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Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa Hosts Co-ed Cornhole Tournament

Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa hosted a fun-filled Co-ed Cornhole Tournament on Saturday, June 8th, 2024, that had participants and spectators alike on the edge of their seats. With 11 teams competing in a double elimination format, the stakes were high, and the excitement was palpable.

In the end, it was Andy Graff & Linda Graff who emerged victorious, taking home the coveted 1st place title. Their precision throws and strategic gameplay were unmatched, earning them a well-deserved win. Mikenzie Khang & Theo Mee Lor put up a strong fight, ultimately securing the 2nd place spot, while Brandon Savage & Mercades Christensen and Tyler Diver & Gwen Moffet rounded out the top four, claiming 3rd and 4th place, respectively.

The event was hosted by the talented DJ Belky, who kept the energy levels high with great music and engaging commentary throughout the tournament. Special thanks were extended to Foley's Nitabrew, Romano's, Switched

II, The Crow Bar, and Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells for lending their boards for the event, ensuring a

smooth and successful competition.

With cheers, laughter, and friendly competition filling

the air, the Co-ed Cornhole Tournament at Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa was a day to remember for all involved.

Congratulations to all the teams who participated and made the event a roaring success!



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“A transformative moment.” Wild Berries founder and chef Elena Terry reflects on Top Chef experience

By Robert Chappell
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Elena Terry was in Milwaukee ... but couldn't tell anyone why.

Terry, a member of the Ho-Chunk Nation living in Wisconsin Dells, is a chef and founder of Wild Berries, a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing and educating about Indigenous foods and the culture around those foods.

“Wild Berries really is an indigenous outreach (organization). We like to say more than catering,” she said in an interview for the 365 Amplified podcast last week. “We do

it really based on the food sovereignty movement, and what indigenous food as

medicine means to us as a community.”

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Top Chef judge Tom Colicchio and Indigenous chefs Elena Terry and Sean Sherman in the Top Chef kitchen. Photo courtesy Bravo TV.

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Appreciation for Sherrie Tussler and Her Amazing Hunger Taskforce Team

It goes without saying the immeasurable impacts of the pandemic left no portion of our daily, social, professional, and cultural lives untouched. As this unknown illness insidiously crept into the Midwest, our towns, our workplaces, and eventually our homes, we were riddled with an uncertain future. Where was our next paycheck coming from? How can I get medical services and care with no insurance? What are we going to eat?

Whether we had response systems or not, action was needed to manage a means to ensure our communities could maintain some semblance of pre-pandemic life. The federal government quickly responded with mass appropriations to insulate the overall economy but more so, to ensure that commerce between producers and consumers could fare through our hardest times of modern

history.

The Ho-Chunk Nation (HCN) was forced to make the hard decision to close the doors to our primary revenue centers, our gaming operations. For the first time since we've opened our casino doors, our self-sufficiency was embarking on its greatest challenge. Leadership was compelled to undertake our largest mass layoff and employees who depended on their livelihood quickly found themselves at a loss. Many who maintained employment under federal grants were authorized under Incident Command to work with community emergency response plans rather than work on programs that were also suspended due to no contact orders.

Food options for newly unemployed were to apply for commodities or FoodShare. However, applications were denied because the USDA was

slow to respond to offering income waivers for the many who were above income that rendered them ineligible. FoodShare allowances increased but the support was modest. At that time, the HCN Community Health Director initiated efforts to find alternative food sources to feed our communities. It was then HCN Community Health met Sherrie Tussler, Executive Director for the Hunger Taskforce who was aggressive about getting food to underserved areas, particularly those residing in rural tribal communities.

The Hunger Taskforce and their syndicated networks were able to utilize federal response funds to ensure producers could continue their operations and mobilize tons of food getting them across the state, much of which came to Ho-Chunk Country. Each week, we received over two semis of cold, fresh food and thanks to hundreds of workers and volunteers, HCN Community Health served a number of tribal members with volumes of food totaling over three million pounds to our communities.

In addition, Sherrie knew we weren't equipped to maintain the redistribution and was able to utilize ARPA and DATCP resources and direct them to the Nation. From this, comes a 26' CDL refrigerated food truck, a refrigerated van, preservation supplies, loading equipment, and a variety of assistance items. Sherrie believes

in having access to good, healthy, and traditional foods especially from indigenous growers and producers to whom she kept on her top priority to purchase from.

As significant of a role Sherrie has played with ours and many other communities, she was as much as a "worker bee" with her colleagues and the many she friends she made across Indian Country. After recently learning of her retirement scheduled

June 4, 2024, we as a Nation cannot express the level of appreciation she truly deserves. Even when tribes couldn't meet her halfway, she always found a way to make it happen. With all of our hearts, thank you. Thank you, Sherrie and your amazing team. We'll never forget what you've done for us and the eternal friendship we now have with the Hunger Taskforce.



Harry Whitehorse International Wood Sculpture Festival Activities Explore Indigenous Heritage

Full festival schedule includes cultural presenters, live performances and art demonstrations

The inaugural Harry Whitehorse International Wood Sculpture Festival has announced a full week of events and activities aimed at immersing the community in indigenous tradition, fostering global and cultural connections and celebrating art through the natural beauty of San Damiano Monona and Wisconsin.

"We look forward to welcoming the community to San Damiano Monona for what is sure to be a truly immersive and unforgettable experience," said Gene Delcourt artist and a founder of the festival. "Over nine days, the festival will pay tribute to the legacy of Harry Whitehorse and celebrate an artform that is significant both culturally and artistically."

The Harry Whitehorse International Wood Sculpture Festival is set to take place from June 14 to 22 at San Damiano Monona. Festival attendees can explore the property's small arboretum of trees and variety of native and migratory wildlife while experiencing live wood sculpting demonstrations by world-renowned artists, cultural performances, traditional Ho-Chunk art exhibitions, food vendors and more. Festival events and activities include:

Friday, June 14:

- The opening ceremony will begin at 5 p.m. and will set the stage for a week of celebrating art and indigenous heritage and highlight the festival's cultural significance. A Ho-Chunk

Color Guard will honor Harry Whitehorse's military service, followed by traditional Ho-Chunk singing and dancing.

Saturday, June 15 through Friday, June 21:

- Artists-in-Residence will hold daily working hours from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. throughout the festival week. Attendees will witness carvings come to life in real time as the week progresses.

- Cultural presenters will demonstrate traditional indigenous artforms including black ash basketry, contemporary painting, finger weaving, bead art, ornamental needlework, jewelry making and more.

- Chicago blues group Cash Box Kings will perform live at

San Damiano Monona at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, June 18.

- Local musicians will participate in Make Music Monona at San Damiano on Friday, June 21 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Saturday, June 22:

- Artists will hold final working hours between 9 and 11:30 a.m.

- Closing ceremonies will take place at 5 p.m. and artists will present their final sculptures and talk about their interpretation of the festival theme.

To view the full festival schedule of events and activities, visit www.harrywhitehorse.com/festival/schedule. For more information about the Harry

Whitehorse International Wood Sculpture Festival, visit www.harrywhitehorse.com/festival.

ABOUT THE HARRY WHITEHORSE SCULPTURE FESTIVAL

The Harry Whitehorse International Wood Sculpture Festival pays homage to the late Monona, Wisconsin sculptor Harry Whitehorse, showcasing the artistry of wood sculpting through a weeklong artist-in-residence program. With participation from 12 world-renowned sculptors, the festival draws inspiration from international sculpture symposiums and aims to cultivate connections between diverse local communities, indigenous artists and global talents.

HAPPY Graduation

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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Searching for the Author

A Ho-Chunk Nation tribal member was cleaning out a storage unit and came across a poem. The poem created emotions and the tribal member wants to give credit to the author. If you are the author of the poem below or know who the author is, please contact Myshell Mike at the Department of Education, phone 715-284-9343, extension 11178 or Myshell.mike@ho-chunk.com.

The poem:
 We're singing because it feels good to sing
 Dance because it feels good to dance
 Dance until you can't dance no more
 When she dances, the arth moves with her
 There are no pains, my body doesn't hurt
 When I'm old I want to keep dancing
 Come and take my hand, let us dance together
 Dancing in a circle
 The dancers go round and round, the sound of good hearts makes the people happy
 Look at this dance, showing his/her love for this dance, let us sing for him/her so he/she can dance
 Come dance with me
 You dance beautifully
 Come sing with us, this song is for you
 We've come here to sing for you
 Dance, dancers, dance
 Calling all the dancers to get up and dance because this is how we used to do it long ago
 Everyone just come on over and dance
 All of you should just come and have a good time
 It is good that we have gathered here
 Dancers it is time to shake your bells
 This way of life, is a difficult way to live
 The Great Spirit is within each of us
 Who will come with me for the big sneak attack
 Dance proudly Ho-Chunk people, that is what we want for you
 Be strong, our "Indian Ways" are strong, listen to them
 Hello, good people, it is a good path to be on, feel good, it is good
 The day is good, the song is good, dance hard and good
 We all came to sing and dance



Rev. Roger Wentz May 1, 1930 - April 28, 2024



Black River Falls, where they built a home that they both enjoyed on the property where Frances had lived as a girl. They enjoyed 64 years together.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Edward, his wife, their daughter Renee, and a sister-in-law, Lillian Thundercloud.

He is survived by a sister-in-law, Hattie Walker of Black River Falls, a niece Leah Ann Walker of Black River Falls, nephews Carey Walker of Fargo ND, Thomas (Wy) Walker of Black River Falls, Dan (Yamei) Wentz of Mantorville MN, and Steve (Marie) Wentz of Neillsville WI, and by other relatives and friends.

In keeping with his wishes, he will be buried next to his wife, Frances, at the Ho-Chunk United Church of Christ Cemetery.

With gratitude for God's goodness and love in this life, which came through many, many people, he rejoices for the joy of entering the heavenly home prepared for all who trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. May the rich and abundant joy of God in salvation also fill your hearts.

Visitation will take place at 12:00 noon on Saturday, July 6, 2024 at the Ho-Chunk United Church of Christ, followed by a memorial service at 1:00 p.m. The service will be followed by a meal.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Ho-Chunk United Church of Christ Building Fund at P.O. Box 9, Black River Falls, WI, 54615.

Buswell Funeral Home is honored to assist the family with the arrangements during this difficult time.

Rev. Roger Wentz, 93, passed away on April 28, 2024, in Black River Falls, WI.

He was born in Sheboygan, WI, on May 1, 1930, the second son of Dr. Ivan and Viola Wentz.

A 1948 graduate of Central High School, he then went to the University of Wisconsin, Madison for one semester. While in Madison he felt God's call to the Christian ministry. He stayed out of college for a semester, then transferred to Mission House College (now Lakeland). He was graduated from Mission House College in 1953 and from Mission House Theological Seminary in 1956.

On December 30, 1955, he was joined in marriage with Frances Thundercloud at the Ho-Chunk Indian Mission near Black River Falls. After serving as Associate Pastor at Faith United Church of Christ in Milwaukee, he and Frances then served United Church of Christ congregations in Kaukauna and Sauk City in Wisconsin and in Canton, Illinois, which was his last pastorate. Frances and Roger chose Portage Wisconsin as their retirement community and later moved to the Ho-Chunk Indian Mission near

Ho-Chunk Nation Labor Department

Area Connections June 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4	5 Health Dept. Block Party House of Wellness - Baraboo 11am-5:30pm	6 Twin Cities Branch Office 11am - 1pm TWD Only	7
10	11	12 Naagu Pii Childcare Open House- Black River Falls, WI 3pm - 6pm	13 Nekoosa TAU 10am - 2pm	14
17	18	19 Madison Community Building 11am - 1pm	20 Tomah - TAU 10am - 1pm	21
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Career Building Services: Resumes, Applications, Mock-Interviews
Supportive Services: Work Attire, Fuel Assistance, Outdoor Attire.
Training/Education Services: Training, Education Classes, and Certificates.

477 Documents needed:

1. Proof of HS enrollment, Diploma, HSED, or GED.
2. Tribal ID or CDIB
3. Secondary ID; State/DL, Social Security Card, or birth certificate
4. Residency Verification; Mail
5. Resumes, Work Permit

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Office of the General Council

Office of the General Council Official Update

To: General Council Members

From: Nathaniel Longtail Jr. - General Council Advocate *NL*

Date: May 30, 2024

Re: Office of the General Council Official Update

Good morning General Council Members,

The Office of the General Council (OGC) has respectfully requested the Legislature for one of following two options:

1. Legislative Special Meeting be called to address a Budget Overview & Justification for the Office of the General Council
2. Agenda time during the upcoming June 4, 2024 Legislative Regular Meeting to discuss the Office of the General Council Budget Overview & Justifications.

This request was made due to the prior Legislative Finance Commission Special Meeting Budget Recommendation made on May 15, 2024:

Motion made by Legislative Finance Commissioner Paul Fox:

Motion to recommend approval of fiscal year, 2024 fiscal year, 2025 Office of the General Council Budget, in the amount of \$683,318.00 inclusive of each line item as an individual appropriation for the purpose noted for each, for inclusion to the final appropriations budget bill, this includes Advocate, Deputy Advocate positions funded for six months of the year.

The OGC is requesting all of these measures to preserve the employee line item. Reconsideration of original proposed budget at the amount of \$765,218 or a reduction request of \$81,900 from the line item 100.3000.66001.0 CONTRACT SERVICES FEES to satisfy the recommended amount of \$683,318 to preserve the full-time employment of two (2) Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Member positions.

The OGC did in fact carry out all Goals and Objectives from the submitted Performance Budget Summary for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

The following points must be made known:

- Reduced employee line item funding has never been reduced in years of failed General Council Meetings.
- The Finance Commission did not reduce funding when the positions were vacant and General Council Meetings failed in previous years.
- The Legislature and Finance Commission funded the OGC with a full employee line item when the positions were vacant.
- 2023 Annual General Council Meeting was a success, and the General Council was able to address every single agenda item.
- The 2023 Annual General Council meeting was not contested in the Trial or Supreme Court.
- The OGC did not spend any funding on questionable items.
- The OGC is operating on a bare bones budget.
- The OGC has been reporting to the Legislature as per 1 HCC § 18 Establishment Act.
(The Legislature demanded this reporting to the point of requesting Attorney General Seifert to author a AG Opinion when the position of the General Council Advocate was vacant)
- The OGC has established Policy in regard to tribal member reporting and communication.
- The OGC Secretary cannot carry out the function of submitting the annual budget.
- OGC Secretary cannot carry out the functions pertaining to Treasury matters, payroll and personnel matters, and administrative office functions as these are only authorized to be performed by the General Council Advocate per 1 HCC § 18 Establishment Act.

Additional points of interest to be considered:

- **Ho-Chunk Nation Employee Relations Act (6 HCC § 5)**
h. Protections Related to General Council Meetings.
(2) No person shall harass, threaten, intimidate, suspend, or terminate, without Due Process, any employee for providing administrative support to an Annual General Council Meeting of the Ho-Chunk Nation or Special Meeting of the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council.
- **(6 HCC § 5)**
8. Definitions. Whenever the following terms are used in this Act, they shall have the meanings indicated.
z. Employee. Any individual employed by the Ho-Chunk Nation, regardless of the source of the funds by which the employee is paid. The term "employee" shall include any person elected or appointed. The Nation further classifies its employees as follows:
(7) **Exempt Employee.** An employee classified by the Nation as exempt is salaried. Such employees are those occupying executive, administrative, professional positions, appointed, and elected officials. **Weekly salary is computed using the position's annual fixed salary.** Such employees may be required to maintain a contract for employment with the Ho-Chunk Nation, if required by a legislative enactment.
- **(6 HCC § 5)**
14. Recall Policy for Layoff
b. An individual on the Recall List may gain re-employment with the Nation by two (2) means:
(1) An individual shall be recalled to the position held at the time of the layoff if the position is to be filled while they are on the Recall List. **Supervisors must recall said individuals** before posting the position, even if they have taken another position pursuant to section b(2) below.
(2) An individual on the Recall List may apply for a posted position. All individuals on the Recall List that apply for a position shall be presented to the hiring supervisor, who shall select one applicant who meets the minimum qualifications. If only one applicant on the Recall List applies and meets the minimum qualifications, that individual shall be hired. Ho-Chunk Preference shall apply in utilizing the Recall List, meaning that if two applicants on the Recall List are presented and both meet the minimum qualifications, the position shall be provided to the Ho-Chunk member. The Department of Personnel is empowered to ensure that supervisors are hiring qualified individuals on the Recall List, and may overrule a hiring supervisor if they refuse to hire an applicant who meets minimum qualifications. If no employee on the Recall List applies for a position, it shall be filled as normal and consistent with all other applicable rules and laws.

(The OGC Secretary is not capable of performing these duties per the Office of the General Council Establishment and Organization Act to reinstate employees from recall list after a layoff)

- **SECTION 18 – OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL ESTABLISHMENT AND ORGANIZATION ACT (1 HCC § 18)**
b. The General Council Advocate will oversee the Office of General Council and will supervise the other positions, as described in any legislatively approved job descriptions. Further, the General Council Advocate will have the authority to hire additional staff pursuant to the Nation's Employment Relations Act (including limited term employees); provided, however, that such hiring shall be consistent with the approved budget of the Office of General Council and any contract authority that is either reserved to the Legislature or delegated to the Office of General Council.
c. The General Council Advocate will have signature authority similar to that of an Executive Director of a Department of the Nation, including such authority for budget and Treasury matters, payroll and personnel matters, and administrative office functions, consistent with the approved job description for the position and the budget of the Office of General Council. In the absence of the General Council Advocate, the General Council Deputy Advocate will have similar signature authority.
d. The General Council Advocate will have the right to prepare and present the annual budget to the Legislature in accordance with the Appropriations and Budget Process Act ("Budget Act") of the Ho-Chunk Nation, including the right of the Advocate to request budget modifications from the Legislature, consistent with the Budget Act.

(These are administrative office functions are only delegated to the General Council Advocate.)

- **(1 HCC § 18)**
6. Reporting.
a. The Office of General Council shall report to the Legislature and/or any delegated Legislative Committee, on a quarterly basis as to its activities and planning. Further, the Office of General Council shall develop a method of reporting to tribal membership on the activity and planning of the Office, and report the same.

(This is an administrative office function delegated to the General Council Advocate.)

- Noted for the record from the Legislative Regular Meeting on July 19, 2022:

NOTED FOR THE RECORD:

Rep. Kristin White Eagle mentioned there is a court order that is public information. The Trial Court has already endorsed that the Office of General Council does have the delegated authority to plan and organize the General Council meeting. The Trial Court has made a decision that is CV 21-15 filed September 16, 2021.

Below is the complete transcript for the motion made by Finance Commissioner/Legislative Representative Fox for the May 15, 2024 Legislative Finance Commission Special Meeting. This is being included so that the General Council Members are completely aware of the actions and discussion that took place.

Transcript from the May 15, 2024 Legislative Finance Commission Special Meeting

District 2 Legislative Representative/ Finance Chairwoman Kristin White Eagle (Rep. White Eagle):

Next, we'll go to Office of General Council. Any action from commission? Rep. Fox?

District 4 Legislative Representative/ Finance Commissioner Paul Fox (Rep. Fox):

Thank you. Madam chair. I'd like to make a motion to recommend approval of fiscal year, 2024 fiscal year, 2025 Office of the General Council Budget, in the amount of \$683,318.00 inclusive of each line item as an individual appropriation for the purpose noted for each, for inclusion to the final appropriations budget bill, this includes Advocate, Deputy Advocate positions funded for six months of the year.

District 4 Legislative Representative/ Finance Commissioner Brianna Tahdoohnippah (Rep. Tahdoohnippah):
Second for discussion.

(Rep. White Eagle):

Second for discussion by Rep. Tahdoohnippah. Go ahead Rep. Tahdoohnippah.

(Rep. Tahdoohnippah):

So does the advocate in the deputy Advocate job descriptions match? Or what they support, that six months per out of the year?

(Rep. White Eagle):

Rep. Tahdoohnippah, who is your question too?

(Rep. Tahdoohnippah):

Anybody.

General Council Advocate Nathaniel Longtail Jr. (GC Advocate Longtail):

Madam chair?

(Rep. White Eagle):

See ah any commission members any discussion or answer or go to Nate. Hello Nate, you might want to speak up.

(GC Advocate Longtail):

Hello. This is Nathaniel. I'm not I'm not sure if you can hear me – very good.

(Rep. White Eagle):

Now we can Yes.

(GC Advocate Longtail):

So I just wanted to say a few things on behalf of this because I believe \$683,318 isn't what we put in for our budget submission, and I just want to state that I believe The question is that, our, our job descriptions match in, in support of the budget recommendation, I would have to say, no, I believe the job descriptions are-are for regular full-time employees. I don't want to get too much into Personnel related instances on this.

But I would like to state that on January 19, 2017 the Legislature enacted the General Council Organization and Establishment Act, and that act established that the Office of General Council by law and observance and furtherance of General Council Resolution 9-17-2016-01, and within that, later on it states: Internal Organization and Authority under Section 5. (A), says consistent, the word consistent is used with General Council Resolution, 9-17-2016-01. The Office of General Council shall the word "shall," is used, consists of the following positions, General Council Advocate, Deputy Advocate and General Council Secretary.

Now, when we go back to that resolution that they're supposed to be consistent with It talks about in the first page, that in 2003, the General Council passed a resolution 10-11-03, that proclaimed Office of General Council be created for the purposes of enforcing the wishes of the General Council, and the Office of the General Council oversees such operations of the General Council. So as this as that as that establishment act is consistent with this resolution, and this resolution Um brings up resolution 10-11-03L. I would like to read the statement from that resolution. General Council Resolution 10-11-03 which was submitted by tribal member Robert Funmaker was, now therefore be it resolved that the General Council of the Ho-Chunk Nation take action to create an Office of General Council for the purposes of enforcing the wishes of the General Council that the Office of General Council oversees such operations and that the Legislature appropriate the funds necessary to operationalize the office with "salary," office space, telephone, fax, transportation, and other necessary means to bring such office into reality within one month of today is date.

So, we submitted a budget that included all three job descriptions to be in support of the Establishment Act, to be in support of resolution 9-17-2016, and to be in support of resolution 10-11-03 that was submitted by Mr. Funmaker, because we did not want to, go against the wishes of the General Council. So that is why our General Council budget is submitted in that manner, and then I did want to thank you representative Fox for, um, your opening prayer and you're opening statement to include blessings over all the employees, that was, that's a very awesome that you would pray for us that way. But then only want to make a recommendation to fund us for six months, but thank you for that blessing. Um, and that's I think all that I wanted to um say at this time. Thank you for the discussion.

(Rep. White Eagle):

All right, Thank you.

(Rep. Tahdoohnippah):

I withdraw my second.

(Rep. White Eagle):

Okay, second has been withdrawn, is there anybody wants to take up a second? Madam VP any discussion?

-Webex chatter -

All right. No further discussion going to the vote all those in favor. Say "I," The opposed? Rep. Tahdoohnippah, Any abstentions?

Legislative Budget Analyst Kelley Thundercloud

Nine, one, zero.

(Rep. White Eagle):

Motions, carried 9-1-0

Thank you for your time. If you have any questions please reach out to this office directly.

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Man who disrupted Baraboo graduation charged with disorderly conduct

By Robert Chappell
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The man who disrupted the Baraboo High School graduation last week by charging onto the stage and pushing superintendent Rainey Briggs has been charged with disorderly conduct, court records show.

Matthew Eddy, 49, faces up to 90 days in prison, a \$1,000 fine, or both.

Additionally, a Dane County judge granted Briggs a temporary restraining order against Eddy, with an injunction hearing set for next week.

Video captured by TV43 Baraboo shows Eddy jumping onto the stage just as Eddy's daughter begins to cross the stage to receive her diploma. Eddy grabbed Rainey's upper arm and forced him away from the line of school officials congratulating graduates. Rainey can be heard saying "you need to get up off of me, man ... get away from me, bro."

In his application for a restraining order, Rainey wrote that Eddy said, "you are not going to touch my (expletive) daughter."

Parent Duranceau captured the incident from the audience perspective.

According to a police report, Eddy told officers that he and his daughter "have had past issues with Rainey and dislike him." Rainey told police he didn't know Eddy and could only remember one disciplinary issue involving Eddy's daughter.

The school resource officer and others escorted Eddy off of the stage, and he left the ceremony. Rainey returned to the handshake line about a minute later, and told police he felt anxiety for the rest of the ceremony.

In a statement issued Thursday, Blacks for Political and Social Action of Dane County president David Hart and vice president Kirby Mack noted that Briggs was the only Black person on the stage at graduation.

"After Dr. Briggs was pushed out of the way and prevented from doing his job, it does not appear that anyone checked on Dr. Briggs' welfare, and he was forced to continue on amid this trauma," they wrote. "While this incident could certainly have race neutral explanations, the treatment of Dr. Briggs looks all too familiar to us ... After Dr. Briggs was pushed out of the way and prevented from doing his job, it does not appear that anyone checked

on Dr. Briggs' welfare, and he was forced to continue on amid this trauma."

They also referenced a 2018 incident in which Baraboo students were photographed giving a Nazi salute in a prom photo. Questions of racism were also raised in 2022 when Baraboo High School's athletic director and two other men were arrested for threatening teens with a flamethrower and forcing them to kneel in the street when they suspected the

boys intended to play a Homecoming prank.

The Baraboo School Board issued a statement Tuesday condemning Eddy's actions.

"As we prepare our students to engage as citizens and community members, the adults in their lives should provide models of how to engage in productive civil dialogue," the release reads, in part. "What we do not condone is engaging in threatening, intimidating, or physically harming behaviors against anyone in our School

District community. No employee of the School District of Baraboo should fear for their physical safety when fulfilling their job duties or at any other time. That this adult felt emboldened to behave in this way in front of hundreds of students and other adults should deeply trouble us all; this type of behavior will not be tolerated."

Eddy is due to appear in Columbia County court to face the criminal charge on August 14.



Baraboo HS Grad incident – TV angle



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TRIBAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT / 477 PROGRAM

AREA CONNECTIONS:

NEED ASSISTANCE WITH?

 VEHICLE FUEL?
 WORK ATTIRE?
 TRAINING?
 EDUCATION ASSISTANCE?
 PENDING ELIGIBILITY




DATE: JUNE 19TH, 2024
TIME: 11:00AM – 1:00 PM
WHERE: MADISON COMMUNITY BUILDING
4724 TRADEWIND PARKWAY
MADISON, WI 53718

Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Labor
Tribal Workforce Development
Ho-Chunk Nation 477 Federal Program

CONTACT:


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AREA CONNECTIONS:

NEED ASSISTANCE WITH?

 VEHICLE FUEL?
 WORK ATTIRE?
 TRAINING?
 EDUCATION ASSISTANCE?
 PENDING ELIGIBILITY


DATE: JUNE 20TH, 2024
TIME: 10:00AM – 1:00 PM
WHERE: TOMAH TAU
358 EOS AVE.
TOMAH, WI 54660

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PROTECT OUR COMMUNITIES FROM SCAMS

Everyone has a right to safety and justice. However, it is estimated that millions of older adults, from all walks of life encounter harmful scams every year. We are not providing the necessary supports needed to keep everyone safe and engaged as we age. Ageism (biases against or stereotypes about older people that keep them from being fully a part of their community) also play a role in enabling elder abuse. By changing these contributing factors, we can prevent elder abuse and make sure all of us have the opportunity to thrive as we age. Here are things we can do to help protect our communities from abuse and neglect:

Build Supports

If we think of society as a building that supports our wellbeing, then it makes sense to design the sturdiest building we can—one with the beams and a solid foundation and walls necessary to keep everyone safe from scams and healthy as we age.

1. We can construct community supports and human services for family caregivers and older adults to alleviate risk factors tied to elder abuse like ageism (bias against older adults in our culture) or social isolation.
2. We can increase funding to support efforts to train service providers in how to prevent and detect scams when working with older adults.
3. And we can create, maintain and improve organizations like consumer protection agencies that work to stop scams and make sure companies, banks and lenders treat us fairly.

Is It A Scam?

1. Is the sales person using high pressure sales tactics? Scams often say things like, "Act Now!"; "Time is running out!"; "This is a onetime offer!"
2. Are you being asked to pay upfront fees? Lottery and sweepstakes scams often employ this tactic. If you really won something the fees can be taken out of your winnings.
3. Are you being told that you won a contest that you didn't enter? Lottery and sweepstakes scams almost always start this way. You can't win a contest that you didn't enter.
4. Have you been scammed in the past? Often scam victims have their personal contact information sold to other con artists. You may get unsolicited calls from people promising to get your money back or provide other remedies or offers. These 'offers' can be scams too. Beware!

5. Did you receive unsolicited mail, emails, or phone calls for services that you were not seeking? Research the companies that you want to employ. Many scams begin with someone knocking on your door offering services, or sending out promotional materials. This often happens in the case of home repair scams.
6. Are you being contacted by the police over the phone? Verify that they are who they say they are. Some scams begin with a person pretending to be a police officer who tells you that they are concerned that you have been a victim of a crime. They then proceed to solicit your personal information. In truth, the police will contact you in person if they have questions for you or believe that you have been a victim of a crime.

How To Protect Yourself

1. Sign up for the Do Not Call Registry at www.donotcall.gov.
2. When no longer needed, shred junk mail, old bills, bank statements and any other documents that have personal identifying information.
3. Don't give out personal information over the phone unless you originated the call and you know with whom you are talking. Particularly safeguard your social security number.
4. It is ok to be rude. If a sales person calls you or comes to your door who does not seem to be taking no for an answer, it is ok to terminate the conversation. Hang up the phone or close the door. You don't have to let yourself be pressured into anything.
5. Never sign something that you don't understand. Have a trusted and unbiased professional assist you when enter contracts or signing legal documents.
6. If you hire someone for personal assistance services, in home care services, etc. ensure that they have been properly screened with criminal background checks completed.
7. Learn about scams and stay informed
 - Sign up for AARP's Fraud Watch: https://action.aarp.org/site/SPageNavigator/FWN_Registration_Page.html
 - Check out AARP's interactive national fraud map: <http://action.aarp.org/site/PageNavigator/FraudMap.html>
 - Consumer Financial Protection Bureau offers information and tools for older Americans: www.consumerfinance.gov/older-americans
 - The Financial Fraud Enforcement Task Force offers resources and reports to help protect yourself against common types of frauds and scams: www.stopfraud.gov/protect.html
 - Stay alert to common frauds and scams by checking consumer protection sites such as www.Fraud.org
 - External Web Site Policy and FBI Common Fraud Schemes: www.fbi.gov/scams-and-safety/common-fraud-schemes

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Elder Abuse by the Numbers

Since 2001, Wisconsin has seen a staggering increase in reported elder abuse cases.

Source: Wisconsin Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources

Year	Reported Cases
2001	3251
2003	3866
2007	4893
2009	5715
2013	6331
2015	7323
2018	8803
2019	10033
2020	10429
2021	10742

Help Fight Elder Abuse

To report Elder abuse call:

Ho-Chunk Nation Initial Response

715-284-7749

Or

Toll Free 855-659-8820

HOP MORTGAGE PARTICIPANTS ANNOUNCEMENT

Beginning July 1, 2024, please submit your HOP **MORTGAGE** payment to the following:

By POSTAL MAIL:	If delivering IN PERSON:
Treasury Dept. / HOP PO Box 640 Black River Falls, WI 54615	Treasury Department W8914 Airport Road Black River Falls, WI 54615

Questions?

Contact Treasury Department 715-284-1660 or contact Housing Department 608-374-1225

MAA HINA'U WIIRA
June: Earth Cultivating Moon

HARVEST OF THE MONTH

Haascek (Strawberry)

About Haascek (Strawberry)

- Strawberries are a low-growing perennial plant, most commonly red when ripe. Strawberries have always been important to Natives and have been used for food, medicine, and teas.
- Strawberries are a good source of Vitamin C and antioxidants, which help support the immune system and help guard against getting sick when we're exposed to germs.
- Strawberries are a lower-sugar fruit that contribute potassium to the diet. Potassium supports heart health and healthy blood pressure.
- Strawberries are also a good source of fiber, with 3 grams of fiber per cup. Fiber helps keep blood sugar stable and protects against diabetes.
- Early research suggests that frequent consumption of strawberries helps protect brain health and reduce the risk of dementia.
- Plus, they taste great! Rinse under cool water right before using them - do not rinse until ready to eat. Try using them in green salads, in smoothies, in freezer jams, in yogurt or oatmeal, or to flavor water!

EASY STRAWBERRY SORBET

From a SweetPeaChef

Ingredients:

- 16 oz fresh or frozen strawberries
- 2 Tbsp honey
- 1/4 cup warm water

Steps:

- Freeze strawberries if not yet frozen. Freeze until completely solid, usually 1-2 hours.
- Place frozen strawberries in food processor or blender. Blend until smooth.
- Add warm water and press with spatula as needed. Continue until smooth.
- Taste and add honey as needed for desired sweetness. Mix.
- Eat immediately for a softer texture or freeze for 1-2 hours until firm.

For more information contact a HCN Registered Dietitian/ Nutritionist:

BRF, TOMAH, WITTENBERG AREAS: (888) 685-4422, EXT. 35335
BRF, LA CROSSE AREAS: (888) 685-4422, EXT. 35340
DELLS, NEKOOSA, MADISON AREAS: (888) 552-7889, EXT. 35554/35511

Updated 5/24 KB
HCN HEALTH & WELLNESS DIV.
<http://health.ho-chunk.com/>

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Terry was in Milwaukee last fall to film an episode of the popular Bravo TV show Top Chef – an episode that finally aired on May 15. The cooking competition show, like nearly every reality show, keeps the contents of upcoming episodes closely under wraps, so Terry wasn't allowed to tell anyone about the episode she was on or what happened in that episode.

The cat almost got out of the bag when she was spotted 100 miles from home.

"There was one person that called me out on social media

for being in Milwaukee," Terry said. "And I had to just kind of be like, 'I was rendezvousing with my friend from Canada.'" Which, technically, was true – she did meet up with a friend while in Milwaukee to film the episode. But that's not the reason she was there.

She was in Milwaukee last fall to serve as a mentor and guest judge for the ninth episode of the 21st season of Top Chef.

"What an honor ... when Top Chef calls, of course, I want to be a part of this," Terry said, noting that she's

watched the show for years with her daughter. "I just have always loved the way that they challenge the chefs... When they approached us with this idea it was a natural, wholehearted yes."

Terry and Sioux chef Sean Sherman from Minnesota cooked a meal for the eight remaining contestants consisting of items like white bean spread, smoked walleye, masa chips, wild rice patties with rosehip and mushrooms, roasted sweet potatoes, dandelion greens, braised duck, and cedar-braised bison. She and Sherman educated

the chefs on the importance of food in Native cultures.

"It was incredible," Terry said of the experience of cooking for the contestants. "(The producers) said, if you're willing to do this, we would love to have you make a meal with Sean, who's a good friend of mine, and feed the contestants and be open to curating a pantry or to having a question session so that they can learn more. That is what I'm all about. I want to celebrate the uniqueness and the beauty of these ingredients and the people behind the work. We can't have

authentic wild rice from the Menominee Nation if people in the Menominee Nation aren't ricing. How do we help support that and celebrate it? Being able to expose some of the top chefs in the country to these incredibly beautiful and unique ingredients was amazing."

After that education session, the contestants had to use what they learned to create their own dishes using only ingredients used by Wisconsin's Indigenous people – that meant no dairy, wheat flour, cane sugar, pork,

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Save the Dates!

- The Health and Wellness Department is partnering with the Ice Age Trail Alliance to get people out to discover the Ice Age Trail in Wisconsin.
- Short hikes are planned leading up to the Mammoth Hike Challenge in October.
- More details will be coming out soon, for now mark those calendars!

HIKES ARE SCHEDULED ON:

- June 20th at 10 am
 - Dells of the Eau Claire - Marathon County
- July 23rd at 10 am
 - Baraboo Area/Devil's Lake
- August 15th at 10 am
 - Hartman Creek State Park - Waupaca County

*No admin leave provided.
*Light snacks and water provided.

QUESTIONS?

- Jess Artz at jessica.artz@ho-chunk.com
- Nick Butchart at nicholas.butchart@ho-chunk.com
- Kathleen Clemons at kathleen.clemons@ho-chunk.com

Contact an Exercise Physiologist:

4/17/24 KB/LK



HO-CHUNK
TRIBAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT/477 PROGRAM

AREA CONNECTIONS:

NEED ASSISTANCE WITH?

- VEHICLE FUEL?
- WORK ATTIRE?
- TRAINING?
- EDUCATION ASSISTANCE?

PENDING ELIGIBILITY

DATE: JUNE 26TH, 2024
TIME: 11:00AM - 5:30 PM
WHERE: SIGA FUNMAKER CENTER
W17634 RADKE RD.
WITTENBERG, WI 54499

CONTACT:

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2024 ANNUAL CANOE TRIP!

REGISTRATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER 12 PM ON MONDAY, JUNE 24TH, 2024!!!

FRIDAY, JULY 12TH @ 10:30 AM
WILDCAT MOUNTAIN STATE PARK
HWY 33, ONTARIO, WI (KICKAPOO RIVER)

THE TRIP WILL LAST APPROX. 3 HOURS, SNACKS PROVIDED DURING TRIP & MEAL PROVIDED AT THE END OF THE TRIP. DAILY PARKING PASS WILL BE PROVIDED.

NO FURTHER CHECK INS ALLOWED AFTER BUS PICK UP FROM THE PARK. PLEASE ARRIVE EARLY (BEFORE 10 AM) TO ENSURE YOUR SPOT. MUST STAY WITH GROUP & NO CLIFF JUMPING/DIVING!

NO MORE THAN 3 PEOPLE IN A CANOE. AN ADULT IS REQUIRED IN CANOES WITH CHILDREN. PARTICIPANTS MUST PROVIDE THEIR OWN LIFE PRESERVER FOR CHILDREN UNDER 4.

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR THIS EVENT. PLEASE CONTACT RACHEL MONTANA AT RACHEL.MONTANA@HO-CHUNK.COM X35039 PLEASE ALLOW 24-48 HOURS FOR A RESPONSE.

CONTACT NAME, PHONE NUMBER, # IN GROUP (# OF ADULTS/# OF CHILDREN), # OF CANOES NEEDED, FOOD ALLERGIES/DIETARY RESTRICTIONS.

HCN HEALTH & WELLNESS 6/3/2024 LK



Ho-Chunk Nation • Community Health Department

June Foot Clinics

Clip/file nails, dremel as necessary

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

- BRF Community Health • 6/10
W9850 Airport Road, BRF • (715) 896-9524
- WI Dells Tribal Aging Unit • 6/13
E8863 Winneshiek Drive, WI Dells • (608) 253-2185
- Tomah Tribal Aging Unit • 6/18
358 Eos Road, Tomah • (608) 372-5202
- Nekoosa Health Office • 6/20
1021 County Road G, Nekoosa • (715) 886-5444
- Madison Branch Office • 6/25
4724 Tradewinds Pkwy, Madison • (608) 277-9964
- La Crosse Three Rivers House • 6/25
724 Main Street, La Crosse • (608) 783-6025
- Wittenberg Siga Funmaker Center • 6/25
W17634 Radke Road, Wittenberg • (715) 253-2382

No walk-ins - appointment is now needed.

MH 6/3/24

NOTICE

RIGHT TO OBJECT

In accordance with HCC 8 §14 Title Transfer & Recording Act
 Ho-Chunk Member, RAEANNA GARCIA, has submitted a Request for Title for Permanent
 Improvements located at: W8785 THUNDERCHIEF LN BRF WI 54615
 And more particularly described as: LOT 15 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 July 12, 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:

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 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.

NOTICE

RIGHT TO OBJECT

In accordance with HCC 8 §14 Title Transfer & Recording Act
 Ho-Chunk Member, TONY REDBIRD, has submitted a Request for Title for Permanent
 Improvements located at: W8822 DECORAH RD BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI 54615
 And more particularly described as: LOT 16 WITHIN THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 33,
TOWNSHIP 22 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST, TOWN OF KOMENSKY, JACKSON
COUNTY, WISCONSIN

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 mail at:

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 days following the deadline.

SUMMONS (First Publication)

IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

**Ho-Chunk Nation Housing & Community Development Agency, Plaintiff(s), v. Christy
 Mallory, Defendant(s).**

Case No.: CV 24-04

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT(S): Christy Mallory

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

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

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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 Greender
 Clerk of Court / Notarist

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 Greender - 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.

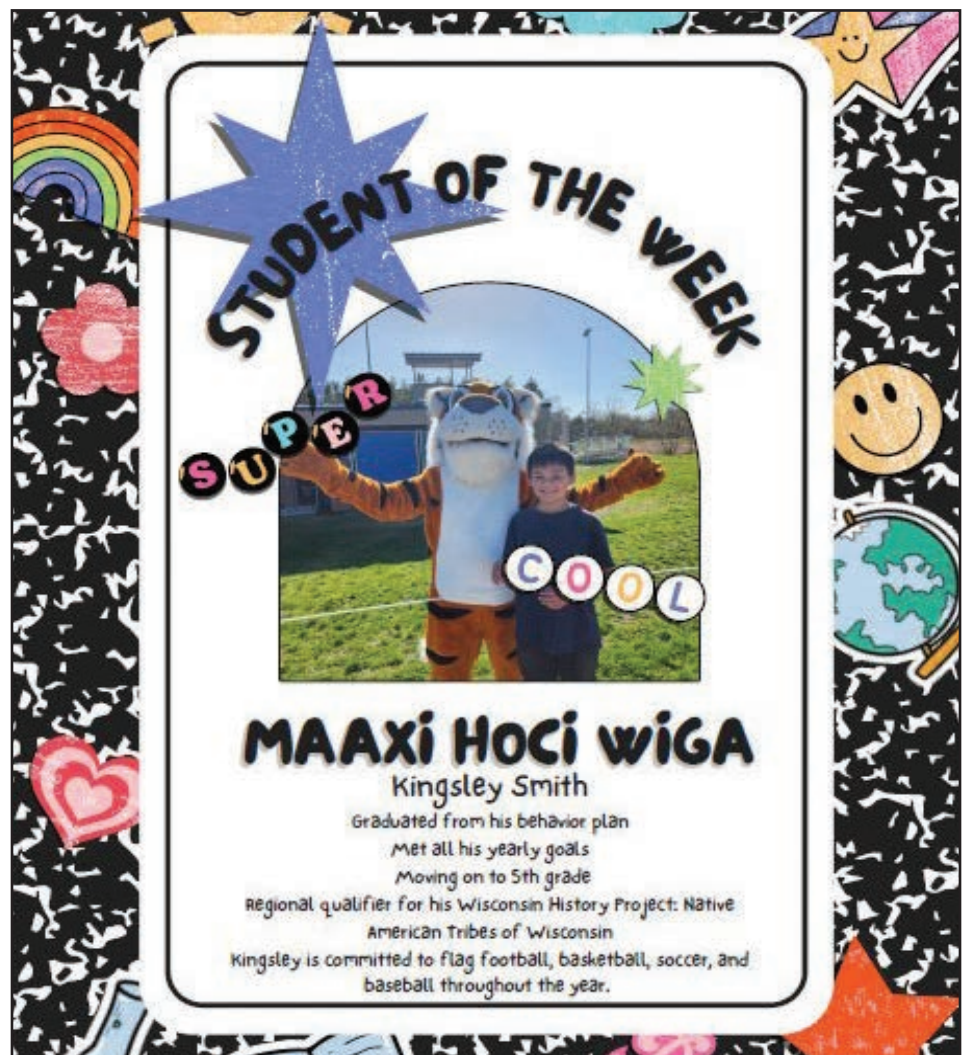
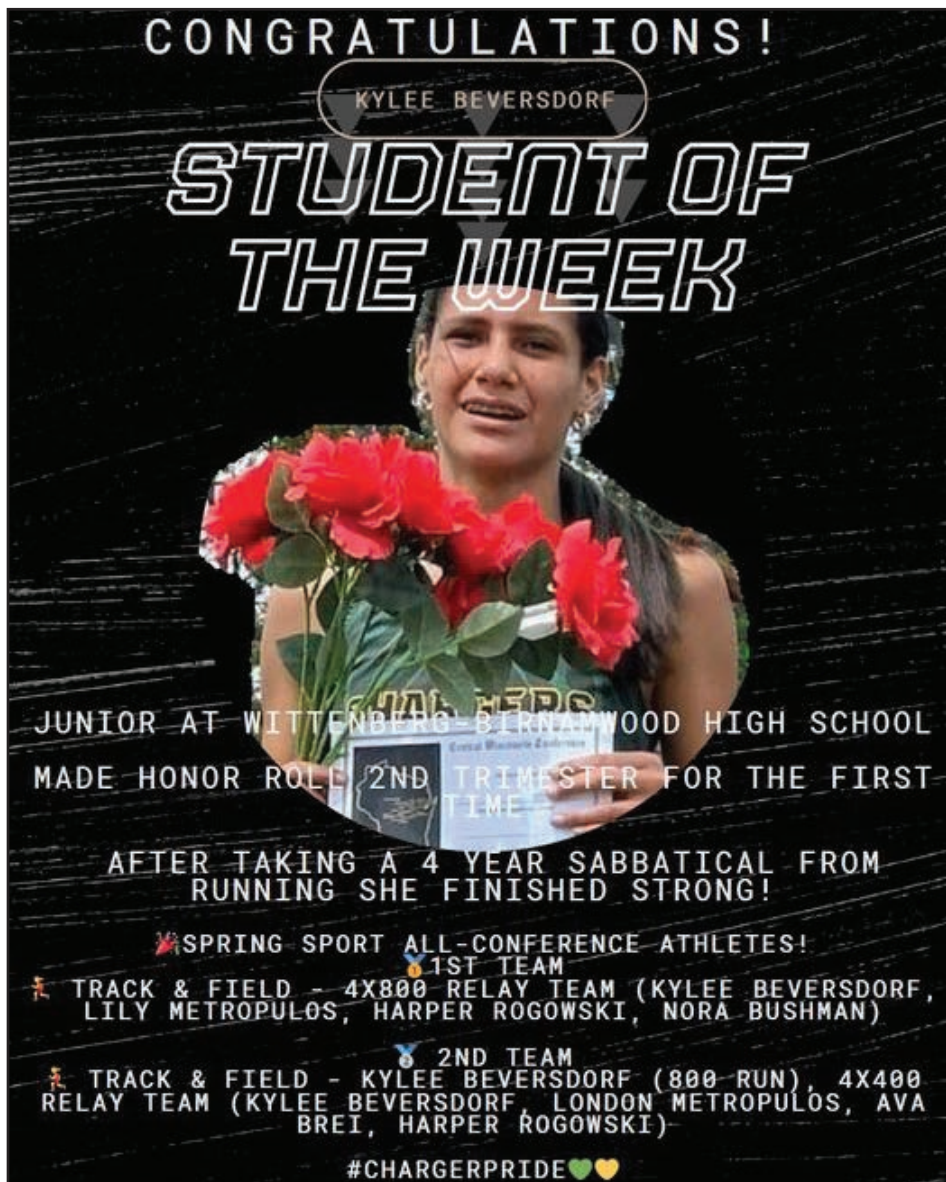
If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-284-2722 at least 10 working days prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
 (Live and/or Web Ex Connect*)

Ho-Chunk Nation Land Development Team

HEARING DATE: Monday, July 1, 2024
 HEARING TIME: 3:00 – 5:00
 HEARING LOCATION: Legislative Conference Room
 REVIEW AUTHORITY: Land Development Team
 DECISION MAKING AUTHORITY: Land Development Team
 STAFF CONTACT: Loa Porter (715) 284-9343 Ext. 11280
 APPLICATION/DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL: ICDBG grant proposal for mechanic shop.
 LOCATION OF PROPOSAL/REQUEST: Back-To-Basics (Next to DNR Shop). Located next to the HCN Trial Court. Physical address = W9784 Highway 54, Black River Falls, WI.
 APPLICANT: Department of Administration
 APPROVAL CRITERIA: ICDBG Grant Subpart-G, Section § 1003.604 Citizen participation.
 HEARING POLICIES AND APPEALS: The Land Development team conduct the hearing pursuant to 8 HHC § 4. All interested persons may testify at the public hearing and may submit written comments and documents before or at the hearing. All hearings are conducted in facilities that are accessible to persons with physical disabilities.
 NOTICE: Individuals planning to attend the meeting who require special assistance to accommodate physical, hearing, or other impairments, please contact the staff contact as soon as possible for arrangements.
 *Please contact: Carol.Garvin@ho-chunk.com or call 715-284-9343 Ext. 11729 for WebEx information.



Haramiḡe 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 Hocaḡk 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

 Ho-Chunk Nation Language and Culture Committee

NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN ~ 2 SEATS THE LANGUAGE & CULTURE COMMITTEE

The Language & Culture Committee seeks to fill 2 seats: **Seat 1** to immediately fill a vacant seat with a term that ends December 31, 2024; and **Seat 2** to fill a previously open, unappointed seat. That term will begin on January 1, 2025.

The Ho-Chunk Language and Culture Committee shall be appointed by the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature ..to establish policy and make decisions regarding the Ho-Chunk language and culturally related issues as defined in Section 16 Duties, Obligations and Responsibilities.

In accordance with *Ch. VI Language and Culture Committee*, the **Language and Culture Code** states:

12. Composition. The Ho-Chunk Language, Culture and Traditions Committee shall be composed of Ho-Chunk Nation Elite Elders, Elders and Ex-Officio representatives from programs or projects currently providing Ho-Chunk language instruction and cultural preservation for the Ho-Chunk Nation.

- The Committee will consist of seven (7) voting members, Three (3) Elite Ho-Chunk Elders, Four (4) Ho-Chunk Elders and will be formally appointed by the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature.
- The Ho-Chunk Language and Culture Committee members shall serve for a three (3) year staggered term. The term of the Ho-Chunk Language and Culture Committee members shall begin on January 1 following appointment at the November meeting of the Ho-Chunk Language and Culture Committee. **Ho-Chunk Language and Culture Committee members who are appointed to fill a vacancy caused by resignation, death or removal of a member shall serve for the remainder of the 3-year term.** Ho-Chunk Language and Culture Committee members may be reappointed without limit to number of terms.

The majority of the current board members are Elite Elders. Tribal members age 60 and above may be nominated or may self-nominate by sending a letter of interest to Adrienne Thunder, Language Division, Adrienne.thunder@ho-chunk.com or to P.O. Box 667, Black River Falls, WI 54615.

Rebecca Cooke

Candidate for the 3rd CD House of Representative

MEET & GREET

June 18, 5-7 pm, Jackson County

Democratic Office
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**HO-CHUNK NATION
LEGISLATURE
REGULAR MEETING
QUARLES
MADISON, WI
MAY 7, 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-EX
 - 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-P
 - Rep. Robert Pilot-VC (P-10:43 a.m.)
 - Rep. Paul Fox-P
 - Rep. Brianna Tahdoahnippah-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. Paul Fox to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Legislative Meeting-April 30, 2024

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the April 30, 2024 Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Danielle DeLong. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Commission Reports:

Special Finance Commission-April 10, 2024

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the April 10, 2024 Special Finance Commission Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Special Finance Commission-May 2, 2024

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to TABLE the May 2, 2024 Special Finance Commission Meeting minutes. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Reports:

Enrollment Report

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

Ho-Chunk Transportation Report

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to accept the Ho-Chunk Transportation Report. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Office of General Council Quarterly Report

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to accept the Office of General Council Quarterly Report. Second by Rep. Danielle DeLong. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Executive Branch Monthly Reports:

Department of Administration

A written report was received.

Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle would like to know why the Community Centers/Branch Offices report shows no activity/attendance in Nekoosa. There are events happening and people are coming to the center. This report should reflect that activity.

President Greendeer stated the Community Centers/Branch Offices report will be cleaned up.

Rep. Stephanie Begay mentioned that over the past few months Legislature has been waiting for an update regarding the buffering at the Branch Offices/Community Centers. President Greendeer said an update would be provided today.

Department of Health

A written report was received.

Department of Personnel; Insurance

A written report was received.

Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. had a question regarding recruitment. There are 91 positions posted along with 404 applicants, but it does not show how many positions were filled. This is the same report without any solutions on how to resolve this.

Is there something Personnel can work on it with the Labor and Business Departments to find ways to recruit and retain employees.

Rep. Stephanie Begay mentioned that the hiring process for frontline employees is too long. Rep. Begay would like to have a separate meeting with Personnel on how to streamline this process.

President Greendeer said he would see about getting a summary report from Personnel regarding recruitment and retention. The President said an unofficial meeting can be scheduled with Personnel, Office of the President and Legislature, and to also include Department of Business and Department of Labor.

Department of Social Services

A written report was received.

Hoocak Waaksik Xete Advisory Board Minutes

The April 17, 2024 meeting minutes were received. No action was taken on the March 20, 2024 meeting minutes.

Unfinished Business:

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beef or chicken. The dishes they came up with ranged from roast rabbit with acorn squash polenta cake to duck breast with braised mustard greens to sunflower choke with braised goose.
“We got to come in past the halfway point. We were after Restaurant Wars,” the turning point episode that happens midway through every season, Terry said. “We really got the chefs who are driven, who are transforming their cookery,

who are getting inspired on these different levels. They rose to the challenge, and there was not a bad dish served to us.”
Terry said her hour in the national culinary spotlight hasn't led to a lot of new opportunities – mostly because her slate was already full.
“We have 100% proof of success. Every single one of our culinary apprentices has found full time employment, which kind of leaves me

in a tough situation to be saying yes to a lot of things,” she said. “That being said, we have incredible opportunities. We’re going to the Smithsonian Folklife Festival as part of an ongoing partnership that Wild Bearies has developed, and we’re able to bring along three young women who are all studying environmentalism in some form, and advocacy. We’re able to provide opportunities like that, and then kind of take a step aside while we rebuild

our culinary mentorship program. It has been work that we’ve been doing in our community.”
Still, the experience had a profound impact on Terry and how she views her work.
“I’m an incredible introvert. I love being in the kitchen, behind the scenes, running the show,” she said. “So putting myself out there like that takes a lot of courage. And in our communities, unfortunately, there’s a lot of lateral criticism, and to

be so well received and celebrated. And to say this is a transformative moment to have representation ... not only Indigenous, but chefs out there. We’re experts, and we can be heard in these great spaces. It’s representation on so many different levels. How can I not take that moment and take it in? It’s just been incredible for me to be able to feel so strong and grounded from it all.”

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No items under Unfinished Business.

New Business:

Confirmation Hearing for Executive Director of Treasury Nominee

President Jon Greendeer introduced Bernice Twinn to the Legislature as the Executive Director of Treasury nominee.

Legislative Counsel Michael Murphy mentioned the process of holding the Confirmation Hearing. The nominee will have an opportunity to introduce themselves and speak on their experience, goals or objectives. Legislators will have an opportunity to ask questions of the candidate. There are two resolutions drafted one to confirm or deny. Under the law, Legislature can take up to two more sessions to decide.

Bernice Twinn, Executive Director of Treasury nominee was present, and went over her education, work history and fielded questions from the Legislature.

Resolution-Confirmation of Bernice Twinn to the Position of Executive Director of the Department of Treasury

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 05-07-24 A**, Confirmation of Bernice Twinn to the Position of Executive Director of the Department of Treasury. Second by Rep. Danielle DeLong. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution - Adoption of Amendments to the Environmental and Public Health Ordinance

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 05-07-24 B**, Adoption of Amendments to the Environmental and Public Health Ordinance. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 06-13-23 U, Approval of Expense from the Tribal Assistance Fund Restricted Account for the Higher Education Funding Request for FY 2024

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 05-07-24 C**, Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 06-13-23 U, Approval of Expense from the Tribal Assistance Fund Restricted Account for

the Higher Education Funding Request for FY 2024. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorizing Application for National Diabetes Prevention Program Lifestyle Change Program Mini-Grant

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 05-07-24 D**, Authorizing Application for National Diabetes Prevention Program Lifestyle Change Program Mini-Grant. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorizing Application for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration of Native Americans Social and Economic Development Strategies Grant

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 05-07-24 E**, Authorizing Application for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration of Native Americans Social and Economic Development Strategies Grant. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorizing Application for a Cultural Approach to Good Health and Wellness in Indian Country

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 05-07-24 F**, Authorizing Application for a Cultural Approach to Good Health and Wellness in Indian Country. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Declaration of May as Treatment Court Month

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 05-07-24 G**, Declaration of May as Treatment Court Month. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorizing Affiliation Agreement with Lakeland University

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 05-07-24 H**, Authorizing Affiliation Agreement with Lakeland University. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorizing

Affiliation Agreement with St. Mary's University

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 05-07-24 I**, Authorizing Affiliation Agreement with St. Mary's University. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Casino Host-Hostess Player Development New Job Description

MOTION by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. to approve the Casino Host-Hostess Player Development New Job Description. Second by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Executive Casino Host-Hostess Player Development New Job Description

MOTION by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. to approve the Executive Casino Host-Hostess Player Development New Job Description. Second by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

National Casino Marketing Coordinator New Job Description

MOTION by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. to TABLE the National Casino Marketing Coordinator New Job Description for more information. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Player Development Manager New Job Description

MOTION by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. to TABLE the Player Development Manager New Job Description for more information. Second by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Player Development Supervisor New Job Description

MOTION by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. to TABLE the Player Development Supervisor New Job Description. Second by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. would like to request information on Player Development, it seems to be repeating the Players Rewards Club that is already in place. How will this increase revenue and how is it going to improve the current rewards club?

Rep. Robert Pilot arrived to the

meeting in person at 10:43 a.m.

Resolution-Authorization to Place Amendment to the Employee Relations Act (6 HHC § 5) Out for Forty Five Say Public Comment

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 05-07-24 J**, Authorization to Place Amendment to the Employee Relations Act (6 HHC § 5) Out for Forty Five Say Public Comment. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 6-3(Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr., Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle, Rep. Stephanie Begay)-2(Rep. Kristin White Eagle, Rep. Danielle DeLong) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorizing Affiliation Agreement with University of Northern Arizona

MOTION by Rep. Rodney Rave to adopt **Resolution 05-07-24 K**, Authorizing Affiliation Agreement with University of Northern Arizona. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Approval of Department of Education Programs Under the General Welfare Exclusion Ordinance (4 HCC § 17)

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to TABLE Resolution-Approval of Department of Education Programs Under the General Welfare Exclusion Ordinance (4 HCC § 17). Second by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

District Meetings:

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No motions were made.

Executive Session:

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

The meeting moved to Executive Session at 10:53 a.m.

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

President Jon Greendeer called the meeting to order at 12:29 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 3:57 p.m.

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

Released to Open Session:

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to deny the purchase of the McMasters property and release this motion to Open Session. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Commission Reports: (Revisited)

Special Finance Commission-May 2, 2024

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to approve the May 2, 2024 Special Finance Commission with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Amendment to the agenda:

MOTION by Rep. Danielle DeLong to add under New Business: Resolution-In Support of the Ho-Chunk Head Start Applying for the State of Wisconsin Annual Head Start Supplemental Grant. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

New Business:

Resolution-In Support of the Ho-Chunk Head Start Applying for the State of Wisconsin Annual Head Start Supplemental Grant

MOTION by Rep. Danielle DeLong to adopt **Resolution 05-07-24 L**, In Support of the Ho-Chunk Head Start Applying for the State of Wisconsin Annual Head Start Supplemental Grant. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to adjourn the Legislative Meeting to May 21, 2024 at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

**HO-CHUNK NATION
LEGISLATURE
EMERGENCY SPECIAL
MEETING
TRIBAL EXECUTIVE
OFFICES
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI
MAY 10, 2024**

Call to Order: President Jon Greendeer called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Roll Call:

President Jon Greendeer-P
Vice President Karena
Thundercloud-P

Rep. Rodney Rave-P
Rep. Phyllis Smoke-EX
Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr.-P
Rep. Stephanie Begay-P
Rep. Kristin White Eagle-VC
Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr.-P
Rep. Shelby Visintin-VC
Rep. Sarah Lemieux-P
Rep. Danielle DeLong-VC
Rep. Robert Pilot-VC
Rep. Paul Fox-VC
Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah-VC

VC-Video Conference

Determination of Quorum:

Quorum is established at 10:02 a.m.

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

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Executive Session:

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to move to Executive Session

for Business Matters, Criminal Matters, Inter-governmental Relations, Land, Law Enforcement, Legal Advice, Personnel Matters, Public Safety or Well-Being. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to return to Open Session. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting returned to Open Session at 10:53 a.m.

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

Adjournment:

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to adjourn the Emergency Special Legislative Meeting. Second by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Emergency Special Legislative Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

**HO-CHUNK NATION
LEGISLATURE
REGULAR MEETING
EXECUTIVE OFFICES
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI
MAY 21, 2024**

Call to Order: President Jon Greendeer called the meeting to order at 9:59 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-VC
(10:01 a.m.)
Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr.-P
Rep. Shelby Visintin-VC (10:01 a.m.)
Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle-P
Rep. Danielle DeLong-P
Rep. Robert Pilot-VC
Rep. Paul Fox-P
Rep. Brianna Tahdoahnippah-VC

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. Phyllis Smoke. **13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Legislative Meeting-May 7, 2024

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the May 7, 2024 Legislative Meeting Minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. **13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

Emergency Special Legislative Meeting-May 10, 2024

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the May 10, 2024 Emergency Special Legislative Meeting with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. **13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

Commission Reports:

Gaming Commission Report

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to accept the Gaming Commission Report. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. **13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

Special Finance Commission-May 15, 2024

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to approve the May 15, 2024 Special Finance Commission with corrections. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. **13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

Executive Branch Monthly Reports:

Department of Heritage Preservation

A written report was received.

Rep. Paul Fox mentioned that a few months ago the Enrollment Office came to the Twin Cities Branch Office to provide Tribal ID's. Some of the Tribal members ID's did not have eye color, hair color, height or weight printed on them. Will the Tribal members have to pay for another card? President Greendeer said they will get an answer to that question.

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.

Department of Business

A written report was received.

Department of Education

A written report was received.

Department of Housing

HHCDA's Transfer of Housing Units & Services

Rep. Kristin White Eagle would like to hear from the Executive Director of Housing on the plan for the transfer of the housing units, and how Housing will manage the rental lists.

Executive Director of Housing Denise Wright was present to speak on the transfer and the management of the housing units. Since the Department of Housing has received the 65 rental units from HHCDA they have:

- Inspected the vacant units.
- Mailed out introduction letters including the housing directory with emergency numbers.
- Rental Management Housing policies and procedures.
- Notices sent for scheduling lease signings.
- Posted the Senior Construction II position for Milwaukee and Wittenberg.
- Posted the Senior Construction II for Green Bay.
- Working on evictions due to non-payment.
- Posting RFPs bids for general construction, lawn care and maintenance.
- Met with a possible buyer for the 92nd Street property.

Rep. White Eagle asked if Housing has the resources available, so they can get tribal members into the units as soon as possible. EDOH Wright said they do not have the monetary means to update all the units now. Some of the units just need cleaning.

Vice President Karen Thundercloud would like to have the total number of the costs submitted.

Department of Labor

A written report was received.

Unfinished Business:

National Casino Marketing Coordinator New Job Description

Player Development Manager New Job Description

Player Development Supervisor New Job Description

MOTION by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. to TABLE the National Casino Marketing Coordinator New Job Description, Player Development Manager New Job Description and Player Development Supervisor New Job Description for more information. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. **13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Approval of Department of Education Programs Under the General Welfare Exclusion Ordinance (4 HCC § 17)

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 05-21-24 A**, Approval of Department of Education Programs Under the General Welfare Exclusion Ordinance (4 HCC § 17). Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. **13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

New Business:

Resolution-Authorization to Issue Legislative Recognition Citation to Woonagire Waaksik (Robert Mann)

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 05-21-24 B**, Authorization to Issue Legislative Recognition Citation to Woonagire Waaksik (Robert Mann). Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. **12-1(Rep. Brianna Tahdoahnippah)-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

Presentation of the Legislative Recognition Citation:

President Jon Greendeer read the Legislative Recognition Citation for Woonagire Waaksik Robert Mann. Woonagire Waaksik was presented with a blanket and an honor song.

Resolution-Adoption of Amendments to the Tribal Property Rights of Repatriated Items Act (7 HCC § 2)

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 05-21-24 C**, Adoption of Amendments to the Tribal Property Rights of Repatriated Items Act (7 HCC § 2). Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. **13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

Amendments to the Class II and Class III Internal Control Manuals

Legislative Counsel Michael Murphy mentioned the Gaming Commission is requesting amendments to the Class II and Class III Internal Control Manuals. The documents include the redline version. Legislative Counsel asked if the proposed amendments are

based on the national level or just internal improvements. Gaming Commissioner Cori Blaschke clarified they are for internal needs.

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to approve the Amendments to the Class II and Class III Internal Control Manuals. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. **13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

Ho-Chunk Nation Gaming Commission Bylaws

Legislative Counsel Michael Murphy mentioned the Gaming Commission had brought forth the bylaws back in September 2023, they were tabled for further review and discussion. The review and discussions have taken place, and the redline version is included in the documents. There are a few minor changes under IX. Committees:

- Change the word reside to participate.
- Add on verbiage "consistent with the position of the Ho-Chunk Nation, and to notify the Legislature of any commissioner involvement".

Gaming Commissioner Cori Blaschke agrees with the changes.

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to accept the Ho-Chunk Nation Gaming Commission Bylaws with noted changes. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. **13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

Veterans Supportive Housing (HHCDA)

Vice President Karena Thundercloud mentioned receiving a call from Executive Director of HHCDA that during the HHCDA Board meeting HHCDA would like to keep Veterans Supportive Housing (VSH) under HHCDA. There had been prior discussions with HHCDA, that HHCDA did not want VSH, and to move under Veterans Affairs or Housing. The Vice President would like to have a discussion on if Legislature would like take any action at this time.

Executive Director of Heritage Preservation Clayton Winneshiek mentioned that he spoke with Veterans Affairs Director Myra Jo Price, who is prepared to take this on.

Veterans Affairs Director Myra Jo Price said they are prepared and capable to administer this program since the clientele are veterans. The Legislature approved two job descriptions for a Case Manager and Veterans Officer. HHCDA wanted to turn it back over to the Nation, so Veterans Affairs started making preparations. Then it was mentioned there was a recommendation for VSH going to Housing. After that there was no further movements on this.

Executive Director of Housing Denise Wright said she is in agreement with the Veterans Affairs Director that Veterans Affairs are equipped and ready to take this on. If Legislature believes Housing can administer VSH, Housing is

willing to so.

President Jon Greendeer said Executive Branch will have solid proposal for next session.

Rep. Stephanie Begay said the Legislature provides funding whether it is under HHCDA or the Nation. HHCDA had stated they did not want it any longer, so it should go to the Nation.

Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle would like it to go to Executive Branch.

Rep. Rodney Rave would like it to go to Executive Branch. Rep. Robert Funmaker Jr. would like to move forward and see if there any mismanagement of the program or its bylaws within HHCDA.

Nicole Kimpton from HHCDA mentioned the Board made a motion to return VSH to the Nation along with the D3 units. Recently Melanie Stacy, Grants Writer talked with the Nation and how HHCDA now has a plan for third party billing to be implemented.

President Greendeer said the Executive Branch will provide recommendations on what would be most viable to insure what services Tribal Members are receiving. Regarding Rep. Funmaker, Jr.'s concern, that is a valid concern to see what is going on.

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to TABLE Veterans Supportive Housing (HHCDA) for more information. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. **13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

Behavioral Director Revised Job Description

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to approve the Behavioral Director Revised Job Description. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. **12-1(Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr.)-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization for the Health Department to Apply for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency General Assistance Program Grant

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 05-21-24 D**, Authorization for the Health Department to Apply for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency General Assistance Program Grant. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. **13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization for Paid Administrative Leave for House of Wellness Power Outage

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 05-21-24 E**, Authorization for Paid Administrative Leave for House of Wellness Power Outage. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. **13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization to Place Amendments to the Agricultural Leasing Code (8 HCC § 9) out for Forty-Five Day Public Comment

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MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 05-21-24 F**, Authorization to Place Amendments to the Agricultural Leasing Code (8 HCC § 9) out for Forty-Five Day Public Comment. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

Resolution-Authorization of a Business Site Land Lease on Lot 1 of Village West Property #439 T 2186 for Ho-Chunk Housing & Community Development Agency

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 05-21-24 G**, Authorization of a Business Site Land Lease on Lot 1 of Village West Property #439 T 2186 for Ho-Chunk Housing & Community Development Agency. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

Resolution-Rescission of Resolution 11-06-07A on Indian Mission Lot 29 for Donovan P. Scheurich, Jr.

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 05-21-24 H**, Rescission of Resolution 11-06-07A on Indian Mission Lot 29 for Donovan P. Scheurich, Jr. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

Resolution-Authorization of a Business Site Land Lease on the Ruxton Property #439 T 2159 for the Department of Social Services-Childcare Division

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 05-21-24 I**, Authorization of a Business Site Land Lease on the Ruxton Property #439 T 2159 for the Department of Social Services-Childcare Division. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

Resolution-Cancellation of Fee Lease #1995 for Ellen Duma

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 05-21-24 J**, Cancellation of Fee Lease #1995 for Ellen Duma. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

Resolution-Authorization for Department of Heritage Preservation Cultural Resources Division to Apply for the National Park Service Tribal Historical Preservation Officer Grant

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 05-21-24 K**, Authorization for Department of Heritage Preservation Cultural Resources Division to Apply for the National Park Service Tribal Historical Preservation Officer Grant. Second by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

Resolution-Authorizing Application for Wisconsin Department of Justice Office of Crime Victim Services Victims of Crime Act Grant

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 05-21-24**

L, Authorizing Application for Wisconsin Department of Justice Office of Crime Victim Services Victims of Crime Act Grant. Second by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

Grants Specialist Revised Job Description

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to approve the Grants Specialist Revised Job Description with a 2 pay grade increase. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

Education Materials Director New Job Description

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to approve the Education Materials Director New Job Description. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

Licensing Coordinator New Job Description

MOTION by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. to approve Licensing Coordinator New Job Description. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

Funding Reconciliations

Rep. Kristin White Eagle mentioned the Founders Day Pow-Wow and Round Dance events required reconciliation within 30-days of the event. The District 2 area have requested presentation of the reconciliations, however the events have not been reconciled.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle would like Founder's Day Pow-Wow and Round Dance be updated with all of the background presented to Treasury, and for Treasury to bring back options on how to improve the policy and insure adherence to the policy and bring it back to next Legislative session. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to request both the Founder's Day Pow-Wow and Round Dance reconciliations once they are completed and reviewed by Treasury that they are forwarded to the Legislative Branch. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

Resolution-Authorization to Submit for the Environmental Protection Agency Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicles Grants

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 05-21-24 M**, Authorization to Submit for the Environmental Protection Agency Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicles Grants. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

Group Sales Manager Revised Job Description

MOTION by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. to approve Group Sales Manager Revised Job Description. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

Resolution-Ho-Chunk

Transportation Authority Town of Fairfield Acknowledgement of Public Authority Responsibility

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 05-21-24 N**, Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Town of Fairfield Acknowledgement of Public Authority Responsibility. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

Resolution-Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to Apply for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Urban Forestry Inflation Reduction Act Grant

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 05-21-24 O**, Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to Apply for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Urban Forestry Inflation Reduction Act Grant. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

Resolution-Authorization to Place the Election Code (2 HCC § 6) out for Forty-Five Day Public Comment

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 05-21-24 P**, Authorization to Place the Election Code (2 HCC § 6) out for Forty-Five Day Public Comment. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

Resolution-Authorization to Enter into an Agreement with Judicare Legal Aid, Inc.

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to adopt **Resolution 05-21-24 Q**, Authorization to Enter into an Agreement with Judicare Legal Aid, Inc. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

Resolution-Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 04-03-24E Timeline and Procedures for Legislative Redistricting

MOTION by Rep. Shelby Visintin to adopt **Resolution 05-21-24 R**, Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 04-03-24E Timeline and Procedures for Legislative Redistricting. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

Resolution-Authorization of Land Lease on the Wo Gis Na Pi Property Tract #439 T 2161 for Wendell Everson

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to adopt **Resolution 05-21-24 S**, Authorization of Land Lease on the Wo Gis Na Pi Property Tract #439 T 2161 for Wendell Everson. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. SECOND WITHDRAWN. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 11-2(Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr., Rep. Stephanie Begay)-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

District Meetings:

D1 Niioxawani – May 8, 2024

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Henrietta

Funmaker have Legislature not pursue the purchase of the Old Palms Supper Club Land, due to the high purchase price.

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to refer to the Department of Business the **MOTION** by Doug Greengrass to have Legislature provide a business study for a grocery store for District 1 residence. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Lori Pettibone for Ho-Chunk Children receive the same amount of the General Welfare payments as Adults.

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to refer to HHCDA the **MOTION** by Doug Greengrass to rename the Small Homes Development in the mission Thundercloud Lane. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to refer to the Finance Commission the **MOTION** by Kelly Jo Funmaker to have the DICC usage fees go into a restricted account. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to refer to the Office of the President and Department of Administration the **MOTION** by Kelly Jo Funmaker to allow District 1 Community Center to waive the usage fee for tribal members, employees and their families. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to refer to the Finance Commission the **MOTION** by Kelly Jo Funmaker to support the HAGA Funding Request through Legislature then the Finance Commission. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to refer to the Office of the President and Department of Business the **MOTION** by Tracy Thundercloud to have Business Department to provide a business plan for the HC-Cinema for the next month's meeting. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to refer to the Department of Administration and the Office of the President the **MOTION** by Nathaniel Longtail to have DOA update the Criminal Code on the Website. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to refer to the Economic Development Administration the **MOTION** by Tracy Thundercloud to have the EDA Reports available for tribal members for the next District Meeting. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to refer

to the Finance Commission the **MOTION** by Doug Greengrass to have Legislature assist the Mission Cemetery with 4 flag poles. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to refer to the Department of Social Services, Office of the President, Attorney General and Legislative Counsel the **MOTION** by Lori Pettibone to have an audit on CFS policies and procedures for changes to assist the children. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

D2 Hinukwas– May 13, 2024

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to the Finance Commission the **MOTION** by Donald Greengrass to approve the Volk Field pow-wow request in the amount of \$2,000. Second by Tracy Littlejohn. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to \$2,500 for cost that may increase by November and include reconciliation. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

D2 Ho'uni Xununik – May 14, 2024

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to the Office of the President and Department of Business the **MOTION** by Rachel Winneshiek for Robert Mudd to attend the June Tomah area meeting to give report on Ho-Chunk Cinema and provide business plan. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to HHCDA Board of Commissioners the **MOTION** by Liza Green for HHCDA Commissioner Robin Blackdeer to provide verbal report at next area meeting. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to Legislative Legal and Vice President for the release of the minutes regarding the **MOTION** by Liza Green to have Liane Brown to have signature authority for Bank First account. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to Legislative Legal and Vice President for release of the minutes for **MOTION** by Sandy Winneshiek to have Liza Green as the second signature authority on the Bank First account. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

D2 Hoxaikeja/Hogucejal Nižhakisuc – May 15, 2024

MOTION by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. to refer to the Department of Business and Office of the President the **MOTION** by Clariss Funmaker to invite EDOB Robert Mudd back to June Dells area meeting. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-1(Rep. Stephanie Begay) **MOTION CARRIED**.

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MOTION by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. to refer to the Finance Commission the **MOTION** by Roberta Funmaker to assist Kerry Funmaker with \$3,000 for a Medical trip for his surgery with reconciliation. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-1(Rep. Stephanie Begay) **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. to refer to the Finance Commission the **MOTION** by Shane Funmaker to provide \$50,000 for the HAGA golf group. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-1(Rep. Stephanie Begay) **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. to refer to the Finance Commission the **MOTION** by Cindy Tack that all the Legislators support the original budget submitted by the General Council office. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-1(Rep. Stephanie Begay) **MOTION CARRIED.**

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Cindy Tack to table unfinished business item c. racism in schools.

MOTION by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. to refer to the Department of Treasury the **MOTION** by Barb Funmaker to table General Welfare Fund presentation. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-1(Rep. Stephanie Begay) **MOTION CARRIED.**

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Courage Cleveland to have the Round Dance reconciliation for the June area meeting.

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Clariss Funmaker to review the reconciliation process for community events.

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Barb Funmaker to table Suicide Prevention Walk.

MOTION by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. to refer to the Finance Commission the **MOTION** by Cindy Tack to bring back payouts that were established prior for area meetings. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-1(Rep. Stephanie Begay) **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. to refer to Legislative Legal and Department of Justice the **MOTION** by Barb Funmaker to nominate Clariss Funmaker for the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-1(Rep. Stephanie Begay) **MOTION CARRIED.**

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Cindy Tack to table Bus Stop.

MOTION by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. to refer to the Finance Commission the **MOTION** by Roberta Funmaker to assist Bryan Powless for his AAU basketball team in the amount of \$800.

Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-1(Rep. Stephanie Begay) **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. to refer to the Department of Business, Department of Administration and Planning and Development the **MOTION** by Clariss Funmaker to support development of Siller property. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to include the Office of the President. Second concurs. 12-0-1(Rep. Stephanie Begay) **MOTION CARRIED.**

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Cindy Tack that the D2 area meeting be exclusively held at Indian Heights.

MOTION by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. to refer to Legislative Legal the **MOTION** by Shane Funmaker to look into the different options in dissolving 12 Clans. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-1(Rep. Stephanie Begay) **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. to refer to the Department of Housing, HHCDA and Legislative Legal the **MOTION** by Barb Funmaker to research the AG Property by the camp ground Crockets for residential housing. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to include the Office of the President. Second concurs. 12-0-1(Rep. Stephanie Begay) **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. to refer to the Office of the President the **MOTION** by Shane Funmaker for President Jon Greendeer to attend the next area meeting. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-1(Rep. Stephanie Begay) **MOTION CARRIED.**

D3 Pac cinak – May 13, 2024

MOTION by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. to refer to HHCDA the **MOTION** by Fran Littlewolf to have a more housing survey in Wittenberg. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. to refer to the Office of the President and Department of Housing for background check **MOTION** by Caroline Koukos to accept Andi Jo Cloud as the District 3 Housing Board of Directors. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. to refer to the Finance Commission the **MOTION** by Fran Littlewolf to request the \$5,150 for the Prevent Suicide Gathering. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D3 Tejop – May 15, 2024

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION to accept Andi Jo Cloud as the Housing Board of Directors.

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to refer to the Office of the President and Department of Social Services the **MOTION** by Sandra Blumer to have the Ho-Chunk Nation Child and Family Services provide the statistics relating to how many of our Ho-Chunk children's cases are being conducted in Ho-Chunk Tribal Court and how many are bring given to counties and how many cases through the county and Tribal Courts have been placed with non Ho-Chunk families, to be broken down by each county and year, for the last five years. I am requesting that the statistics be shared at the June area meeting. Second by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to refer to the Office of the President and Department of Social Services the **MOTION** by Brenda Huff to request a SOP concerning change of placements for our Ho-Chunk Children. Second by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to refer to the Finance Commission the **MOTION** by Shawn Woldt that Rock Greendeer has a service provider agreement for his Woosga Revitalization class. Second by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D3 Cexhaci – May 16, 2024

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to refer to HHCDA for a background check. Second by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Ona Garvin to support Andi Jo Cloud to be on the Housing Board of Directors.

D3 Tešišik – May 8, 2024

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to refer to the Office of the President and Department of Administration the **MOTION** by Ruth Yellowthunder to provide transportation for disabled tribal members as well as elders. Second by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to refer to HHCDA the **MOTION** by Ruth Yellowthunder that Cheri Byhre gets put back on the HHCDA Board. Second by Rep. Lambert Cleveland Jr. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Cheri Byhre to accept Andi Jo Cloud as D3 Housing Board of Directors.

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to refer to Legislative Legal the **MOTION** by Ruth Yellowthunder that Milwaukee has at least 10 people present at the area meeting. Second by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to refer

to the Office of the President and Department of Housing the **MOTION** for someone from Housing to come to the next Milwaukee area meeting. Second by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D4 Guušgonak – May 13, 2024

No motions.

D4 Maanico Horuzra – May 16, 2024

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Rosetta Hunt to have the Twin Cities Annual Picnic at a park in Minnehaha/ Minnesota.

D1 Howasa-May 14, 2024

There was not a meeting, they had an informal discussion.

Recess:

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to recess for lunch until 12:45 p.m. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:04 p.m.

Call to Order:

Vice President Karena Thundercloud called the meeting to order at 12:45 p.m.

Roll Call:

President Jon Greendeer-P (12:55 p.m.)
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-VC
Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr.-P
Rep. Shelby Visintin-VC (12:47 p.m.)
Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle-P
Rep. Danielle DeLong-P
Rep. Robert Pilot-VC
Rep. Paul Fox-P
Rep. Brianna Tahdoohnippah-VC

VC-Video Conference

Determination of Quorum: Quorum is established at 12:46 p.m.

First Executive Session:

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to move to Executive Session for Business Matters, Criminal Matters, Inter-governmental Relations, Land, Law Enforcement, Legal Advice, Personnel Matters, Public Safety or Well-Being. Second by Rep. Danielle DeLong. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting moved to Executive Session at 12:46 p.m.

Rep. Phyllis Smoke is excused for the remainder of the meeting.

President Jon Greendeer is online at 12:55 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. to return to Open Session. Second by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting returned to Open Session at 2:01 p.m.

New Business:

American Indian Chamber of Commerce Presentation

Heather Cloud, Executive Director of American Indian Chamber of Commerce-Wisconsin (AICCW) was present and presented an overview of their organization and upcoming events. AICCW's goal is to work with Native and Tribal businesses and Tribal governments to help them succeed by providing resources and working opportunities. This year AICCW is hosting the 4th Annual Craig Anderson Golf Outing on August 16, 2024 at Thornberry Creek. If the Nation would like to sponsor or have a team, it would be greatly appreciated.

Eric Hess, Wisconsin Director of Small Business Administration and Shane Mahaffy, Lead Business Opportunity Specialist presented a brief overview of their program.

Second Executive Session:

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to move to Executive Session. Second by Rep. Robert Pilot. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting moved to Executive Session at 2:26 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to return to Open Session. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting returned to Open Session at 4:15 p.m.

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

Release to Open Session:

MOTION by Rep. Shelby Visintin to release the May Beloit update to Open Session for the purpose of June area meetings. Second by Rep. Robert Pilot. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. is out of the room.*

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 05-21-24 U**, Appropriation of Unexpended Funds from Ho-Chunk Nation Fiscal Year 2023. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to release Resolution 05-21-24 U, including the categories. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adjourn the Legislative Meeting to June 4, 2024 at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Second by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

Call for Submissions

"Teejop & Beyond" at Madison Public Library



Each fall, Madison Public Library and Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison welcome a variety of Native artists, storytellers, and community leaders for a series of programs celebrating Indigenous people in and beyond Teejop (pronounced day-JOPE, meaning Four Lakes, or Madison). Beginning on Indigenous People's Day each year, Native folks from different nations lead programs highlighting both traditional and contemporary practices, stories, and community relationships.

Accepting Applications Beginning Monday, June 17 for Teejop & Beyond 2024!

We invite program ideas from any Native person living in Wisconsin, whether their homelands are in the Great Lakes region or elsewhere in the world. In the past, this series has included art workshops, youth storytimes, in-person or virtual presentations, outdoor guided activities, and more. We welcome any ideas that offer opportunities for participants to learn and connect with you and with each other.

The content is up to you, but here are some places to start:

- Creation or origin stories
- Cultural celebrations and seasonal customs
- Food, herbs, and crops
- Skills, arts, and crafts
- History: removals, returns, important figures, other topics
- Indigenous peoples in community or government
- Relationships between different nations, or collective efforts towards decolonization



Programs for this series will take place Oct-Dec, 2024

If you have questions before applying, please contact
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Applications open June 17

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