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DNR Now Hiring State Park Seasonal Staff Apply Now For Jobs Starting In April

MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is now hiring seasonal staff for Wisconsin’s state parks, forests, trails and recreation areas.

These limited-term seasonal positions are responsible for outdoor maintenance, groundskeeping work and customer service for property visitors. Recruitment for these positions is underway now for work that starts in the spring and early summer through late summer and fall, with some flexibility depending on availability and property need.

Every year, the DNR recruits about 400 seasonal employees to work at state properties during the summer season. Ideal applicants enjoy working in scenic landscapes, maintaining our pristine natural resources and serving a diverse customer base.

Working for Wisconsin state properties provides wonderful opportunities for a variety of outdoor recreation, from wild and remote campsites to developed family and

group campgrounds, beaches, boat launches, visitor and interpretive centers, and trails. The experiences gained from these seasonal positions are not only invaluable to starting a long-term career in natural resources, but they also create life-long memories.

Positions are available across the state, from the forests of northern Wisconsin to the islands and shores of the Great Lakes. The following positions are open at various locations:

- Park Rangers
- Parks and Recreation Specialists
- Visitor Services Associates
- Natural Resources Educators

• Facilities repair workers
To apply, visit WiscJobs.com and search “Parks.”

Wisconsin is home to 50 state parks, 15 state forests, 44 state trails, 84,000 miles of rivers and streams, roughly 15,000 lakes, and much more. Learn more about Wisconsin’s state parks on the DNR website.



A crew of park workers pose for a photo along the Willow Flowage in Oneida County. / Photo Credit: Wisconsin DNR.

Further information is being released in the investigations related to Felicia J. Wanna

On 1/2/2023 the family of Felicia Wanna called to request a welfare check be completed as they had not seen or heard from Felicia since 12/29/2022. Numerous attempts were made to contact and locate Felicia with no success. An investigation was opened by the Ho-Chunk Police Department and further investigative options were attempted. The investigation was able to determine that on the evening of 12/29/22 Felicia was in the area of the Tomah Wal-Mart. Video footage was obtained from security cameras in

the area of the Tomah Wal-Mart and we were able to confirm that Felicia was in that area at 7:20 p.m. Felicia is seen leaving the Tomah Wal-Mart under her own free will. It was also discovered through the investigation that Felicia did not have her vehicle or cell phone with her at that time, as a known party had taken both to La Crosse. Although a number of other sightings were reported, this is the last confirmed sighting of Felicia.

On 1/18/23 an expansive ground search operation was conducted in the area

that Felicia was last seen. During that search Felicia’s body was located in a remote area approximately 1.5 miles from the Tomah Wal-Mart.

The investigation has concluded that the primary cause of Felicia’s death was hypothermia due to environmental exposure.

The death investigation was completed by the Monroe County Sheriff’s Office, Ho-Chunk Police Department, DCI, WI State Crime Lab, Wisconsin State Patrol and the Monroe County Medical Examiner.



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Letter from the President

Greetings, and Happy Valentine's Day, to one and all.

January 2023 has come and gone. We are less than a month before our March 7 primary election to elect or narrow down our candidates who will serve as our next elected officials.

Our official list of candidates is now out, with 10 Presidential candidates.

That's an impressive number. The "family" votes will certainly be split with a number like that.

What is a "family vote"?

It's when family members, maybe limited to siblings and their children, but it could potentially spill over to extended family members who vote for a specific candidate.

Now, the Ho-Chunk Nation doesn't have any political parties. I can't explain why or why not we haven't established political parties, but we do have other voting blocks.

Well, maybe they are only perceived as voting blocks, but our religious followings or our home community may

also affect how we cast our votes.

This means if a candidate goes to our church or we grew up with a certain candidate, we believe we know them to be good, ethical people we may cast our vote for them.

All 10 candidates will get a few of these types of votes.

One advantage I may have is being an incumbent, or the candidate currently holding the office.

I feel that I have not let our people down when it comes to the tough decisions that I've made while in office.

What gets skewed, at least in general principle, is the belief that our elected officials are part of a "tribal council."

Since 1994, we, the Ho-Chunk Nation, adopted a 4-branch government.

This means we have and observe separation of powers between these 4 branches.

What's ironical is that our leader of the executive branch is called the President, but the leader of the Legislative branch is called the Vice President.

Someone from an entirely different branch of our

government, in title only, steps in line to be our top executive officer.

Tribal members are denied the right or opportunity to select their "second in command."

This is also skewed externally to other organizations, whether they are another government or a private company.

If the president is unavailable to attend, the vice president will then be asked to attend an external event.

Our Ho-Chunk Nation Vice President is merely the lead official of our Legislative branch, selected by other District elected officials.

With our state and federal counterparts, if we ask for the presence or involvement of the Governor or the US President, we don't then fall to Speaker of the Wisconsin State Legislature or Speaker of the House.

We observe separation powers and seek the next executive leader, we seek the Lieutenant Governor or the US Vice President.

I'd say that's an organizational design flaw,

but one that's worth fixing.

On the Legislative side of the election cycle, District 1 has a good smattering candidates seeking office.

But the other Districts lack interested candidates seeking Legislative offices.

I received a recent compliment from an external organization leader, who said I raised the profile of the Ho-Chunk Nation Presidency.

Perhaps that's why we see more potential candidates seeking the Presidency, rather than Legislative office.

Another compliment from an external organization leader, who leads a statewide organization, mentioned that I ought to seek re-election.

That's a vote of confidence from outside our tribal government organization, and provides an example of the other compliment that I may have potentially raised the profile of our Nation to external organizations.

That being said, I feel I delivered on my previous campaign slogan to: **SOLIDIFY OUR LEGACY.**

As the new election cycle begins, with a little less

than 2 months to campaign, I announce my effort to seek reelection with my 4 Es principles: Encourage. Educate. Empower. Endure.

These are the 4 Es for success in perpetuating and invigorating our tribal existence.

We do better to:

- Encourage opportunities to grow and advance.
- Educate all on our system of governance and culture.
- Empower our people to adapt and thrive.
- Endure the obstacles and journey ahead of us.

Our election is right around the corner, make a plan to cast your vote.

Our Election Board Office is available Monday through Friday, 8 am to 4:30 pm to answer questions and request an absentee ballot. Please reach out to as there are deadlines for mail-in ballots.

Good luck to all the candidates.

God Bless the Ho-Chunk Nation.

FHWA Announces \$21 Million in Grant Awards for Tribal Transportation Safety Improvements From President's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

WASHINGTON -- As part of the U.S. Department of Transportation's commitment to reducing roadway fatalities, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) today announced that 70 Tribes will receive approximately \$21 million for 93 projects that improve road safety on Tribal lands. Traffic crashes occur more frequently in Tribal and rural communities, and addressing that is one of the safety goals laid out in the Department's National Roadway Safety Strategy.

"This funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law will not only improve safety on Tribal roads for drivers, but it will improve safety and accessibility for other users such as road work crews, pedestrians and bicyclists," said Federal Highway Administrator Shailen Bhatt. "We're pleased to help Tribes implement these projects that will help save lives in Tribal communities."

The funding comes from FHWA's Tribal Transportation Program Safety Fund. The list of grant recipients announced today includes 16 Tribes that have not previously participated in the program and will now receive funding to develop their first transportation safety plan. The funding is provided directly to Tribes for a range of projects, including the development of safety plans, data analysis activities, pedestrian infrastructure improvements, roadway departure countermeasures, intersection safety, visibility and traffic calming. Among the FY2022 grant recipients are the following:

- The Colorado River Indian Tribes in Arizona will receive \$792,440 for two projects in La Paz County to implement roadway departure countermeasures along a curve on Booth Road and 4th Avenue and 2nd Avenue, which is currently at high risk for crashes, and to implement pedestrian safety

improvements along Agency Road, 1st Avenue, and Arizona Avenue.

- The Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians in Minnesota will receive \$300,000 for pedestrian safety and walkability improvements for the Red Lake Nation Hospital Compound in Red Lake.

- The Fort Peck Assiniboine & Sioux Tribes in Montana will receive \$600,000 for roadway infrastructure improvements, including shoulder widening and other improvements along Route 1 on the Fort Peck Reservation.

- The Seneca Nation of Indians in New York will receive \$1,627,086 for the Broad Street-Iroquois Drive Intersection Improvement Project to construct a roundabout in Salamanca, New York.

The President's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law provides the largest funding ever in the history of the Tribal Transportation Program, which includes the safety fund, by increasing the total authorized from \$2.4 billion under the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act to \$3 billion for Fiscal Years 2022 through 2026. This is in addition to the new Safe Streets and Roads for All discretionary grant program that will provide \$1 billion this year to support regional, local, and Tribal plans, projects and strategies that will prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries. Today's announcement follows USDOT's announcement earlier this week of \$800 million for the first round of Safe Streets and Roads for All grants to 500 communities across the country.

As part of the White House Tribal Nations Summit in December, the U.S. Department of Transportation announced a slate of actions to build on USDOT's ongoing work to deliver infrastructure funding to Indian Country. Additionally, the White House released a Fact sheet on the Tribal Nations Summit announcements.

To further assist the 574 federally recognized Tribes in addressing their transportation needs, FHWA has developed Transportation Funding Opportunities for Tribal Nations, a brochure that provides information on new highway programs created

under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law as well as existing highway and bridge transportation funding programs. Additional information on the Tribal Transportation Program Safety Fund can be found on the FHWA web site.



Field Notes February 2023 Forestry Edition



Forest Health Monitoring on Nation Lands

Tree stand surveys of all trust and allotment lands are being conducted by HCN Forestry staff to gather data that will identify their health and be used to create forest management plans. Each individual survey identifies the individual species, their height, age, and the volume of wood that could be harvested. Knowing the volume of wood that could be harvested is not recorded because these stands will not necessarily be harvested, but the volume of harvestable wood directly correlates to a healthier larger tree. Stand exam data can also be used to identify wildlife habitats.

Nine Eagles Oak Savanna Restoration

In the spring of 2022, the HCN DNR was awarded funding from the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) to restore native habitats and control invasive species on the Nine Eagles property. This funding is being used to remove oak slash from the forest understory that was left over from a timber harvest. This is being done so that fire can be reintroduced to the landscape through prescribed burning. Habitats such as this one with large open-grown oaks and an understory made up of native grasses and wildflowers are known as oak savannas. The removal of fire from the landscape has reduced savanna communities to 0.01% of the estimated 5.5 million acres that were in Wisconsin prior to European settlement (Wisconsin DNR). Utilizing prescribed fire on the property will promote growth of native plants and grasses while suppressing non-native woody vegetation. This project is a collaborative effort between the Forestry and Land Management Divisions of the Nation's DNR.

Submitted By Brandon Bleuer, Forestry and Wildlife Manager

DATCP's Top Ten Consumer Complaints of 2022

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MADISON, Wis. – As Wisconsin's primary consumer protection agency, the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) receives tens of thousands of requests for assistance and resources each year. In 2022, DATCP worked to resolve more than 11,000 consumer complaints, successfully reached settlements in several investigations, and returned millions of dollars to Wisconsin consumers.

"DATCP's Consumer Protection team is an essential resource for both consumers and businesses in our state," said DATCP Secretary Randy Romanski. "I am proud of the hardworking team who process and investigate consumer complaints, mediate resolutions to complex consumer issues, and provide valuable education, information, and training to Wisconsin consumers on scams, identity theft, and more."

DATCP's top ten complaint categories in 2022 were:

1. Landlord/Tenant Issues

Landlord/tenant issues were the number one complaint filed with DATCP in 2022. Consumers filed 1,912 complaints when disputes between landlords and tenants could not be resolved between parties, a slight increase from 2021. Issues included security deposit returns, eviction, unauthorized entry, mold damage, inadequate disclosures, and unsatisfactory service. Additionally, DATCP received more than 6,000 contacts to the Consumer Protection Hotline about landlord/tenant issues and over 50,000 visits to landlord/tenant consumer resources found on its website, including the Landlord and Tenant Guide.

2. Telemarketing

DATCP received 1,651 telemarketing complaints in 2022, a decrease from 2021. The complaints include issues related to robocalls, phishing and spoofing, imposter scams, harassment, and Wisconsin Do Not Call Registry violations. DATCP will continue educating consumers on how to spot scams and fraud, minimize unwanted messages, and protect their information.

3. Home Improvement

Home improvement concerns accounted for 1,216 complaints in 2022, more than double the volume received in 2021. The top issues consumers reported to DATCP include failure to provide services and materials, failure to

honor warranties, failure to properly disclose lien waivers, deceptive and misleading representations, poor workmanship, improper installation, billing disputes, and incorrect charges.

4. Telecommunications

DATCP received 655 complaints regarding telecommunications services in 2022, up slightly from the previous year. Consumers reported issues including billing disputes, unfair termination of service, deceptive and misleading representations, refund/adjustment policies, and failure to cancel services when requested.

5. Identity Theft

With 513 complaints of identity theft in 2022, DATCP received a third of the complaints that it received the preceding year. When a consumer reports identity theft, DATCP helps victims to recover and secure their identity against further fraud. DATCP also proactively educates consumers across the state on how to avoid being a victim of identity theft. In 2022, outreach specialists presented on identity theft, as well as other important consumer protection topics, to thousands of individuals across Wisconsin.

6. Medical Services

Complaints related to medical services increased 60% with consumers filing 440 complaints in 2022. Issues reported by consumers include billing disputes, deceptive and misleading representations, and unsatisfactory service. In 2022, new federal consumer protection laws went into effect against "surprise billing," when an insured patient unknowingly receives care from an out-of-network provider and subsequently receives an unexpected medical bill.

7. Travel

This category covers a variety of issues including motor vehicle rentals, airlines, hotels/motels, and travel company service bundling. DATCP received 224 travel complaints in 2022. Billing disputes, refund/adjustment policy adherence, failure to return deposits and payment, and unsatisfactory service were commonly reported by consumers.

8. Health and Medical Products

New to DATCP's top ten in 2022 is health and medical products, with 217 complaints involving billings disputes, delivery failure, refund/adjustment policy concerns, and more. DATCP will continue to monitor this complaint category.

9. Furniture/Home Furnishings

Also new to the top ten

consumer complaints list is furniture/home furnishings, receiving 189 complaints. Specific issues that consumers reported include failure to provide services or deliver goods, failure to honor vendor policies, deceptive and misleading representations, and refund/adjustment policy concerns.

10. Auto Sales (New & Used)

The tenth consumer complaint category in 2022 was both new and used auto sales, about which DATCP received 184 complaints. Common among these complaints were reports of inadequate disclosures as well

as deceptive and misleading representations in direct mail flyers.

During 2022, DATCP reached settlements in several investigations related to the Top Ten. You can find those previous press releases here:

- Telemarketing: Attorney General Kaul, DATCP Announce Settlement of Enforcement Action Against Extended Vehicle Warranty Telemarketer
- Telecommunications: AG Kaul, Secretary Romanski Secure \$15 Million Agreement with Frontier Communications
- Medical Services: DATCP Addresses Misleading

COVID-19 Test Advertisements

• Motor Vehicle Sales: AG Kaul, DATCP Announce Settlement With Direct-Mail Marketer of Extended Vehicle Warranty Products

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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District Wide Family Night
Wednesday, February 15, 2023
4pm - 6pm
Lunda Community Park

*Come enjoy a warm bowl of soup, some yummy hot cocoa and a good time with family & friends!

Activities: snowshoeing, sledding, Snow painting, playground, Snow snake, Soup & frybread

Door Prizes available

Students under 16 must have an adult with them.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT DINNER SERIES

Food: a free dinner open to the public
Thoughts: How does the Wisconsin Supreme Court impact Native people? What challenges do Natives voters face? How will the April 4 election impact Indian Country?

March 1 from 5 to 7 p.m.
Milwaukee Ho-Chunk Office
3501 S. Howell Ave., Milwaukee

Door prize and raffle drawing following Q&A

Register at bit.ly/fftmke

Co-hosted by: Wisconsin Native VOTE, THE GREAT SEAL OF THE HO-CHUNK NATION, NARF

This is a non-partisan event sponsored by Wisconsin Native Vote.

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

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Forgiveness of Ho-Chunk Nation Mortgage and Rental Late Fees Resolution Passes

Ardith Van Riper
Editor

During a regular meeting of the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature on Feb. 7, Resolution 02-07-23 C passed with an affirmative vote of 11, zero opposed, and one abstaining. The resolution

is titled 'Forgiveness of Ho-Chunk Nation Mortgage and Rental Late Fees since the End of the Suspension of Payments during the COVID-19 Pandemic.'

The resolution states in part, "in order to ease the burden on individuals during

this time of recovery, the Legislature wishes to forgive any late fees that have been charged since July 2022 on Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Housing mortgage and rental payments provided that the mortgagor and renter sets up a payment plan for unpaid

mortgage or rental payment with the Nation by June 30, 2023."

The Nation will assess these late fees after June 30.

Those who need to set up payment with Department of Housing should contact Finance Division Manager

Marla Ferkey at 608-374-1225 extension 15909, or email Housing@ho-chunk.com. A payment agreement form must be completed and there is a \$100.00 monthly minimum.



PRESIDENTIAL LISTENING SESSION

FOR ALL HO-CHUNK NATION TRIBAL MEMBERS

THURSDAY
FEBRUARY 23
6PM-8PM

HO-CHUNK NATION MILWAUKEE BRANCH OFFICE

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For more information email: oop.pr@ho-chunk.com



HHCDA Garden Planning Meetings

4-7 pm

- **Wisconsin Rapids** @ Community Center: February 20
- **Black River Falls** @ D1CC: February 21
- **Tomah** @ Ahuco Community Building: February 22
- **Wisconsin Dells** @ House of Wellness Lower Atrium: February 23

Questions?
Contact HHCDA staff

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Created on 1/19/23

Wisconsin's Spring primary is ahead, ensure you have an ID to vote

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Wisconsin Department of Transportation Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) reminds voters to check and be sure that they have the

proper identification needed to vote in this month's primary (February 21, 2023).

Wisconsin driver licenses or IDs are the most common form of identification used for voting purposes. A federally compliant REAL ID card

is not required to show at the polls. The Wisconsin Elections Commission notes other forms of identification are valid for voting, such as military or student ID cards. To see if a card meets the requirements, visit the Wisconsin Elections Commission website.

Voters looking to get their first Wisconsin ID can turn to DMV for help. To obtain an official ID card, there are documentation requirements such as a birth certificate. If all documentation is not readily available, the ID Petition Process (IDPP) may be used to obtain a receipt valid for voting while the remaining documents or verifications are obtained.

DMV offers this service and ID cards for voting purposes free of charge. DMV's toll-free hotline (844) 588-1069 is available for questions on obtaining an ID to vote.

DMV's website has a locator to help find the nearest DMV and check wait times (wisconsinidmv.gov/centers).

Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board

REQUESTING ABSENTEE BALLOT

1. Eligible Voter's Name Printed or Typed (with signature) and physical address (UPS Next Day Air will not deliver to a P.O. Box)
2. Daytime Telephone Number
3. Enrollment Number
4. District

DEADLINE: Sat. Feb. 25 by 4:30 PM

Email: election.board@ho-chunk.com

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Wednesday February 15
4-6 pm at Ahuco Community Building
321 Epoch Ave., Tomah

Take home a jar of applesauce!

Bring your dial-gauge canner to get tested!

Class provided by UW-Extension
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Contact Nutritionist Kathy Braaten to RSVP for your jar of applesauce
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Scan the QR code or follow the link (https://tinyletter.com/HCN_Legislature) to sign up for email updates from the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature! We'll send just a couple of emails per month with information from each district, dates to remember, and more!

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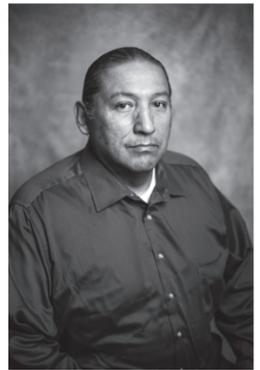


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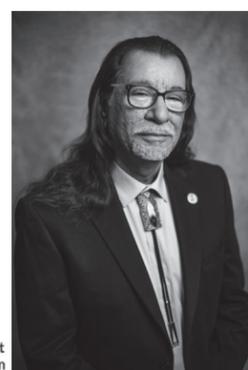
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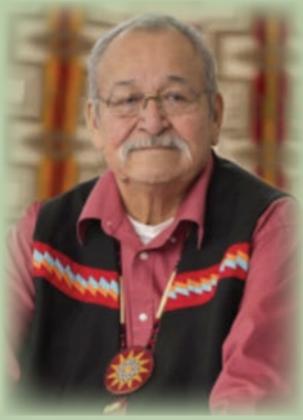
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Norman Daniel Snake, Sr.

March 11, 1946 - February 3, 2023



Snake; sister Lita Jean Snake; his children Tricia Snake-Custodio, Marlin Snake, Karena Snake-Custodio; his grandchildren Marissa Stabler, Michaela Custodio, Alejandro Rodriguez, Miguel Custodio, Jr., Halie Marg-Snake; and his great-grandchildren Taylan, Benson, Xavier, Anevay, and Eliyanah.

Norman Daniel “Hųk Naą Jexi” Snake, Sr., age 76, passed away on February 3, 2023 at Gundersen Health System in La Crosse, Wisconsin. He was born in Black River Falls on March 11, 1946, to Reuben Harold and Anna (Winneshiek) Snake.

After graduating high school Norman enlisted in the Navy, then came back home and worked numerous jobs with the Ho-Chunk Nation.

Norman had a big personality and a love for people, open and accepting of everyone. Known for his sense of humor, he was funny and had a way of greeting each and every one. He loved playing bingo and playing in the casino. He also loved to travel.

He is survived by his brothers, Roger Dean Snake, Terrence Lee Snake, Ralph Leland

He was preceded in death by his parents; his son Norman D. Snake, Jr.; his grandson Darus T. Stabler; and his siblings John Snake, Richard Snake, Marlin Snake, Sadie Wesho-Snake, Martin Littlewolf, Jr.

Funeral services for Norman will be held Monday, February 6 2023 at the Ho-Chunk Nation New District 1 Community Center, beginning at noon. A visitation will be held at the Buswell Funeral Home of Black River Falls on Sunday, February 5, from noon until 3pm, and Monday at the Community Center from 10am until the start of services.

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

CLASS STARTS MARCH 6th, 2023



FREE ROAD CONSTRUCTION TRAINING

OPEN HOUSE EVENTS:

February 9th, 2023
12pm-4pm

February 16th, 2023
8am-12pm

LOCATION:

District 1 Community Center
N7261 Warrior Ave.
Black River Falls, WI 54615



Call or Email TrANS Coordinator Noel Vandiver for more details
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Are you looking for help quit drugs and/or alcohol?

Along with our Behavioral Health clinicians and counselors, the medical clinic providers can also provide medications to stay sober.

Drug	Medications that help with abstinence	Can medicine be started while still using?	Can medication be started on first visit?	Who can prescribe medications?	Behavioral health appointments?	Notes
Alcohol	Different pills (naltrexone and acamprosate)	Yes	Some of them	All providers	Strongly recommended	
	Once a month injection (Vivitrol)	Usually	Usually	All providers	Strongly recommended	The injection can be given at community health sites after seeing provider in clinic
Heroin, Oxycodone, or any opioid or opiate)	Different pills (buprenorphine and naltrexone)	No	Naltrexone only	All providers can prescribe naltrexone, only some can prescribe buprenorphine	Strongly recommended	Buprenorphine can be started in early withdrawal.
	Once a month injection (Vivitrol)	No	Yes, if all drugs are out of system	All providers	Strongly recommended	
Methamphetamine	Yes. Daily pills (bupropion and/or acamprosate) and/or monthly injections (Vivitrol)	Usually	Usually	All providers	Strongly recommended	
Commercial tobacco	Nicotine replacement (lots of forms) and bupropion or Chantix pills	Yes	Yes	Providers, educators, and pharmacists	Optional	

Prepared by: Neil Cox, M.D.

Domestic Abuse Division
HO-CHUNK NATION
Department of Social Services



Crisis Line

1-877-847-8689



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HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT, For Official Use

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Amended

Iris Mae Laes **Notice of Hearing on Petition for Probate**

Case No. PR 22-09

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

- A Petition for Probate was filed.
- The decedent, with date of birth 10-5-52 and date of death 11-12-21 was domiciled in Jackson County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of N 7176 Branched Antlers Ave Black River Falls, WI 54615
- The names or addresses of the following interested person are not known or reasonably ascertainable:
- The petition will be heard at Wa Ehi Hoci, W9598 Hwy 54 E, Black River Falls, WI, 54615, before Judge Lowr, on (Date) March 14 at (Time) 1:30 pm

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

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

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Amended

Annabelle M. Hill **Notice of Hearing on Petition for Probate**

Case No. PR 22-10

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

- A Petition for Probate was filed.
- The decedent, with date of birth Aug. 21, 1972 and date of death July 29, 2022 was domiciled in Hennepin County, State of Minnesota, with a mailing address of 2107 Cedar Ave. S. #309, Minneapolis MN 55404
- The names or addresses of the following interested person are not known or reasonably ascertainable:
- The petition will be heard at Wa Ehi Hoci, W9598 Hwy 54 E, Black River Falls, WI, 54615, before Judge Lowr, on (Date) 4/3/23 at (Time) 1:30 pm

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Amended

Phillip A. Brownwood **Notice to Creditors**

DOD: 5/30/2023

By Andrea G. Storm Case No. PR 22-07

Notice to Newspaper and Personal Representative:

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

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

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF: Phillip A. Brownwood
A Petition for Probate was filed in the Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court. You have 90 days from the date of the first publication of this notice to present your claims to the personal representative, Andrea G. Storm, or the Clerk of Court at P.O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The deadline for filing claims is 4/26/2023. Only those claims so presented may be paid from the estate.

Mary Thundler
Clerk of Court
Mary Thundler
Name Printed or Typed
01/26/2023
Date

Form completed by: (Name)
Address
Telephone Bar Number (if any)

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

HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT, For Official Use

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Amended

MCKAYLA P. MCKEE **Notice to Creditors**

DOD 3/26/2023

Case No. PR 2206

Notice to Newspaper and Personal Representative:

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

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

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF: MCKAYLA P MCKEE
A Petition for Probate was filed in the Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court. You have 90 days from the date of the first publication of this notice to present your claims to the personal representative, ROBIN MCKEE, or the Clerk of Court at P.O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The deadline for filing claims is MARCH 15, 2023. Only those claims so presented may be paid from the estate.

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Mary Thundler
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Form completed by: (Name)
Address ROBIN MCKEE
209 E 2d ST
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI 54615
Telephone Bar Number (if any)
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1099-G Tax Information
Submitted by Stacie Decorah, Unemployment Insurance Specialist

1099-G income tax statements for 2022 are **now available online**. If you received unemployment, your tax statement is called form 1099-G, not form W-2.

Unemployment benefits including Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA), Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC), Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC), Mixed Earner Unemployment Compensation (MEUC), Lost Wages Assistance (LWA) and Extended Benefits (EB) are taxable income.

View and print your current or previous year 1099-G tax forms online:

- my.unemployment.wisconsin.gov

Log on using your **username and password**. Select "Get your 1099-G" from "My UI Home" in the online claimant portal to access your 1099-G tax forms.

If you have questions about your username and password, see our [frequently asked questions](#) for accessing online benefit services.

After you are logged in, you can also request or discontinue federal and state **income tax withholding** from each unemployment benefit payment. The federal withholding is 10% of the weekly amount payable, and the state withholding is 5% of the weekly amount payable.

****If you have questions regarding this please look up the website: <https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/uiben/1099.htm>**



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- Former Home Healthcare business owner for 23 years
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Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board W8801 Mission Road, Black River Falls, WI 54615
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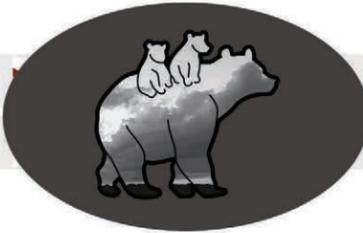
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Vote Rita Gardner For President

Greetings Relatives & Family, I am candidate for President of Ho-Chunk Nation. A vote for me equals a vote for you, together we can rebuild our proud Nation.

In the 28 years of service to the Nation, I have attained invaluable knowledge of how each branch of government operates. I believe communication between the executive and legislative branches needs to be restored. I believe I can do that.

I want to strive to develop a healthier, more productive employee workforce. I've been hearing there is difficulty in people getting hired for work, a lack of workplace morale and I've heard many of the people the Nation trains end up leaving for better paying jobs elsewhere. This is a cycle that needs to get fixed. Providing a responsive hiring practice is investing in our Nation's workforce. It is a commitment to improving the skill and knowledge base of those who choose to work for the Nation, and when fixed, should improve the Nation's delivery of services, and will improve the financial wellbeing of our employees and their families.

I will listen to and encourage new ideas. To accomplish this, I will improve communications and public relations. I am committed to scheduling regular sessions to discuss issues, share ideas, and connect face to face in a friendly casual environment. This is vital to developing a better-informed tribal membership and a more accountable government.

I intend to look beyond the short term, follow the wisdom of our elders, and protect the strength of our Nation, to lead our Nation forward.

Together, with your vote, we will bring back the Pride of our Nation, and continue the efforts our Elders before us strived for through prayer & sacrifice.

Thank you,

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Rita Gardner**



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JANUARY 17, 2023**

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

Roll Call:

President Marlon WhiteEagle-VC
Vice President Karena Thundercloud-P
Rep. George Stacy-P
Rep. Phyllis Smoke-VC
Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr.-VC
Rep. Stephanie Begay-P
Rep. Kristin White Eagle-VC
Rep. Darren Brinegar-EX (VC 10:29 a.m.)
Rep. Shelby Visintin-VC
Rep. Sarah Lemieux-P
Rep. Danielle DeLong-P
Rep. Robert Pilot-VC
Rep. Paul Fox-VC
Rep. Brianna Tahdoahnippah-VC

VC-Video Conference

Determination of Quorum:

Quorum is established at 10:02 a.m.

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

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to approve the agenda moving Executive Branch Department of Housing before Reports. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Elite Elder Marlys Whiteagle was present in the Legislative Conference Room and requested the President to come down to the Legislative Conference Room in person. President WhiteEagle said that Marlys could come to the Office of the President as well.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Legislative Meeting-January 10, 2023

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the January 10, 2023 Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Reports:

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

Vice President Karena Thundercloud called for Point of Order. With the approval of the agenda, the Executive Branch Department of Housing Report was placed before Reports were given.

Executive Branch Monthly Reports:

Department of Housing

Executive Director of Housing

Tracy Littlejohn was present via video conference and gave a brief update on the Housing report. Executive Director of Housing Littlejohn explained that, in the report, the most upsetting is the total rental arrears of \$348,839.77 currently owed by the tenants. Rental Management sent out letters yesterday to the tenants regarding their arrears, asking them to call to set up payment plans. The payment plan would be for making regular monthly rent payments along with an additional minimum of \$100.00. Anyone who is not caught up or for those who have not called for a payment plan by April 1, 2023, they will receive a Lease Termination Letter to be out of the unit by May 1, 2023.

Marlys Whiteagle spoke in regards to an 87 year old Elite Elder being evicted from her home on December 15, 2022. Marlys mentions she placed a call to Social Services last Friday for emergency housing and did not receive a call back. Marlys stated that she and her family paid for the Elite Elder to stay in a hotel, and mentioned that the Elite Elder has been sleeping in her van. Marlys mentioned that the Social Services Director said they helped with hotel accommodations consisting of three, three day stays. Marlys told the President that it is shameful to not come down here, and stated people say the President is never in the office, and by the time she gets up there to the Office of the President, he will probably be gone.

Executive Director of Housing Tracy Littlejohn said she wishes she could let the Elite Elder in the apartment. Executive Director of Housing Littlejohn said that the eviction started last spring, and that several things were going on that lead to the eviction. Executive Director of Housing Littlejohn also said that the eviction had been decided before she started working as the Executive Director of Housing, and doesn't know why the court order for the eviction was not presented to the Police Department until December. Social Services has provided all they could within their program and budget to help.

Rep. Darren Brinegar was online at 10:29 a.m.

President WhiteEagle excused himself from the meeting at 10:30 a.m. Vice President Karena Thundercloud will chair the meeting for the remainder of the meeting.

Executive Director of Housing Tracy Littlejohn said a letter was sent out to the tenants when the moratorium ended last summer, informing renters that they are responsible to pay their rent. During the moratorium the rental payments were still accruing. Tenants were asked to come in and make arrangements, and there were little to no response from the tenants. There is also a \$25 late fee.

Donald Cholka was present and brought up the issues that

his mother has had with her rental unit. His mother has been waiting over 11 months to get her toilet fixed, and there are other real serious issues with 11 years of mold. The carpet and flooring were never addressed. The plumbing traps were wrong, emptying in to the furnace drain. Mr. Cholka said that letters had been written to the former Executive Director of Housing, Heather Cloud. His mother was forced to stay in a hotel for 11 months, and Mr. Cholka believes these funds could have fixed the problem with those houses. Mr. Cholka said that (President) Marlon came to help them move for about 20 minutes, then he left because he got sick. Mr. Cholka is asking for the Legislature do something about this.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to ask Department of Housing to work with Department of Justice to approach the court and seek a stay of implementation of the court decision. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to include the case reference number CV 22-04. Second concurs. 12-0-1(Vice President Karena Thundercloud) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Nathaniel Longtail, Jr. Executive Legislative Information Officer (ELIO) mentioned the Department of Justice Legal Counsel at the time that filed this was not Amanda WhiteEagle.

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to have the Legislative Budget Analyst find a funding source to put the Elite Elder in a hotel until next Legislative Session February 7, 2023 and bring that funding source back to the Legislature today. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. **MOTION IS AMENDED** that this is an emergency basis motion. Second concurs. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to include the funding source of Elder Assistance Fund. Second concurs. 12-0-1(Vice President Karena Thundercloud) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Department of Justice Attorney Wendi Huling mentioned past Presidents and Executive Directors have made it a point to not evict during winter months. With Elite Elders and Elders, Department of Justice and Housing need to work with them to help them find funding. HHCDA has money for arrears, there is funding for another round of arrears assistance. Attorney Huling explained that in court, to get around evictions, there can be a stay, an agreement needs to be worked out with the Elder, and that needs to be submitted with the stay.

Vice President Karena Thundercloud asked ELIO Nathaniel Longtail, Jr. if Executive Branch can work on this. Mr. Longtail, Jr. agreed to this request for the hotel room.

NOTED FOR THE RECORD:

Rep. Danielle DeLong said it is frustrating how this could have been avoided before the eviction happened. She is

floored that it got to this point, and that an 87 year old Elite Elder is put out, and here the Legislature is in an emergency situation trying to figure this out, when these types of things could have been handled differently.

Rep. Stephanie Begay is also in agreement with Rep. DeLong's comments. Rep. Begay spoke with Nathaniel Longtail, Jr. Executive Legislative Information Officer, if there could be policies put in place, that if there was a violation, a notice could be sent to have an Elder Advocate to follow up with the Elder.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to request that the Executive Branch follow through with an Elder Advocate in these instances in the future. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 11-0-1(Vice President Karena Thundercloud) **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Phyllis Smoke is out of the room during the vote.*

Rep. Darren Brinegar is concerned that the court order that was filed had Attorney Michelle Greendeer-Rave as the filing attorney. The Department of Justice Attorney Layland mentioned he did not do anything with this paperwork. Nathaniel Longtail, Jr., Executive Legislative Information Officer, said Attorney WhiteEagle did not file it. Rep. Darren Brinegar then asked who is filing this on behalf of the Department of Justice, if the attorneys are saying they did not file the eviction.

Department of Justice Attorney Erik Shircel mentioned the Department of Housing Attorney WhiteEagle is the attorney who filed this action in May of 2022, and explained they don't know why the court order says Attorney Michelle Greendeer-Rave, they believe there is a mix up by the court. The Department of Justice is waiting to see if the court is going to issue an erratum order.

Reports:

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.

EDA Grant Update

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to approve the Economic Development Administration Report. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Executive Branch Monthly Reports:

Department of Business

Executive Director of Business

Laurette Pettibone was present via video conference and gave her update. A written report was received.

Cashless System

Scott Marecek, Business Analyst, reported the cashless system allows the monies to stay on the card instead of cashing out when players are moving from the machines. Thirty (30) machines are being tested and that went well. At that time, it was then added to another 200 machines. On November 15, 2022, they found missing graphics on the menu portion. IGT is working on creating additional graphics, and still waiting on IT to execute this project. Once Business gets the graphics testing, they will be uploading then and continue testing. Right now, there are 150 using this cashless system of the 1,390 machines on the floor.

Rep. Darren Brinegar asked when Business is implementing this in all the Nation's Class 3 properties. Executive Director of Business Laurette Pettibone said they will wait until they know how Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison is doing.

Hotel Taxes

Rep. Darren Brinegar asked how Business is implementing hotel taxes at Ho-Chunk Gaming-Wisconsin Dells.

Scott Marecek, Business Analyst mentions he has looked at all the taxes at the Nation's hotels on how competitive they are. The taxes that are applied at the Wisconsin Dells property are Tribal Tax 15%, State Tax 5.5% and Local 5.5% totaling 26% increase cost. Other Dells properties, such as the Hilton 12.2%, Holiday Inn Express 12.2%, La Quinta Inn and Suites 23.7% including a Resort Tax. The Nation is not competitive with this tax. Black River Falls and Wittenberg are 15% the North Star Hotel is 6% which undercuts Wittenberg.

MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar for Department of Business to provide a report on what legislative action needs to be made to make the Wisconsin Dells property and other properties competitive with our taxes. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Stephanie Begay asked about the water situation at Black River Falls Hotel, and what was compensated to the guests. Executive Director of Business Pettibone will follow up with Rep. Begay.

Department of Education

Executive Director of Education Nehomah Thundercloud was present via video conference and gave an update on the Disabilities Division Fall 2022 Report. A written report was received.

Rep. Sarah Lemieux brought up concerns from the Wittenberg and Nekoosa Head Starts regarding recruitment, as those head starts do not
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have many Tribal students and/or staff.

Executive Director of Education will send out a meeting invite to the Legislators on federal funding for Head Start.

MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to request Education Head Start to implement a recruitment plan for Ho-Chunk students. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
Department of Labor

Executive Director of Labor Angela Ward was present via video conference and gave a verbal update. No written report was received.

Recess:

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to break for lunch until 1:00 p.m. Second by Rep. Danielle DeLong. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Legislative Meeting recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m.

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

Roll Call:

President Marlon WhiteEagle-EX
Vice President Karena Thundercloud-P
Rep. George Stacy-P (1:18 p.m.)
Rep. Phyllis Smoke-VC
Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr.-EX
Rep. Stephanie Begay-P
Rep. Kristin White Eagle-VC
Rep. Darren Brinegar-VC
Rep. Shelby Visintin-VC
Rep. Sarah Lemieux-P
Rep. Danielle DeLong-VC
Rep. Robert Pilot-VC
Rep. Paul Fox-VC
Rep. Brianna Tahdoahnippah-VC

VC-Video Conference

Determination of Quorum:

Quorum is established at 1:01 p.m.

Unfinished Business:

Resolution-Authorization of Land Lease on the Muscoda Property for Brian Perkins

MOTION by Rep. Robert Pilot to deny the resolution for Authorization of Land Lease on the Muscoda Property for Brian Perkins. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization of Land Lease on the Whirling Thunder Property for Simonson Farms

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to deny the resolution for the Authorization of Land Lease on the Whirling Thunder Property for Simonson Farms. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

New Business:

Resolution-Establishment of Legislative Workgroup

to Review the Confirmation Process of Executive Directors for the Ho-Chunk Nation Act

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 01-17-23 A**, Establishment of Legislative Workgroup to Review the Confirmation Process of Executive Directors for the Ho-Chunk Nation Act. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Danielle DeLong is out of the room during the vote.*

Resolution-2023-2016 Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 01-17-23 B**, 2023-2016 Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. George Stacy arrived to the meeting at 1:18 p.m.

Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Administration to Apply for the U.S. Department of Energy 2022 Clean Energy Technology Deployment on Tribal Lands Grant

MOTION by Rep. George Stacy to refer to the Finance Commission the Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Administration to Apply for the U.S. Department of Energy 2022 Clean Energy Technology Deployment on Tribal Lands Grant. **MOTION DIES FOR LACK OF SECOND.**

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to TABLE Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Administration to Apply for the U.S. Department of Energy 2022 Clean Energy Technology Deployment on Tribal Lands Grant to the end of the meeting for further discussion. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 8-3 (Rep. Stephanie Begay, Rep. Sarah Lemieux, Vice President Karena Thundercloud)-1 (Rep. Paul Fox) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization of Land Lease on the Mortenson Property #439 T 2162 for Wysocki Produce Farms, Inc.

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to deny the resolution for Authorization of Land Lease on the Mortenson Property #439 T 2162 for Wysocki Produce Farms, Inc. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization of Agricultural Land Lease on the Village West Tract #439 T 2186 for MaryAnn Hartmann

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to deny the resolution for Authorization of Agricultural Land Lease on the Village West Tract #439 T 2186 for MaryAnn Hartmann. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization of Agricultural Land Lease on the Sauk Parcels for MaryAnn Hartmann

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to deny the resolution for Authorization of Agricultural Land Lease on the Sauk Parcels for MaryAnn Hartmann. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to request Department of Natural Resources to develop a Draft Plan to prevent invasive species from growing on the Nation's vacant agriculture lands, and provide to the Legislature for review and further discussion. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to request that the Department of Natural Resources develop an agricultural resource management plan and/or conservation plan, consistent with Section 11.a(15) of the Ho-Chunk Nation Agricultural Leasing Code. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization for the Ho-Chunk Housing & Community Development Agency to Apply for the Indian Housing Block Grant Competitive Grant Program FR-6600-N-48

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 01-17-23 C**, Authorization for the Ho-Chunk Housing & Community Development Agency to Apply for the Indian Housing Block Grant Competitive Grant Program FR-6600-N-48 with Option 2. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Per Capita Declaration for February 1, 2023

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 01-17-23 D**, Per Capita Declaration for February 1, 2023. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 11-1 (Rep. Paul Fox)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Brianna Tahdoahnippah is excused for the remainder of the meeting at 1:54 p.m.

District Meetings:

D1 Howasa – January 10, 2023

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to refer to Legislative Counsel to prepare a resolution for next session for the MOTION by Nathaniel Longtail, Jr. for community support to reintroduce the resolution to call for a Secretarial Election to remove or to leave the language within the Constitution pertaining to the General Council Agency. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D1 Niioxawani – January 11, 2023

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to refer to Legislative Legal to prepare a resolution

to amend the ERA for the MOTION by Kelly Jo Funmaker for District 1 Representatives to take to the Legislature for full time employees be able to have part time employment, within the Nation. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 8-1 (Rep. Darren Brinegar)-2 (Rep. Stephanie Begay, Rep. Shelby Visintin) **MOTION CARRIED.**

D2 Hinukwas– January 9, 2023

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to Legislature and Legislative Legal the MOTION by Adam Kruse for HCN Legislature to create a workgroup to include DOJ and community members to draft a Tribal Criminal Code. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Stella Kruse to accept resignation of Shane Steindorf on the Election Board.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to Legislative Counsel the MOTION by Melanie Stacy to have Legislative Legal Counsel provide a legal opinion to the La Crosse Area describing the General Council Agency in the Constitution v. the current state of the tribal law. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D2 Ho'uni Xununik – January 10, 2023

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to District 2 Representatives and Legislative Public Relations Officer Ryan Greendeer the MOTION by Verdie Kivimaki for the D2 Representatives request HCN Police and PR work with Tomah and La Crosse Police departments to find the whereabouts of Felicia Helgeson Wanna and request news outlets for assistance if she's been seen anywhere. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D2 Hoxaikeja/Hoguceja/ Nizhakisuc – January 11, 2023

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to Finance Commission the MOTION by Lucinda Lonetree to sponsor \$15,100 to the H.O.W. All-Stars. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Christine Funmaker-Romano to conduct an Agriculture leases meeting to include interested D2 Tribal members.

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Lucinda Lonetree to suspend any further lease renewals until the Agriculture Lease meeting occurs with D2 Tribal members.

READ FOR THE RECORD

MOTION by Robert Funmaker to have any interested D2 Tribal members bring their

Neeshla budget proposal to the February 15, 2023 Area meeting.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to Finance Commission and Legislative Finance Team the MOTION by Robert Funmaker for Area meetings to have drawings for the rest of the year with a budget modification and put in the budget for next fiscal year. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 10-1 (Rep. Darren Brinegar)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to Finance Commission and Department of Administration the MOTION by Christine Funmaker-Romano to support D2 Legislators' request for a true increase for March Madness 2023. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 8-1 (Vice President Karena Thundercloud)-1 (Rep. Darren Brinegar) **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Phyllis Smoke is out of the room during the vote.*

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to Department of Health and Office of the President the MOTION by Clariss Funmaker to implement Drug Education Programs and Intervention classes for Middle and High School classes. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 9-0-2 (Rep. Darren Brinegar, Rep. Phyllis Smoke) **MOTION CARRIED.**

D3 Pac cinak – January 9, 2023

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Gloria Visintin to start studying the river, who's authorized to use that property, what the purpose is, and what measures should be taken to make it a safe place. Rep. Sarah Lemieux referred to the District 3 Representatives.

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to refer to Employment Relations Act Workgroup the MOTION by Caroline Koukos that Legislature put Martin Luther King Day in the ERA. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to refer to Legislative Legal to have a resolution prepared for a Burial Workgroup for the MOTION by Gloria Visintin to start a study and to work toward setting up an ordinance to cover our burials for our people. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 10-0-1 (Rep. Shelby Visintin). **MOTION CARRIED.**

D3 Tee hoikšek – January 10, 2023

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to refer to HHCA the MOTION by Pam Wilbur to request a HHCA board member to be added to represent the Green Bay Area. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Sarah
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Lemieux to refer to Finance Commission the MOTION by Pam Wilbur for the Ho-Chunk Nation to pledge \$10,000 over the next 3 years to the Green Bay Neighborhood Association. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Dave Radtke to keep Renard Island on the agenda and we get a report from the Legislators on the status. Rep. Sarah Lemieux referred to the District 3 Representatives.

D3 Tejop – January 11, 2023

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to refer to the Finance Commission the MOTION by Muriel Whiteagle-Lee the next fiscal year July 2023 that we start getting per cap and our children get per cap. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Stephanie Begay is out of the room at 2:20 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to refer to Treasury the MOTION by Muriel Whiteagle-Lee for Treasury to write a letter to financial institution when Tribal members request it. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Stephanie Begay is out of the room during the vote.*

Rep. Stephanie Begay returns to the meeting at 2:24 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to refer to Treasury the MOTION by Marlys Whiteagle to create a list of lending agencies that will accept the letter for income verification. Second by Rep.

Kristin White Eagle. MOTION IS AMENDED to include the Office of the President. Second concurs. 9-1(Vice President Karena Thundercloud)-1(Rep. Stephanie Begay) **MOTION CARRIED.**

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Muriel Whiteagle-Lee to find out how DeJope cashless is doing.

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to refer to the Office of the President, Social Services and Land Development Team the MOTION by Marlys Whiteagle that a TAU building be established here in the Madison area for the purposes of creating a meal site and per a TAU recommendation a few years ago. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D3 Tešišk – January 12, 2023

No Motions.

D3 Nikusara – January 12, 2023

No quorum. No Motions.

D4 Guušgonak – January 9, 2023

No Motions.

D4 Maanico Horuzra – January 12, 2023

MOTION by Rep. Danielle DeLong to confirm and refer to the Election Board the MOTION by Bill Winneshiek to nominate Craig Moyer as the D4 Election Board Alternate. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Libby Fairchild

for District 4 Reps to contact TAU or Fleet Division for an emergency kit for the D4 fleet van. *Rep. DeLong picked up supplies today.*

Rep. Danielle DeLong reads the MOTION by Libby Fairchild to hold a candidate's forum on February 16, 2023 at the Twin Cities Branch office and candidates can appear in person or virtually.

Rep. Danielle DeLong asked if Department of Administration or Nathaniel Longtail, Jr. is on the call, and whether or not there is a policy preventing these being held in the Branch Offices.

Nathaniel Longtail, Jr., Executive Legislative Information Officer, said there is a policy that is being drafted and an administrative fee being applied. The reason is that candidates are not utilizing the Nations resources for a personal campaign for personal gain.

Vice President Karena Thundercloud said this is totally outrageous, as these are community buildings, they were built for community members to use as such.

Chandra Ekern, Facilities Manager, said the policy is to keep the Branch Offices neutral for the campaigning. Candidates are able to use them, contact the site and get a facility usage form and to pay the \$100.00 fee.

MOTION by Rep. Danielle DeLong to hold a candidates forum on February 16, 2023 at the All Nations Church in Minneapolis open to the public for candidates to appear in person or virtually. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. MOTION IS AMENDED to also include

Zoom. Second concurs. **MOTION IS RESCINDED.**

MOTION by Rep. Danielle DeLong to refer to Heritage Preservation the MOTION by Bill Winneshiek for Heritage Preservation to create a Ho-Chunk History book. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 10-0-1(Rep. Shelby Visintin) **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. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Legislative Meeting moved to Executive Session at 2:52 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to move to Open Session. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Legislative Meeting moved to Open Session at 5:04 p.m.

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

Release to Open Session:

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 01-17-23 E**, Authorization for the Department of Administration to Apply for the U.S. Department of Energy 2022 Clean Energy Technology Deployment on Tribal Lands Grant and release to Open Session. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 11-0-0

MOTION CARRIED. MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay for Legislative Legal to draft a resolution similar to Resolution 2-21-12 N for Missing Persons, and release to Open Session. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Amendment to the Agenda:

MOTION by Rep. George Stacy to add under New Business: I. Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Administration to Apply for the State of Wisconsin Public Service Commission Energy Innovation Grant Program. Second by Rep. Robert Pilot. 10-1(Rep. Stephanie Begay)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

New Business (Revisted):

Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Administration to Apply for the State of Wisconsin Public Service Commission Energy Innovation Grant Program

MOTION by Rep. George Stacy to adopt **Resolution 01-17-23 F**, Authorization for the Department of Administration to Apply for the State of Wisconsin Public Service Commission Energy Innovation Grant Program. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to adjourn the Legislative Meeting to February 7, 2023 at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.



**HO-CHUNK NATION
LEGISLATURE
SPECIAL MEETING
TRIBAL EXECUTIVE
OFFICES
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI
JANUARY 27, 2023**

Call to Order: President Marlon WhiteEagle called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Roll Call:

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

VC-Video Conference

Determination of Quorum:

Quorum is established at 9:01 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. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

New Business:

Resolution-Adoption of Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Remaining Budget for the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Justice

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 01-27-23 A**, Adoption of Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Remaining Budget for the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Justice-Option 1. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Adoption of Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Remaining Budget for the Ho-Chunk Nation Gaming Commission

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to adopt **Resolution 01-27-23 B**, Adoption of Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Remaining Budget for the Ho-Chunk Nation Gaming Commission. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Labor to Enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the State of Wisconsin Emergency Management for the All-Hazards Mitigation Plan

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 01-27-23 C**, Authorization for the Department of Labor to Enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the State of Wisconsin Emergency Management for the All-Hazards Mitigation Plan. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Approval of Budget Modification for Department of Personnel-Drug Enforcement/

Compliance Staff.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 01-27-23 D**, Approval of Budget Modification for Department of Personnel-Drug Enforcement/Compliance Staff. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 12-0-0 **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. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting moved to Executive Session at 9:11 a.m.

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to move to Open Session. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting moved to Open Session at 9:46 a.m.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Release to Open Session:

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 01-27-23 E**, Approval of Memorandum of Understanding Between the Ho-Chunk Nation and HHCDA to Develop Housing at Village West through the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit ("LIHTC") Program and Authorization for Signature. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adjourn the Special Legislative Meeting. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Special Legislative Meeting adjourned at 9:49 a.m.

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



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

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

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

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

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

PRESIDENT

July 2023 - June 2027

Ryan John Crain, Sr.
Rita Gardner
Conroy R. Greendeer, Jr
Hinu Helgesen Smith
Robert J. Mann
Michael J. Rave
George O. Stacy
Robert V. Two Bears
Lanette R. Walker
Marlon White Eagle

LEGISLATURE

District 1, Seat 2

July 2023 – June 2027

Amanda R. De Cora
Ashley Gerdes
Ian Keatley Littlejohn
Rodney Rave

District 2, Seat 1

July 2023 – June 2027

Samantha Day
Robert L. Funmaker, Jr.
Timothy Gamble
Heath Littlejohn

Gabrielle Rave

District 3, Seat 1

July 2023 – June 2027

Sarah Lemieux

District 3, Seat 3

July 2023 – June 2027

Darren Brinegar
Saresa Ryckman

District 4, Seat 2

July 2023 – June 2027

Paul J. Fox

JUDICIARY

Supreme Court Associate

Justice 2

July 2023- June 2027

David J.W. Klauser

Trial Court Chief Judge

July 2023 - June 2027

JoDeen B. Lowe

Trial Court Associate Judge 1

July 2023-June 2027

Wendi A. Huling

Trial Court Associate Judge 2

July 2023-June 2027

Michelle Greendeer-Rave

ELIGIBLE VOTERS:

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

REGISTRATION:

Each person seeking to vote must register at the polling place. If a person cannot write, that person must sign his/her name with a mark before two (2) witnesses. A Ho-Chunk translator will be available to assist any tribal member who requests assistance.

ELIGIBILITY DISPUTES:

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

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

ABSENTEE VOTING:

A voter may vote by absentee ballot provided the Election Board receives the absentee ballot request in writing no later than Saturday, **February 25, 2023 by 4:30 pm.** See *Election Board Code, section 13(a)*.

Requests MUST INCLUDE the eligible voter's name printed or typed (with signature), physical address where the ballot will be

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

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

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

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

Please check eligible voter's lists for your Districts.

CONTESTING OF ELECTION RESULTS:

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

ELECTIONEERING:

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

Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board

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

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

POST ELIGIBLE VOTER'S LIST Friday, February 3, 2023

**CHALLENGES TO THE ELIGIBLE
VOTER'S LIST MUST BE
RECEIVED BY 4:30 PM
Wednesday, February 15, 2023**

**LAST DAY TO REQUEST ABSENTEE
BALLOTS
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2023
4:30 PM**

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

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

**POLLING PLACES:
OPEN AT 8:00 AM
CLOSE AT 7:00 PM**

BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI

INDIAN MISSION
COMMUNITY BUILDING
W8813 Mission Road
(715)299-6104

TOMAH, WI

BLUEWING COMMUNITY
BUILDING
320 Epinal Avenue
(608)377-3787

LA CROSSE, WI

LACROSSE BRANCH OFFICE
724 Main Street
(608) 783-6025

BARABOO, WI

HOUSE OF WELLNESS
S2845 Whiteeagle Road
(608)355-5155

WISCONSIN RAPIDS, WI

CHAK-HAH-CHEE
COMMUNITY BUILDING
916 Chak-hah-chee Lane
(715)886-8411

WITTENBERG, WI

SIGA FUNMAKER
COMMUNITY CENTER
W17634 Radke Road
(715)253-4407

MADISON, WI

MADISON BRANCH OFFICE
4724 Tradewinds Parkway
(608)277-9964

MILWAUKEE, WI

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

MPLS./ST. PAUL, MN

MPLS./ST. PAUL BRANCH
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1724 Selby Avenue
(651)641-1801

CHICAGO, IL

CHICAGO BRANCH OFFICE
4738 North Milwaukee Avenue
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GREEN BAY, WI

BRANCH OFFICE
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Post 2/6/23