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## Governor Evers signs bill designating 'Ho-Chunk World War II Code Talkers Memorial Highway'

Ardith Van Riper, Editor

On March 25, Governor Tony Evers signed Senate Bill 633, now 2023 Wisconsin Act 216, designating the "Ho-Chunk World War II Code Talkers Memorial Highway" at a bill signing ceremony at the House of Wellness near Baraboo, Wisconsin.

The bill designates a stretch of Interstate 90 that spans from the Minnesota-Wisconsin State line in La Crosse to the intersection of I-90 and I-94 in Monroe County. This corridor has the most significant number of Ho-Chunk Members near it, in addition to being part of the Nation's ancestral homelands.

The Ho-Chunk Nation officially has 14 World War II Veterans listed with the Department of Defense as Code Talkers. Code Talkers were American soldiers who used native languages to communicate secretly during wartime. The term is now usually associated with the United States soldiers during the world wars who used their knowledge of Native American languages as a basis to transmit coded messages that were indecipherable to enemy forces.

The conception of the Act began in 2012 when Sandy Winneshiek started her tour as the Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Veterans Service Officer. "I



found a file dating back to 1995. The file contained the names of seven World War II Ho-Chunk Veterans which had a note attached that said 'Possible Code Talkers.' Since the file was still open, I made contact with the Department of Defense to submit the list of seven veterans to be approved as Code Talkers."

The following Veterans were approved in 2013 as Code Talkers: Bill Whitebear, U.S. Army; Benjamin Winneshiek, U.S. Army; Bill Mike, U.S. Army; Jesse Mike, U.S. Army; Clifford Blackdeer, U.S. Army; Emanuel Thundercloud, U.S. Army; *Continued on Page 5*



## Healing to Wellness Court Program Holds Graduation Ceremony

Ardith Van Riper, Editor

On Friday, April 5, the Ho-Chunk Nation Healing to Wellness Court Program held a graduation ceremony for Henu Garvin at the Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Courts. The Healing to Wellness Program is an evidence-based treatment program that offers alcohol and or drug addicted participants an alternative to extended incarceration and the standard probation model.

The Healing to Wellness Program works with treatment agencies and other rehabilitation services to engage a participant in a holistic treatment program that provides the tools and support necessary to get into recovery, stay in recovery, and lead a productive, alcohol-drug free, lawful, healthy lifestyle. *Continued on Page 4*



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# First Annual Ho-Chunk Founder's Day Powwow Championship List

**Sr Men's Traditional**  
 1st: Shane Mitchell  
 2nd: RJ Smith  
 3rd: Ken Funmaker  
 4th: Troy Braveheart  
 5th: Darroll Delabreau

**Sr Women's Traditional**  
 1st: Noella Red Hawk  
 2nd: Autumn White  
 3rd: Joelle Bearstail  
 4th: Gena Hindsley  
 5th: Tracy Pecore

**Jr Men's Traditional**  
 1st: Triston Lasley  
 2nd: Malcolm Murphy  
 3rd: Ruben Littlehead  
 4th: Theron Olney  
 5th: Brevin Boyd Sr.

**Jr Women's Traditional**  
 1st: Ashley Baker  
 2nd: Kaelyn Chasenah  
 3rd: Arianna Greencrow  
 4th: Charish Toehay  
 5th: Elicia Leonard

**Teen Boy's Traditional**  
 1st: Elias Leonard  
 2nd: Francis Delbreen  
 3rd: Gene Yellowbird  
 4th: Luis Kakkak  
 5th: Eldon Hindsley

**Teen Girl's Traditional**  
 1st: Julia Pettibone  
 2nd: Seneca Pyawasit  
 3rd: Jayda Cavanaugh  
 4th: Dacia Warrington  
 5th: Neveah Cotto

**Sr Men's Grass**  
 1st: Haga Cleveland  
 2nd: John Bearstail  
 3rd: AL Childs  
 4th: Daniel Prescott  
 5th: William Hindsley

**Sr Women's Jingle**  
 1st: Cepa Two Eagle  
 2nd: Annette Johnson  
 3rd: Lavender Kingbird  
 4th: Michelle Winneshiek  
 5th: Lisa Whitebird

**Jr Men's Grass/Chicken**  
 1st: Chad Star  
 2nd: Wakinyan Fiddler  
 3rd: Jai Knight  
 4th: Chaske Jacobs  
 5th: Cory Fourkiller

**Jr Women's Jingle**  
 1st: Waskawane Stonefish  
 2nd: Prairie Rose Jack  
 3rd: Tanisha Beetso  
 4th: Tatianna Wright  
 5th: Aubrey Roberts

**Teen Boy's Grass/Chicken**  
 1st: Thomas Bearstail  
 2nd: Roman Rasmussen  
 3rd: Cory Taylor  
 4th: Johnathan Schrader Jr.  
 5th: Cael Youngbear

**Teen Girl's Jingle**  
 1st: Ioleta Kingbird  
 2nd: Madison Kingbird  
 3rd: Reyna Archie  
 4th: Dalanna Connor  
 5th: Logan Kiyana

**Sr Men's Fancy**  
 1st: Wayne Silas Jr.  
 2nd: Douglas Scholfield  
 3rd: Walkir Stonefish

**Sr Women's Fancy**  
 1st: Star Silas  
 2nd: Lisa Ewack  
 3rd: Josette Scholfield  
 4th: Daniel George  
 5th: Corena Whitecloud

**Jr Men's Fancy**  
 1st: Xavier Lasley  
 2nd: David Cleveland  
 3rd: Buster Cleveland  
 4th: Preston Olney  
 5th: Dasan Blaise Schol

**Jr Women's Fancy**  
 1st: Tavian Lasley  
 2nd: Malia Jacobs  
 3rd: Cherish Kingbird  
 4th: Jovena Scabbyrobe  
 5th: Emmalee Clairmont

**Teen Boy's Fancy**  
 1st: Lucas Cleveland  
 2nd: Devin Connor  
 3rd: Perhing Kaquatosh

**Teen Girl's Fancy**  
 1st: Redstar Cananaugh  
 2nd: Leila Cleveland  
 3rd: Aubrielle White Eyes  
 4th: Miya LoneEagle  
 5th: Jazlene White

**Drum Contest**  
 1st: The Descendants  
 2nd: Meskwaki Nation  
 3rd: Black Lodge  
 4th: Little Bear



# Harry Whitehorse International Wood Sculpture Symposium awarded \$30,000 grant from Madison Community Foundation

By Madison365 staff  
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The Harry Whitehorse International Wood Sculpture Symposium, named after the late Harry Whitehorse (Ho-Chunk Nation), a sculptor, painter and wood carver who lived in Monona, has received a \$30,000 Community Impact Grant from Madison Community Foundation, the organization announced on Wednesday. The sculpture symposium will be held at San Damiano Monona from June 14-22 bringing together 12 world-renowned sculptors for a weeklong artist-in-residence event.

The Harry Whitehorse International Wood Sculpture Festival pays tribute to Whitehorse and is inspired by

the tradition of international sculpture symposiums. It will feature the creation of new sculptures, an exhibition of previous works, demonstrations, food, and entertainment.

The Harry Whitehorse International Wood Sculpture Symposium, founded in 2023, will feature 12 world-renowned wood sculptors from around the world who will create sculptures on-site using chainsaws, chisels, and other tools. The sculptors will be working in a variety of wood species, including oak, linden and pine.

The symposium is free and open to the public. The opening ceremony for the festival will take place on Friday, June 14, 5 p.m.



Photo: Harry Whitehorse

# Bronson Skills Camp Brings Experience and History to Ho-Chunk Nation Community

Ardith Van Riper, Editor  
Bronson Koenig taught a Basketball Skills Camp on April 6 and 7 at the District 1 Community Center near Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Students in grades 3-7 participated on Saturday, and students in grades 8-12 practiced on Sunday. Bronson is a former Wisconsin Badger and was a

point guard from 2013-2017. The Good Life Program in the Ho-Chunk Nation Education Department sponsored the basketball camp. Mandy Youngthunder, Student Services Specialist, heard that Bronson was interested in hosting a camp with Ho-Chunk youth, and she reached out to him right away to plan the event.

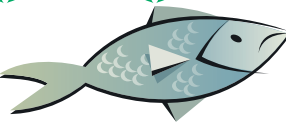
Bronson had hosted other basketball camps before and was really excited to provide that opportunity to his tribal community. The Education Department staffed the event, and Bronson brought a team of assistant coaches to work with the youth. The assistant coaches for the weekend were Cody Greendeer Sr., Dustin

Funmaker, Greg Bird, and Ryan Crain Sr. Each day started with drills, and nearing the end of camp, students played mini-games. At the end of camp, Bronson shared his experience growing up, playing high school and college basketball, playing in the NBA, and living after basketball. He touched on


complex subjects such as struggling with finding his identity, intergenerational trauma, substance abuse, mental health, and healthy coping mechanisms. It was important for Bronson to share his story to help others overcome barriers and lead fulfilling lives.



**April Elder Birthdays**



1 Anthony Kingswan	17 Roger Snake
Bruce Decorah	Kenneth Whitehorse
Marlene Hopinkah	Beverly Inman
Harold Brooks	James Greendeer
2 John Whitewing	Consuelo Contreras
Thomas Powers	Robert Bird
Gregory Butterfield	Anita Alderman
3 Richard Funmaker	18 Ruth Decorah
John De Trinidad	19 Rae Garcia
4 Timothy Hanson	21 Quinn Sieber
5 Gary West	Stuart Taylor
6 Anthony Mullen	Kimberly Cloud
7 Mildred Moyer	22 Michele MacKinnis
8 Lee Brown, Jr.	Rita Gardner
Samuel Thundercloud	Nathaniel Cloud
Gary Phillips	Sharon Ornellas
9 Phyllis Big Soldier	Ila Waller
Regina Reel	Dale Alderman
Ira Funmaker	23 Edith Big Soldier
Ella Powless	Suzanne McComas
10 Bryan Lowe	Ernestine Helgesen
Dean Whitewater	Sue Krivitz
Alan Kehe	Kathy Trudel
Teala Edwards	Dale Prescott
Aurelia Hopinkah	24 Dolly Finn
Bonita Clairmont	Betty Preece
11 Raymond Cabasos	Caralee Murphy
Linda Reider	25 Martin Falcon
Annette Littlewolf	Frank Tudahl
Dean Ryan	Roger Allen
Kathy Frogg	Alan Whitegull
Kurt Winneshiek	Joan Miller
12 Roger Perry	Edward Greengrass
13 Lori Schmolke	Debra Neer
Bonnie Tech	26 Jacob Lonetree
Leanne Burnstad	Sandra Sliwicki
14 Harrison Funmaker	27 Gregory Blackcoon
Leona Mc Kee	Mark Houghton
15 Gary Whitewing	28 Glen Greengrass
Roger Pettibone	Lora Poppele
Barbara Whitewater	Duane Turner
16 Ileana Henry	Terry Snowball
Reginald Pettibone	29 Gregory Henry
Lois Behrens	Bartola Enright
	Charles Miner
	Dean Goodrich
	30 Carolyn Thompson
	William Kingswan



## GET YOUTH COOKING

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Learn basic culinary skills to help you achieve lifelong health.

Class will be held on designated months from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Adults and parents also welcome. Children must be ages 8 and older.

• Making sauces	April 24, 2024
• Sauteing & poaching	May 23, 2024
• Cooking pasta	June 27, 2024
• Making salad dressings	July 25, 2024
• Roasting vegetables	August 22, 2024
• Making soups	September 25, 2024
• Making quick breads	October 24, 2024
• Making healthy fry bread	November 14, 2024

**To register, contact:**  
**(608) 355-1240 Ext. 35511**  
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**HCN Nutritionist**  
**Alex Richeson**  
**10 Person Limit**



**Attention: The Next Deadline of the Hocak Worak will be April 19th which will be published on April 26th. 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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HO-CHUNK NATION VETERANS AFFAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. We are looking for volunteers to help place flags at cemeteries the week of April 22nd.
  2. HCN Veterans Affairs, in collaboration with the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, will have vegetable starters and seeds available for veterans the week of May 20th.
- For more information, please contact Myra Jo or Lynette at 715-284-4563 or e-mail: HCN.vets@ho-chunk.com Thank you!



HO-CHUNK TRIBAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT/477 PROGRAM AREA CONNECTIONS:

NEED ASSISTANCE WITH?  
 VEHICLE FUEL?  
 WORK ATTIRE?  
 TRAINING?  
 EDUCATION ASSISTANCE?  
 \*\*\*PENDING ELIGIBILITY\*\*\*



DATE: APRIL 18TH, 2024  
TIME: 10:00AM - 1:00 PM  
LOCATION: HOUSE OF WELLNESS  
2845 WHITE EAGLE ROAD  
BARABOO, WI 53913

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REVISED Schedule

Hoit'e Woiperes Hoocak Language App Launch Event

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

Black River Falls	Executive Offices	5:00pm
Chicago	Ho-Chunk Community Center	6:00pm
Nekoosa	Cexhaci Community Center	6:00pm

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

Madison	Teejop Hocira	4:00pm
Wittenberg	Siga Funmaker Comm Ctr.	6:00pm
La Crosse	Three Rivers House	6:00pm

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

Green Bay	Green Bay Community Center	6:00pm
Tomah	Community Building	6:00pm
Milwaukee	Milwaukee Branch Office	6:00pm

Details still being worked out for some dates (April 10<sup>th</sup> and after).  
Please contact Adrienne Thunder at the contact information below with any questions.

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- Nursing
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Wittenberg, WI

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DATE: APRIL 24TH, 2024  
TIME: 11:00AM - 1:00 PM  
LOCATION: MADISON COMMUNITY BUILDING  
4724 TRADEWIND PARKWAY  
MADISON, WI 53718

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The graduation ceremony began with a judge's welcome address, followed by the presentation of the certificate of achievement with a blanket. Then, there were heartfelt words of encouragement from the Healing to Wellness Program staff, family, and friends to Ms. Garvin.

The event concluded with a meal at the Comfort Inn & Suites.



**HO-CHUNK**  
TRIBAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT/477 PROGRAM

## AREA CONNECTIONS:

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VEHICLE FUEL?  
WORK ATTIRE?  
TRAINING?  
EDUCATION ASSISTANCE?

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**DATE: APRIL 17TH, 2024**  
**TIME: 11:00AM – 1:00 PM**  
**LOCATION: TOMAH TAU**  
**358 EOS AVE.**  
**TOMAH, WI 54660**

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# ATTENTION HO-CHUNK VETERANS

We want to hear your stories!

The Ho-Chunk Nation and Wisconsin Veterans Affairs have partnered to gather Ho-Chunk Veteran Stories. Stories will be held jointly by both museums.

All stories will be recorded by fellow veterans and can be recorded at a location of your choice.

For more information or to arrange a recording please contact Luke Sprague at [luke.sprague@dva.wisconsin.gov](mailto:luke.sprague@dva.wisconsin.gov).







**HO-CHUNK**  
TRIBAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT/477 PROGRAM

## AREA CONNECTIONS:

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WORK ATTIRE?  
TRAINING?  
EDUCATION ASSISTANCE?

\*\*\*PENDING ELIGIBILITY\*\*\*




**DATE: APRIL 25TH, 2024**  
**TIME: 10:00AM – 1:00 PM**  
**LOCATION: THREE RIVERS HOUSE**  
**724 MAIN STREET**  
**LA CROSSE, WI 54601**

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# BRF Hearts Spirits

## An Art Experience Legacy Project

Missing and Murdered women are at an all-time high across North America. It is most evident in the First American's population in epidemic proportions. In the effort to increase awareness, humanize the statistics, and educate our young people on protecting themselves, BRF High School and Middle School are creating hearts for this year's middle school display. The art involved in this project reminds everyone of the full lives either led by our First Nations relatives who are gone (or the full lives that should have been and now never can be).

### Did You Know?

Wisconsin population in 2020 was almost 6 million people. There are currently 97 open cases of reported missing or murdered people forced into trafficking. <https://www.wisconsin.gov/dhs/missing-murdered-women>

Children who have runaway, as well as those who are homeless, face an increased risk of becoming victims of trafficking (Countryman-Roswurm & Bolin, 2014). <https://www.missouri.edu/news>

On September 30, 2015, more than 4,600 children in foster care were classified as having run away from placement (HHS, ACF, Children's Bureau, 2016). <https://www.hhs.gov/childrens-bureau>

A study of youth in foster care who had run away found that youth typically run away because they want to be with family or friends or they dislike their placements, often due to wanting more freedom, trust, respect, and fewer rules (Pergamit & Ernst, 2011). <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3148448/>

### How You Can Help!

**We need:**

- Donations to offset costs for
  - May 2nd community dinner- please join us!
  - Costs of collaborating with other organizations
  - And so many things we've not yet encountered.
- People at our May 2 with the community dinner at the middle school commons. Free meal at 5 with activities to follow.
- Spread the word...talk to others in order to raise awareness about human trafficking and how it impacts our own community.

**Monetary donations should be sent to: Jen Dahl, BRF High School Art, 1200 Pierce Street, BRF, WI 54615**

### Our Mission

We vow to raise awareness in our community about human trafficking and its impact on people, particularly Indigenous people, whose rates are epidemic. Through art, we honor and dedicate our BRF Hearts Spirits Project to focusing on our youth who have the power to make changes that are real, compassionate, and long lasting.



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and Howard Littlejohn, U.S. Army. The Ho-Chunk Nation received a Congressional Gold Medal in recognition of the Code Talkers at a ceremony held in Washington D.C. on November 20, 2012. At that time, the Ho-Chunk Nation President Jon Greendeer, Vice President Heather Cloud, Executive Director of Heritage Preservation Robert Mann, Division of Veterans Affairs Director Sandy Winneshiek, and family and friends attended the ceremony at the U.S. Capitol Building. Sandy Winneshiek continued her research and submitted a second list to the Department of Defense in July 2013 to be approved as Code Talkers. The approval process would take two and

a half years because the Department of Defense required documentation to prove these veterans were in the South Pacific at the time. "Much thanks to Andy Thundercloud and Elena Blackdeer-Greendeer," stated Sandy Winneshiek because those two provided much of the documentation. On December 13, 2013, the Ho-Chunk Nation Division of Veteran Affairs posthumously honored the seven Ho-Chunk Nation Code Talkers with a private ceremony at the Ho-Chunk Convention Center in Baraboo. Ho-Chunk Nation tribal elder Andrew Thundercloud composed a Code Talker song for the occasion. The song was debuted during the ceremony. On March 15, 2016, Sandy Winneshiek received notification from the U.S. Army that the Secretary of

Defense had signed a memorandum awarding Code Talker recognition to the second list of seven veterans. Those veterans included: Alvin Blackdeer, U.S. Navy; Donald Blackdeer, U.S. Army; Irvin Blackdeer, U.S. Army; George Green, KIA-U.S. Army; Donald Greengrass, U.S. Army; Adam Littlebear, Jr., KIA-U.S. Army; and Alfred O. Stacy, U.S. Army. Every Native nation designed its medal imprint. It is common to have the likeness of a veteran native on the front of the medal and the nation's seal on the back. Monty Green, Andrew Thundercloud, and Clayton Winneshiek helped design the Ho-Chunk Nation's medal. On April 7, 2017, the second seven Code Talkers from the Ho-Chunk Nation were honored with Congressional Silver

Medals during a presentation ceremony at Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells to recognize their service in the United States Military during World War II. Sandy Winneshiek began working with Senator Jeff Smith in April 2019. They wanted a memorial dedicated to the 14 Code Talkers. Winneshiek requested Donald Greengrass offer support while he was the Andrew Blackhawk Post 129 commander. The Assembly Bill 678 was by Representatives VanderMeer, Considine, Kurtz, Allen, C, Anderson, Armstrong, Bare, Billings, Conley, Dallman, Dittrich, Doyle, Edming, Emerson, Joers, Krug, Magnafici, Maxey, Melotik, Moore Omokunde, Mursau, O'Connor, Ohnstad, Ortiz-Velez, Oldenburg, Penterman, Rozar, Spiros, Tittle and *Continued on Page 7*



**About Yellow Wood Sorrel**

- Wood sorrel, as with many other types of sorrel, has a light sour flavor that adds variety to salads, soups, sandwiches, and many dishes.
- It can be enjoyed raw, sauteed, cooked in dishes, or as a sauce.
- It has bright green, heart shaped leaves that cluster in groups of three.
- Wood sorrel is thought to be indigenous to North America and is widely found and easily foraged. It is generally available in early spring through fall, but may be found year-round in warmer climates.
- Indigenous people used wood sorrel for food and medicinal purposes like treating nausea, mouth sores, sore throats and other illnesses.

**Considerations**

- Oxalic acid, the nutrient that gives sorrel its sour taste, when consumed in large amounts can slow/prevent calcium absorption.
- Sorrel is considered a weed so harvest only in areas you can be sure that the plant has not been sprayed with chemicals. Gather at sites where permitted and safe.
- Due to the oxalic acid content, people with gout, rheumatism, and kidney stones should avoid sorrel.

<https://www.wildedible.com/wild-food-guide/wood-sorrel/>  
<https://hort.extension.wisc.edu/articles/commo-yellow-wood-sorrel-oxalic-acid/>  
[https://specialtyproduce.com/produce/Wood\\_Sorrel\\_10010.php](https://specialtyproduce.com/produce/Wood_Sorrel_10010.php)  
[https://www.fs.usda.gov/wildflowers/plant-of-the-week/oxalis\\_sorrel.shtml](https://www.fs.usda.gov/wildflowers/plant-of-the-week/oxalis_sorrel.shtml)

**FORAGED GREENS SAUCE**

(Great with fish, meat or your favorite side dish!)

**INGREDIENTS:**

- 3 cups foraged greens (can use wood sorrel for all or part of this - can also use basil)
- 1/2 cup sour cream, plain yogurt, or olive oil
- 2-3 ramps (can also use wild garlic or 3 garlic cloves)
- Optional seasoning: salt, pepper, dijon mustard

**STEPS:**

- Blend all ingredients (except optional seasonings) together in a food processor. Add extra olive oil, sour cream or yogurt if preferring a thinner sauce.
- Season to taste with optional seasonings: salt, pepper, and dijon mustard.
- To store: refrigerate for up to 3-4 days or freeze for later use.



Recipe adapted from: <https://lovetheseingredients.net/2014/09/10/sorrel-sauce/>

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

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

# Save-the-Date

## Spring Foraging Walk in Black River Falls

with *Nicholas Wazee Gale*

### May 11 in the Mission

(at the State Trail 0.7 miles in on Pettibone Pass, at the bridge)  
**10:00-2:00 pm**  
 tentatively

**We'll also go to the District 1 Community Center to prepare some simple foods with what we gather! Lunch provided.**

Watch the Ho-Chunk Nation Health Department Facebook page or employee email for final details!

Sign-up is requested. To sign up and for questions, contact Kathy Braaten at 715.284.9851 ext. 35335 or [kathy.braaten@ho-chunk.com](mailto:kathy.braaten@ho-chunk.com)

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 HCN Health and Wellness Division

## FATHERHOOD IS SACRED MOTHERHOOD IS SACRED GROUP

**WEDNESDAYS, 10AM-12PM  
 BEGINNING MAY 1ST**

**HAPPY & SAFE FAMILY**

Fatherhood & Motherhood is Sacred program will help bring unity to families and communities by awakening participants to the critical need for strengthening families. Fathers, in partnership with mothers, are expected to lead, provide for, and protect their families. For this to happen, parents must be diligent in bringing order to their lives and to their families. When order is in the family, an environment is created where children are inspired and motivated to learn so they can become caring, self-sufficient, and productive individuals. Join us to learn the skills of helping individuals become the best version of themselves.

Group will meet every Wednesday, for 12 weeks.  
 Scan Code to Register, or visit <https://hcn-bh.typeform.com/FIS-MIS>

**Himik Wanaajja Wahi**  
**DISTRICT 1 COMMUNITY CENTER**  
 N7261 WARRIOR AVE., BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT HO-CHUNK NATION DIVISION OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AT (715)284-9851 EXT.35087



# April 2024

FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM

**OFFICE HOURS: 8AM-11:45AM & 1PM-3:45PM**  
 SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	CLOSED HOLIDAY	OPEN BRF	CLOSED WITTENBEG	OPEN BRF	OPEN BRF	
7	OPEN BRF	OPEN BRF	CLOSED WIS DELLS	OPEN BRF	OPEN BRF	13
14	OPEN BRF	OPEN BRF	CLOSED TOMAH	OPEN BRF	OPEN BRF LAX	20
21	OPEN BRF	OPEN BRF	CLOSED NEKOOSA	OPEN BRF	OPEN BRF	27
28	OPEN BRF LAST DAY	CLOSED INVENTORY				

# Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday to Walter Whitehorse who turned **98** on March 28, 2024. He's now the same number as his race car (pictured on the left with his brother Harry). Walter celebrated his big day with his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

## Jackson In Action's Earth Day Highway Cleanup

**Sat, April 13, 2024  
 9am-12pm**

We will be cleaning up the stretch of highway surrounding Wazee Lake Recreation Area, along N Brockway and Castle Mound Rd.

Meet at the intersection of W Bauer Rd and N Brockway Rd at 9am. Trash bags and gloves will be provided.

Questions? Contact Kathleen Clemons 715-299-0870

**Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health**  
Division of Public Health

In Collaboration with Behavioral Health and Health & Wellness

**LET'S TACO'BOUT ALCOHOL!**

Alcohol affects your mind and your body. Join us for this free event of activities, education, resources, FOOD and more!

**FREE EVENT** **Taco Tuesday**  
**April 23, 2024**  
**11am - 3pm**  
2 LOCATIONS!

<p><b>TOB ATRIUM</b> W9814 AIRPORT RD BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI 54615</p> <p>timothygamble@ho-chunk.com 715-284-9851 ext. 35016</p>	<p><b>HCG-WITTENBERG</b> HOTEL CONFERENCE ROOM N7198 US-45 WITTENBERG, WI 54499</p> <p>jamie.decorah@ho-chunk.com 715-284-9851 ext. 33142</p>
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**LEARN HEALTHY ALTERNATIVES TO ALCOHOL**

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**FRIENDS OF THE BLACK RIVER**

**EARTH DAY CLEANUP**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024**

8:00AM - Meet at Castle Mound State Park at the parking lot by the shelter. Park admission waived for volunteers.

11:30AM - Lunch provided for volunteers.

For more info, email [info\\_fbr@yahoo.com](mailto:info_fbr@yahoo.com) or call Jeff at 715-896-5534.

**Partners in Parenting:**  
Wisconsin Dells and Baraboo area

**Specific to parents and grandparents of infant to school-aged children**

**When:** Thursday April 18, 2024  
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

**Where:** House of Wellness  
Food Court

**Suicide Prevention**  
Presenter: Rachael Dozer, MSW, LCSW, CSAC  
Dual Diagnosis Therapist

Events includes free lunch provided by Health & Wellness and raffle.  
\*Must attend presentation to be entered.

To sign up for your free lunch reservation contact Public Health:

<p>Irina Clendenning Public Health Nurse 608-355-1240 EXT. 35620</p>	<p>Wendy Lonetree Community Health Representative 608-355-1240 EXT. 35620</p>
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Chankland; cosponsored by Senators Testin, James, Smith, and Pfaff.  
Ho-Chunk Nation Representatives Kristin White Eagle and Shelby Visintin, along with Sandy Winneshiek and Donald Greengrass testified during the Assembly Public Hearing for the Committee on Transportation on January 30, 2024.  
In part, their testimony included, "Native American soldiers from thirty-three tribes from across the country, including three from Wisconsin, served as Code Talkers during World War II.

To date, the Department of Defense has recognized and listed 14 World War II Veterans from the Ho-Chunk Nation who served as Code Talkers, marking the Ho-Chunk Nation and its members as one of the most recognized tribal nations for its Code Talkers."  
Additionally, their testimony said, "Preserving the legacy of the Code Talkers is crucial to honoring their service to the American people and to Nation, and their contributions towards preserving native language for future generations. By designating that portion  
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**HEALTH & WELLNESS**

**Diabetes Road Show**

Research shows that employees who are in good physical, mental, and emotional health are more likely to deliver optimal performance, have a better quality of life, a lower risk of disease/injury and have a greater likelihood of contributing to their communities.

That's why we're bringing our Diabetes Conversation Map class to you! Book us to educate your department or book us to come in to your home to help you and your family!

The class is for people with diabetes, prediabetes, those at high risk or those that just want to learn more.

Contact one of our Program Recruiters today to set up a date and time for our team to come to you! One 90 minute session, minimum of 3 participants, maximum of 6.

Rachel Montana - [rachel.montana@ho-chunk.com](mailto:rachel.montana@ho-chunk.com)  
Lyndsey Killian - [lyndsey.killian@ho-chunk.com](mailto:lyndsey.killian@ho-chunk.com)  
715-284-9851 ext. 35039 or ext. 35068

\* Available to all tribal members and their families and/or HCN employees within the PRCDA services area.  
Counties: Eau Claire, Clark, Marathon, Shawano, Jackson, Wood, La Crosse, Monroe, Juneau, Adams, Vernon, Sauk, Columbia, Crawford and Dane.

THOMPSON'S ISLAND  
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## Native Food for Life Online Diabetes Class

Health & Wellness Division/KB/created 2/24





Starting April 11,  
a 7-week "plant-based"  
program with a focus on  
indigenous foods for  
Natives to help prevent &  
manage diabetes. Classes  
are via WebEx.

Call 1.888.685.4422 ext.  
35068 or 35039 to sign up  
or ask questions.

Past participants said:


- ...I lost weight...
- ...lower blood sugars...
- ...better digestion...
- ...more energy...
- ...feeling better about food choices...
- ...good recipes...
- ...I feel fuller longer...

Sponsored by the HCN  
Health and Wellness  
Division

## Daniel Eugene Funmaker

September 19, 1961 - April 9, 2024



especially drums. He is survived by his siblings, Eliza Green, James Funmaker, Kyle Funmaker, Sybil (Al) Grey Owl, Ethel Funmaker, Eloise Funmaker, Brent Funmaker, Joann Jones, Joyce (Jon) Warner, and Bonnie (Sheldon) Hanson, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Daniel is preceded in death by both parents, James and Ruth Funmaker, his brothers Gilbert Funmaker, Kent Funmaker, Myron Funmaker, and Walter Funmaker, and sisters Ana Rae Funmaker and Prudence Funmaker.

Funeral services for Daniel will be held at the Indian Mission Community Building (W8813 Mission Road, Black River Falls, WI, 54615) on Thursday, April 11, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. followed by burial at Decorah Cemetery. Visitation will take place the night before services at the Buswell Funeral Home from 5:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.

Daniel Eugene Funmaker, 62, died peacefully at his home in Black River Falls, Wisconsin, surrounded by his loved ones on April 9, 2024.

Daniel was born to James and Ruth (Greyhair) Funmaker on September 19, 1961, in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Daniel and his siblings attended and graduated from the Flandreau Indian School in South Dakota.

Daniel held a variety of occupations throughout his life, but when not working, he loved photography, bingo, and listening to tribal music,



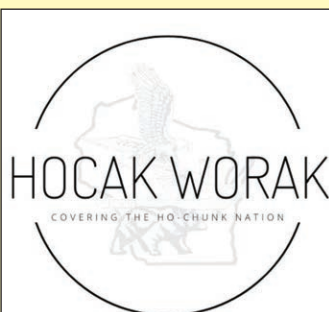
## Graduate Showcase 2024

A special section of the *Hocak Worak* will showcase 2024 graduates. Graduates include college, high school, and head start. Email [Newsletter@ho-chunk.com](mailto:Newsletter@ho-chunk.com) if you would like your graduate to appear in this showcase.


**Submit the following before June 21:**

1. Photo
2. Name of Graduate
3. Hocak Name (Optional)
4. Parents/Guardians Names
5. Place Graduating From
6. Degree Name (for college grads)
7. Future Endeavors or Extra-Curricular Activity

The 2024 Graduate Showcase will appear in Issue 12, which publishes June 28.



## Share the Care Cancer Conference



The Share the Care Cancer Conference, in collaboration with American Cancer Society, the Wisconsin Tribes, Spirit of EAGLES UW Carbone Cancer Center, Wisconsin Pink Shawl Initiative, and the Wisconsin Well Woman Program plan the Annual Share the Care Cancer Conference. Each year one of the WI Tribes sponsor the conference. We are inviting your support and encouraging your tribal community members from all the Wisconsin Tribes to attend this conference.

The Planning Committee's goal is to reach out to the Native Cancer survivors and their family members as well as any tribal members that want to learn more about cancer, its risk factors, prevention and early detection. We encourage you to send your tribal members who would benefit from attending this conference.

The Share the Care Cancer conference was created 24 years ago to help create an opportunity for tribal members to learn more about cancer and cancer prevention. We know that Cancer is one the number one disease that has impacted all of our Native Communities in Wisconsin. Our goal is to increase the awareness of cancer and its impact on our communities and its members and eventually, eradicate this disease through prevention and early detection. The more of our population that we can educate the sooner this will occur!

We would like your support and encouragement, as we try to increase and enhance many tribal members' knowledge of cancer and enhance awareness of the prevention skills that could someday save their lives. Please consider supporting this worthy cause by encouraging Tribal members to attend and consider sponsoring their attendance for this valuable educational opportunity.

The conference will be held in Oneida this year in May 1-3, 2024, at the Oneida Hotel and Conference Center.

*Share the Care Cancer Conference  
Planning Committee*

# SAVE THE DATE

The Oneida Nation Community invites you to the **FREE...**

## 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SHARE THE CARE CANCER CONFERENCE

**Thursday, May 2, and  
Friday, May 3, 2024**




**Special Pre-Conference Training**

**WI Well Woman Program • Wednesday, May 1 • 12-4:30 pm**  
**Kickoff Share the Care Meet & Greet, May 1 • 5-7:00 pm**

**Oneida Hotel & Conference Center • 2040 Airport Drive, Green Bay**

**Hotel Accommodations**  
 (920) 494-7300 • Ask for group rate for Share the Care Conference



### Conference Agenda

**Wednesday, May 1, 2024**  
12 noon - 4:30 pm

Special Pre-Conference Training  
"An Afternoon With WWWP – Breast and Cervical Cancer"  
Buffet Lunch in the Room

Register Separately:  
Victoria Statz @ (608) 261-6856  
Wisconsin Well Woman Program  
5:00 – 7:00 pm

Kickoff Share the Care Meet & Greet  
Refreshments will be available

**Thursday, May 2, 2024**  
7:00 – 8:00 am  
Conference Registration & Breakfast

8:00 – 9:00 am  
Buffalo Creek Drum – Oneida Veterans  
Presentation of Colors – Opening Prayer – ONHS  
Students – Welcome – Oneida Nation Chairman

9:00 – 9:45 am  
"Identifying Research Priorities to Achieve Cancer Equity in Native Communities"  
Dr. Leone, Medical College of WI Cancer Research

9:45 – 10:00 – Break

10:00 – 10:45 am  
"Impact of Cancer in Native Populations"  
Dr. Lyle Ignace, Ignace Indian Health Center

10:45 – 11:00 – Break

11:00 – 11:45 am  
"Health Care Disparities in Native Am Communities"  
Dr. Laveradure, Bad River Health & Wellness Center

12:00 – 1:00 pm Plated Lunch

1:00 – 1:45 pm  
"Personalized Care & Personalized Prevention:  
The Role of Genetics"  
Jenny Geurts, Medical College of WI

1:45 – 2:15 pm  
Edna Cornelius-Grosskopf  
"Zumba Gold"

2:15 – 2:30 pm – Break

2:30-3:45 PM  
**Men's Break Out Group**  
"Open Discussion About Men's Cancers"  
Dr. Leone & Dr. Thomas

**Women's Break Out Group**  
"Dream the Cure Conversation"  
Dr. Laveradure & Pink Shawl

3:45 – 4:15 pm  
Wrap Up of the Day

**Dinner on Your Own**

**Friday, May 3, 2024**  
7:00 – 8:00 am  
Breakfast

8:00 – 8:30 am  
Opening Remarks & Housekeeping

8:30 – 10:15 am  
Cancer Survivor Panel

11:00 – 12:00 pm  
Closing prayer & traveling Song - ONHS - Oneida  
Veterans & Pink Shawl Procession - Retiring of  
Colors Scrolling of the Names, Oneida Hymn  
Singers – Box Lunch

Early Birds Bingo Session at 5:30 pm & Bingo at 6 pm

**SHARE THE CARE Registration**  
**NO REGISTRATION FEE**

Please register online registration using the QR code below.



Or go to [www.oneida-nsn.gov](http://www.oneida-nsn.gov), select Resources→Health, then click the button shown below:

**Share the Care 2024  
Registration**

Bring with you a photo of your loved one who survived or passed on from cancer, or you can upload a digital photo when you register.

**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION DEADLINE**  
**Friday, April 26, 2024**

**HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS**  
\$109.00 per night - single or double occupancy

Ask for Share the Care Conference Block  
2040 Airport Drive, Green Bay, WI  
Oneida Hotel & Conference Center  
(920) 494-7300

**CONTACT INFORMATION**  
FOR THOSE WITHOUT INTERNET ACCESS  
– Connie L Danforth  
ATTN: Share the Care  
PO Box 365, Oneida, WI 54155  
[cdanfort@oneidanation.org](mailto:cdanfort@oneidanation.org)



## Herman Whiterabbit Jr.

1953 – 2024

On March 19, 2024 in Madison, after a prolonged illness, Herman Whiterabbit Jr. (Dawn Again) passed on at the age of 70. Born in Lyndon Station to Herman Whiterabbit I and Eva Decorah Whiterabbit in 1953, he was trained at an early age by his uncle Levi Decorah as a traditional warrior and hunting leader. He served in the US Army during the Vietnam War, was a skilled silversmith and became a master of the martial art of Choy Li Kung Fu. In his later years, he spent time bicycling and

self-distributing his poetry. He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers William and Arnold, and sister Marilyn. He is survived by his sister Christine Whiterabbit Jendrisak, ex-wife Katya Luomala Whiterabbit, and son Herman Hafiz Whiterabbit (Morningstar). He is to lay at rest with family at Spring Grove Cemetery in Wisconsin Dells. Any memorials or benefits should be given in service to the Ho-Chunk Nation to which his life was pledged.

## Lillian Thundercloud

March 7, 1925 - March 23, 2024

Lillian Thundercloud “Naa, hanažiwi ga” - Stands on a tree (March 7, 1925- March 23, 2024) passed peacefully surrounded by loved ones at Agrace Hospice. Lillian was born at home in Black River Falls, WI to Daniel (Maaxioxogiwjix) Thundercloud and Lydia (Maaxihoit’ajiga) Lowe Thundercloud.

Lillian attended Tomah Boarding School for first grade, and was so unhappy they sent her home to her family. Then she attended the Neillsville Indian School where she knew more of her extended family and she blossomed. Lillian graduated from Black River High School then went to Haskell College and earned an Associate Degree in Business. She returned to the Mission where she and Ernie Garvin had two daughters.

Lillian eventually left the Indian Mission in Black River Falls in 1952 for employment at the Badger Ordinance in Baraboo, Wisconsin. She moved in with Arvina Lowe at the Indian Village in Wisconsin Dells and caught a bus daily to and from the Badger Ammunition Plant. When she went to visit Clifford and Della Lowe she met Emerson. They married and started a life together in Baraboo, Wisconsin. They later moved to Lyndon Station then a farm in Wisconsin Dells and finally settled at Indian Heights.

Lillian held various jobs while she was raising her children. After her older two daughters convinced her to go to work Lillian worked cleaning rooms during the summer months while they babysat. While her children were growing up she held jobs at; Coils, as a Community Health Representative, a Nurse Recruiter, Substitute Teacher Assistant, Cashier at the Bingo Hall, and a driver at the Tribal Aging Unit. Most recently, she helped with the Ho-Chunk Language Revitalization project. Lillian was an active Ho-Chunk community member and was on various committees and organizations.

Lillian will be remember most for her generosity, kindness, friendliness, and helping anyone who showed up at her door or anyone who needed it. She believed in education, had a good word to say about everyone, and loved her family, community, and the Ho-Chunk Nation.

Lillian is survived by her sister Hattie Walker, children; Sam(Rosemary), Twila Garvin, son in law Leonard Spiegler, Roger, Beth (James) Anacker, Mary(Mark) Eary, Gary (Patti) and Byron (Liz), Carey Walker, Thomas Walker (Wy) and

Leah Ann Walker.

Grandchildren Tim (Sarah) Decorah Amy Jo DeLong, Lisa Rae DeLong (Ryan), Danielle DeLong, Roy, Rory, and Ria Thundercloud; Micah, Nicole, and Kate (Erika) Anacker; Hunter and Brandy Thundercloud-Eary, Ryan, Kyle (Melissa), and Brant Thundercloud; Damian and Byron Thundercloud; Matt and April Thundercloud.

Great Grandchildren: Sean, Christopher, Sorora, Cyra, Lillian, Isabella, Dominick, Asia, Will, Emily, Sam, Jennifer, Andrew, Ben Adams, Benjamin Thundercloud, Paisley, Sophia, Aleida Joy, Mariah, Emilee, Karissa, Rachel, Abbie, and Bailey.

Great Great Grandchildren: Jesse Jr., Mila, Wade, and Rory.

Nieces and Nephews: Dana, Tracy, Shelley, Kelley, Alec and Ayako.

Lillian was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Emerson, siblings David, Lawrence, Frances Wentz, and Sam, daughters Renee Claire, and Bridgadine Spiegler, and grandson, Stefan Eary, maternal grandparents George and Mariah Lowe and paternal grandparents Mohica and Betsy Thunder.

The visitation will be on Wednesday, March 27, 2024 from 5:00 until 8:00 pm and Thursday visitation will be held at the District One Community Center (7261 Warrior Ave. Black River Falls, WI 54615) from 10:00 to 11:00 am and church service will follow from 11:00 until 12:00 pm. There will be a luncheon at the DICC after the burial.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the United Church of Christ Indian Mission, W8879 Mission Road, Black River Falls, WI 54615, 715-284-2625.



HO-CHUNK NATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH



## MEETING NOTICE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Friday, May 3, 2024

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Eileen Decorah Conference Room

Ho-Chunk Health Care Center  
N6520 Lumberjack Guy Road  
Black River Falls, WI 54615

Virtual Option also available via WebEx

Please contact Lorinda Bird for Virtual meeting information.

715-284-9851 ext. 35351

Email: Lorinda.Bird@ho-chunk.com

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N6520 Lumberjack Guy Road  
Black River Falls, WI 54615  
Ph. 715-284-9851 FAX 715-284-5150

House of Wellness  
52845 White Eagle Rd  
Baraboo, WI 53913  
Ph. 888-552-7889 FAX 608-355-9643



HO-CHUNK NATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH



## MEETING NOTICE HEALTH ACCREDITATION BOARD MEETING

Friday, May 17, 2024

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Eileen Decorah Conference Room

Ho-Chunk Health Care Center  
N6520 Lumberjack Guy Road  
Black River Falls, WI 54615

Virtual Option also available via WebEx

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of I-90 as the Ho-Chunk World War II Code Talkers Memorial Highway, we are honoring their memory and service.”

The Wisconsin State Senate went on to approve the historic bill.

During the March 25 bill signing ceremony at the House of Wellness, a color guard ceremoniously brought in the flags. The Thundercloud Singers rendered honor songs. Then, the Traditional Chief Clayton Winneshiek offered opening words. Following that, President Jon Greendeer and Vice President Karena Thundercloud were the speakers.

Gov. Evers said, “Over the last five years, we have been proud to work together with Indigenous communities and leaders to bolster Native language and cultural preservation efforts, and this has been critical to our ongoing work to strengthen our government-

to-government relationships with the Native Nations. Signing this bill today is a continuation of those efforts, and this designation will cement the incredible history of the Ho-Chunk Code Talkers in our collective narrative and highlight these individuals’ important contributions for folks, families, and visitors to learn about.”

Senate Bill 633, now 2023 Wisconsin Act 216, “Lists the 14 Ho-Chunk Code Talkers that the federal Department of Defense has recognized, as well as specifically include ‘any other unidentified Ho-Chunk World War II Code Talkers’.”

The Thundercloud Singers sang the Ho-Chunk Code Talker song after Gov. Evers signed the bill. Sandy Winneshiek’s family gifted Jon Thundercloud a blanket. The event concluded with an honor song, followed by a traveling song.

DISTRICT 1 AREA MEETING NOTICE

Due to the passing of a tribal member the following District Meeting has been postponed.

IN PERSON /VIRTUAL BRP AREA MEETING
Tribal Office Building
W9814 Airport Road, Black River Falls, WI 54615
Wednesday, April 17, 2024
6:00 p.m.

For WebEx information please contact:
karena.thundercloud@ho-chunk.com
phyllis.smoke@ho-chunk.com
rodney.rave@ho-chunk.com

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HO-CHUNK NATION
PEOPLE OF THE BIG VOICE

DISTRICT 2 AREA MEETING NOTICE

LA CROSSE AREA | THREE RIVERS HOUSE

724 Main Street, La Crosse, WI

MONDAY, April 15th, 2024 6:00PM

IN PERSON

TOMAH AREA | TOMAH YOUTH CENTER

430 Julie St, Tomah, WI

TUESDAY, April 16th, 2024 6:00PM

IN PERSON

BARABOO/W DELLS/MAUSTON AREA | Waksikma

5826 43rd St, New Lisbon, WI

WEDNESDAY, April 17th, 2024 6:00PM

IN PERSON

- REP. STEPHANIE BEGAY stephanie.begay@ho-chunk.com (608) 408-0339
REP. KRISTIN K WHITE EAGLE kristin.whiteeagle@ho-chunk.com (608) 477-3007
REP. ROBERT FUNMAKER robert.funmaker@ho-chunk.com (608) 408-7723
LEGISLATIVE AIDE, Damian Thundercloud damiantthundercloud@ho-chunk.com (800) 294-9343, Ext. 11151

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DISTRICT 3 AREA MEETING NOTICE

WITTENBERG | MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2024 | 6:00 PM

GREEN BAY | TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2024 | 6:00 PM

MADISON | WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2024 | 6:00 PM

WI RAPIDS | THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2024 | 5:30 PM

MILWAUKEE | FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2024 | 5:30 PM

FOR WEBEX INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

- REP. LAMBERT CLEVELAND lambertcleveland@ho-chunk.com (715) 896-5166
REP. SARAH LEMIEUX sarah.lemieux@ho-chunk.com (715) 315-8071
REP. SHELBY VISINTIN shelby.visintin@ho-chunk.com (715) 896-9323
AIDE, BELLA BLACKDEER isabella.blackdeer@ho-chunk.com (715) 284-9343 x11313



POSTED 3/20/2024

DISTRICT 4 AREA MEETING NOTICE

IN PERSON /VIRTUAL CHICAGO AREA MEETING

Chicago Branch Office

4738 N. Milwaukee Ave. Chicago, IL 60630

Monday, April 15, 2024

6:00 p.m.

IN PERSON/VIRTUAL TWIN CITIES AREA MEETING

St. Paul Branch Office

1724 Selby Ave., St. Paul, MN 55104

Thursday, April 18, 2024

6:00 p.m.

For WebEx information please contact:

- paul.fox@ho-chunk.com
robert.pilot@ho-chunk.com
danielle.delong@ho-chunk.com
brianna.tahdoohnipah@ho-chunk.com

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HO-CHUNK NATION
LEGISLATURE
REGULAR MEETING
TRIBAL EXECUTIVE
OFFICES
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI
MARCH 5, 2024

Call to Order: President Jon Greendeer called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call:

- President Jon Greendeer-P
Vice President Karena Thundercloud-P
Rep. Rodney Rave-P
Rep. Phyllis Smoke-P
Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr.-P (10:02)
Rep. Stephanie Begay-P
Rep. Kristin White Eagle-VC
Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr.-EX
Rep. Shelby Visintin-VC
Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle-P
Rep. Danielle DeLong-P

- Rep. Robert Pilot-P
Rep. Paul Fox-P
Rep. Brianna Tahdoohnipah-P

VC-Video Conference

Determination of Quorum: Quorum is established at 10:00 a.m.

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

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Rep. Brianna Tahdoohnipah. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Legislative Meeting-February 27, 2024

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie

Begay to approve the February 27, 2024 Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-1(Rep. Shelby Visintin) MOTION CARRIED.

Commission Reports:

Finance Commission-February 28, 2024

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to approve the February 28, 2024 Finance Commission Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 11-0-1(Rep. Danielle DeLong) MOTION CARRIED.

D2 Easter Event

MOTION by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. to approve the District 2 Community Easter Egg Hunt in the amount of \$1,500 from the Youth Assistance Fund. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0

MOTION CARRIED.

Reports:

Enrollment Report

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to accept the Enrollment Report. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Ho-Chunk Transportation

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to accept the Ho-Chunk Nation Transportation Authority Report. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Executive Branch Monthly Reports:

Department of Administration A written report was received.

Department of Health A written report was received.

Department of Personnel; Insurance

A written report was received.

Department of Social Services

A written report was received. Hoocak Waaksik Xete Advisory Board Minutes

January 31, 2024 Meeting minutes

The January 31, 2024 Meeting minutes were received.

There was a MOTION by Rosetta Hunt to TABLE and have Greg Blackcoon email Robert Mudd if any action was taken.

Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle stated there has not been a formal update on the Elder Hotel Rates. TAU Director Greg Blackcoon will forward the rates to the Executive Legislative Information Officer Continued on Page 11

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Malachi Emery for distribution.

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to have Legislative Legal prepare a resolution to put the TAU Establishment Act out for forty-five day comment regarding the MOTION by Francis Littlewolf to have Wausau member and Alternate for Meal Sites. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to refer to TAU Executive Director Greg Blackcoon to provide documentation regarding the MOTION by Mary Whitegull to assist Elite Elders with their Home Owners insurance deductible up to the amount of \$1,500. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**READ FOR THE RECORD:**

Roberta Funmaker is the Vice Chair of the TAU Board.

**February 21, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

The February 21, 2024 Meeting minutes were received.

**READ FOR THE RECORD:**

MOTION by Muriel Whiteagle-Lee current board members stay on the board until their terms expires.

**READ FOR THE RECORD:**

MOTION by Rosetta Hunt to have ADRS/C attend a meeting to see what they offer to the Elders.

**READ FOR THE RECORD:**

MOTION by Francis Littlewolf to have monthly meeting is person or virtual and get mileage, stipend and hotel for those who live more than 50 miles away.

Vice President Karena Thundercloud mentioned that the meeting minutes and action items should be brought to the Legislature by the TAU staff. It is not in the job description of Rep. Lemieux-White Eagle to bring the motions forward.

TAU Director Greg Blackcoon agrees, and that there was a lull between the branches for a time. TAU will bring the meeting minutes and motions forward from now on.

**Unfinished Business:**

No items under Unfinished Business

**New Business:**

**Accounting Director REVISED Job Description**

Treasurer Crystal Deschinny was present and mentioned the changes to the organization of Treasury. The current job descriptions are very generic and does not meet the needs of Treasury. With the revised Accounting Director and Budget Director Job Description, there is more specific and detailed duties that will focus on the three key areas, accounting, budget and finance.

Vice President Karena Thundercloud asked it if this is a new or revised job description. Rep. Stephanie Begay had the same concern and would like to hear from Personnel.

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to TABLE the Accounting Director REVISED Job Description until there is representation from Personnel. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Budget Director REVISED Job Description**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to TABLE the Budget Director REVISED Job Description until there is representation from Personnel Department. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Jim Lambert, Human Resources Manager arrived to the meeting as Personnel Representative.

**Treasury Executive Administrative Assistant REVISED Job Description**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to approve the Treasury Executive Administrative Assistant Revised Job Description. Second by Rep. Robert Pilot. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Finance & Investment Director REVISED Job Description**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to approve the Finance & Investment Director New Job Description. Second by Rep. Robert Pilot. 11-1(Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr.)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Accounting Director REVISED Job Description (Revisited)**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to approve the Accounting Director New Job Description. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud 11-1(Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr.)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Budget Director REVISED Job Description (Revisited)**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to approve the Budget Director New Job Description. Second by Rep. Robert Pilot. 11-1(Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr.)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Tutor Specialist REVISED Job Description**

**MOTION** by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to approve the Tutor Specialist Revised Job Description. Second by Rep. Danielle DeLong. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Social Services Child and Family Services Division to Enter into the Tribal/State Title IV-E Financial Agreement with the State of Wisconsin**

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 03-05-24 A**, Authorization for the Department of Social Services

Child and Family Services Division to Enter into the Tribal/State Title IV-E Financial Agreement with the State of Wisconsin. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Social Services Domestic Abuse Division to Apply for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Family Violence Prevention and Services/Domestic Violence Shelter and Supportive Services Grant**

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 03-05-24 B**, Authorization for the Department of Social Services Domestic Abuse Division to Apply for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Family Violence Prevention and Services/Domestic Violence Shelter and Supportive Services Grant. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution - Authorization for the Department of Social Services Domestic Abuse Division to Apply for the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Violence Against Women Tribal Governments Program Grant**

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 03-05-24 C**, Authorization for the Department of Social Services Domestic Abuse Division to Apply for the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Violence Against Women Tribal Governments Program Grant. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 12-19-23K Authorization for the Department of Administration to Apply for the Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA)**

**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 03-05-24 D**, Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 12-19-23K Authorization for the Department of Administration to Apply for the Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA). Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Authorization to Place Ho-Chunk Nation Healing to Wellness Court Code out for Public Review and Comment**

Rep. Tahdoahnippah read:

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature enacted the *Healing to Wellness Court Code* on November 18, 2014, and last amended the law on March 8, 2022, and codified the same at 4 HCC §15; and

**WHEREAS**, within the Healing to Wellness Court Code, the Legislature established the Healing to Wellness Court as a court of special jurisdiction to convene as an evidence-based

treatment program that offers alcohol and/or drug addicted participants an alternative to extended incarceration and the standard probation model of many law enforcement and court systems; also, the Wellness Court works cooperatively with treatment agencies and other rehabilitation services to engage a participant in a holistic treatment program that will provide the participant with the tools and support necessary to get into recovery, stay in recovery, and lead a productive, alcohol-drug free, lawful, healthy lifestyle; and

**WHEREAS**, the Healing to Wellness Court Code contains provisions allows the Wellness Court to engage in monitoring, testing, and assessment for program participants, however, the law lacks certain definitions that are contained in the *Ho-Chunk Nation Drug, Alcohol and Controlled Substance Code*, codified at 6 HCC §10; and the Healing to Wellness Court Code appears to not take account of existing tribal, and federal, protections regarding the use of Peyote for bona fide religious purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the LOA, the Legislature finds it appropriate to place the Healing to Wellness Court Code, along with proposed amendments, out for public review and comment; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Legislature, pursuant to its Constitutional authority, and the LOA, places the Ho-Chunk Nation Healing to Wellness Court Code, including proposed amendments set forth therein, out for public review and comment for 45 days; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the public review and comment period shall begin when the Healing to Wellness Court Code, with proposed amendments, is posted to the Ho-Chunk Nation website.

Rep. Tahdoahnippah continued to read the proposed amendments to the Healing to Wellness Court Code.

**Definitions:** Adding a.  
*a. "Controlled substance" shall have the same meaning as defined in the Ho-Chunk Nation Drug, Alcohol and Controlled Substance Code (6 HCC §10), meaning any controlled substance, dangerous drug(s) or intoxicating compound as defined under Nation, federal or state law and includes, but not limited to, narcotics, opiates, hallucinogens, stimulates, marijuana and so called "designer drugs"*

**Testing:**  
18. The Wellness Court shall ensure periodic and random testing for the presence of any controlled substance or alcohol in a participant's blood, urine, or breath, using the best available, accepted, and scientifically valid method-provided, however, that the Court shall not test participants for Peyote, as it is excepted under the *Ho-Chunk Nation Drug, Alcohol and Controlled Substance Code (6 HCC § 10)*, unless a participant consents.

*President Greendeer recused himself at 10:49 a.m. Vice President Karena Thundercloud chairs the meeting.*

Rep. Phyllis Smoke read a message from the Healing to Wellness judge that at no point did Rep. Tahdoahnippah contact her regarding the changes or contact to the court. Judge Michelle Greendeer-Rave mentioned they will be working on the changes to the code at a scheduled retreat. The Healing to Wellness Court does not have a problem with this issue. The question is why Rep. Tahdoahnippah has not approached the Court to add it on the agenda or taken this to Traditional Court.

Rep. Tahdoahnippah said she has not gone to Traditional Court. There has been zero communication from the courts and the judge. She has communicated by email repeatedly with no response from anyone.

Rep. Danielle DeLong mentioned communication is key when working in government system. Rep. Tahdoahnippah is legislating for the changes today. This is just for a forty-five day comment period, and gives plenty of time for the public, Healing to Wellness Court and others to voice their opinions, thoughts and concerns.

Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle said she has no problem with this going out for comment, she just does not like the way it is handled.

Rep. Stephanie Begay concurs with Rep. Lemieux-White Eagle. Courtesy and communication is where she has the issue. With Rep. Smoke not being consulted as the Legislative Representative on the Healing to Wellness Court, this was handled inappropriately or in poor taste.

Several Tribal Members were present to voice their concerns of the Healing to Wellness Court telling Tribal Members who attend Native American Church that they cannot partake in peyote at services. A Tribal Member was present to tell her experiences with the Healing to Wellness Court as a Native American Church Member.

Rep. Kristin White Eagle wanted to commend Rep. Tahdoahnippah for bringing this resolution forward. This will get the feedback and comments from the public. Rep. Tahdoahnippah had a concern and shared with the Legislature and had expressed that multiple times. Rep. White Eagle suggested holding a public hearing, and she would be willing to help and support in anyway. Internally, the Nation considers peyote as a drug, it is a medicine to use and utilize in a spiritual setting.

Rep. Smoke said she does not have a problem placing this out for comment. The way Rep. Tahdoahnippah went about it by not bringing it to the Legislators, Traditional Court, Healing to Wellness Court, or not bringing it up the two years  
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she served on the Court. It wasn't until another issue came up, and Rep. Smoke thinks that is not right.

**MOTION** by Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah to adopt **Resolution 03-05-24 E**, Authorization to Place Ho-Chunk Nation Healing to Wellness Court Code out for Public Review and Comment. Second by Rep. Danielle DeLong. 10-1 (Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr) -1 (Rep. Stephanie Begay)

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Authorization for the Ho-Chunk Housing & Community Development Agency to Apply for the Indian Housing Block Grant 2024 Competitive Grant Program FR-6700-N-48**

**MOTION** by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. to adopt **Resolution 03-05-24 F**, Authorization for the Ho-Chunk Housing & Community Development Agency to Apply for the Indian Housing Block Grant 2024 Competitive Grant Program FR-6700-N-48. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-1 (Rep. Rodney Rave) **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 11:45 a.m.*

*The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:48 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.*

*President Greendeer called the Executive Session to order at 12:31 p.m. Quorum was established. Rep. Robert Pilot is online.*

*Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle left the meeting and joined online at 1:46 p.m.*

*Rep. Stephanie Begay left the meeting and joined online at 1:58 p.m.*

*The meeting returned to Open Session at 2:42 p.m.*

**MOTION** by Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah 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. Shelby Visintin in collaboration with the Executive Branch, Department of Administration, and Office of the President, the Legislature moves to ban Saresa Ryckman, Marlys Whiteagle, and Muriel Whiteagle for repeated disruptive and harassing behavior for a period of six months from all Legislative meetings in person and virtual. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. **SECOND IS WITHDRAWN. SECOND** by Rep. Danielle DeLong.

7-2 (Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr., Rep. Stephanie Begay)-3 (Rep. Phyllis Smoke, Rep. Rodney Rave, Rep. Paul Fox) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Shelby Visintin to release prior motion to open session and relevant parties and for Legislative Legal, Executive Branch, Department of Administration, and Office of the President to draft a letter to be sent out to the individuals identified in prior motion. Second by Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah. 8-1 (Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr.)-3 (Rep. Phyllis Smoke, Rep. Rodney Rave, Rep. Stephanie Begay) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Release to Open Session (Pursuant to Section 49 of the Legislative Organization Act):**

**Madison Area Issue**

*2:01 p.m. Executive Director of Administration Michael Rave is online.*

Rep. Shelby Visintin mentioned that there have been ongoing problems with the Madison area, and there are a handful of people there that are being disruptive and harassing other tribal members. Back in August, there was a Back-to-School bash at the Madison Branch Office, and there was an incident that happened at that event that prompted a meeting with the District 3 Legislators, Office of the President, Executive Director of Administration and Social Services, and Compliance. They came up with a collaborative plan to address the situation with the tribal members that are continuously being disruptive and harassing. Rep. Visintin added that this behavior is very toxic, and she has had numerous calls every month from concerned tribal members wanting to know what will be done with the disruptive tribal members, and when it is going to be taken care of. This has been an ongoing issue for years now. Rep. Visintin mentioned that after the August Back-to-School bash incident, she tried doing something and she wanted them banned. Rep. Visintin said that the tribal members she is talking about are: Saresa Ryckman, Millie Whiteagle, and Marlys Whiteagle. Rep. Visintin said back then, it was mostly Saresa Ryckman who was acting with atrocious behavior at the Back-to-School bash. Since then, with that collaborative plan we had, we had steps in place in case the behaviors continued. Rep. Visintin said that since the collaborative meeting with the Executive Branch, she held off on placing a 6-month ban on this group of tribal members because President Greendeer and John Stacy asked her to hold off and asked to have a sit-down meeting with this group to let them know that this behavior will not be tolerated. If they did not listen to that plan of action we had, there would be future consequences that would happen. Since August, the area meetings have been continuously disruptive by this group of tribal members. People just feel that the Madison area meeting is a toxic environment. Rep. Visintin said that at the February Madison area meeting just last month, this group of

tribal members acted up again.

*2:02 p.m. Executive Compliance Officer John Stacy is in the room.*

President Greendeer added that there are a couple of ways – and there is a possibility in any circumstance that according to the Legislative Organization Act and Open Meetings Act, it does reference up to a 6-month ban for those that are disruptive. Then, there are Executive Branch measures that can be taken.

Executive Director of Administration (EDO) Michael Rave stated that following the Back-to-School bash incident, he scheduled a meeting with Saresa Ryckman, Millie Whiteagle, and Marlys Whiteagle. That meeting was held on September 21, 2023. EDOA Rave said that the purpose of that meeting was to specifically talk about the actions at the Back-to-School bash event, as well as some other disruptive behaviors that were impacting operations at the Madison Branch Office. More specifically, keeping people from coming into the Madison Branch Office. EDOA Rave added that there is a feel in the Madison area that individuals do not feel welcomed to come into the Madison Branch Office for services. EDOA Rave said that there is a course of action that Saresa Ryckman, Millie Whiteagle, and Marlys Whiteagle have taken, expressing a deep seeded feeling of wanting to know everything that is going on at the Madison Branch Office. EDOA Rave said that when he first came on board as the Executive Director of Administration, he delivered a scope of work for each of the general managers at the branch offices, and that scope of work was that they are to get out in the community, network, and understand what resources are in their respective areas in order to promote those and provide services to tribal members. EDOA Rave said that he also told the general managers to get to know the Executive Branch departments that are housed at their respective branch office to understand the programs and services and to make sure public events are scheduled properly. Fast forward several months, and we start to see the three individuals wondering why the Madison Branch general manager is communicating with other departments on transports and events. EDOA Rave said to keep in mind while all of this is going on, we have family members that are employed in multiple departments. EDOA Rave said that some of the Madison Youth services staff are family members to one of Saresa Ryckman, Millie Whiteagle, and Marlys Whiteagle. EDOA Rave said that the family members are essentially gossiping. The September 21 meeting was to bring that to light and put it out in the open, and then put it to rest. EDOA Rave said that at that meeting, it was stated that there will be no further disruptions, gossiping, rumors, and criticizing operations. Ultimately, it was put out that any future disruption occur, we would look at banning them, or limiting their access to the building for services. They all agreed to those conditions.

Rep. Visintin said that at the

last area meeting, there was a pretty significant incident that happened. Rep. Visintin mentioned that Sandra Blumer wrote a letter about the incident and that letter is a part of the Executive Session packet for this meeting.

Rep. Visintin said that the District 3 Legislators were treated poorly at the same February Madison area meeting, and were grilled on Executive Session matters that were leaked by someone. Rep. Visintin mentioned that she has numerous complaints of this group. Something needs to be done. Rep. Visintin said that she has elders reaching out asking when something is going to be done. Last area meeting, Rep. Visintin saw this group go after elder Janice Rice in a threatening manner. Rep. Visintin said that today, she would like a 6-month ban on this group. Their behavior is not okay.

Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. said that he would like proper documentation, other than just the Sandra Blumer letter, and then mentioned wanting to hear both sides of the story. Rep. Funmaker mentioned that Rep. Cleveland wanted to be a part of this conversation. (Rep. Cleveland is excused today, attending the M.A.S.T. conference in Washington, D.C.)

Legislative Counsel said to recall a few times the Legislature has dealt with this, like banning Hazel Guerrero and more recently, Jon Warner. For Hazel Guerrero, it was incidents of disruptive behavior that came up during area meetings. And Jon Warner's situation led to criminal proceedings. Legislative Counsel said that in the past, Legislators from those areas came forward at a Legislative Meeting make a motion after sharing everything from their perspective and how it is impacting their meetings. Legislature then makes a motion to do a ban, or not. The Open Meetings Act and the Legislative Organization Act do not have a lot of detail about how all of this should go down – it just says the Legislature has this power. Legislative Counsel said that in the Hazel and Jon cases, motions were passed, and then Legislative Counsel typed up a letter to them notifying them.

Rep. Danielle DeLong asked if the agreement on all parties at the September 21 meeting was documented. EDOA Rave said that it is a combination of notes from the meeting and a verbal agreement. It was an oversight on EDOA Rave's part, but he or the Executive Compliance Officer can provide formal written documentation.

**MOTION** by Rep. Shelby Visintin in collaboration with the Executive Branch, Department of Administration, and Office of the President, the Legislature moves to ban Syresa Ryckman, Marlys Whiteagle, and Muriel Whiteagle for repeated disruptive and harassing behavior for a period of six months from all Legislative meetings in person and virtual. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. **SECOND**

**IS WITHDRAWN. SECOND** by Rep. Danielle DeLong. 7-2 (Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr., Rep. Stephanie Begay)-3 (Rep. Phyllis Smoke, Rep. Rodney Rave, Rep. Paul Fox) **MOTION CARRIED.**

After Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. seconded the motion for discussion, he mentioned that if Rep. Visintin is taking away their rights to attend area meetings, there should be more evidence and everything should be documented. Rep. Visintin said that it is all on record, as the area meetings are recorded every month.

Rep. Stephanie Begay would like to hear from the other District 3 Legislators on this issue. Rep. Begay added that Rep. Cleveland is not here today, but he wanted to speak on this and be a part of the discussion, and then Rep. Begay asked if this can be tabled until Rep. Cleveland is back. Rep. Visintin replied that when she is excused from meetings, and wants an item to be addressed when she returns, it does not wait, and then asked why Rep. Cleveland is getting special privilege on that (and other Legislators that this has happened to before). Rep. Visintin added that she agrees with Rep. Begay's sentiments, and asked Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to speak on this issue.

*Due to technical difficulties, Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle could not unmute herself.*

**MOTION** by Rep. Shelby Visintin to release prior motion to open session and relevant parties and for Legislative Legal, Executive Branch, Department of Administration, and Office of the President to draft a letter to be sent out to the individuals identified in prior motion. Second by Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah. 8-1 (Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr.)-3 (Rep. Phyllis Smoke, Rep. Rodney Rave, Rep. Stephanie Begay) **MOTION CARRIED.**

President Greendeer said that the issue of tutor services has been reoccurring in Madison. President Greendeer said that the group has expressed that they will come here on the 28<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> to defund the entire tutor services program. President Greendeer also said that there was a Ho-Chunk preference complaint, but however, when the candidate for the position was Ho-Chunk, they were told that they weren't Ho-Chunk enough because they didn't look Ho-Chunk.

*2:32 p.m. Executive Director of Administration Michael Rave and Executive Compliance Officer John Stacy exit.*

**Adjournment:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. to adjourn the Legislative Meeting to March 20, 2024 at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle offline during the vote.*

*The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 2:44 p.m.*

**HO-CHUNK NATION  
LEGISLATURE  
SPECIAL MEETING  
TRIBAL EXECUTIVE  
OFFICES  
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI  
MARCH 13, 2024**

**Call to Order:** Tribal Secretary Rep. Stephanie Begay called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

**Roll Call:**

President Jon Greendeer-EX  
Vice President Karena Thundercloud-EX  
Rep. Rodney Rave-VC  
Rep. Phyllis Smoke-P  
Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr.-VC  
Rep. Stephanie Begay-P  
Rep. Kristin White Eagle-VC  
Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr.-VC  
Rep. Shelby Visintin-VC  
Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle-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 1:02 p.m.

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

**Approval of Agenda:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Paul Fox to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 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 1:05 p.m.*

*Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. is excused for the remainder of the meeting.*

*Rep. Rodney Rave is online at 1:14 p.m.*

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

*The meeting returned to Open Session at 2:29 p.m.*

**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Rep. Rodney Rave was not on the call during the vote.*

**Release to Open Session:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Danielle DeLong to authorizing Legislative Legal to work with Legislators to monitor the Minnesota Indian Family Preservation Act legislation in Minnesota, and provide comment or input as needed, and authorize the Vice President to sign on behalf of the Nation and release to appropriate parties. Second by Rep. Robert Pilot. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to include release to Open Session. Second concurs. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to also include authorization for District 4 Legislators and Legislative Legal to attend any hearings on this matter. Second concurs. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Shelby Visintin to revise and restate the March 5, 2024 Legislative motion to ban the three previously listed Madison area tribal members (Marlys Whiteagle, Muriel Whiteagle-Lee, and Saresa Ryckman) from district meetings for 6 months,

under the Open Meetings Act, based on their disruptive and harassing conduct. Second by Rep. Danielle DeLong. 6-2(Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle, Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr.)-3(Rep. Stephanie Begay, Rep. Rodney Rave, Rep. Phyllis Smoke) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Shelby Visintin to release the restated motion above to Open Session and relevant parties. Second by Rep. Danielle DeLong. 10-0-1(Rep. Phyllis Smoke) **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Rep. Rodney Rave is online at 1:30 p.m.*

**Adjournment:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adjourn the Special Legislative Meeting. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*The Special Legislative Meeting adjourned at 2:31 p.m.*



**HO-CHUNK NATION  
LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR MEETING  
TRIBAL EXECUTIVE  
OFFICES  
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI  
MARCH 20, 2024**

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

**Roll Call:**

President Jon Greendeer-EX  
Vice President Karena Thundercloud-P  
Rep. Rodney Rave-P  
Rep. Phyllis Smoke-P  
Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr.-P  
Rep. Stephanie Begay-P  
Rep. Kristin White Eagle-P  
Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr.-P  
Rep. Shelby Visintin-VC  
Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle-P  
Rep. Danielle DeLong-P  
Rep. Robert Pilot-P  
Rep. Paul Fox-P  
Rep. Brianna Tahdoahnippah-VC

**Special Legislative Meeting-  
March 13, 2024**

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the March 13, 2024 Special Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-1(Vice President Karena Thundercloud) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Commission Reports:**

**Special Finance Commission-  
March 6, 2024**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to approve the March 6, 2024 Special Finance Commission with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-1(Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr.) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Special Finance Commission-  
March 7, 2024**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to approve the March 7, 2024 Special Finance Commission Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-1(Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr.) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Gaming Commission Report**

A written report was received.

**Executive Branch Monthly Reports:**

**Department of Heritage Preservation**

A written report was received.

**Department of Justice**

A written report was received.

**Department of Natural Resources**

A written report was received.

**Department of Agriculture**

A written report was received.

**Department of Treasury**

A written report was received.

**Unfinished Business:**

No items under Unfinished Business.

**New Business:**

**OOP Budget Extension**

Rep. Kristin White Eagle mentioned there was a request from Executive Accounts Manager Amanda DeCorra, asking for consideration for an extension of the FY 25 Budget Submission. A response was sent on March 15, 2024 requesting a revised revenue projection. At this time, the Legislature is still waiting on those projections.

The Executive Accounts Manager will send those projections today with a memo from the Executive Director of Business Robert Mudd that they are committed to meet those projections.

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to TABLE the OOP Budget Extension until after Executive Session. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**NATHPO (National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers) Conference, 2024**

The National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers conference is the only national gathering of Tribal, federal, state and industry representatives committed to protecting Native places. This conference will be held at Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells August 12-16, 2024.

**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to refer to the Finance Commission the NATHPO (National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers) Conference, 2024 sponsorship. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Authorization to Place the Hoocak Waqksik Xete**

**Advisory Board Establishment and Organization Act (1 HCC § 11) out for Forty-Five Day Public Comment**

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 03-20-24 A**, Authorization to Place the Hoocak Waqksik Xete Advisory Board Establishment and Organization Act (1 HCC § 11) out for Forty-Five Day Public Comment. Second by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Natural Resources to Apply for the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service Environmental Quality Incentives Program to Implement Conservation Practices**

**MOTION** by Rep. Danielle DeLong to adopt **Resolution 03-20-24 B**, Authorization for the Department of Natural Resources to Apply for the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service Environmental Quality Incentives Program to Implement Conservation Practices. Second by Rep. Robert Pilot. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Natural Resources to Enter into the Northern Fruit Consortium Partnership Agreement with the College of Menominee Nation**

**MOTION** by Rep. Rodney Rave to adopt **Resolution 03-20-24 C**, Authorization for the Department of Natural Resources to Enter into the Northern Fruit Consortium Partnership Agreement with the College of Menominee Nation. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 02-06-24 B, Authorization of Right of Way on Winnebago Heights #439 T 2099 & 439 T 2100 for Wisconsin Power and**

**Light Company**

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 03-20-24 D**, Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 02-06-24 B, Authorization of Right of Way on Winnebago Heights #439 T 2099 & 439 T 2100 for Wisconsin Power and Light Company. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Business to Apply for the Wisconsin Department of Tourism Joint Effort Marketing Grant**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 03-20-24 E**, Authorization for the Department of Business to Apply for the Wisconsin Department of Tourism Joint Effort Marketing Grant. Second by Rep. Robert Pilot. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Gaming Internal Auditor REVISED Job Description**

**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to approve the Gaming Internal Auditor Revised Job Description. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Lead Gaming Internal Auditor NEW Job Description**

**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to approve the Lead Gaming Internal Auditor New Job Description. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Veterans Affairs Case Manager NEW Job Description**

**MOTION** by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. to approve the Veterans Affairs Case Manager New Job Description. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Veterans Supportive Housing Administrator NEW Job Description**

**MOTION** by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. to approve the Veterans Supportive Housing Administrator New Job Description. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

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Funmaker, Jr. to approve the Veterans Supportive Housing Administrator New Job Description. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Authorization to Place Amendments to the Finance Ordinance out for Forty-Five Day Public Comment**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 03-20-24 F**, Authorization to Place Amendments to the Finance Ordinance out for Forty-Five Day Public Comment. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**District Meetings:**

**D2 Hinukwas- March 18, 2024**

No motions were made.

**D2 Ho'uni Xununik - March 14, 2024**

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to the Department of Education and Office of the President the **MOTION** by Roberta Decorah to have the Director of Head Start program look into the safety of the playground at Blue Wing. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 12-0-1(Rep. Stephanie Begay) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to the Department of Justice, Department of Personnel and Office of the President the **MOTION** by Roberta Decorah to make sure that intensive background checks are being done with employees working with the elderly and children. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 12-0-1(Rep. Stephanie Begay) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Stephanie Begay would like it noted that she abstained due to her mother making those motions.

**D2 Hoxaikeja/Hoguceja/ Nižhakisuc - March 13, 2024**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to the Department of Business and Office of the President the **MOTION** by Clariss Funmaker to seek out Pepsi sponsorship for a new scoreboard for the House of Wellness gym. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

It was mentioned that there are two scoreboards in the gym. There was a malfunction of the scoreboards during the 3-point contest at the March Madness Tournament. The scoreboards are the originals that were sponsored by Pepsi at that time.

*Rep. Rodney Rave is out of the room at 10:49 a.m.*

**D3 Pac cinak - March 11, 2024**

**MOTION** by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. to refer to the Department of Natural Resources, Department of Justice and Legislative Legal the **MOTION** by Lanette Walker to accept their request to use the trail for the 2024-2025 season with the amendment of coming back to request the 2025-2026 season. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**D3 Tejop - March 13, 2024**

**MOTION** by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. to refer to the Finance Commission the **MOTION** for Rock Greendeer to get paid from January to this date and 3 months after. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Rep. Rodney Rave returns to the meeting at 10:51 a.m.*

**D4 Guuŋgonak - March 11, 2024**

**MOTION** by Rep. Danielle DeLong to refer to the Executive Legislative Information Officer, Office of the President and Enrollment the **MOTION** by Sunshine Thunderchief for Enrollment to come to the Chicago Branch Office for tribal ID and other Enrollment requests in April with some evening hours available. Second by Rep. Robert Pilot.

12-0-1(Rep. Rodney Rave) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Danielle DeLong to refer to the Office of the President, Executive Legislative Information Officer, Heritage Preservation and Legislature the **MOTION** by Casey Brown to support and prioritize a new structurally-sound facility in the new fiscal year budget for the HCN Tomah Museum for a comprehensive cultural center to entrust our sacred and valuable items. Second by Rep. Robert Pilot. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Danielle DeLong to refer to the Department of Justice and Election Board the **MOTION** by Casey Brown that further election be mail ballot and in-person polling places, eliminating the need for tribal members to request absentee ballots. Second by Rep. Robert Pilot. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Danielle DeLong to refer to the Legislature the **MOTION** by Sunshine Thunderchief to have all legislative district are meetings available virtually and in person. Second by Rep. Robert Pilot. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Danielle DeLong to refer to the Executive Legislative Information Officer, Office of the President and Hoocak Worak the **MOTION** by to request the HCN Hoocak Worak make all articles legible, seeking advice from elders and education to ensure the newsletter information can be absorbed for individuals with visual and learning concerns mindful of fonts and colors. Second by Rep. Robert Pilot. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**D4 Maanico Horuzra - March 14, 2024**

**MOTION** by Rep. Danielle DeLong to refer to Legislature and Legislative Legal the **MOTION** by Libby Fairchild to have Legislature write a support letter for the Hennepin County Resolution making the

opioid issue a health crisis. Second by Rep. Robert Pilot. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Danielle DeLong to refer to the Executive Legislative Information Officer, Department of Justice, Department of Personnel and Office of the President the **MOTION** by Libby Fairchild to have the Executive Directors keep a current file for license employees working with community members before hiring. Second by Rep. Robert Pilot. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Danielle DeLong would like it noted, this motion was made with the intention of ensuring the employees are qualified and have appropriate background checks upon hiring.

**MOTION** by Rep. Danielle DeLong to refer to the Department of Justice and Election Board the **MOTION** by Rosetta Hunt that further elections be mail ballot and in-person polling places, eliminating the need for tribal members to request absentee ballots. Second by Rep. Robert Pilot. 13-0-0 **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. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*The meeting moved to Executive Session at 10:56 a.m.*

*The Executive Session recessed for lunch at 12:35 p.m. until 1:00 p.m.*

*Vice President Karena Thundercloud called the Executive Session to order at 1:00 p.m. Quorum was established. Rep. Robert Pilot and Rep. Danielle DeLong are online.*

**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to return to Open Session. Second by Rep.

Rodney Rave. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*The meeting returned to Open Session at 2:09 p.m.*

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Robert Pilot was not online during the vote.*

**Release to Open Session:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 03-20-24 H**, Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 02-06-24 A, Setting Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budgetary Spending Limits as corrected, and release to Open Session. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**New Business:**

**OOP Budget Extension (Revisited)**

The request for amended revenue projections were received from the Office of the President. A resolution was prepared for the extension.

**Resolution - Extension of Deadline to Submit Governmental Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Proposed Budgets**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 03-20-24 I**, Extension of Deadline to Submit Governmental Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Proposed Budgets. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Adjournment:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adjourn the Legislative Meeting to March 26, 2024 at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 2:12 p.m.*



HO-CHUNK NATION  
LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR MEETING  
TRIBAL EXECUTIVE  
OFFICES  
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI  
MARCH 26, 2024

**Call to Order:** President Jon Greendeer called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**Roll Call:**

President Jon Greendeer-P  
Vice President Karena Thundercloud-P  
Rep. Rodney Rave-P  
Rep. Phyllis Smoke-P  
Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr.-P  
Rep. Stephanie Begay-P  
Rep. Kristin White Eagle-EX  
Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr.-P  
Rep. Shelby Visintin-VC  
Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle-P

Rep. Danielle DeLong-EX  
Rep. Robert Pilot-VC  
Rep. Paul Fox-EX  
Rep. Brianna Tahdoohrippah-VC  
VC-Video Conference

**Determination of Quorum:** Quorum was established at 10:01 a.m.

**Opening Prayer:** President Jon Greendeer offered a word of prayer.

**Approval of Agenda:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:**

**Legislative Meeting - March**

20, 2024  
**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the March 20, 2024 Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Commission Reports:**

**Special Finance Commission- March 21, 2024**

**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to approve the March 21, 2024 Special Finance Commission Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Reports:**

**HHCDA Quarterly Report**  
A written report was received.

**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis

Smoke to accept the HHCDA Quarterly Report. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Executive Branch Monthly Reports:**

**Department of Business**  
A written report was received.

**Department of Education**  
A written report was received.

**Department of Housing**  
A written report was received.

**Department of Labor**  
A written report was received.

**Unfinished Business:**  
No items under New Business.

**New Business:**

**Resolution-Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority**

**Tribal Transportation Program Road Maintenance Contract**

**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 03-26-24 A**, Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Tribal Transportation Program Road Maintenance Contract. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**HHCDA APR FY23**

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve HHCDA APR FY23 and for each APR to be posted in a public Ho-Chunk Nation space for community members to review and provide comments. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**HHCDA APR FY20 (IHBG)**  
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**CARES)**

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve HHCDAAPR FY20 (IHBG CARES) and for each APR to be posted in a public Ho-Chunk Nation space for community members to review and provide comments. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**HHCDA APR FY21 (IHBG ARP)**

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve HHCDA APR FY21 (IHBG ARP) and for each APR to be posted in a public Ho-Chunk Nation space for community members to review and provide comments. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Authorization to Place Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Organization Act (2 HHC § 11) out for Forty-Five Day Public Comment**

**MOTION** by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. to adopt **Resolution 03-26-24 B**, Authorization to Place Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Organization Act (2 HHC § 11) out for Forty-Five Day Public Comment. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Authorization**

**for the Department of Administration to Apply for the U.S. Department of Energy Preventing Outages and Enhancing the Resilience of the Electronic Grid FY 2024**

**MOTION** by Rep. Robert Pilot to adopt **Resolution 03-26-24 C**, Authorization for the Department of Administration to Apply for the U.S. Department of Energy Preventing Outages and Enhancing the Resilience of the Electronic Grid FY 2024. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Authorizing Application for Office of Violence Against Women Transitional Housing Assistance Grant**

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 03-26-24 D**, Authorizing Application for Office of Violence Against Women Transitional Housing Assistance Grant. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**District Meetings:**

**D1 Howasa – March 18, 2024**

**NOTE FOR THE RECORD:**

Rep. Phyllis Smoke mentioned the Earth Day celebration will be held on April 27, 2024 at Rock Meyer Park near Wausau. Community members would

like to see leadership from the Nation attend.

**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to refer to the Department of Administration, Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority and Office of the President the **MOTION** by Bruce LaMere to recommend Ken Waukau of Glassman Auto Glass Repair. LLC. A minority enterprise, work with the Ho-Chunk Nation Transportation Division on contract to support tribal operation. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**D1 Niioxawani – March 20, 2024**

**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to refer to Ho-Chunk Nation Transportation Authority the **MOTION** by Henrietta Funmaker to have Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority seal coat the road to the Decorah Cemetery and the Decorah Cemetery. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to refer to the Office of the President, Heritage Preservation and Legislative Finance Commission the **MOTION** by Henrietta Funmaker to have Legislature assist with a new flag pole to replace the POW flag pole at Decorah Cemetery. Second by Vice President

Karena Thundercloud. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to refer to the Office of the President, Heritage Preservation, Department of Administration and Legislative Finance Commission the **MOTION** by Henrietta Funmaker to have Legislature assist with a new flag pole at the Andrew Blackhawk Pow-wow grounds. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to refer to the Office of the President and Department of Administration the **MOTION** by Kelly Jo Funmaker for the Ho-Chunk Nation to put fiber optics in at the Andrew Blackhawk Pow-Wow Grounds. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**D3 Tešišik – March 15, 2024**

**READ FOR THE RECORD:**

**MOTION** by Bridgette Schulz that reports are given and mandatory every month in person.

Rep. Shelby Visintin mentioned this motion pertained to other reports on the agenda, not Legislative.

**Executive Session:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to move to Executive Session for Business Matters, Criminal Matters, Intergovernmental Relations, Land, Law Enforcement, Legal Advice, Personnel Matters, Public Safety or Well-Being. Second by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*The meeting moved to Executive Session at 10:25 a.m.*

**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to return to Open Session. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*The meeting returned to Open Session at 12:11 p.m.*

**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** Rep. Robert Pilot was not online during the vote.

**Adjournment:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adjourn the Legislative Meeting to April 3, 2024 at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 12:12 p.m.*



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