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Twelve Clans Convenes in Madison to Continue Funding Talks Reaching Consensus on the Future of the Ho-Chunk Nation

May 16, 2024

On Wednesday, May 8, 2024, Twelve Clans and the Owner's Representative convened in Madison, Wisconsin, for their third-quarter meeting. The primary objectives were to advance ongoing discussions regarding the capital call issued on May 1, 2023, and to review the standard conditions of Twelve Clans. The meeting was exempt from the Ho-Chunk Nation Open Meetings Act as it did not qualify as a public, official gathering of the Ho-Chunk Nation.

Ho-Chunk Nation President Jon Greendeer opened the third-quarter meeting with a prayer. Chairman Joe Brown Thunder followed, emphasizing President Greendeer's opening sentiments and introducing

himself as the interim CEO. Chairman Brown Thunder highlighted that while Twelve Clans seeks a permanent CEO, the company is transitioning towards a working board model. He expressed full confidence in the expertise of the Board of Directors, stating that the working board will be capable of finalizing any deals presented to them.

Most notably, in addressing staffing updates, Chairman Brown Thunder introduced the newly appointed Chief Financial Officer (CFO), Steve Baklund. In this inaugural position, CFO Baklund will be responsible for streamlining and optimizing the financial development of Twelve Clans. Baklund outlined his vision for the company's financial future, emphasizing the potential for significant growth and development.

Continuing discussions on funding for several projects proposed last May, the meeting also addressed new proposals following last quarter's discussions. In the previous quarter, Twelve Clans and the Owner's Representative had made significant progress in their relationship. *Continued on Page 3*



Twelve Clans Board of Directors. Left to Right. Director Joe Nayquonabe. CFO Steve Baklund. Interim CEO & Chairman Joe Brown Thunder. Vice Chair Susan Waukon. Secretary & Treasurer Tanya Gibbs.



Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature and President Honors Robert Mann with Legislative Recognition

Ardith Van Riper, Editor

On May 21, the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature and President presented a rare distinction of Legislative Recognition to Robert Mann on behalf of the Ho-Chunk People. The Legislative Recognition honors Woonagire Waaksik's (Robert Mann's) hard work and dedication to the Ho-Chunk Nation Healing to Wellness Court Participants and the broader community.

Robert Mann, a United States Marine Veteran, has been employed by the Ho-Chunk Nation for roughly 37 years in various roles. In those roles, he devoted his work to the safety, language, culture, and holistic healing of the Ho-Chunk People.

In recent years, Mr. Mann has been recognized across the country for his efforts in the healing and restoration of his community and for using his

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Children's book shares Billy Mills' journey to Olympic gold

The iconic Lakota athlete talks new children's picture book, Olympic gold and more

Kalle Benallie
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It has been 60 years since Olympic gold medalist Billy Mills, Oglala Lakota, won the 10,000 meter run at the 1964 Tokyo Olympics. He still remembers it vividly and his new book "Wings of an Eagle," co-authored with Donna Bowman, and illustrated by Lakota artist S.D. Nelson, is telling his story in a new way.

The children's picture book that is set to be released on July 2 takes readers through Mills' childhood on the Pine Ridge Reservation, enduring poverty, racism, his severe health challenges and military service, all of which led him to his ultimate goal of becoming an Olympic athlete.

When Mills competed in 1964, the only other American athlete to have medaled in the 10,000 meter was Louis Tewanima, Hopi, who won the silver medal in 1912.

Mills, 85, said Bowman first approached his wife Pat about five years ago about the prospect of having this book made. He said he was impressed by how much knowledge and research Bowman did about the Lakota and culture and what she knew about Mills.

"She in so many ways, for me, was the perfect writer to do the book on me. It allowed me to just sit back and be the expert on Billy," he said. "I provided her the knowledge I could and the dreams of Billy as a child and as a soon to be 86-year-old man."

Mills said what he hopes young readers will take away from the book is unity – national, local and global – the importance of honesty and truth and the importance of uplifting each other in their pursuit of finding their dreams and passions.

S.D. Nelson came to illustrate the book due to Bowman's

recommendation. It's his second time illustrating a story about Indigenous Olympian. He worked on the children's book "Jim Thorpe's Bright Path" that was released in 2004.

"I'm excited to be part of a living legend," Nelson said. "It really was a joy to illustrate this book because I got to run with Billy Mills. When you're illustrating a story, you become totally involved and I got to be there on the wings of an eagle with Billy Mills."

Mills said he cried when he found out Nelson would be the illustrator and considers him as one of his heroes.

"Anything he did, I was in total agreement. I think he did it with an incredibly cultural, Native perspective to what I'm hoping the book will be like," he said.

Mills particularly loved how Nelson drew "little Billy" as not having a complete face. He said he's been touched by the Cherokees and how their dolls don't have a face because the child with proper mentorship will create who they are.

"It took me back immediately to my dad, for when my mom died, I was eight years old and my dad told me 'son, you have broken wings. You cannot fly, but it takes a dream to heal broken wings,'" Mills said.

Nelson said drawing Mills' childhood face like that wasn't intentional and was inspired by Lakota ledger-style art.

"A lot of what happened with the paint and brushes was subconsciously inspired," he said.

Nelson worked for a year on the illustrations. He worked on hundreds of drawings, dwindling down his choices that would appear in the book, waited on the approval from the editors, Bowman and Mills and making the final paintings.

The main lessons in the books Mills included was his dad's influence and



The cover of the children's book "Wings of an Eagle" about Olympic Gold Medalist and Oglala Lakota citizen Billy Mills. (Photo courtesy of Little, Brown Books for Young Readers)

how his words helped him create who he would become and what he would look like spiritually, emotionally and physically.

"I never felt like I belonged and my dad would tell me 'find your passion' because my dad would take Lakota virtues and values and he would explain them to me. He didn't do this with any of my siblings. Why would he do this to me? I don't know," Mills said.

Mills said before he went to the games, Oliver Red Cloud, who eventually became chief of the Oglala Lakota, said he needed to do a "humble himself to all creation, to honor his family, honor his tribal nation and honor the United States of America" and do a give away, a Lakota tradition that promotes sharing.

Mills said he's done several give aways in his life. One was his involvement with the 1983 biographical movie "Running Brave." Another

one was him co-finding the nonprofit organization Running Strong for American Indian Youth with Eugene L. Krizek of Christian Relief Services.

Now Mills will add "Wings of an Eagle" as a giveaway to the youth, and it's an emotional one for him.

Mills, Pat and his family, will be at the summer Olympics in Paris for over a week. It's his 14th Olympic games that he's attended. He plans to watch the 10,000 meter race and be at Cinque Mulini annual cross country running race in San Vittore Olona, Italy, which he ran in 1965. Mills said Cinque Mulini is helping fundraise for Running Strong for American Indian Youth.

"I would love to see another American win (the 10,000). It would be extremely exciting if it was a Native American and it would be top highlight for me if it was a female winning the 10,000 and crossing that highlight if that female was Native American," he said.

HO-CHUNK NATION
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH

SUMMER 2024
BLOCK PARTIES

HEALTH RESOURCES, FUN ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES,
DOOR PRIZES, AND COOK OUT!
11AM-5:30PM

June 26th
Siga Funmaker Community Center
W17634 Radke Rd, Wittenberg

Voter Registration
Blood Pressure, Blood Sugar, STI testing
Narcans training
"Ask a Doc"

Shawano Public Library
F.R.E.S.H Project
Feeding America Eastern WI food bank
and MANY more!

Kids corner
crafts
activities
face painting

Free event for tribal members and employees of the Ho-Chunk Nation.
This is a drug and alcohol free event
More info: timothygamble@ho-chunk.com 715.284.9851 x35016

SUMMER TIP-OFF
Basketball Tournament

May 31- June 2, 2024
Wisconsin Dells, WI
Ho-Chunk Wellness Center, Just A Game Fieldhouse

Boys & Girls Divisions
Grades 9 -12*
***2024 Graduates Eligible**

Entry Fee: \$250
Team and Individual Awards

Contact: Barry Bighorn Sr. (406)650-6750
bbighorn@nemont.net

ROCKHAWKS
ATHLETICS MINISTRIES
EST. 1991



June Elders Birthdays

1 Ralph Bigsoldier	Cynthia Hovde
Barbara Helgeson	Thomas King
Diana Hellerud	Marian Miner
Jean Stacy-Snow	15 Willard Mach
2 Betty Conley	Christopher Rivera
David Owen	Jeffery Savage
Jody Tipton	Susan Tuescher
3 Jeffery Lebeck	Faye White
Denise Michalski	16 Dane Decorah
4 Robert La Mere	Valerie Guimaraes
Virginia Raczka	Dawn Reichhoff
5 Sirena Bertelsen	Tina Snell
Marni Carus	17 Roxanne Johnson
Sharon Casillas	Alfred Snowball, Jr.
Michael Decorah	18 Peggy Friske
Terri Franta	Tarren King
Montgomery Green	Harold Lewis
6 Jones Decorah	Jonathan Machyniak
Kyle Funmaker	19 Patrick Mallory
Joseph Lebeck	20 Daryll Bird
Lance Long	Elliott Funmaker, Sr.
Owen Snyder III	Mona Garthune
Darlene Whitebear	Glenn Lonetree
7 Lisa Cabasos	Kim Stolarczyk
Karen Dorow	21 Michelle Funmaker
Sharon Pettibone	22 Deborah Arnold
Albert Yellowthunder III	Marie Lewis
8 Bruce Blackdeer	23 George Lewis, Jr.
Kathy Blackhawk	24 Edward Cloud
9 Kay Beverly	Lavetta Cloud
Dawn Decorah	Terrence Johnson
Diane Littlegeorge	25 Dallas White
Francine Woman Dress	26 Elizabeth Haller
Patricia Youngthunder	Vera Hodges
10 Roxanne Anderson	Donald Monegar
Lorinda Bird	Penny Octuck Cole
Liane Brown	Eugene Ortiz
Tony Redbird	Wilson White Eagle
Rita Wolf	Patricia White
11 Earl Lemieux	28 Eileen Funmaker
Curtis Mallory, Jr.	Ricardo Osbon
Terrence Snake	Roselie Zeolla
12 Vivian Flitsch	29 Lawrence Kirkwood
Victoria Ortiz	Nicodemus Leonard
Jebette Sine	30 Leila Cameron
Kathleen Whitewater	Miguel Contreras
13 Amy Clark	Kathy Hannan
Mary Enright	Karen Hopinkah-Ramberg
Nettie Kingsley	Joanne Mann
14 Rosanne Alberts	Mary Mullen
Mann Falcon	Anita Youngthunder

"Saying, Not Saying" Campaign Aims to Reduce Mental Health Stigma

May is Mental Health Awareness Month

"How are you?" On the surface, it's such a simple question--and it usually gets a simple answer. For those experiencing a mental health concern, the answer may not be simple. What they say and how they feel can be very different things. They hold back the truth for fear of judgement.

Reducing this ear of judgement is the goal of the "Saying, Not Saying" campaign created by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS). In revealing the things left unsaid when answering "how are you?", this campaign points to some signs of mental health concerns like body aches, inability to concentrate, inability to get out of bed, loss of appetite, losing interest in hobbies, and trouble sleeping. This awareness and common understanding of mental health helps create a safe space where people feel they can be honest when answering the question "how are you?"

"For far too long, many people have found it difficult to talk about mental health," said DHS Secretary-designee Kirsten Johnson. "Yet, caring for our mental health is as important as caring for our physical health. Since you can't see inside someone's mind, it's harder to understand, and difficult to discuss like you might talk about a physical illness or injury. It's time to help people understand the importance of mental health and that it is okay to talk about it and seek help when needed."

The "Saying, Not Saying" campaign is being shared on broadcast and streaming radio, on social media, on websites, and in print now through August. The advertisements direct people to findsupportwi.org for resources to support positive mental health. It also includes tips on things people can say when they're not fine, as well as what can be said when someone tells you they're fine, but you know they're not. The webpage also features materials individuals and organizations can share to promote this campaign in their communities.

The "Saying, Not Saying" campaign is based on focus groups and surveys of Wisconsinites that found a need to make mental health more visible, so people are not judged for experiencing mental health concerns.

People who have mental health or substance use concerns of their own or have concerns about a friend or loved one can get free, confidential support from the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline. A trained counselor is available 24/7 by calling or texting 988 or chatting at 988lifeline.org.

Governor Tony Evers has proclaimed May as Mental Health Awareness Month to bring attention to mental health issues and reduce the stigma experienced by people with mental health concerns.

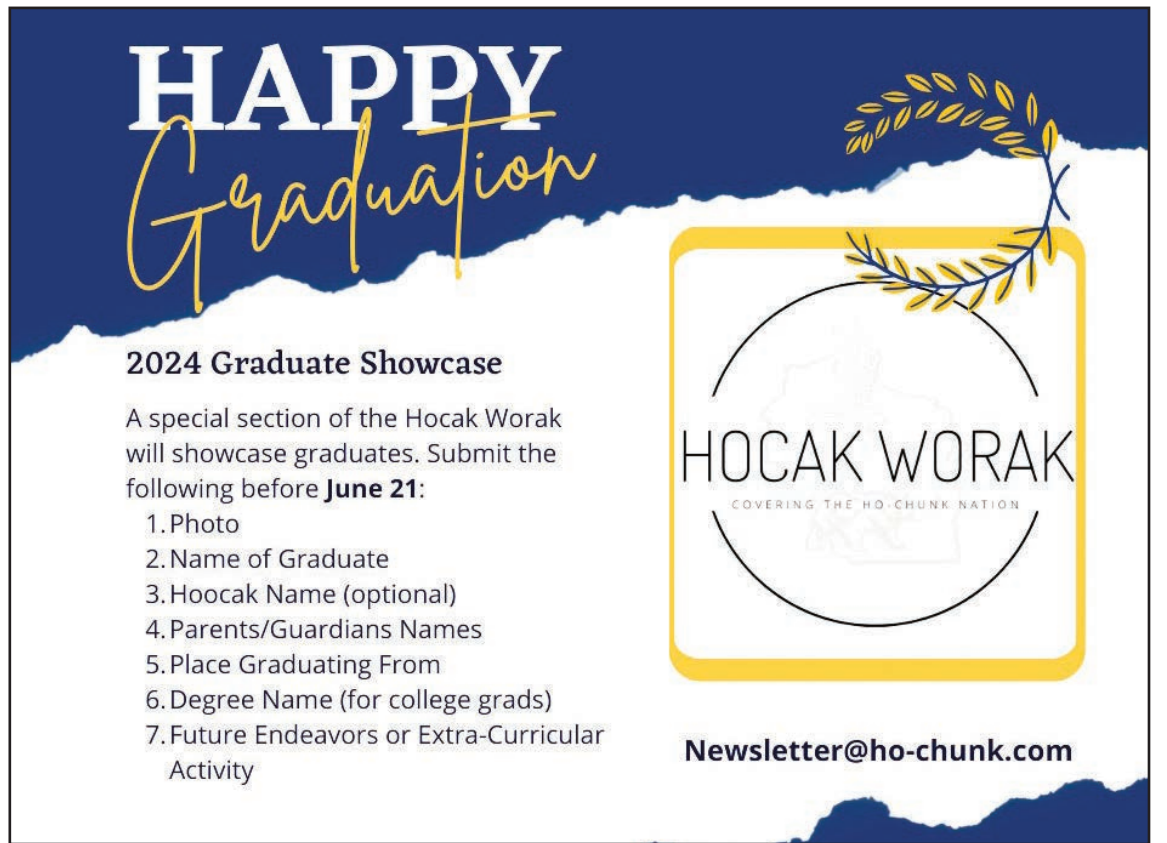
Continued from Page 1 bringing serious funding talks to the forefront. After conducting market research, Twelve Clans concluded that entering the cannabis industry would pose a risk to both the Nation and Twelve Clans due to federal regulations. To protect the interests of the Ho-Chunk Nation, Twelve Clans decided to decline funding for cannabis-related ventures. This quarter, Twelve Clans was able to advance funding discussions with new project proposals on the table.

Chairman Brown Thunder shared the recent developments in the project proposal. The May 1, 2023, capital call issued a notice to fund five economic development projects. While economic development is clearly the priority of Twelve Clans, the direction of the projects has changed. One of the remaining

capital call projects is still on the table and Twelve Clans is awaiting due diligence on a financial valuation from a targeted company for a potential acquisition. Secondly, Chairman Brown Thunder was eager to share there has been significant progress in their real estate development partnership. While the direction of the projects has changed since the original capital call, Twelve Clans anticipates they will be ready to submit a fresh capital call next quarter.

Closing the meeting, Chairman Brown Thunder asked the Owner's Representative to share their vision for the future of Twelve Clans. The Owner's Representative expressed a shared vision, seeing the future of Twelve Clans as an entity committed to building a successful legacy for future Ho-Chunk generations.

Attention: The Next Deadline of the Hocak Worak will be June 7th which will be published on June 14th. Please contact Hocak Worak at ext. 11004 if you have a change of address or would like to be placed on the mailing list.



2024 Graduate Showcase

A special section of the Hocak Worak will showcase graduates. 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

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Submissions deadlines for the Hocak Worak are by 4:30 PM. We cannot guarantee the publication of submissions meeting these deadlines if the space is not available. No part of this publication may be produced without express written consent from the Editor.

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Mini Powwows in the BRF School District

On May 8, the Black River Falls Ho-Chunk Nation community exhibited a mini powwow at the local schools. Ho-Chunk Nation dancers and singers shared their culture at Red Creek Elementary, Forrest Street Elementary Learning Center, Middle School, High School, and at the Tribal Office Building.



You're Invited
Nąągu Pjį Childcare Center
W9250 Big Bear Street
For A
Job Fair & Open House

June 12, 2024 3:00pm-6:00pm



Open Positions
Lead Child Care Teacher
Child Care Teacher
Administrative Assistant
Child Care Cook



Open Positions
Child Care Teacher
Maintenance Worker II
Child Care Cook

Bring Your Résumé and Fill Out Applications On-Site

Take A Tour Of Nąągu Pjį

A Ho-Chunk Nation Tribally Operated Childcare Center

Any Questions Please Email childcare@ho-chunk.com



Ho-Chunk Nation
Workforce Development and 477 Program Personnel will be onsite



HOUSE OF WELLNESS FLEA & CRAFT MARKET



SPECIAL FOOD SALE ON FRIDAY FROM 11 A.M. – 3 P.M. IN THE FOODCOURT.

Menu to be Announced!



DATES: June 14th & 15th, 2024

HOURS: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Saturday

20 Vendors in the Yellowthunder Gymnasium (more than 2 table set-up in horseshoe formation)

ATM on-site. Vending on site. Security on site. Free parking.

SPOTS STILL AVAILABLE!

All vendors must provide own tables, chairs, canopies and change. Limit 2 canopies per vendor inside the facility. Must set-up where designated by House of Wellness Security Staff. Vendors may set-up Thursday June 13th after 3 p.m. and before 6:30 p.m. Doors open for additional vendor set-up at 6 a.m. on Friday June 14th.

Vendors must register with the House of Wellness Security Department no later than 4 p.m. on June 10th, 2024 by calling 1-888-560-4616 ext. 15514 or email @ gary.lonetree@ho-chunk.com. First Come/First Served-no exceptions.

House of Wellness is not responsible for vendor sales, or any loss, theft, damages to personal property or possessions. Participation is at your own risk. No electrical use allowed unless authorized by the Facilities General Manager. House of Wellness reserves the right to alter or change any special event, activities or promotions for any reason at any time. Address is House of Wellness, 52845 White Eagle Road, Baraboo, WI 53913.

Rear-facing Forward-facing Booster



Have car seat questions?

Not sure if you have your new car seat in correctly?

Concerned your car seat has expired or recalled?

Car Seat Check Event!

When: June 13th, 2024

Where: Black River Falls Health Fair,

Time: 1:00 – 3:00 PM

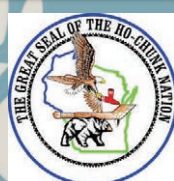
**N7261 WARRIOR AVE, Black River Falls,
Open to all Tribal Members, Employees and Families!**

Questions or More Information
Please call

Lisa Herritz

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HO-CHUNK NATION
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH



Get your car seat questions answered by our Certified Passenger Safety Technicians!

Remember And Honor
MEMORIAL DAY

CSOSED

IN OBSERVATION OF MEMORIAL DAY ALL HO-CHUNK NATION GOVERNMENTAL BUILDINGS WILL BE CLOSED

May 27th 2024

HO-CHUNK NATION
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH

**SUMMER 2024
BLOCK PARTIES**

HEALTH RESOURCES, FUN ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES,
DOOR PRIZES, AND COOK OUT!
11AM-5:30PM

JUNE 5 - BARABOO
@ House of Wellness

JUNE 26 - WITTENBERG
@ Siga Funmaker Community Center

JULY 17 - TOMAH
@ Blue Wing Community Center

JULY 24 - NEKOOSA
@ Nekoosa Community Center

JULY 31 - MADISON
@ Teejop Hocira Community Center

AUGUST 14 - BLACK RIVER FALLS
@ Ho-Chunk Health Care Center

Free event for tribal members and employees of the Ho-Chunk Nation.
This is a drug and alcohol free event.
For more info: Timothygamble@ho-chunk.com 715.284.9851 x35016

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JUNE 2024

HO-CHUNK NATION FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM

OFFICE HOURS: 8:00AM - 11:45AM
1:00PM - 3:45 PM

SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE
PHONE: 715-284-7461 EXT. 35038

Monday **Tuesday** **Wednesday** **Thursday** **Friday**

		5	6	7
		WITTENBERG DISTRIBUTION 10:30 AM-12:30 PM	OPEN BRF	OPEN BRF
10	11	12	13	14
OPEN BRF	OPEN BRF	WIS DELLS DISTRIBUTION FOOD DEMOS WITH ALEX RICHESON 10AM-130PM	OPEN BRF	WIS. DELLS HOME DELIVERIES OPEN BRF
17	18	19	20	21
OPEN BRF	OPEN BRF	TOMAH DISTRIBUTION 12N-1:00 PM	OPEN BRF	LACROSSE PICKUPS OPEN
24	25	26	27	28
OPEN BRF FOOD DEMOS WITH KATHY BRAATEN	OPEN BRF	NEKOOSA DISTRIBUTION 12N-1:00PM	SHIPMENT CLOSED	INVENTORY CLOSED

CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY FOR TAILGATE DAYS

Ho-Chunk Department of Health
Division of Environmental Health

Free Rabies Clinic!

Pet owners: We are having a rabies vaccination clinics for your pet!
It is very important that your animal be vaccinated to protect its health and the health of your family. Puppies and kittens need to be at least 3 months old to receive the vaccination.

May 8th	Nekoosa TAU 4910 Winneshiek Lane	9:00 a.m.— 11:30 a.m.
May 8th	Blue Wing Community Center 320 Epinal Lane	1:30 p.m. — 4:00 p.m.
May 15th	Winnebago Heights TAU E8863 Winneshiek Road	9:30 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.
May 15th	House of Wellness S2845 White Eagle Ln	2:00 p.m. — 4:00 p.m.
May 22nd	Wittenberg: Community Center W17634 Radke Road	11:00 a.m.— 2:00 p.m.
May 29th	BRF Indian Mission W8802 Mission Road	9:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.
May 29th	BRF Sand Pillow Community Center	1:30 p.m. — 4:30 p.m.

PLEASE BRING YOUR DOGS ON LEASHES AND CATS IN CRATES!

Distemper/Parvo vaccine available for dogs at \$5.00 per dog!
FVR/FPL vaccine available for cats at \$5.00 per cat!
Each area will be allotted vaccine on a first come basis.

Open to all Tribal Members!

If you have any questions, please contact the Ho-Chunk Health Care Center at:
1-888-685-4422, ext. 35062 or 35011

Basics of Meal Planning & Prepping

WISCONSIN DELLS/ BARABOO

COOKING CLASS

Spicy Garlic Chicken

Parmesan Bruschetta

Romaine Jar Salad

When: 4:30-6:00 PM on Tuesday 5/28/24
Where: House of Wellness Kitchen
S2845 White Eagle Rd
Baraboo, WI

Sign up is Required. Limit of 10 for this class.

To sign up, contact Alex Richeson at 608-355-1240 Ext 35511
or alex.richeson@ho-chunk.com

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Take care of **ALL OF YOU.**

You only have one body.
And it's important to take care of it - all of it.

Meet with our pharmacist, Melanie, for reproductive health services:

- Birth control (including condoms!)
- Emergency contraception
- Pregnancy tests
- STD testing

Contact the Ho-Chunk Health Care Center Pharmacy
715 284-9851 ext. 35312

*A pharmacist is able to prescribe and dispense birth control methods including the pill, patch, ring, and shot. A referral can be made to your provider for the implant or IUD.
**Patient must be between 14-55 years old and have a medical provider at Ho-Chunk Health Care Center or the House of Wellness.

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House of Wellness

4th Annual Pan Fish Tournery!

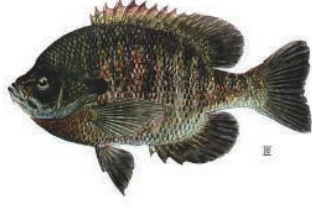
Location: White Mound County Park
www.co.sauk.wi.us/parksandrecreation/white-mound-county-park

Date: WI Free Fishing Weekend – Saturday June 1st, 2024 ONLY!

Check-in: 8:30 a.m. – 9 a.m. at the boat launch pavilion.

Start/End Time: 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Weigh-in: 3:45 p.m. at boat launch.



Species allowed for catch: Bluegill, Crappie, Perch and all other panfish in White Mound Lake (No Bass, Walleye or Northern Pike or other game species).

Entry Fee is: \$30 per person – payable day of at check-in, exact cash only – staff will not have change. Must RSVP by calling 1-888-560-4616 ext. 15514 or email gary.lonetree@ho-chunk.com before May 24th, 2024. Entries are limited to 25 people.

- Winners will be determined by total weight of catch – fish must be kept alive for weigh-in. **Dead fish will not be weighed.**
- Fishing from shore/bank, boat or other water craft is allowed.
- All State of Wisconsin, Sauk County Parks and other applicable fishing regulations, boating regulations and fishing etiquette will be followed at all times by all participants.

PRIZES:

- 1st Place – Plaque, Lure Pack and Ultralight Rod & Reel Combo.
- 2nd Place – Plaque, Lure Pack and Ultralight Rod & Reel Combo.
- 3rd Place – Plaque, Lure Pack and Ultralight Spinning Reel.
- 4th Place – Plaque and Spincast Reel.
- 5th Place – Plaque and Spincast Reel.



Each Entry Fee also gets a raffle ticket for a new Tackle Box w/Panfish Tackle. Each place winner gets an additional raffle ticket!

Lunch provided 11:00 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Hotdogs, Brats, tater chips, baked beans and bottled water.



Sauk County Park Fees are responsibility of participant.

POW WOW SEASON IS HERE! RV TRAVEL TIPS

KEEP YOUR FAMILY SAFE

IN A CRASH, RV'S DO NOT PROPERLY PROTECT PASSENGERS WHO RIDE IN THE LIVING AREA.

- Most seat belts in the living area DO NOT provide adequate protection in a crash.**
Seat belts are generally secured into a plywood seat frame of bolted to the floor which could break apart.
- Child Passengers must be correctly secured in a car seat or booster seat.**
If there is not a safe seating position to secure a car seat, transport them in a different vehicle.
- Secure all loose items.**
Items will fly around inside the RV in a crash or sudden stop which can injure passengers.
- Do not distract the driver.**
Handling an RV is much different than a passenger vehicle. Drivers must focus on driving to keep everyone safe.

MORE INFORMATION
cpsboard.org/other-modes-of-transportation



JUNE IS ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH



Join us on

Monday, June 10 4 p.m.

Black River Falls Public Library Program Room

Victim advocates from Bolton Refuge House, Ho-Chunk Nation Domestic Abuse Division, and Jackson County Aging & Disability Resource Center will share insight into the different types of elder abuse and how to recognize the signs that abuse may be occurring.

Black River Falls Public Library

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knowledge to develop innovative ways to advance the Healing to Wellness Court. Additionally, he makes every effort to train others so they can successfully help serve and heal their people. His colleagues across the country honored him in 2021 with a Bay dt ge:vik a'hanja, Wellness Court Advocate Award, from the Tribal Law and Policy Institute, and in 2024 with a HERO Award from the Wisconsin Association of Treatment Court Professionals.

"I don't do this work for this recognition," said Robert Mann. "I do it for our People."

The Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature and President agree that Robert Mann is a valuable leader, innovator, and advocate for the Healing to Wellness Court Participants.

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic and the closure of the Judicial Building, Robert Mann's commitment to the Healing to Wellness Participants remained unwavering. He recognized the increased risk of relapse without support and continued his efforts, demonstrating his dedication to their success, health, and spiritual well-being. That dedication continues today.

Ho-Chunk Nation President Jon Greendeer read the Legislative Recognition citation, and then Ho-Chunk Nation Chief Clayton Winneshiek bestowed a blanket on Woonagire Waaksik.

"I'm honored that you'd do this. I'm going to take this here (plaque)," said Robert Mann during the Legislative Recognition presentation, "and I'm going to give it to the Judges, if you'd come up here. I would like to have this displayed in the courthouse. I'm going to give this to the courthouse."

The presentation concluded with an honor song, and Robert Mann's Legislative Recognition Citation is displayed in the hallway of the Ho-Chunk Nation Wa Ehi Hoci (Tribal Courts Building).



The National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition Launches Historic Initiative: The National Indian Boarding School Digital Archive

Minneapolis, MN — The National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition (NABS) is proud to announce the launch of the National Indian Boarding School Digital Archive (NIBSDA), the first-ever digital archives database on Indian Boarding Schools. NIBSDA is a groundbreaking project aimed at preserving and bringing to light the history of the U.S. Indian Boarding School era. Over the last four years, NABS has been dedicated to compiling and digitizing records from Indian boarding schools.

Indian Boarding Schools hold a complex and often painful legacy in American history. For generations, Native American children were

forcibly removed from their families and communities and sent to these schools, where they were subjected to cultural assimilation and abuse. The repercussions of this traumatic chapter continue to reverberate through Native communities to this day.

Through NIBSDA, survivors, families, researchers, educators, tribal leaders, and the general public will have the ability to access information that allows them to gain a better understanding of what happened at Indian boarding schools. This digital repository will include documents, photographs, and oral histories, offering invaluable insights into the experiences of those who attended

these institutions and the impact they had and continue to have on Native communities.

“This initiative marks a significant milestone in NABS commitment to truth, healing, and justice,” said NABS CEO Deborah Parker (Tulalip Tribes). “The majority of all Indian boarding school records are currently not available to the public, by making these records accessible, we are taking a big step towards honoring the history and strength of Native peoples and building a more just and equitable future.”

In August, NABS released our latest research, identifying 523 Indian boarding schools across the U.S. This is the largest list ever compiled, and

we know it is going to take years and the support from all of Indian Country to collect records for all of these institutions.

We invite the public to explore this resource and join us in our efforts to acknowledge the past and create a brighter future for generations to come.

For more information and access to the Native Indian Boarding School Digital Archives, please visit boardingschoolhealing.org/nibstda/.

The National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition is available for interviews and further inquiries. Contact Joannie Suina, Director of Communications at jsuina@nabshc.org to schedule.

MOBILE OFFICE

OFFICE OF TRIBAL ENROLLMENT
@GREEN BAY BRANCH OFFICE - COMMUNITY ROOM
2413 HAZELWOOD LANE, GREEN BAY, WI 54304

WHEN:

- ✔ THURSDAY - JUNE 13, 2024
- ✔ 1PM - 6PM

WHAT:

- ✔ Change of Address
- ✔ Request for Information
- ✔ Enrollment Process
- ✔ Trust Fund Process
- ✔ Tribal IDs
 - Cost:
 - First Tribal ID & Elders: Free
 - Tribal ID (expired & duplicates): \$20 (cash or money order: made payable to Ho-Chunk Nation)
 - Valid form of ID (required for minors & adults):
 - Driver's License
 - State ID
 - Certified Birth Certificate
 - Passport
 - Tribal ID (expired or non-expired)



QUESTIONS? CONTACT US:

- ✉ Email: enrollmentinfo@ho-chunk.com
- ☎ Phone: 715-284-7824

BLACK RIVER FALLS CANNING CLASS

Xqqwizi Jelly

(Dandelion)

Tuesday May 28th
4-6pm at D1 Community Center
N7261 Warrior Ave, BRF

Win a Ball Canning Book!



Take home a jar of dandelion jelly!

Class provided by UW-Extension
Sponsored by HCN Health & Wellness Division
Contact Nutritionist Kathy Braaten to RSVP for your jar of dandelion jelly
kathy.braaten@ho-chunk.com OR 715.284.9851 Ext 35335




DNR Sets Harvest Quotas For 2024 Elk Season Application Period Ends May 31

MADISON, Wis. — The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) today presented the elk harvest quotas for the Black River Elk Zone and Clam Lake Elk Zone to the Wisconsin Natural Resources Board.

The DNR approved an eight-bull harvest quota for the Clam Lake Elk Zone and a four-bull harvest for the inaugural season within the Black River Elk Zone. Per treaty rights, the Ojibwe tribes may declare up to half of the harvest quota within the Ceded Territory, which includes the Clam Lake Elk Zone.

Wisconsin residents must

apply for this once-in-a-lifetime hunt by May 31.

Applicants are required to select either the Black River Elk Zone or the Clam Lake Elk Zone when applying. The DNR's Elk Hunting webpage includes information on each elk range to assist with application decisions.

Wisconsin residents can purchase an elk license application online through the Go Wild license portal or in person at a license sales agent. The application fee is \$10 and is limited to one per person. The DNR recommends that all applicants check and update their contact information to ensure contact with successful applicants.

For each application fee, \$7 applies directly to elk management, monitoring and research. These funds are also used to create and enhance elk habitat, which benefits elk and other wildlife species.

If selected in the drawing, an elk hunting license costs \$49. Winners will be notified by early June. Wisconsin residents can only draw an elk tag once in their lifetime.

All winners must participate in a Wisconsin elk hunter education course before obtaining an elk hunting license. The class covers Wisconsin elk history, hunting regulations, biology, behavior and scouting/hunting techniques.



There's still time to apply for the 2024 elk hunting season. / Photo Credit: Wisconsin DNR

Mikki Thundercloud

January 11, 1943 - May 9, 2024



she met lifelong partner Ike Greyhair and our family grew larger. Although not a Ho-Chunk Tribal member she was embraced by the community and always willing to assist when needed.

Mikki is survived by her children, Charles Baker, Timothy (Audrey) Baker, Robert Baker, Alec (Artem) Thundercloud, Ayako (Rick) Thundercloud-Poff, Terry (Melissa) Deloney, Simone (Damen) Greyhair, Lori (Virgil) Pettibone, Melissa (Mike) Greyhair-Stewart, brother Frank Taniguchi, countless grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and favorite child "Baby", along with relatives and friends.

Virginia Michiko (Taniguchi) Thundercloud passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her loved ones on May 9, 2024. She was 81 years old.

Virginia Michiko Thundercloud affectionately known as "Mikki" was best remembered for her dedication to her family, hard work, and knack for cooking. Mikki married her first husband Charles Baker and had 3 boys, known as the Baker boys. Mikki later married Samuel Aaron Thundercloud and shared 3 children, Stanley, Alec, and Ayako. 8 years after Samuel passed, Mikki had a surprise blessing with the birth of her baby boy P-Nut. Mikki chose to raise her children in Black River Falls where

Mikki was preceded in death by her parents, Thomas and Ayako (Taketani) Taniguchi, sister Edith Higashi, her first husband Charles Baker, second husband Samuel Thundercloud, lifelong partner Ike Greyhair, children Stanley Thundercloud and Chris Greyhair, and grandchildren Dawn Thundercloud and Kamora Deloney.

A Celebration of Life service and meal will be held at the residence of Rick and Ayako Thundercloud-Poff, (W9201 Wa Ka Ja Huk Road in Black River Falls, WI) on Saturday, May 18, 2024. A short service will begin at 2:00 pm with the meal following shortly after.



Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

May 16, 2024, Social Media Post

You might've met Chef Elena Terry on your TV screen last night, a Wisconsin Dells-based chef, member of the Ho-Chunk Nation and the founder and executive chef for Wild Bearies, a nonprofit seed-to-table catering company connecting communities through Indigenous cuisine.

She graced the pages of Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine and shared a wonderful recipe for stuffed squash that you can make at home! The recipe features plenty of Wisconsin ingredients like wild rice, cranberries and maple syrup. Check it out now: https://issuu.com/wisconsin.../docs/wnr_fall_2022/s/16786292

NOTICE

RIGHT TO OBJECT

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

Ho-Chunk Member, CAROL GARVIN & TIA CHICK, has submitted a Request for Title for Permanent Improvements located at:

N7609 KINGSWAN RD BRF WI 54615

And more particularly described as: LOT 13 OF THE NW 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 22 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST, TOWN OF KOMESNKY, JACKSON COUNTY, WISCONSIN

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

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

By or before June 14, 2024

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

NOTICE

RIGHT TO OBJECT

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

Ho-Chunk Member, MARILYN HILLING & JARED HILLING, has submitted a Request for Title for Permanent Improvements located at: W2327 RAEDEL LN WISCONSIN DELLS, WI 53965

And more particularly described as: S 1/2 OF THE SW 1/4 OF SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 14 NORTH, RANGE 5 EAST, TOWN OF LYNDON, JUNEAU COUNTY, WISCONSIN

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

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

By or before June 16, 2024

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

NOTICE

RIGHT TO OBJECT

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

Ho-Chunk Member, VIRGINIA DEFORD, has submitted a Request for Title for Permanent Improvements located at: W8806 BLACKHAWK RD BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI 54615

And more particularly described as: LOT 17 OF THE N 1/2 OF THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 21 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST, TOWN OF BROCKWAY, JACKSON COUNTY, WISCONSIN

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

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

By or before JUNE 30, 2024

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

HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT, Jackson County For Official Use

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Selina Doris Joshua Amended
Notice of Hearing on Petition for Probate

FILED
IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL / SUPREME COURT
MAY 03 2024
Michelle Orndorfer
Clerk of Court / Notarack

Case No. PR 24-01

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

- A Petition for Probate was filed.
- The decedent, with date of birth 08-11-38 and date of death 11-04-23 was domiciled in Jackson County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of PO Box 359, Black River Falls, WI 54615
- The names or addresses of the following interested person are not known or reasonably ascertainable:

4. The petition will be heard at Wa Ehi Hoci, W9598 Hwy 54 E, Black River Falls, WI, 54615, before Judge Michelle Orndorfer - Rave on (Date) July 9, 2024 at (Time) 1:30 p.m.

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

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

Mary Swander
Clerk of Court
Mary Swander
Name Printed or Typed
05/08/2024
Date

Haramiḥe Te'e Waagax Hajara E Warupi, Wa'uje

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

We are looking to feature **two** "Student of the Week" spotlights, **EVERY WEEK** to highlight student achievements, student-athletes, volunteer work, college acceptance, long-term and short-term goals, and/or contributions to the classroom, school or community OF ALL AGES & Educational Levels: Head Start, Elementary, Middle School, High School, Home School, & Post-Secondary Students.

This could include, but not limited to: academic performance or achievements, classroom recognition, student-athlete recognition, honor roll, Dean's/President's list, etc.

Student spotlights will be showcased for a week on Ho-Chunk Nation social media & in Education Department! Spotlights will also be posted in Hocaḵ Worak each month!

Submissions should include: Name, School, Grade Level, Photo & Accomplishment(s)

We are asking that you email your submissions to:
StudentSuccess@Ho-Chunk.com



Kadence Keahna Funmaker

Daughter of Kelly Jo Funmaker-Rangel and Christian Rangel, Grand-Daughter of Ken Jr. and Cheryl Funmaker She is currently a Junior at Baraboo High School, Baraboo, WI.

Academics:
3 yrs High Honor Roll, 2 Academic Varsity Letter Awards, Over 80 hours of community service (and counting)

Clubs:
President of Baraboo 21. This is a service club that focuses on showing gratitude to Veterans, National Honor Society – Vice President, Key Club, Thunderbird Leadership Council, Co-Chair for Bandana Project-this club focuses on mental health awareness for students, Civil Air Patrol – Cadet in the 153rd Madison Composite Squadron, Wisconsin Wing, EAA Chapter 1365 – Chapter Member

Athletics:
3 years of Varsity Letter Awards: (9 total so far, going for 12), Cross Country, Basketball, Track and Field, 2024 All Academic All State Award for Basketball

Hobbies
Avid basketball player, has played AAU Basketball past 4 years. Plays on multiple indigenous teams that play throughout Indian Country. Recently played for Team WI in 2023 Indigenous games in Nova Scotia bringing home a Silver Medal 16U for Basketball, Student Pilot – enrolled in ground school studying to become a Private Pilot, Lifeguard at Wilderness in Wisconsin Dells

Awards:
2024 Wisconsin Indian Education Student of the Year, 2024 Ray Aviation Scholarship Recipient, \$10,000 scholarship towards Private Pilot License, 2024 Students in Aviation Scholarship Recipient. \$2,2750 Scholarship towards Flight Training

Goals:
To graduate with honors. Earn Private Pilots. Go to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, CO to Study Aeronautical Engineering while studying to become a fighter pilot for the US Air Force.

Passion
Pilot – recently earned scholarships to help her train to with a flight instructor to obtain her Private Pilots License.



Tavaris J. Rave

Sophomore at Black River Falls High School


High Honor Roll for 1st and 2nd Trimester

Sports:
Avid Tennis Player on the Black River Falls Tigers Tennis Team

Proud Parents:
JoVanna WhiteEagle & Winston Rave



LGBTQ: how to be a good ally



CINDY KILLION, LONGTIME LGBTQ ACTIVIST AND ONE OF THE FOUNDING MOTHERS OF THE CENTER IN LACROSSE, ALONG WITH HER SPOUSE, BETH CHERNE WILL PRESENT ON "HOW TO BE A BETTER ALLY TO THE LGBTQ COMMUNITY".

**Monday,
June 3
4 p.m.**

Black River Falls Public Library
Program Room



earth partnership
Indigenous Arts and Sciences



SAVE THE DATE

GOJA HOWAITE HI HO-CHUNK INDIGENOUS ARTS & SCIENCES JULY 15-19 2024

Daily 9am-4pm @ DICC
Daily attendance and participation required
Breakfast, Snacks, Lunch provided
Transportation available, if needed
Participants eligible for \$200 stipend and .5 sciences credit at BRFS 15 students max.

CONTACT:
MATTEA.TWINN@HO-CHUNK.COM
MICHELLE.CLOUD@HO-CHUNK.COM



DISTRICT 1 AREA MEETING NOTICE



IN PERSON /VIRTUAL BRF AREA MEETING
Tribal Office Building
W9814 Airport Road, Black River Falls, WI 54615
Wednesday, June 12, 2024
6:00 p.m.

IN PERSON WAUSAU AREA MEETING
Northcentral Technical College
1000 W. Campus Dr., Wausau, WI 54401
Room E102
Tuesday, June 11, 2024
5:30 p.m.

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

Posted on: 5/21/24



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, June 10th, 2024 6:00PM
IN PERSON

TOMAH AREA | TOMAH YOUTH CENTER
430 Julie St, Tomah, WI
THURSDAY, June 13th, 2024 6:00PM
IN PERSON

BARABOO/WI DELLS/MAUSTON AREA | Ind. Heights
975 Dyer St, Wisconsin Dells, WI
WEDNESDAY, June 12th, 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 damiant Thundercloud@ho-chunk.com (800) 294-9343, Ext. 11151

POSTED 5/21/2024

DISTRICT 3 AREA MEETING NOTICE



MILWAUKEE | WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2024 | 5:30 PM

WITTENBERG | MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2024 | 6:00 PM

GREEN BAY | TUESDAY, JUNE 11 2024 | 6:00 PM

MADISON | WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2024 | 6:00 PM

WI RAPIDS | THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 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 5/21/2024

DISTRICT 4 AREA MEETING NOTICE



IN PERSON /VIRTUAL CHICAGO AREA MEETING
Chicago Branch Office
4738 N. Milwaukee Ave. Chicago, IL 60630
Monday, June 10, 2024
6:00 p.m.

IN PERSON /VIRTUAL TWIN CITIES AREA MEETING
St. Paul Branch Office
1724 Selby Ave., St. Paul, MN 55104
Thursday, June 13, 2024
6:00 p.m.

For WebEx information please contact:
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Posted on: 5/21/24



HO-CHUNK NATION
PEOPLE OF THE BIG VOICE

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court is seeking to Contract For a Defense Bar Attorney to work with the Ho-Chunk Nation Healing To Wellness Court and to serve as a guide for the participants who face criminal incarceration, but are being offered an opportunity to participate in an intensive therapeutic program for overall sobriety and wellness, under the watchful eye of a probation agent, a Healing To Wellness Court Team, and a Judge.

The contracted Attorney would participate fully as a Wellness Court TEAM Member with a commitment to the Program's mission and goals and will work as a partner to ensure success for all participants.

- 1. Contracted for 12 months.
2. 8-10 hours per month, possibility of flexibility.
3. Budget \$1,300 per month.

4. Meets for Staffing every Monday at 1 p.m., may appear virtually.

5. Meets for Hearing every other Monday at 2 p.m., may appear virtually.

6. Prefer Attorney to have criminal law background.

7. Must obtain admission to the Ho-Chunk Nation Bar.

8. Follow the HO-CHUNK NATION HEALING TO WELLNESS COURT CODE, 4HCC15, found online at www.ho-chunknation.com

9. Able to attend annual and necessary trainings provided by Ho-Chunk Nation, may include travel

Please, send a letter of interest, an updated resume, and any Certificate of Training for Healing To Wellness Courts and Programming, if applicable. Looking to Contract on an expedited basis. Will keep posting Open Until Filled.

If you have any questions, feel free to call the Ho-Chunk Nation Healing To Wellness Court Project Coordinator Robert Mann at (715) 284-2722, ext. 13402 or email Robert.Mann@ho-chunk.com



**HO-CHUNK NATION
LEGISLATURE
REGULAR MEETING
TRIBAL EXECUTIVE
OFFICES
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI
APRIL 9, 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-VC
Rep. Rodney Rave-P
Rep. Phyllis Smoke-P
Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr.-P (10:03 a.m.)
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-VC
Rep. Robert Pilot-P (10:03 a.m.)
Rep. Paul Fox-EX
Rep. Brianna Tahdoohrippah-VC
VC-Video Conference

Determination of Quorum: Quorum is 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. Kristin White Eagle. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. arrives to the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

Rep. Robert Pilot arrives to the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Legislative Meeting-April 3, 2024

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to approve the April 3, 2024 Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-1(Rep. Robert Pilot) **MOTION CARRIED.**

First Executive Session:

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to move to Executive Session. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-1(Rep. Stephanie Begay)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting moved to Executive Session at 10:04 a.m.

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

The meeting returned to Open Session at 10:45 a.m.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to ratify all action taken in Executive Session.

Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Commission Reports:

Special Finance Commission-April 2, 2024

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to approve the April 2, 2024 Special Finance Commission Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. **MOTION IS WITHDRAWN.**

Special Finance Commission-April 4, 2024

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to approve the April 4, 2024 Special Finance Commission Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 11-0-1(Rep. Shelby Visintin) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. is out of the room at 10:48 a.m.

Rep. Kristin White Eagle is out of the room at 10:48 a.m.

Gaming Commission Monthly Report

A written report was received.

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to accept the Gaming Commission Monthly Report. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Reports:

EDA Update

A written report was received.

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to accept the EDA Update. Second by Rep. Robert Pilot. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. returns to the meeting at 10:49 a.m.

Rep. Kristin White Eagle returns to the meeting at 10:49 a.m.

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.

Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. asked if the Legislature is going to see an agriculture plan, how many farmable acres the Nation has, and if Agriculture has enough equipment. Executive Director of Agricultural Hinu Smith said that there could be a meeting set up to discuss the farm leases and she can put together a plan on how to move forward.

Department of Treasury

A written report was received.

Unfinished Business:

Resolution-Confirmation of Denise Wright to the Position of Executive Director of the Department of Housing

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 04-09-24 A**, Confirmation of Denise Wright to the Position of Executive Director of the Department of Housing. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 7-1(Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr.)-4(Rep. Kristin White Eagle, Rep. Brianna Tahdoohrippah, Rep. Shelby Visintin, Rep. Phyllis Smoke) **MOTION CARRIED.**

New Business:

2024 Tribal Leadership Conference, Cabazon, CA-July 15, 18, 2024

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve Tribal Leadership Network Reception Sponsorship package in the amount of \$6,000 out of Charitable Contributions. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Agriculture to Apply for the USDA Farm Service Agency Agricultural Risk Coverage and Price Loss Coverage

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 04-09-24 B**, Authorization for the Department of Agriculture to Apply for the USDA Farm Service Agency Agricultural Risk Coverage and Price Loss Coverage. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization of Funding from the American Rescue Plan Act Restricted Account for Department of Housing Rental Unit Rehabilitation and Maintenance

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 04-09-24 C**, Authorization of Funding from the American Rescue Plan Act Restricted Account for Department of Housing Rental Unit Rehabilitation and Maintenance. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

State-Tribal Consultation Meetings 2024

Rep. Kristin White Eagle mentioned there are a number of State-Tribal consultations scheduled in 2024. The Ho-Chunk Nation should host more of these events to have more of a presence. Ho-Chunk Gaming-Wisconsin Dells does not offer the state government rates at the hotel. The State of Wisconsin is required by law to follow the per diem rates. Since the Convention Center is the largest facility in the Nation, she would like consideration for the government rate, so the State can utilize the facility more

often.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to request Executive Branch, Legislative Branch through Legislative Counsel, opportunity on how to acquire government rates, and to have that as an option for state and tribal consultations at Ho-Chunk Gaming-Wisconsin Dells and any other facilities that the Nation that may not have those options. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Violence Against Women Tribal Consultation, Santa Fe, N.M.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to authorize Rep. Stephanie Begay as the Nation's representative on the State of Wisconsin MMIW taskforce, to represent the Nation at the Violence Against Women Tribal Consultation. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 11-0-1(Rep. Stephanie Begay) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. is out of the room at 11:16 a.m.

Ho-Chunk Code Talkers Recognition & Appreciation Event

Rep. Kristin White Eagle mentioned there is a planning meeting scheduled for Wednesday to work on a budget and set a date for this event. The information should be ready to bring forth at the next Legislative meeting.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to request to TABLE Ho-Chunk Code Talkers Recognition & Appreciation Event. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to have the Planning group provide an update. Second concurs. 10-0-1(Rep. Rodney Rave) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Stephanie Begay is out of the room at 11:18 a.m.

Discover Wisconsin, Ho-Chunk Code Talkers Documentary

MOTION by Rep. Shelby Visintin to authorize Rep. Kristin White Eagle to do the interview for Discover Wisconsin and any other events that may come up regarding Ho-Chunk Code Talkers. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 9-0-1(Rep. Kristin White Eagle). **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Stephanie Begay returns to the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

Code Talkers Interview, Brian Noonan

Brian Noonan has a radio station based out of Milwaukee and would like to do an interview on the Code Talkers. There is a lot of interest on what the Nation has done on this issue, and how it was achieved with the State of Wisconsin. The prior motion would include authorization for this interview as well.

Resolution-Authorization for the Health Department to Enter Affiliation Agreement

with the Madison Area Technical College

MOTION by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. to adopt **Resolution 04-09-24 D**, Authorization for the Health Department to Enter Affiliation Agreement with the Madison Area Technical College. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Second Executive Session:

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to move to Executive Session for Business Matters, Criminal Matters, Inter-governmental Relations, Land, Law Enforcement, Legal Advice, Personnel Matters, Public Safety or Well-Being. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Legislative Meeting moved to Executive Session at 11:22 p.m.

Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. returns to the meeting at 11:27 a.m.

Rep. Paul Fox joined the meeting online at 11:58 a.m.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to return to Open Session. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting returned to Open Session at 12:08 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Vice President Karena Thundercloud was not online during the vote.*

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adjourn the Legislative Meeting to April 30, 2024 at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. **MOTION IS WITHDRAWN.**

Commission Report: (Revisited)

Special Finance Commission-April 2, 2024

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the April 2, 2024 Special Finance Commission Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Vice President Karena Thundercloud was not online during the vote.*

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adjourn the Legislative Meeting to April 30, 2024 at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Vice President Karena Thundercloud was not online during the vote.*

The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

**HO-CHUNK NATION
LEGISLATURE
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TRIBAL EXECUTIVE
OFFICES
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI
APRIL 30, 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-EX
Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle-P
Rep. Danielle DeLong-VC
Rep. Robert Pilot-P
Rep. Paul Fox-P
Rep. Brianna Tahdoahnippah-VC

VC-Video Conference

Determination of Quorum: Quorum is established at 10:01 a.m.

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

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to TABLE under Commission Reports: April 10, 2024 Special Finance Commission Meeting minutes and April 24, 2024 Special Finance Commission Meeting minutes until later in the meeting. Second concurs. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Legislative Meeting-April 9, 2024

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the April 9, 2024 Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Commission Reports:

Special Finance Commission-April 10, 2024-TABLED AT THE APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Special Finance Commission-April 24, 2024-TABLED AT THE APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Finance Commission-April 25, 2024

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to rescind the April 25, 2024 Finance Commission **MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to approve the submitted budget in the amount of \$100,000 for the Neeshla Pow Wow August 12-22, with reconciliation. Second by Rep. Robert

Funmaker, Jr. 11-0-1(Rep. Stephanie Begay) **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to approve the April 25, 2024 Finance Commission Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-1(Rep. Stephanie Begay) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Lemieux White-Eagle would like it noted, the Neeshla Pow Wow request will have to be approved in the FY 24-25 Budget.

MOTION by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. to rescind the April 25, 2024 Special Finance Commission **MOTION** by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. to approve the All-Area Youth Event in July to include the full performance and speaking engagement with Sten Joddi in the amount not to exceed \$10,000 from the Youth Assistance Fund, with the check made payable to Alicia Blackhawk and to be reconciled. Second by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 10-0-2(Rep. Stephanie Begay, Rep. Kristin White Eagle) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Special Finance Commission-April 26, 2024

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to approve the April 26, 2024 Special Finance Commission Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0 **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:

Ho-Chunk Code Talkers Recognition & Appreciation Event

Rep. Kristin White Eagle mentioned she is getting feedback on the proposed locations for the Code Talker signs and would like to have further review. These spots may not be in prime locations. Rep. White Eagle would like to set up a meeting with Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority and their engineer to discuss these locations further, and to include the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to authorize a meeting with the Department of Transportation and any interested Legislators, and have that meeting occur in the next couple of weeks in regards to location signage. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Kristin White Eagle

mentioned the Legislative Planners are working with the Office of the President to confirm a date for the Appreciation Event. Governor Evers would not be available but the event will move forward with President Greendeer's availability.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to move to Executive Session. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting moved of Executive Session at 10:14 a.m.

Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. is out of the room at 10:43 a.m.

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

The meeting returned to Open Session at 10:43 a.m.

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

New Business:

Resolution-Adoption of Amendments to the Department of Health Act of 2009 (1 HCC § 5)

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 04-30-24 A**, Adoption of Amendments to the Department of Health Act of 2009 (1 HCC § 5). Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Comments to Public Service Commission

Rep. Kristin White Eagle mentioned providing comments on the HOMES and HEAR programs and would like to advocate for our housing authorities (e.g. Ho-Chunk Nation Housing Department and HHCDA) to be eligible for these programs on behalf of our members. Comments were published and submitted by the deadline of April 16, 2024.

Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. returned to the meeting at 10:46 a.m.

City of Baraboo, Section 18 Funding Conversion

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to have the Vice President respond to the City of Baraboo, to accept the invitation to be a consulting party for Section 106 tribal consultation, for the City's Corson Square construction project; and to have Legislative Legal prepare a response for VP signature to the City; and to copy the Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Historic Preservation Officer. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

ERA Amendment regarding Second Job

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to refer the ERA Amendment regarding Second Job to Legislative

Counsel to draft a resolution for consideration for the next Legislative Meeting. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 8-4(Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle, Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr., Rep. Stephanie Begay, Rep. Danielle DeLong)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization for the Health Department to Apply for Indian Health Service Native Public Health Resilience Grant

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 04-30-24 B**, Authorization for the Health Department to Apply for Indian Health Service Native Public Health Resilience Grant. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization for the Health Department to Apply for Wisconsin Department of Health Services Public Health Vending Machine 2024 Grant

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 04-30-24 C**, Authorization for the Health Department to Apply for Wisconsin Department of Health Services Public Health Vending Machine 2024 Grant. Second by Rep. Danielle DeLong. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Designating May 5, 2024 as a Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women-Relatives

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 04-30-24 D**, Designating May 5, 2024 as a Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women-Relatives. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Confirmation of Roberta Decorah as Tribal Law Enforcement Commissioner for Monroe County

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 04-30-24 E**, Confirmation of Roberta Decorah as Tribal Law Enforcement Commissioner for Monroe County. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-1(Rep. Stephanie Begay) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization for the Health Department to Enter Affiliation Agreement with the Chicago School of Professional Psychology

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 04-30-24 F**, Authorization for the Health Department to Enter Affiliation Agreement with the Chicago School of Professional Psychology. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorizing the Health Department to Apply for the Environmental Protection Agency Inflation Reduction Act Section 60105(B) Air Monitoring

Grant

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 04-30-24 G**, Authorizing the Health Department to Apply for the Environmental Protection Agency Inflation Reduction Act Section 60105(B) Air Monitoring Grant. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization of a Business Site Land Lease on Maawakacak #439 T 2170 for Little Eagle Arts Foundation

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 04-30-24 H**, Authorization of a Business Site Land Lease on Maawakacak #439 T 2170 for Little Eagle Arts Foundation. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rental Manager Revised Job Description

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to approve the Rental Manager Revised Job Description. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Master Plumber New Job Description

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to approve the Master Plumber New Job Description. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle for the Department of Housing to provide an organizational chart and forward to the Legislature. Second by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Judicial Chief Marshal Revised Job Description

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to approve the Judicial Chief Marshal Revised Job Description.

Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 4-7(Vice President Karena Thundercloud, Rep. Rodney Rave, Rep. Stephanie Begay, Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr., Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle, Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr., Rep. Brianna Tahdoahnippah)-1(Rep. Kristin White Eagle) **MOTION DEFEATED.**

Rep. Robert Pilot is out of the room at 11:08 a.m.

Resolution-Authorization of Service Line Agreement for WE Energies on Lot 20 of Cexhaci South #439 T 2095

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 04-30-24 I**, Authorization of Service Line Agreement for WE Energies on Lot 20 of Cexhaci South #439 T 2095. Second by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization of Service Line Agreement for WE Energies on Lot 25 of
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Cexhaci South #439 T 2137

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 04-30-24 J**, Authorization of Service Line Agreement for WE Energies on Lot 25 of Cexhaci South #439 T 2137. Second by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Robert Pilot returns to the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

Resolution-Authorization for the Health Department to Apply for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Cooperative Agreements for the Garrett Lee Smith State/Tribal Youth Suicide Prevention and Early Intervention Program FY2024 Grant

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 04-30-24 K**, Authorization for the Health Department to Apply for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Cooperative Agreements for the Garrett Lee Smith State/Tribal Youth Suicide Prevention and Early Intervention Program FY2024 Grant. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-1(Rep. Robert Pilot) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization for the Health Department to Apply for the Health Resources and Services Administration Opioid-Impacted Family Support Program Grant

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 04-30-24 L**, Authorization for the Health Department to Apply for the Health Resources and Services Administration Opioid-Impacted Family Support Program Grant. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 06-20-23G To Address Emergency Well and Septic Services

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 04-30-24 M**, Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 06-20-23G To Address Emergency Well and Septic Services. Second by Rep. Robert Pilot. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Allocation of Tribal Assistance Funds to Provide Various Environmental Health Services

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 04-30-24 N**, Allocation of Tribal Assistance Funds to Provide Various Environmental Health Services. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization for Paid Administrative Leave for Placement Parent Training

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 04-30-24 O**, Authorization for Paid

Administrative Leave for Placement Parent Training. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Tribal Transportation Program Road Maintenance Contract

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 04-30-24 P**, Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Tribal Transportation Program Road Maintenance Contract. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Town of Komensky, Jackson County, West Clay School Road Project

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 04-30-24 Q**, Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Town of Komensky, Jackson County, West Clay School Road Project. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Sauk County Highway BD and North Reedsburg Road Roundabout and Paving Project

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 04-30-24 R**, Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Sauk County Highway BD and North Reedsburg Road Roundabout and Paving Project. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Agriculture to Partner with the University of Wisconsin to Apply for the NSF 24-533: Sustainable Regional Systems Research Networks Grant

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 04-30-24 S**, Authorization for the Department of Agriculture to Partner with the University of Wisconsin to Apply for the NSF 24-533: Sustainable Regional Systems Research Networks Grant. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization to Place the Limited Liability Company Act out for Forty-Five Day Public Comment

MOTION by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. to adopt **Resolution 04-30-24 T**, Authorization to Place the Limited Liability Company Act out for Forty-Five Day Public Comment. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Tomah/Sparta JOM & Title VI Student Recognition Pow-wow Request

MOTION Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the Tomah/Sparta JOM Parent Committee request for the 2024 Student Recognition in the amount of \$3,200 from the Youth Assistance Fund with reconciliation. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-

0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Public Hearing for Healing to Wellness Court Code Comments

MOTION by Rep. Brianna Tahdoahnippah that the Legislature hold a Public Hearing regarding Section D of the Legislative Organizational Act to consider comments that were submitted on the Healing to Wellness Court Code, and that the Legislature coordinate with the Vice President and Legislative Legal to schedule a date for such hearing and notify the Tribal membership. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-1(Rep. Stephanie Begay) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization for the Ho-Chunk Nation to Enter into the 2023 Tribal Assistance Payment Grant Agreement with the State of Wisconsin, Department of Administration

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 04-30-24 U**, Authorization for the Ho-Chunk Nation to Enter into the 2023 Tribal Assistance Payment Grant Agreement with the State of Wisconsin, Department of Administration. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

District Meetings:

D1 Niioxawani – April 17, 2024

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to approve the match of \$785.00 from the Youth Assistance Fund with the check made out to the Sand Pillow Head Start Treasurer-Nicole Pettibone with reconciliation regarding the MOTION by Gina White Eagle for Legislature to match funds raised at today's fundraiser in the amount of \$785.00 for end of the year celebration for the Sand Pillow Head Start. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D2 Hinukwas – April 18, 2024

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to the Legislative Budget Analyst for funding consideration proposal and the Office of the President to provide options to schedule a meeting to discuss a strategic plan referring to the MOTION by Melanie Stacy to have HCN Legislature budget money so another 10 year strategic plan be drafted up. MOTION IS AMENDED that the full Legislature work with OOP to follow through with the last President Greendeer administration commitment he made to follow up drafting a strategic plan. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 11-0-1(Rep. Stephanie Begay) **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer the Attorney General and Legislative Counsel to review and provide opinions and bring back to the next Legislative Session regarding the MOTION by Adam Kruse for Legislature to review Supreme Court case ruling

2945 time Election Board is following the Supreme Court's decision to settle precedent if the Ho-Chunk Nation honors the jurisdiction of Wisconsin State court. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 11-0-1(Rep. Stephanie Begay) **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to the Election Code Workgroup the MOTION by Adam Kruse Address verification to be tied in to General Welfare payment in Lieu with a deadline of July 1st. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. MOTION IS AMENDED to include Enrollment. Second concurs. 11-0-1(Rep. Stephanie Begay) **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to request Treasury to submit the reconciliation and allow the release to the next area meeting in La Crosse referring to the MOTION by Adam Kruse to have Reps. present the reconciliation for Founders Day Pow Wow at next month's area meeting. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 11-0-1(Rep. Stephanie Begay) **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to the Office of the President, Waylon Pettibone and Pow-Wow Committee the MOTION by Melanie Stacy to have OOP and Waylon Pettibone Pow Wow Committee to submit a report if La Crosse area will confirm if they will honor the annual event by May's area meeting. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 11-0-1(Rep. Stephanie Begay) **MOTION CARRIED.**

D2 Ho'uni Xununik – April 24, 2024

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to Department of Housing, Department of Justice and Office of the President the MOTION by Deana Mitch for Department of Housing to follow the same policy as HHCDA when the Head of Household vacates the unit, the co-applicant can take over the lease. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Roberta Decorah to approve the JOM Student Recognition Pow-wow request for Student Incentive \$2,000 and graduation incentive \$1,200 for a total of \$3,200.

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Roberta Decorah to approve the Wise Women's Gathering Place conference in the amount of \$31,833 plus the cost of food to be held at DICC on May 29-31, 2024.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to the Attorney General and Legislative Legal the MOTION by Rachel Winneshiek to select a new person for HHCDA Board of Commissioners at next month's area meeting. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D2 Hoxaikeja/Hoguceja/

Nizhakisuc – April 17, 2024

MOTION by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. to refer to the Finance Committee the MOTION by Samantha Day to approve the ISU UNITY 2024 conference request in the amount of \$15,500 from the Ho-Chunk Nation and Ho-Chunk Education Department. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. to refer to the Department of Natural Resources, Department of Business the MOTION by Weta Montelongo to approve the request to expand the Snowmobile Clubs provided a fact sheet on the trail system. Steve Stegges, owner of Gateway Powersports was present to provide an overview of the expansion and answer questions from the community. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. MOTION IS AMENDED to include Land Development Team. Second concurs. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. to refer to the Legislature for a presentation the MOTION by Christine Funmaker-Romano to support the AICCW to provide a presentation to the Legislature. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. to refer to the Department of Justice, Department of Housing and Office of the President the MOTION by Cindy Tack to have Executive Branch be in compliance with the Establishment Act. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *This motion is concerning the Housing Board of Directors.*

MOTION by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. to refer to the Department of Business and the Office of the President the MOTION by Barb Funmaker for the Ho-Chunk Nation President to direct the Executive Director of Business to attend the Baraboo/WI Dells/Mauston area meeting. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. to refer to the Office of the President the MOTION by Barb Funmaker for the Ho-Chunk Nation President Greendeer to attend the Next Baraboo/WI Dells/Mauston area meeting. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. to refer to the Department of Education, Office of the President and Department of Justice the MOTION by Thomasa Chavez to have someone from the Education Department attend the next area meeting to discuss student rights. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. to refer to the *Continued on Page 14*

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Department of Treasury and Office of the President the MOTION by Cindy Tack to have the Maaniowasi Round Dance 2024 reconciliation provided to the area at the next area meeting after it is reconciled with Department of Treasury. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. to refer to the Finance Commission the MOTION by Rochelle Decorah to approve the SC Hustle request in the amount of \$5,400. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Rep. Rodney Rave is out of the room at 11:44 a.m.

MOTION by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. to refer to the Finance Committee the MOTION by Barb Funmaker to approve the Showtime Shootout Tournament request in the amount of \$10,000 for the prize money. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

D3 Pac cinak – April 15, 2024

No motions were made.

Rep. Kristin White Eagle is out of the room at 11:45 a.m.

D3 Tee hoikšek – April 16, 2024

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to refer the Finance Commission the MOTION by Andi Jo Cloud for the Ho-Chunk Nation to sponsor the 2024 Art Festival in the amount of \$30,000. Second by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

D3 Tejop – April 17, 2024

No motions were made.

D3 Cexhaci – April 18, 2024

No motions were made.

Rep. Rodney Rave returns to the meeting at 11:46 a.m.

Rep. Kristin White Eagle returns to the meeting at 11:46 a.m.

D3 Tešišik – April 19, 2024

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to refer to HHCDA and Legislative Legal for review regarding the MOTION by Heather Schultz to remove Cheri Byhre from the HHCDA Board. Second by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 11-0-1 (Rep. Rodney Rave) MOTION CARRIED.

Rep. Stephanie Begay mentioned HHCDA would be forwarding their bylaws to her and then she will forward to the Legislature.

D4 Guušgonak – April 15, 2024

No motions were made.

D4 Maanico Horuzra – April 18, 2024

MOTION by Rep. Robert Pilot to refer to Legislative Legal and the Department of Heritage Preservation, and for Legal to draft a letter to the Minnesota Capital Mall Renovations regarding the MOTION by Libby Fairchild to have Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature write a letter to the Governor of Minnesota to provide Ho-Chunk Nation History for the Capital Mall Renovations and any other upcoming projects. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. MOTION IS AMENDED to include the Office of the President. Second concurs. 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. Rodney Rave. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting moved to Executive Session at 11:52 a.m.

The Executive Session recessed for lunch at 11:53 a.m.

Vice President Karena Thundercloud called the meeting to order at 12:33 p.m. Quorum was established. Rep. Robert Pilot leaves the meeting and joins online.

Rep. Shelby Visintin arrives online at 1:27 p.m.

Rep. Paul Fox is excused from Executive Session at 2:50 p.m.

Rep. Paul Fox returns to the Executive Session at 3:32 p.m.

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

The meeting returned to Open Session at 4:13 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Commission Reports: (Revisited)

Special Finance Commission- April 24, 2024

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to approve the April 24, 2024 Special Finance Commission Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Special Finance Commission-

April 10, 2024

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to TABLE the April 10, 2024 Special Finance Commission Meeting minutes to next Legislative Meeting. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Release to Open Session:

MOTION by Rep. Robert Pilot to approve press release #1. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. MOTION IS AMENDED to include release of this motion to Open Session, and to make sure include the FAQ. Second concurs. 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED. Rep. Stephanie Begay out of the room.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to release Executive Session Resolution 04-30-24 V. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adjourn the Legislative Meeting to May 7, 2024 at Quarles Law Offices, Madison, Wisconsin. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 4:13 p.m.



MEET AND GREET DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES MAY 25TH, 4-7 PM @ THE HO-CHUNK MEMORIAL POW WOW

VISIT THE NATIVE AMERICAN COALITION AND JACKSON COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY BOOTH MAY 25-27 TO PICK UP CANDIDATE LITERATURE AND SIGNS AND/OR VOLUNTEER TO PROTECT DEMOCRACY



Eric Wilson, Katrina Shankland, and Rebecca Cooke are candidates for the 3rd CD House of Representative.

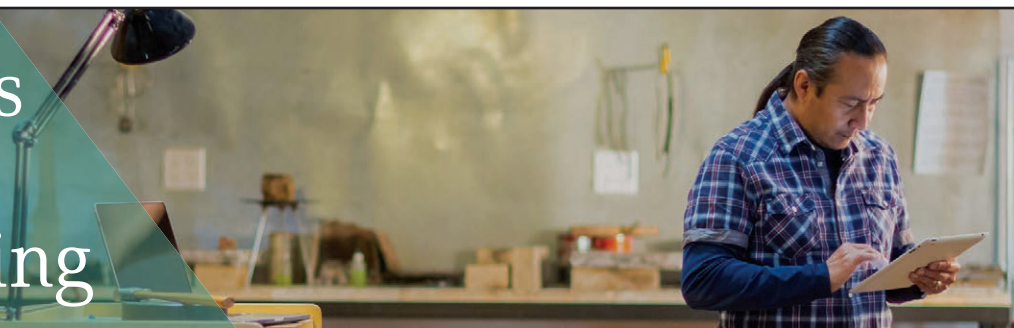


Collin McNamara, candidate for WI 24th Senate District.



Remy Gomez, candidate for the WI 70th Assembly.

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By providing personalized support, educational resources, and strategic guidance, we are committed to your success. We offer a strong foundation for you to build your business on – whether your business is located on or off the reservation.

"They were welcoming and understanding. They were immediately on my side... When you become comfortable with somebody that you know has your back? It's a great feeling."
– Adam J. Skenandore, Owner of ANASA Traffic Control Services

Ready to transform your business with accessible and affordable financing? **With FACC, you're not just getting a loan; you're gaining a partner committed to your growth.**

Inquire today, and begin your journey to success, where your business vision becomes our shared mission: faccwi.org

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- **FREE TRAINING**
- **CERTIFICATION**
- **OPPORTUNITY**



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MEMORIAL DAY POWWOW 2024

HONORING OUR VETERANS

MAY 24 - 27, 2024

HEAD STAFF

EMCEE: KEN FUNMAKER JR.
CO-EMCEE: LARRY WALKER JR.
ARENA DIRECTOR: TBA
HOST DRUMS: IRON MOUND
WISCONSIN DELLS

SPECIALS

WOODLAND SPECIAL

1ST - \$500 | 2ND - \$400 | 3RD - \$300

APPLIQUE SPECIAL

1ST - \$500 | 2ND - \$400 | 3RD - \$300

TRADITIONAL POWWOW

ANDREW BLACKHAWK
POWWOW GROUNDS

W8426 WI-54

BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI 54615

GRAND ENTRIES

DANCER DAY PAY

FRIDAY - 7PM

SATURDAY - 1PM & 7PM

SUNDAY - 1PM & 7PM

MONDAY - 1PM

FLAG RAISING

MONDAY - 10AM

VISITING HONOR GUARDS AND DRUMS
WILL RECEIVE A MONETARY STIPEND



CONTACT INFORMATION

HO-CHUNK NATION VETERANS OFFICE: 715.284.4563
VENDOR CONTACT: LYNETTE HOPINKAH 715.896.8813

Drug & Alcohol-free event. Not responsible for lost or stolen items.
Contestants must show Tribal ID or CDIB