troupe performed a dance presentation as a way to showcase indigenous culture.

Ho-Chunk Social Services Hosts Annual Color Run

On Saturday, October 1, Ho-Chunk Social Services hosted their annual color run supporting Domestic Abuse Awareness Month.

Runners and walkers each had the chance to win door prizes and were provided free lunch.

Culture Exchange at the Indigenous People's Day Celebration in La Crosse

On Oct. 10, the Ho-Chunk membership and Hmong community shared their culture at the Indigenous People's Day Celebration in La Crosse, Wisc. Food and craft vendors sold their goods near Burns Park. In addition, informational and hands-on crafting booths were available to attendees. Finally, there was the Ho-Chunk exhibition dancing.

The day honored the resiliency and contributions the Native communities have made to the world. For centuries, Indigenous Peoples were forcibly removed from ancestral lands, assimilated, and banned from worshipping or performing sacred ceremonies. As a result, more than a dozen states and over 100 cities have replaced Columbus Day with Indigenous Peoples Day.

New Child Care Center Coming to Wazee Subdivision

On Monday, September 26, Ho-Chunk Legislatures broke ground to the new child care center located in the Wazee subdivision next to the District 1 Community Center in Black River Falls.

The new child care center is estimated to be completed by June of next year.

No November 2022 Per Cap

The Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature passed Resolution 10-04-22 S by an affirmative vote of 11, one opposed, and zero abstaining. That resolution "does hereby declare that no per capita distribution will be made to the 7,741 eligible tribal members on November 1, 2022."

Remembrance Day Event Debuts Honor Song for Every Child Matters Composed by William Collins

On Sept. 30, a Remembrance Day Event took place at the site of the Tomah Indian Industrial School that honors all Indian students who attended Indian Boarding Schools.

Adrienne Thunder provided a welcoming statement and the Little Thunder drum group rendered a welcome song. Ruth Decorah offered a prayer.

Then Adrienne introduced the keynote speaker, Sandra White Hawk (Sicangu Lakota Nation). Sandra is the National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition Board of Directors President, Founder and Director of First Nations Repatriation Institute.

White Hawk shared her story of being separated from her family and the journey to find her way back. Her story is rooted in the boarding school experience. Sandra White Hawk also spoke about resiliency and strength found in Native communities in our ceremonies, prayers, languages, songs, and dance. She acknowledged those whose knowledge and experiences help us learn to carry on these ways.

Adrienne Thunder then announced she approached and offered tobacco to William Collins, requesting he compose a song.

Ho-Chunk Members Celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day in Sauk County

On Monday, October 10, Sauk County celebrated Indigenous Peoples' Day at Meyer Oak Grove Park in Sauk City, Wisconsin.

Members of the Ho-Chunk Nation and community members of Sauk City gathered to honor the Sauk people, who now comprise three federally recognized Sac and Fox Nations within Iowa, Kansas, and Oklahoma.

The Sauk people have occupied the area since the 1700s. They had a large village for over 40 years along the river banks of Wisconsin. More than 90 houses were built and over 1,000 people lived in the village at the time. They were known for planting hundreds of acres of corn, beans, and melons.

University of Wisconsin La Crosse dedicates building to Ho-Chunk artist Truman Lowe

On Oct. 3, the University of Wisconsin La Crosse (UWL) dedicated its Center for the Arts building to the late Truman T. Lowe (Wakajahukga). Lowe is the first person of color with a UWL building named in their honor. He is a world-renowned sculptor and installation artist, educator, and art curator.

His works were exhibited in venues throughout the United States, Canada, Europe, Africa, South America, and New Zealand. His Bird Effigy was shown in a yearlong exhibition of 20th-century works at the White House Sculpture Garden in 1998. He was the curator of contemporary art for the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian from 2000-2008. He was a professor at UW Madison, chaired the art department, and served as coordinator of the Native American Studies program during his 35-year career there.

UWL Chancellor Joe Gow was the master of ceremonies. The Chancellor remarked, "It's a historic day at our university as we prepare to rename the Center for the Arts after one of the most accomplished alumni in the University's 113 year history, Truman T. Lowe."



Elk Mound Students Receive Lessons on Ho-Chunk Culture

On Thursday, October 20, the Ho-Chunk Nation hosted an educational session for Elk Mound 7th graders at the District 1 Community Center with the Ho-Chunk Nation Museum and Cultural Center, Cultural Resource Division, and the Department of Natural Resources.

Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature Denounces Reckless Endangerment of Youth by Vigilante Baraboo High School Staff and Citizens

On Wednesday, Oct. 5, three adult males were taken into police custody after the men attempted an illegal 'citizen's arrest' while threatening youth with a flamethrower in the act of vigilante justice in Baraboo. Police recommended charges of disorderly conduct, second-degree recklessly endangering safety, and false imprisonment. However, Sauk County District Attorney Michael Albrecht declined to file charges against two men and only charged one man with disorderly conduct. During a Special Legislative Meeting on Oct. 12, the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature passed a resolution, "Denouncing Reckless Endangerment of Youth by Vigilante Baraboo High School Staff and Citizens."

It was Homecoming week at Baraboo High School, and three men forced five students out of a vehicle. It was reported to the Baraboo Police Department that one of the adults had a flamethrower-like device. Four of the five children were of color, and one was a Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Member. The events occurred in the 1100 block of Tandom Trail in the City of Baraboo.

Ground Breaking for the Installment of Direct Current Fast Charging Stations

On Tuesday October 18, Ho-Chunk Gaming in Wisconsin Dells had a ground breaking for the installment of Direct Current Fast Charging stations.

In 2021, Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells invited the Inertial Electric facilities Director to discuss installing Direct Current Fast Charging, a method of recharging electric vehicle batteries at the casino in Baraboo.

Unfortunately, the cost was beyond the budget. However, Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells did not give up and looked for other possible funding opportunities to help drive the project forward.

'Ho-Chunk Nation Reservation' highway signs part of a 2022 State Project and removed after found incorrect

Two highway signs displaying the words 'Ho-Chunk Nation Reservation' appeared on October 18 near Black River Falls, and were removed on October 19. Highway Commissioner Jay Borek informed the Hocak Worak that the signs were part of a 2022 I-94 project #10230079. The project is in the State Highway Improvement Program and State Highway Backbone Rehabilitation sub-program.

The signs were created as part of the Traffic Operations Signing section of the project. This section "includes all work associated with the installation of new signs and supports along existing highways." The 'Ho-Chunk Nation Reservation' highway signs come in, and workers installed them along Highway 54, near the industrial park, and east of the intersection of Highway 54 and County Road K.

The Highway Commissioner said that an employee of the Ho-Chunk Nation telephoned him to inform him the signs were incorrect. Highway Commissioner Jay Borek has no jurisdiction over state highways but coordinates anything that needs fixing. His office looked into the matter and found that the 'Ho-Chunk Nation Reservation' signs were wrong.



Ho-Chunk Students Celebrate Black River Falls Homecoming

On Friday, October 14, the School District of Black River Falls started the evening off strong with celebrating its annual Homecoming Day parade.

Ho-Chunk students and royalty gathered together to promote an evening of enrichment and excitement, ending with a Tiger football win against Viroqua with a score of 22-20.

Native American Voting has Impact on Midterm Elections

On Monday, October 24-25, Four Directions, the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), and Wisconsin tribes hosted a midterm elections forum in Madison, Wisconsin. Local and state candidates answered critical questions with issues important to Native Americans in Wisconsin and Indian Country before voting begins in November.

Ho-Chunk Nation President, Marlon WhiteEagle was in attendance to ask important questions regarding issues and concerns within the Ho-Chunk Nation and other tribal governments.

"One of the things I am most proud of within my first term as Governor is our working relationship with leaders of the tribal nations and their constituents. We have lot of opportunity to have even more success in the future and will continue to meet monthly at minimum, and talk about issues that are impacting the Nation and Wisconsin and how they intersect," said Governor, Tony Evers.

NOVEMBER

BRMH Renews Community Partnership with Local Drug Treatment Courts

Black River Memorial Hospital (BRMH) celebrated the renewal of their specimen collection contract with the Ho-Chunk Nation Healing to Wellness Court, Jackson County Treatment Court, and the Post Charge Diversion Program in October.

Ho-Chunk Nation's Healing to Wellness Court is signed by Chief Judge, Jo-Deen B. Lowe and the Jackson County Treatment Court and Post Charge Diversion Program are signed by Judge Anna Becker. Each of the programs focus on the Jackson County service area and aim to help individuals with accountability and support as they navigate substance abuse related issues.

Ho-Chunk Nation Executive Employees Celebrate Halloween

On Monday, October 31, Ho-Chunk Nation Employees gathered in the atrium of the Executive building to celebrate Halloween. The day was filled with pumpkin carving contests, food, costume contests and dancing.

Teejop Hocira Community Center Celebrates 5 Years

On Saturday, Oct. 29, the Madison Community Center hosted an anniversary festivity. Activities included crafts, games, a costume contest, a haunted house, a meal, singing and dancing, and a door prize giveaway. The building is named Teejop Hocira, meaning 'Four Lakes House' in the Ho-Chunk language.

The Community Center is located a mile and a half west of Ho-Chunk Gaming - Madison at 4724 Tradewinds Parkway.

The Teejop Hocira provides a wide variety of support services to tribal mem-

bers and their families, such as locating housing, funds for emergency assistance, notary services, and transports to medical, optical, and dental appointments. They are also the location for monthly distribution provided by the Badger Food Box program.

Senior Academic Librarian-Emerita, Hoocak Janice Rice, speaks at Kickapoo Valley Reserve on culture, philosophy, teachings, values, and land stewardship

Paul Arentz- Content Editor/Writer, Reprint from Driftless Now

"The way that I learned was from my grandmother and my mother. A lot of what we were told was to be quiet, to sit there, to listen and to work. We listened to what our elders told us and we also obeyed whatever they told us to do," said Hoocak (Ho-Chunk) tribal and Bear Clan member Janice Rice. "Fire to me, represents that campfire of the home setting and just being around outdoors, sitting around the campfire. Even you and some of your families when you're outdoors in summertime, in the evening you have a fireplace. It's a chance for you to reconnect with your own family, your generations, and all the relatives and friends who talk together and share stories, family stories and values. In the same way, that's what our Hoocak people did. The fire represents the place where our women relatives cooked and centered the family and gathered around the fireplace. To me, it represents the role that we as a women have in our families. To bring our food to the fireplace, cook it and serve the family. It's a chance for all of us as we center ourselves around the fireplace, to really be aware of who we are, our family, our kinship system, and all those nice feelings that we get by knowing who we are and where we're from." These were just a few things Rice shared with an audience on October 15th.



Rice was the featured speaker in October for the Kickapoo Valley Reserve's (KVR) Driftless Dialogue series. Driftless Dialogue is a monthly presentation series covering a wide range of topics relating to the Kickapoo Valley people, history, or natural surroundings, and funded through a grant from the Ralph E. Nuzum Kickapoo Reforestation Fund through the UW-Madison College of Agricultural & Life Sciences, the Friends of the Kickapoo Valley Reserve, and supported by Badger Talks.

Sharice Davids Wins Reelection in Kansas

Sharice Davids will again represent Kansas District 3 in the United States Congress. The Democrat Ho-Chunk Nation member defeated Republican challenger Amanda Adkins. Davids overcame the new GOP-drawn boundaries designed to make her district harder for her to win.

Tribal Member Gives Presentations Around Wisconsin

Tricia Zunker has served as Associate Justice of the Ho-Chunk Nation Supreme Court since 2013. She has also served as President of the Wausau Board of Education, is the founding director of the Central Wisconsin Indigenous Peoples' Day Committee, and is a member of Ho-Chunk Nation.

Recently, Tricia has given presentations around Wisconsin in hopes to educate and discuss concerns about essential topics within the Indigenous community.

DECEMBER

Twelve Clans Holds 2022 Annual Meeting

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.

Ho-Chunk Nation Honors Pearl Harbor Day

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.

2022 Ho-Chunk Day Traditional Powwow

On Friday, November 25, the Ho-Chunk Day traditional powwow was held at Ho-Chunk Gaming, Wisconsin Dells.

A women's applique special, men's woodland special, and a moccasin tournament were featured in the day's activities.

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

HHCDA Offers Heating Assistance

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.

Elite Elder Celebrates 85 Years

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.

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nant women could feel the fetus moving - said to occur between four and six months of pregnancy.

Professor Reagan⁶, explained that Justice Samuel Alito was egregiously wrong when he used English criminal law from the 17th century to overturn Roe v Wade. He conveniently dismissed the distinction between ending a pregnancy before or after quickening wherein early America, abortion before “quickening” was legal under common law and widely accepted in practice.

Instead, Alito’s draft majority opinion⁷ uses 17th century Jurist, Sir Matthew Hale who “described abortion of a quick child who died in the womb as a ‘great crime’ and a ‘great misprision.’ See M. Hale, Pleas of the Crown-1736 which also defended and laid the foundation for the marital rape exemption. Hale⁸ wrote:

“For the husband cannot be guilty of a rape committed by himself upon his lawful wife for by their mutual matrimonial consent and contract the wife hath given up herself in this kind unto her husband which she cannot retract.”

This provisions for marital rape may sound antiquated, but it was legal in many U.S. states up through the 1990s.

“Justice Alito and a handful of Supreme Court Justices upended abortion rights leaving women to defend themselves against a 17th century misogynist who didn’t believe marital rape was a crime,” said Jump. “It is our sacred duty as women to stand up for ourselves, for our daughters and granddaughters and to guarantee safety and body sovereignty for future generations.”

StrongHearts Native Helpline is a safe confidential and anonymous culturally-ap-

propriate domestic and sexual violence helpline for Native Americans and Alaska Natives. Advocates are available 24/7. Call or text 1-844-762-8483 or chat online at strongheartshelpline.org.

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BALLOT PROPOSALS 2022 (did not make the ballot)

1. Arizona Right to Reproductive Freedom Initiative (2022)
2. Colorado Abortion Ban Initiative (2022)
3. Florida Abortion Ban After Detectable Heartbeat Initiative (2022)
4. Maryland Authorizing Health Practitioners to Perform Abortions Referendum (2022)
5. Maryland Right to Reproductive Liberty Amendment (2022)
6. Massachusetts No Right to Public Funding for Abortion Initiative (2022)
7. Nevada Parental Notification for Minor’s Abortion

Initiative (2022)

8. Oklahoma Establish Rights of Unborn Persons Amendment (2022)

9. Oklahoma No Right to Abortion in Constitution Amendment (2022)

2023

1. New York Equal Protection of Law Amendment (2023)
2. Pennsylvania No State Constitutional Right to Abortion Amendment (2023)
3. Washington 15-Week Abortion Ban Initiative (2023)
4. Washington Age of Consent to Receive Certain Health Services and Abortion Initiative (2023)

2024

1. Florida Right to Life of Preborn Individual Initiative (2024)
2. Iowa No Right to Abortion in Constitution Amendment (2024)
3. Nevada Parental Consent for Child’s Healthcare Decisions and Medical Records

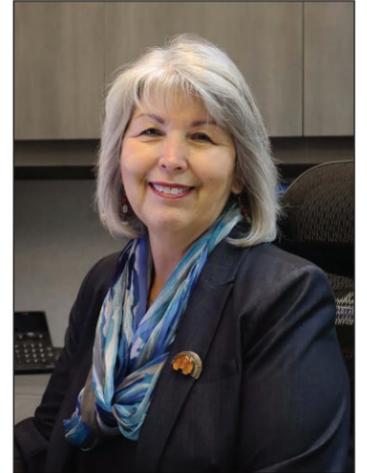
Access Initiative (2024)

4. Nevada Parental Notification of Abortion Initiative (2024)

5. Oklahoma State Question 825, Reproductive Rights Initiative (2024)

6. Oklahoma State Question 828, Right to Reproductive Freedom Initiative (2024)

7. South Dakota Right to Abortion Amendment (2024)



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 Preparing Oneself for a Good Life

GOOD LIFE GRANT OPEN ENROLLMENT

REGISTRATION: December 12, 2022 – February 10, 2023
CLASSES BEGIN THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 6-10, 2023
HO-CHUNK NATION-Department of Education

Contact:
Faye Begay
Student Services Specialist
715/284-4915 Ext. 11040
goodlife@ho-chunk.com

COURSES OFFERED:

1. Social, Emotional, and Financial Literacy	6. Career Exploration 7 th – 12 th Grade
2. Ho-Chunk Language	7. Guidance Counseling
3. Ho-Chunk Traditions 101	★ Native Book Club
4. Events	★ Native Art Club
5. Educational Technology & School Supplies	

BadgerCare Plus members:
You still have your benefits

Were you a member of BadgerCare Plus when the COVID-19 pandemic started? Or have you joined since March 2020?

If yes, keep **using your benefits** to get the care you need to **stay healthy**.

- ▶ Schedule an appointment for a check-up
- ▶ Get vaccines to prevent COVID-19, the flu, and more
- ▶ Update your prescriptions and get them refilled
- ▶ Seek out mental health services for extra support
- ▶ Go to urgent care if you are sick or the emergency room in a crisis

See what other services are covered under BadgerCare Plus
 ▶ dhs.wi.gov/badgercareplus/services.htm
 Make sure children under 21 get their HealthCheck preventive care
 ▶ dhs.wi.gov/forwardhealth/healthcheck.htm

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT of HEALTH SERVICES

P-03175A (12/2022)

Ho-Chunk Nation
 Department of Community Health

FOOT CLINIC

Tomah TAU • January 17 (10AM-2PM)
1-715-284-9851 EXT. 35382

Wittenberg Siga Center • January 25 (10AM-2PM)
1-715-253-2382

WI Dells TAU • January 26 (9:30AM-2PM)
1-608-355-1240 EXT. 35558

Madison Health Office • February 7 (10AM-2PM)
1-608-277-9964 EXT. 13222

CALL TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT

Is your internet fast enough?

Access to the internet is vital for the economic health and growth of the Ho-Chunk Nation. Yet many homes and businesses have no internet or internet service speeds that fall below federal standards. **The Ho-Chunk Nation is committed to working with local government and internet service providers to improve internet access & speed for all.**

We are asking residents and businesses to take a speed test and Questionnaire to help identify areas of greatest need.

Please do this today! It will take about 3-5 minutes.
Go to <https://www.co.jackson.wi.us> - click on the "Broadband" tab

If you do not have access to the internet, please go to your district community building and ask staff for assistance.

**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**

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.



Ho-Chunk Nation
NATURAL
RESOURCES

**MEDIA RELEASE – MASTER NATURALIST TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENT
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

December 13, 2022

LOCAL CONTACT: Ho-Chunk Nation DNR, MasterNaturalist@Ho-Chunk.com, 715-284-2852
LEAD INSTRUCTORS: Tina Brown and Brandon Bleuer
STATEWIDE CONTACT: Becky Sapper, Wisconsin Master Naturalist Program Director, University of Wisconsin Madison, Division of Extension, (715) 685-2652, becky.sapper@wisc.edu

WISCONSIN MASTER NATURALIST TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Members & Non-Tribal Community Members – Are you intrigued by nature? Do you enjoy sharing your knowledge and skills with others? Consider becoming a Wisconsin Master Naturalist! The Ho-Chunk Nation Master Naturalist program is a series of culturally infused sessions and field experiences that present a consistent perspective on a variety of natural history topics, conservation issues, and Master Naturalist service areas.

The Ho-Chunk Nation 2023 Master Naturalist Program will be held:
Wednesday, May 10th, 8:45am - 4:45pm, at *Hinukwaseja (La Crosse)*
Wednesday, July 12th, 8:30am - 4:30pm, at *Tošanqskaeja (White Otter)/MqqWakqçkeja (Sacred Earth)*
Wednesday, September 13th, 8:00am - 4:00pm, at *Kickapoo Valley Reserve*
Wednesday, November 8th, 8:30am - 5:00pm, at *Njoxwanjeja (Black River Falls)*

The \$275 training includes 40 hours of training and materials. Reduced fees are available for those who find the registration fee to be a financial hardship. (Contact MasterNaturalist@ho-chunk.com)

Once trained, a Wisconsin Master Naturalist makes positive impact through education, stewardship, and citizen science activities. To maintain certification, volunteers must complete 40 hours of service each year, in addition to eight hours of additional training. Join the Wisconsin Master Naturalist community!

Starting January 9th 2023 at 9:00am go to <https://wimasternaturalist.org/training/volunteer-training/ho-chunk-nation2023/> to register for this training. Registration for the Ho-Chunk Nation Master Naturalist Program closes April 30th 2023.

For additional Master Naturalist program details, please visit www.wimasternaturalist.org



NEWS RELEASE

Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection datcp.wi.gov

Don't Get Scammed This Holiday Season

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: December 13, 2022
Contact: Caleb Kulich, Public Information Officer, (608) 621-1290, caleb.kulich@wisconsin.gov

MADISON, Wis. – The winter holidays are a time of charity, gratitude, and gift-giving. Everyone is looking for the best deals and money-saving tricks. Scammers try to take advantage of consumers' holiday plans through rip-offs and fraudulent schemes. The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) encourages all consumers to learn how to identify and avoid these common holiday scams:

- **Delivery notification/shipping scams.** Fake shipping companies may send consumers messages alerting them to a delivery and threatening to delay unless the consumers 'verify' private information. Sometimes there is an attachment to download, usually containing a virus.
 - Do not open these messages or provide any personal information. Contact the company directly using a verified customer service phone number or email address for a shipping status update.
- **Giveaway scams.** Consumers may receive messages claiming they have won a prize such as a gift card to a major retailer. The catch: consumers are asked to pay a small 'processing fee,' to complete a survey, or to provide some personal data before they can claim it.
 - Prizes do not require fees. Never engage with someone offering gift cards or other goods for "free," but with strings attached.
- **Online marketplace scams.** Social media platforms and other online marketplaces offer the option to buy and sell directly with other users. Scammers may pose as buyers or as sellers, and have a variety of strategies they use to fool consumers.
 - Be wary of buyers overpaying with checks – this is a sure sign of fraud; do not refund them. Do not pay for items unless the seller can be confirmed as legitimate. Do not give personal information or move the conversation to an off-site channel.
- **Pet scams.** Pets are a popular holiday gift, but consumers should use caution when buying one online. Scammers will advertise pets, and when contacted claim the pets were already sold but that they know a faraway second seller with more options.
 - Ask for the name and location of the pet's veterinarian. Contact the vet using publicly available information to confirm the pet really exists. Never pay up-front for pets sold online.
- **Ticket scams.** Tickets to popular events can be expensive and in short supply. While many unofficial sellers and third-party websites are legitimate, watch for unreasonable prices and fake ticket sales.
 - Purchase tickets from official vendors that have established policies for cancellations and refunds.

For additional information and consumer protection resources 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 contacting DATCP's Consumer Protection Hotline by phone at (800) 422-7128 or email at DATCPHotline@wi.gov.

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Find more DATCP news in our [newsroom](#), on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

Ho-Chunk Nation Dept. of Health

Don't get caught without the shot!

THERE IS STILL TIME TO GET YOUR FLU SHOT. GETTING YOUR FLU SHOT EACH AND EVERY YEAR PROTECTS YOU FROM SEVERE ILLNESS AND HOSPITALIZATIONS, ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE OVER THE AGE OF 60.

CALL NOW TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT

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

Created 12.13.2022 RM

NOTICE

RIGHT TO OBJECT

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

Ho-Chunk Member, MICHELLE SAMPHERE, 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

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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 BRF 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:

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Legal Notice

RFP

RFP # 2022SF507
Business Banking 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 January 06, 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 23rd day of December, 2022.

Steve Sallaway
Procurement Agent
Ho-Chunk Nation

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

SUMMONS

(First Publication)

IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

**Ho-Chunk Nation
Department of Housing-
Rental management Office
P.O. Box 170
Tomah, WI 54660
, Plaintiff(s),**

V.

Case No.: CV 22-17

**Ashley Littlegeorge,
Defendant(s).**

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT(S): Ashley Littlegeorge

You are hereby informed that you have been named a defendant in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Complaint* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Complaint* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons* in the Hocak Worak. See *Ho-Chunk Nation Rules of Civil Procedure*, Rules 5(C)(1)(f), 6(A). Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record and provide the Court with a *Certificate of Service*. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed **can result in a default judgment being entered against you. Id.**, Rule 54.

The Trial Court is physically located at Wa Ehi Hocira, W9598 Highway 54 East, Black River Falls, (Jackson County) Wisconsin. The Trial Court's mailing address is P. O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The telephone number is (715) 284-2722, or toll free 800-434-4070, and the facsimile number is (715) 284-3136.

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

<u>Districts</u>	<u>Number of Election Board Members</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
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



Public Notice

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIBAL POLICY CHANGES
WITHIN THE CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CCAP)
FOR THE PERIOD 05/01/22 - 09/30/25

Date: January 9th 2023
Time: 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Place: Virtual

Join from the meeting link
<https://ho-chunk.webex.com/ho-chunk/j.php?MTID=m64cb9dfd75796b8e1b0c6e092186f365>

Join by meeting number
Meeting number (access code): 2494 975 0853
Meeting password: e4iQJpJwp55

The Public Hearing is to inform the public of the upcoming Ho-Chunk Nation Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) **changes relating to the services** that will be provided with the CCDF (Child Care & Development Fund). CCDF is the federal block grant funding the child care assistance program.

Some examples of upcoming changes:

- Updated Income Guidelines

If you would like to review the FY23-FY25 CCDF Policy Handbook & Application, you can request them from bonita.rhymer@ho-chunk.com or call 715-284-2622 ext. 15148

**HO-CHUNK NATION
LEGISLATURE
REGULAR MEETING
TRIBAL EXECUTIVE
OFFICES
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI
DECEMBER 6, 2022**

Call to Order: President Marlon WhiteEagle called the meeting to order at 9:01 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-VC
Rep. Darren Brinegar-EX
Rep. Shelby Visintin-VC
Rep. Sarah Lemieux-VC
Rep. Danielle DeLong-P
Rep. Robert Pilot-VC (9:08 a.m.)
Rep. Paul Fox-VC
Rep. Brianna Tahdoahnippah-VC

VC-Video Conference

Determination of Quorum: Quorum is established at 9:02 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 Rep. Phyllis Smoke. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to TABLE Unfinished Business: C. Tutor Specialist NEW Job Description, Unfinished Business: D. Tutor Services Division Manager NEW Job Description. Second concurs. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Legislative Meeting- November 15, 2022

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the November 15, 2022 Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 8-0-2(Rep. Shelby Visintin, Rep. Sarah Lemieux) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Robert Pilot joined the meeting via video conference at 9:08 a.m.

Special Legislative Meeting- November 22, 2022

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the November 22, 2022 Special

Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Special Legislative Meeting- November 29, 2022

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the November 29, 2022 Special Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Reports:

Tribal Enrollment Numbers

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to accept the Tribal Enrollment Number Report. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to accept the Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Report. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) Update

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to accept the U.S. Economic Development Administration Update. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Executive Branch Monthly Reports:

Department of Administration

Darcy Funmaker, Executive Administration Assistant was present via video conference on behalf of Executive Director Mark Leonard. A written report was received.

Rep. Sarah Lemieux asked about the issue with Gmail. IT Director Michael Rave mentioned that Gmail is blocked from sending attachments because Gmail allows for individuals to create accounts in others people's name, and it doesn't screen for viruses. This is set in place for an indeterminate time, Gmail is not doing anything to address this issue. We have group emails set up to receive the attachments, you would login to OWA that allows for the security software to keep it off the main network.

Rep. Kristin White Eagle asked if the IT team would be

able to provide an information session with the Legislative Branch. Mr. Rave said yes, IT is building training tutorials.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to request the Department of Administration and IT Department to provide an informational session with the Legislative Branch regarding the Gmail use. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Department of Health

Kiana Beaudin, Executive Director of Health, was present via video conference. During COVID the pharmacy had been giving courtesy extended refills to patients, even if they had not been seen within the past year. It is federal requirement that patients need to be seen in clinic in order to get filled. The courtesy refills will be discontinued, unless patients are seen by the clinic or by telehealth. If Public Health Emergency for COVID is set to expire at the end of December, that will change what is covered in terms of vaccinations and treatments. A written report was received.

Department of Personnel; Insurance

Jim Lambert, Human Resource Manager was present and gave an update for the Department of Personnel. The Department of Personnel is in the process of working with the Department of Treasury to set up interviews with the vendors who replied to the Classification & Compensation RFP.

Department of Social Services

Kimberly Whitewater was present via video conference on behalf of Executive Director of Social Services Rosella Stanley. A written report was received.

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

Resolution-Authorization of Agricultural Land Lease on

the Ho-Chunk RV & Resort for James and Judy Hall

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 12-06-22 A**, Authorization of Agricultural Land Lease on the Ho-Chunk RV & Resort for James and Judy Hall. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

New Business:

Confirmation Hearing for Tracy Littlejohn

Carolyn Garnett, Legislative Attorney, went over the process of the confirmation hearing. The Legislature accepted the nomination, the background check has been completed, and now the Legislature must accept or deny the confirmation for Executive Director of Housing.

Legislative Attorney Garnett asked Ms. Littlejohn during her brief time as Interim Director, how it is going.

Ms. Littlejohn stated she has been orientating herself with budgets and policy and procedure. There is some organization that needs to happen with the housing policies. The priorities are:

- Each division manager to look through and update all of the policies and separate procedures.

- Looking at which positions are unfilled, and getting those posted.

- Looking at the budgets along with Existing Mortgage Assistance, Down Payment Assistance and Home Repair Loans.

- Trainings, a lot of staff are requesting training. They are trying to locate free or virtual trainings.

Ms. Littlejohn mentions the Home Ownership Program is not sustainable, it is not feasible to continue this program, and it should be phased out. She will be looking for as many grants as possible. There was a question asked if confirmed, will she be committed to update the Legislature on the work being done in Housing. Ms. Littlejohn agrees.

Resolution-Confirmation/Denial of Tracy Littlejohn to the Position of Executive Director of the Department of Housing

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 12-06-22 B**, Confirmation

of Tracy Littlejohn to the Position of Executive Director of the Department of Housing. Second by Rep. Danielle DeLong. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Milwaukee Resource Day Request

Cheri Byre, Milwaukee Branch Manager, would like to request \$800 for the Tesisik Area Resource Day on December 15, 2022. The purpose is to reacquaint with the Tribal members with the resources that are available.

President Marlon WhiteEagle is excused from the meeting at 9:54 a.m. Vice President Karena Thundercloud will chair the remainder of the meeting.

MOTION by Rep. Shelby Visintin for Legislature to approve the Milwaukee Resource Day request from the D3 Community Improvement Funds on an emergency basis due to the timeframe for \$800; \$600 for the meal and \$200 for the door prizes. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Tribal Assistance Fund for RFQ for Ho-Chunk Cinema

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 12-06-22 C**, Tribal Assistance Fund for RFQ for Ho-Chunk Cinema. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 9-0-2 (Rep. George Stacy, Rep. Brianna Tahdoahnippah) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Establishment of House of Wellness Fitness/Aquatics Center Restricted Account

Rep. Kristin White Eagle mentioned unfortunately Legislature does not have the updated Capital Investment Plan, and the recommendation from the Treasurer. Legislature would like to make sure the Treasurer is in line with what the Capital Investment plans for the Nation.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to TABLE Resolution-Establishment of House of Wellness Fitness/Aquatics Center Restricted Account. Second by Rep. Brianna Tahdoahnippah. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization for the Police Department to Apply for the 2023 County/Tribal Law Enforcement
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Grant Application

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 12-06-22 C**, Authorization for the Police Department to Apply for the 2023 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Grant Application. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Adoption of Amendments to the Ho-Chunk Nation Occupational Safety and Health Program Act and Subsections 6 HHC § 8-1 Through 6 HCC § 8-20

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 12-06-22 D**, Adoption of Amendments to the Ho-Chunk Nation Occupational Safety and Health Program Act and Subsections 6 HHC § 8-1 Through 6 HCC § 8-20. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization of Business Site Land Lease on Chakh-Hah-Chee South Lot 5 Property #439 T 2095 for Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Administration

MOTION by Rep. Shelby Visintin to adopt **Resolution 12-06-22 E**, Authorization of

Business Site Land Lease on Chakh-Hah-Chee South Lot 5 Property #439 T 2095 for Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Administration. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization of Business Site Land Lease on Executive Campus Legion Post Property #439 T 2139 for Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Administration

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 12-06-22 F**, Authorization of Business Site Land Lease on Executive Campus Legion Post Property #439 T 2139 for Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Administration. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to include that the Legion Post is able to hold meetings and events at the building. 9-1(Rep. George Stacy)-1(Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah) **MOTION CARRIED.**

New Year's Eve Pow Wow Budget

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the New Year Eve Pow Wow Funding Request in the amount of \$7,500 from the Pow Wow line item. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. **MOTION IS**

AMENDED to add \$2,500 to come out of the D1 Community Improvement Fund. Second concurs. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Social Services Domestic Abuse Division to Apply for the Wisconsin Department of Justice Office of Crime Victim Services Victims of Crime Act Grant

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to adopt **Resolution 12-06-22 G**, Authorization for the Department of Social Services Domestic Abuse Division to Apply for the Wisconsin Department of Justice Office of Crime Victim Services Victims of Crime Act Grant. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Opposition to Changes to Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Elk Management Plan

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 12-06-22 H**, Opposition to Changes to Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Elk Management Plan. Second by Rep. Robert Pilot. 11-0-0 **MOTION**

CARRIED.

FY22 HHCDA Reconciliation of Funds

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to accept the FY22 HHCDA District 3 Housing reconciliation of the funds with excess funds of \$110,866.41 and to allow HHCDA to retain these funds that will offset the FY23 District 3 Housing budget request for \$290,000, release of the difference to HHCDA in the amount of \$179,133.59; to also accept the FY22 HHCDA Veteran's Supportive Housing reconciliation of funds with excess funds of \$20,453.68 and to allow HHCDA to retain these funds that will offset the FY23 VSH budget request for \$119,000, release of the difference to HHCDA in the amount of \$98,546.32. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

UNITY Funding Request

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to request a meeting with Youth Services, Treasury and Legislative Finance Team. Second by Rep. Danielle DeLong. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

NAIG Funding Request

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie

Begay to approve the NAIG registration fees in the amount of \$10,750 from Indigenous Games Restricted Account. Second by Rep. Danielle DeLong. 10-0-1(Rep. George Stacy) **MOTION CARRIED.**

NOTE: Indigenous Games Funding will also be included in the Unity Meeting Request. **Flex Classification Request**

Executive Director of Business Laurette Pettibone and Jim Lambert, Human Resource Manager, were in attendance. Flex classification for Enterprise job descriptions for all frontline and supervisors will provide the ability to use flex with the recruitment and hiring process will be a positive move in becoming more competitive with the service labor job market.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to request Legislative Legal to draft a resolution for next Legislative Session regarding Flex Classification for Enterprise job descriptions. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 10-0-1(Rep. George Stacy) **MOTION CARRIED.**

District Meetings:

D1 Howasa – November 15, 2022

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READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Connie Radtke to nominate Bruce LaMere for the Election Board Delegate for District 1.

D1 Niioxawani – November 16, 2022

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to refer to the Office of the President Budget Staff the MOTION by Martina Littlewolf to have the Legislature allocate funds for Ho-Chunk Day 2023. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to refer to the Office of the President the MOTION by Nathaniel Longtail, Jr. to have the District 1 Legislators to support finds allocated for Ho-Chunk Day in a line item with the OOP budget. Second by Rep. George Stacy. MOTION IS AMENDED to include D1 Legislators. Second concurs. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to accept Bruce LaMere as the Delegate and Devin Funmaker as the Alternate. Second by Rep. George Stacy. MOTION IS AMENDED to include this is for the D1 Election Board.

Second concurs. MOTION IS AMENDED to accept and confirm Bruce LaMere as the Delegate and Devin Funmaker as the Alternate to the D1 Election Board. Second concurs. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D2 Hinukwas– November 14, 2022

No Motions

D2 Ho'uni Xununik – November 15, 2022

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Roberta Decorah to support Donald Greengrass as D2 representative to the Veteran Affairs Advisory Board.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to the Finance Commission the MOTION by Roberta Decorah to match \$700 for Head Start graduation with a check made out to Debreana Pettibone and provide reconciliation. Second by Rep. Danielle DeLong. 9-0-2(Rep. Stephanie Begay, Rep. Brianna Tahdoahnippah) **MOTION CARRIED.**

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Roberta Decorah to allocate \$1,500 for the

Tomah Area Christmas Party with a check made out to Carole Bedeau and provide reconciliation.

NOTE: The Area decided not to hold the event due to time constraints.

D2 Hoxaikeja/Hoguceja/ Nižhakisuc – November 16, 2022

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to the Office of the President and Department of Education the MOTION by Christine Funmaker-Romano to request Executive Branch produce a listing of all eligible Tribal members to get assistance via Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) program and get a progress report. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to the Department of Health and the Office of the President the MOTION by Christine Funmaker-Romano to request Executive Director of Health Kiana Beaudin to attend next month's meeting to discuss COVID vaccination, booster and after affects. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to Realty and the Office of the President the MOTION by Christine Funmaker-Romano to terminate the agriculture lease for renewal and additional information on other agriculture leases surrounding the Ho-Chunk Casino. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep Stephanie Begay to refer to Planning and the Office of the President the MOTION by Christine Funmaker-Romano to bring back the previous land use plans from Planning Department to next meeting. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to Realty and the Office of the President the MOTION Christine Funmaker-Romano to request HCN Realty Division to attend next area meeting to discuss Juneau County leases. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to Diversity, Equality and Inclusion workgroup, Education and D2 Legislators the MOTION by Christine Funmaker-Romano

to request D2 Legislators, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion taskforce and Education department to present an action plan to address racism within the school district. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to Legislature the MOTION by Christine Funmaker-Romano for HCN Legislature to grant Dr. Cheryl Funmaker and staff a vote of confidence. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to the Election Code Workgroup the MOTION by Cindy Tack to rescind the Election Code resolution. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 10-1(Vice President Karena Thundercloud)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to the Department of Justice the MOTION by Christine Funmaker-Romano to request HCN Chief of Police attend next month's meeting. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to the Trust
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 & Investment Committee, Treasury and Legislative Finance Team the MOTION by Christine Funmaker-Romano to support the Unfinished Business letter a) Minors Trust Fund, come back with a very clear update of where it's at, what's being done, to include dates of progress also include explanation from Trust & Investment Committee. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D3 Pac cinak – November 14, 2022

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to TABLE D3 Pac cinak – November 14, 2022 Meeting minutes. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D3 Tee hoikšek – November 15, 2022

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to refer to Finance, Legislative Legal and Legislators the MOTION by Pam Wilbur to have Legislators put out a letter to all parents that no funds have been added to the Minors Trust Fund since August 2020. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to accept and confirm Mary Lopez for the Delegate to the Election Board and the Alternate will be Dave Radke. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to refer to the Finance Commission the MOTION by Dawn Lopez to add \$1,200 to the already allocated \$400 for the adult membership, and add \$100 to the already allocated \$200 to the minor membership for a Christmas Bonus. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D3 Tejop – November 16, 2022

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to accept and confirm Cher Laubmeier as the Madison Area Election Board Delegate and Brenda Neff as the Madison Area Election Board Alternate. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D3 Tešišik – November 17, 2022

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to refer to the Department of Administration and Finance Commission

the MOTION by Cheri Byre that one main furnace to be replaced immediately. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to refer to HHCD the MOTION by Heather Schulz to extend the Metro City Grant from 30 to 60 days. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to accept and confirm Alex Lang as Election Board Delegate and Hazel Gurerro as Alternate. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. George Stacy is out of the room during the vote.*

D3 Nikusara – November 17, 2022

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to accept and confirm Bonnie Smith as Election Board Delegate and Greg Smith as Election Board Alternate. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D4 Guušgonak – November 14, 2022

MOTION by Rep. Brianna

Tahdooahnippah to refer to Legislative Finance Team the MOTION by Dorothy Ramirez to request \$1,500 for materials for craft nights to use for sewing machines and beads from the D4-5 Community Improvement Fund. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 10-0-1(Rep. Stephanie Begay) **MOTION CARRIED.**

D4 Maanico Horuzra – November 17, 2022

MOTION by Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah to accept and confirm Patrick Red Eagle as the District 4 Twin Cities Area Election Board Delegate. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 10-0-1(Rep. George Stacy) **MOTION CARRIED.**

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 by Rep. Danielle DeLong. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting moved to Executive Session at 11:23 a.m.

Executive Session recessed

for lunch at 11:59 a.m. for 30 minutes.

Executive Session was called to order at 12:31 p.m. Quorum is established in Executive Session.

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to move to Open Session. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting moved to Open Session at 1:45 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Shelby Visintin was not on the call during the vote.*

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adjourn the Legislative Meeting to December 13, 2022 at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Second by Rep. Danielle DeLong. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Shelby Visintin was not on the call during the vote.*

The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 1:48 p.m.

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