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## Special Ceremony Celebrates Award-Winning Video "Our Past Can Shape Our Future"

Kaili Berg

On Tuesday, October 1, 2024, Clean Lakes Alliance and the Ho-Chunk Nation hosted an awards ceremony at The Edgewater Hotel in Madison, Wisconsin, to celebrate their video "Our Past Can Shape Our Future," which has earned five prestigious Telly Awards.

The video highlights the history of the Yahara Watershed and the longstanding relationship between the Ho-Chunk people and the land, while also calling attention to the importance of preserving this vital resource for future generations.

The event featured remarks from James Tye, Executive Director of Clean Lakes Alliance, and Jon Greendeer, President of the Ho-Chunk Nation.

The Telly Awards, based in New York, are a prestigious honor recognizing excellence in video and television production. With nearly 13,000 entries worldwide, "Our Past Can Shape Our Future" stood out for its compelling portrayal of the Yahara Watershed, known as Teejop to the Ho-Chunk people.

This sacred area has been home to the Ho-Chunk Nation for

thousands of years, and the video emphasizes the cultural connection to the land and the importance of protecting it for future generations.

The video was the result of a collaborative effort. Creative Director Sam Sorenson from Studio 88 Create led the production, with Samantha Skenandore of the Ho-Chunk Nation as an associate producer.

The narration was provided by

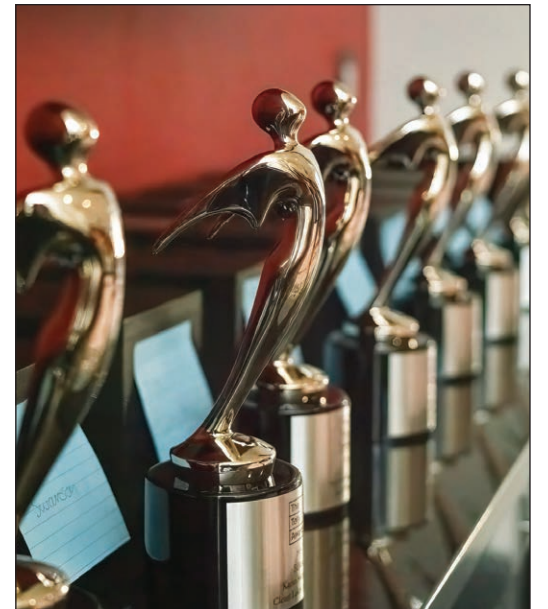
Representative Robert Pilot of the Ho-Chunk Nation, while Adam Sodersten from Clean Lakes Alliance produced, directed, and co-wrote the project with Paul Dearlove of Clean Lakes Alliance.

James Tye served as the executive producer, with Ryan Greendeer of the Ho-Chunk Nation as associate editor and Karin Swanson of Clean Lakes Alliance as the editor.

Additional contributions came

from Sarah Lemieux, Clayton Winneshiek, and Jon Greendeer of the Ho-Chunk Nation.

By blending history with a vision for the future, "Our Past Can Shape Our Future" aims to inspire viewers to take action in preserving the region's natural resources. The video can be viewed in full on YouTube, where it continues to spread its message of cultural reverence and environmental responsibility.



## Judiciary Branch Dedicates Walking Trail in Memory of Mark Thomas Gawron

On October 4, 2024, the Ho-Chunk Nation Judiciary Branch held a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Gawron Walking Trail dedication. The walking trail is in memory of Mark Thomas Gawron (September 3, 1962-August 20, 2018), who was an employee of the Ho-Chunk Nation as a Forester with the Ho-Chunk Nation Division of Natural Resources. The trail is located near the Wa Ehi Hoci courts building on Highway 54 outside of Black River Falls.

Mark Gawron worked closely with Robert Mann to get this walking trail started. The inspiration for this walking trail was based on how the Ho-Chunk culture deeply values the natural world. This trail is an outdoor space for the Healing to Wellness participants to reflect on the natural environment to the outdoors, which could be seen as essential for healing and restoration.

This ceremony was on a beautiful fall day where many guest speakers shared their experiences of working alongside Mark and explained his passion for the outdoors and fondness of trees. The Gawron family was present and his son told how his dad loved



working for the Ho-Chunk Nation and was impressed with the Ho-Chunk basket makers.

Mark Gawron's son also stated about his dad, "As you walk the trail, he would get much joy from seeing all of you enjoy this trail and appreciate the beauty of nature."

The trail is comprised of a 0.44 mile Outer Loop and a 0.36 mile Inner Loop.

Mark Gawron put his heart and soul into this project and we cannot thank him enough. This truly is a beautiful trail located at Wa Ehi Hoci in Black River Falls and encourage everyone to stop by to enjoy it!

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# Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature: Social Security Administration Decision Regarding the Minors' Trust

October 4, 2024

On September 25, 2024, the Social Security Administration ("SSA") – Chicago Regional Office - notified the Ho-Chunk Nation that it completed its review of the Ho-Chunk Nation Minors' Trust. The Nation amended and restated the Minors' Trust on August 22, 2023. A review was completed in order to see if the Nation's Minors' Trust, with the 2023 amendments, substantially complied with the requirements found within the SSA's Program Operations Manual System ("POMS"). The POMS is a primary source of operational guidelines used by Social Security employees during their daily Social Security activities – including processing claims for Social Security benefits. The September 2024 SSA decision is that the Nation's Minors' Trust substantially complies with the POMS requirements. This is a positive shift from its previous decision.

Despite the Nation's numerous arguments, the SSA's old determination was that the Nation's previously stated Minors' Trust failed to comply with the POMS, specifically POMS SI 01120.195.E. So, what did that mean for the members of the Ho-Chunk Nation? Under its previous decision,

the SSA found that the members - individually were the grantors of their Trusts. This resulted in a Tribal Member's Trust being deemed their resource for determining eligibility for Social Security benefits. Minor and incompetent Tribal Members have consistently been denied or received reduced Supplemental Security Income ("SSI") based upon the SSA's old decision.

Under the new September 2024 SSA decision, the Nation's Minors' Trust substantially complies with POMS SI 01120.195.E. The SSA now understands that the Nation is the grantor of the Trust. The individual Tribal Member does not have the legal authority to revoke or terminate the trust or to direct the use of the trust assets for their own support and maintenance. The SSA will apply a resource exclusion, and the Tribal Member's Trust (the trust principal in this instance is the monies the Nation has placed in the Trust and the earnings on the Trust) will be excluded from an individual Tribal Member's resources for SSI eligibility determination purposes. This could help when it comes to SSI benefits decisions.

Based upon the timing of the amendments to the Nation's Minors'

Trust and the request for review, the SSA will backdate resource exclusions to the beginning of September 2023. Thus, if any Tribal Member minor or incompetent has been facing a denial or reduction in SSI benefits based upon resource decisions related to the Nation's Minors' Trust between September 1, 2023 and now, you should consider letting your local SSA Office know the following:

1) There should be an updated Trust Precedent on file for the Nation's Minors' Trust. If it has yet to hit the system – it is forthcoming, and the local SSA Office employees should reach out to the Chicago Regional Office for this update.

2) That the Chicago Regional Office decided:

a. The Nation's Trust complies with POMS SI 01120.195.E;

b. The SSA will apply a resource exclusion pursuant to POMS SI 01120.200D.2; and

c. The resource exclusion is backdated to September 1, 2023.

Should you continue to have any issues, please consider reaching out to an attorney who specializes in public benefits law. You may qualify for services with Judicare Legal Aid in Wisconsin, (715) 842-1681 or toll free

at (800) 472-1638. Additionally, you can do a search online for an attorney in your area that specializes in public benefits law; you can visit your State's Bar Association website to see if they have a Lawyer Referral Service; or you can search to see if you have a local County Bar Association who holds legal help nights.

In additional public benefits news, we were excited to learn that Wisconsin's State Medicaid Plan Amendment was approved by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services ("CMS") earlier this year. Effective September 1, 2024, Tribal General Welfare Assistance ("GWA") received under the Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act of 2014 will not be counted as income for any category of Medicaid or BadgerCare Plus in the State of Wisconsin. This is regardless of whether the specific GWA program uses income as a factor of eligibility. Any unspent GWA is ignored as an asset for 12 months following the month of receipt. These WI Department of Health Services ("DHS") policies apply to applications or change reports submitted on or after September 1, 2024, and for renewals due September 1, 2024, or later.

Sincerely,

The Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature

## Jessika Greendeer (Gisarasarac Maąnįwįga) Joins the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature as a District 1 Legislator

Black River Falls, WI — The Ho-Chunk Nation proudly welcomes Jessika Greendeer, Gisarasarac Maąnįwįga, to the Legislature as the newly elected District 1 Seat 1 Legislator. Sworn into office on Oct. 2, 2024, Greendeer brings over 20 years of leadership experience in both the civilian sector and the U.S. Army, stepping into her role with a vision to represent future generations and uphold the traditions of the Ho-Chunk people.

In her acceptance speech, Greendeer reflected on the responsibility she feels toward her community and future generations: "The people have entrusted me with the privilege to represent them, to represent our future generations, and to speak up for the unborn who have yet to come. Every day, I will do my best to represent all of you and our Ho-Chunk relatives around the globe. Relatives, I will be here as long as you need me to be. In the interim, let us all continue teaching, coaching, mentoring, and nurturing our next generation of leaders."

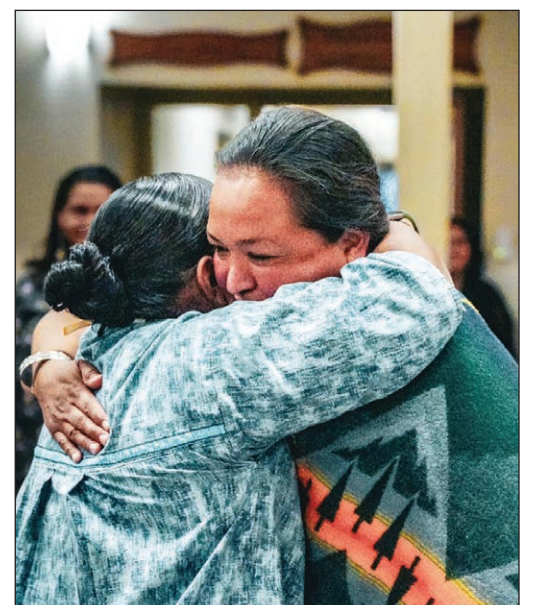
Greendeer has held key leadership roles across gaming, hospitality, banking/finance, public relations, and agriculture and most recently served as a director in the non-profit sector. Her appointment comes with a solid commitment to the health, wellness, and prosperity of the

Ho-Chunk people, particularly in environmental and cultural stewardship and the rights of nature.

When introducing Greendeer at her swearing-in ceremony, Vice President Danielle DeLong highlighted Jessika's extensive background in leadership and service, emphasizing her readiness to take on the responsibilities of a legislator. DeLong also recognized Greendeer's deep connection to Ho-Chunk traditions and values, pointing out how these qualities, along with her commitment to the welfare of future generations, make her an ideal representative for District 1. DeLong praised Greendeer's capacity to honor the past while striving to create

opportunities for the Nation's young people and future leaders. Greendeer's term, though short until the next election, promises to be impactful. Her dedication to the welfare of the Ho-Chunk Nation, her extensive background, and her passion for protecting the land and the people will shape her approach as she advocates for her constituents and the generations yet to come.

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# Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

It is my firm belief that numerous violations have been happening within the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative, Executive, and Judicial branches of government. The violations related to excessive pay hikes, unlawful Cost of Living Adjustment increases, coercion, abuse of Executive Session, abuse of executive branch departments, and a rampant abuse of our Ho-Chunk Constitution..

I also believe in questioning authority when it matters. I put what I know out there because if it is untrue or frivolous, then let's see the proof. It is imperative that we as tribal members always question those in authority, our elected officials and the executive directors. Questions are important for a good and righteous government. It doesn't mean you're against anyone. I brought my concerns to my area because I believe there is injustice happening towards the tribal members and the Constitution.

The Constitution, Article 5, Section 5 clearly states, "Members of the Legislature shall receive reasonable compensation. No increase or decrease in compensation for Legislators shall take effect until after the next General Election. No member of the Legislature shall receive compensation as an employee or in any other capacity within the Executive branch during their term in office."

Article 6, Section 4, reads: "The President shall receive reasonable compensation. No increase or decrease in compensation for the office of President shall take effect until after the next General Election."

Article 7, Section 12, reads: Supreme Court Justices and the Trial Court Judges shall receive reasonable compensation. No increase or decrease in compensation for Justices and Judges shall

take effect until after the next General Election or appointment to that office."

In a Regular Meeting of the Legislature, MOTION by Rep. Cleveland to approve the Finance Committee Meeting minutes for May 15, 2003 with striking of the TERO amount of page 2 and delete the approval of the Legislative Fiscal Officer job position, approve one position for Madison and one position for Washington D.C. for the State/Federal Liaison, approve the Legislators wage at \$31.98 per hour with no tier system, approve Vice President wage at \$32.98 per hour and the Presidents wage at \$33.48 per hour of the FY 03-04 Legislative budget. For a total of \$2,710,330.00 for FY 03-04. Second by Rep. Lewis. 5-3 (Rep. Blackdeer, Garvin, Thundercloud)-0 Motion Carried.

In a Special Finance meeting minutes from May 2017, page 5, MOTION by Rep. Lori Pettibone to approve a wage increase for the President within the Office of the President FY 17-18 budget, to \$85,000/annually; such increase is deemed reasonable compensation based upon the fact that (1) there hasn't been an increase in pay for the President since 2003, (2) the recent Ho-Chunk Compensation and Classification study supports an increase in comparison to similar positions outside the Nation, (3) the President is responsible for the supervision of 13 departments and gaming/non-gaming entities. Second by Rep. Matt Mullen. 7-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Page 6, MOTION by Rep. Lori Pettibone to approve the Legislators, Vice President, Appointed an Contracted Employee wages with the recommendation for an increase within the FY 17-18 budget, for Legislators \$75,000/annually; and the Vice President \$80,000/annually;

and such increases are deemed reasonable compensation based upon the fact that there hasn't been an increase in pay for the Legislators or Vice President since 2003, the Vice President position has additional duties and supervises Legislative staff, and increases for the appointed and contracted staff pending further approval of the appropriate job description(s) and contracts. Second by Rep. Doug Greengrass. 6-0-1 (Rep. Andrea Estebo) MOTION CARRIED.

Transparency are these minutes as I have stated them here, these MOTIONS regarding public officials' wages in an open session of Legislature. They are not cloaked, they are not kept in secrecy in Executive Session. Somewhere between May 2017 and now, a veil was pulled over Ho-Chunk tribal members. And with that veil, an egregious failure in the Legislature's fiduciary responsibility, the Legislature's honest effort to safeguard our interests, and the Legislature's oath to uphold the Constitution.

In regards to Cost of Living Adjustment or COLA. There was a resolution, Resolution 06-07-22K; this was a quick passage amendment and it adopted the following:

"Consistent with Article V, Article VI, and Article VII of the Constitution, no cost of living adjustment will take effect for Legislators, the President, or Justices/Judges of the Ho-Chunk Nation until after the next General Election."

The motion read; MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to adopt resolution 6-7-22K quick passage to amend the Ho-Chunk Nation Employment Relations Act regarding Cost of Living Adjustment. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 9-0-0 MOTION CARRIED

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# Gathering Commemorates Orange Shirt Day at Tomah Indian Industrial School

Vincent Blackdeer

On Monday, September 30, 2024, survivors and community members gathered at the site of the former Tomah Indian Industrial School in Tomah, Wisconsin, to observe Orange Shirt Day.

The day is dedicated to honoring survivors of Indian boarding schools and remembering the children who never returned home.

The Tomah Indian Industrial School, which operated from 1893 to 1941, was one of 11 boarding schools in Wisconsin. During its years of operation, it housed about 350 Native American students, many of whom were from the Ho-Chunk Nation.

The school's purpose was to force Native children to adopt mainstream American culture, forbidding them from speaking their languages or practicing their traditions.

Orange Shirt Day began in Canada in 2013, inspired by Phyllis Webstad, a member of the Stswecem'c Xgat'tem First Nation. On her first day at a boarding school, she wore a new orange shirt her grandmother had given her. The school took it from her, symbolizing the loss experienced by thousands of Indigenous children who were

sent to these schools.

In Tomah, attendees honored the memory of those children with an honor song, recognizing the hardships they faced. The Waaksik Wosga Revitalization and the Hoocak Remembrance Day Planning Committee organized the event, bringing in guest speakers to share stories and reflect on the impact of the boarding schools.

The event was a moment for survivors and their families to come together, remember the past, and acknowledge the resilience of Native communities. Orange Shirt Day serves as a powerful reminder of the importance of preserving Indigenous culture and ensuring the stories of boarding school survivors are not forgotten.



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# A Legacy of Indoctrination

Not long after the mass removals of Ho-Chunk people, a small mission school was built three and a half miles west of Wittenberg, Wisconsin. The first group of students were four young Indian boys. The Bethany Indian Mission School, also operated as the Wittenberg Indian School, was one of 417 official Federal Indian boarding schools and one of 1,442 known institutions devoted to the assimilation of American Indians. The school, built and operated by the Norwegian Lutheran Synod, became the home to hundreds of Indigenous youths and the final resting place for many.

Carlisle Indian Industrial School was the first federal boarding school. It was established by U.S. Army Cavalry Captain Richard Henry Pratt in 1879 with the intent to separate Indian children from the rest of the family, so that they can grow without tribal language and cultural influences. Captain Pratt said the system will “kill the Indian in him, and save the man.” The concept grew in popularity. While the federal government had limited capacity, religious organizations were seen as an essential partner. As the schools became established, the government would pay a small sum per student as well as appropriations for things like transportation, books and materials, and even to pay police to help administrators find and capture children/escaped students. The schools would feed, clothe, and house the students though the cost can never be quantified.

Students were stripped of their clothes, belongings, and the hair. They were forbidden to use their own language, perform their own customs, or practice their own religion. Classes in reading, writing, and mathematics were taught, but priority was given to classes in religion and at least half of each day was spent learning and working in industries (gardening and homemaking for girls; agriculture, blacksmithing, carpentry, etc. for boys). Fifty-nine religious organizations operated 210 of the 417 official Federal Indian boarding schools. Church-assigned clergy were appointed as superintendents in addition to their typical pastoral duties. Superintendents were responsible for the strict enforcement of the school’s policies and was central to the indoctrination of the Native youth.

Brynjolf Hovde was born in Voss, Norway in 1839 and immigrated to the United States in 1857, settling in Madison, Wisconsin. He attended high school in Madison 1858-1859 before going to Luther College and Concordia College as well as Concordia Seminary through 1868. He worked as an associate pastor at Spring Prairie Lutheran Church in rural Deforest, Wisconsin from

1868 to 1871, then at Lemonweir (1871-1875), Kilbourn City (1875-1878), Trempealeau Valley (1878-1893) before becoming the pastor and superintendent at the church’s Indian Mission in Wittenberg, Wisconsin from 1893 to 1902.

U.S. Department of the Interior Secretary Deb Haaland launched the Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative in June 2021 to detail the era of assimilation from both historic records and the Indian perspectives, then prepare recommendations for a path toward reconciliation in order to begin healing multiple generations of trauma. Secretary Haaland has released two volumes of reports that outline the system and its impacts as they’re currently understood. Volume II of the report provides an analysis of the available records to determine the extent operation and impacts of boarding schools, then mentions the move from boarding schools to state court-ordered foster care placements for Indian children. The prevalence of those removals in the 1960-1970s prompted Congress to pass the Indian Child Welfare Act.

One paragraph of Chairman Abourezk’s (Senator from South Dakota) introduction to testimony at the U.S. Senate’s Select Committee on Indian Affairs on Thursday, August 4, 1977 said, “It appears that for decades Indian parents and their children have been at the mercy of arbitrary or abusive action of local, State, Federal and private agency officials. Unwarranted removal of children from their homes is common in Indian communities. Recent statistics show, for example, that a minimum of 25 percent of all Indian children are either in foster homes, adoptive homes, and/or boarding schools, against the best interest of families and Indian communities. Whereas most non-Indian communities can expect to have children out of their natural homes at a rate of 1 of every 51 children, Indian communities know that their children will be removed at rates varying from 5 to 25 times higher than that.”

The Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative reports intentionally excludes information about Indian boarding schools not operated or supported by the U.S. government. The Washington Post published a series of stories on Indian boarding schools, one of the stories covering a network of church schools and decades of credible allegations of severe physical abuse and sexual abuse including rape and molestation of children, most between 5 and 17 years old, by priests, brothers, and nuns. South Dakota changed their statute of limitations specifically to protect the Catholic churches from criminal or civil suits. Steve Smith,

the attorney for the Catholic church that wrote the amendment affirmed his belief in the authenticity of a series of allegations of molestation but believes that only the perpetrators should be held responsible but not the church. The Post tells of one suit that was settled only because the lawyers found church records covering up abuses, so they were able to pursue their claim under a different area of law saying the church fraudulently concealed evidence of sexual abuse.

If education was the highway to civilization, boarding schools would have been the vehicles driving Indians to extinction. The Federal Indian Boarding School reports at least 973 deaths of children in government-run boarding schools, acknowledging such broad limitations that the numbers of dead children are likely many times higher. The prohibitions on using their native languages or practicing traditional cultural beliefs and using the isolation of boarding schools to reinforce the prohibitions, served to kill the languages and cultures. The Ho-Chunk Nation created several programs to keep the language alive. In the last several years, the State of Wisconsin and United States governments began offering grants to tribal programs working to preserve their languages.

Established by the Native American Languages Act of 1990, the U.S. Department of Education supports tribes’ “efforts to use, practice, maintain, and revitalize their languages and cultures, and to improve educational opportunities and student outcomes within Native American and Alaska Native communities.” The awards are small, totaling less than \$2.5 million in FY 2022, but the impacts are visible. Each year, all the tribes in Wisconsin participate in the annual State of the Tribes Address by invitation of the Wisconsin Legislature. The address will typically begin with youth from the tribe delivering the address offering an invocation or song in their indigenous language. This practice has since spread to many official meetings and gatherings.

The Heritage Foundation, a conservative think-tank, has published a plan to drastically alter the bureaucratic function of the U.S. government, widely known as Project 2025. The plan was drafted by many conservative activists and political leaders and is understood to be a universal foundation to the next GOP presidency, even though some of the plans might need the support of Congress. One major theme of Project 2025 and the conservative platform is the defunding or

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## 31st Annual Fall Art Tour Features Two Ho-Chunk Artists

Ho-Chunk Tribal Members, Christopher Sweet along with Melanie Tallmadge Sainz are two of forty-nine artists on the 31st Annual Fall Art Tour. This is one of Wisconsin’s oldest and most celebrated rural art tours, taking place in the Driftless region, October 18, 19, & 20, 2024. Christopher and Melanie are accomplished artisans living and creating artwork in the Baraboo area.

Christopher is a mixed media artist and his creative space, Blue Bear Studio is located at 612 Oak Street, Baraboo, WI.

Melanie is also a mixed media artist, and her creative space is located at Maa Wakacak Art Studio, 7560 US Hwy 12, North Freedom, WI.

During the tour, Christopher and Melanie will demonstrate their techniques, share their inspiration, and provide

behind-the-scenes access into their studios. Visitors will see firsthand how each artist creates their work and have the opportunity to ask questions.

Enjoy the vibrant colors of autumn on this free, self-guided tour of 49 one-of-a-kind

studios tucked into the rolling hills of southwest Wisconsin. No two studios are alike, nor are breathtaking views you’ll find as you meander through the gorgeous Driftless region.

Watch painters bring life to an empty canvas and potters transform a piece of clay right before your eyes. Enjoy jewelers, sculptors, furniture makers, quilters, photographers, and many more.

The Fall Art Tour is a celebration of talent and diversity, showcasing a wide range of styles, media, and subjects. Expect to see



traditional, contemporary, and experimental pieces along the way. Original artwork is available for purchase in every price range.

Whether you’re a seasoned art collector or simply looking to enjoy a

beautiful and artistically inspiring weekend, the 31st annual Fall Art Tour is not to be missed. We look forward to sharing this memorable weekend with you.

Celebrate incredible art and gorgeous autumn colors

during the Fall Art Tour.

October 18, 19 & 20, 2024, 10am-6pm all three days.

For more information including in-depth details on each artist and a full tour map, please visit [fallarttour.com](http://fallarttour.com)

# BASIC CAR SEAT SAFETY

Be sure to buckle up the right way on every ride!



## All children must use a car seat, booster seat or seat belt.

- My child always rides in a back seat and never in front of an airbag.
- Everyone in my car buckles up on every ride using the right car seat, booster seat or seat belt for each person's age and size.
- My child's car seat has all of its parts, labels and instructions and has never been in a crash.
- I follow the instructions for my car and my car seat so that my child is buckled in right and tight.
- My child's car seat has never been in a crash.
- I never leave my child alone in a car.



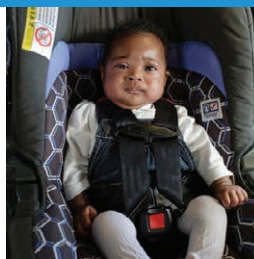
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## Babies under 2 use rear-facing car seats

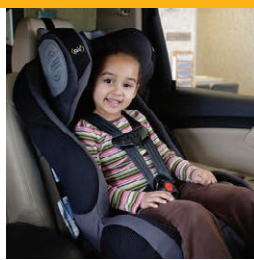
- My child always rides in a back seat and never in front of an air bag.
- My child always rides in a car seat made for his or her size and age.
- My child sits facing the back of the car in his or her car seat.
- The harness straps are snug on my child, and I can't pinch the buckled strap at the shoulder.
- My child's car seat is buckled tightly in the car and doesn't move more than one inch when I pull it where the seatbelt is buckled/attached.
- My child uses a bigger rear-facing car seat until he or she outgrows the harness. Many harnesses go to 35, 40 or 45 pounds.
- I never leave my child alone in a car.



## Toddlers and big kids use forward-facing car seats with a top tether

If my child is over age 2 AND has outgrown the weight or height limits for the rear-facing seat:

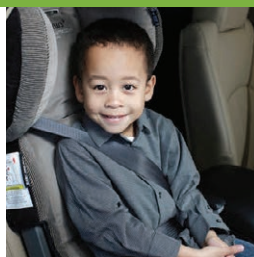
- My child always rides in a back seat.
- My child always rides in a car seat made for his or her size and age.
- The harness straps are snug on my child, and I can't pinch the buckled strap at the shoulder.
- My child's car seat is buckled tightly in the car and doesn't move more than one inch when I pull it at the belt path. I use the top tether. My child uses this car seat until he or she outgrows the harness. Many harnesses go to 50 pounds or more.



## Older, bigger kids use booster seats with lap and shoulder seat belts

If my child has outgrown the weight or height limit of the forward-facing car seat:

- My child always rides in a back seat.
- My child always rides on a booster seat using a lap and shoulder seat belt.
- The lap belt sits low on his or her hips, not the stomach.
- The shoulder belt is on my child's shoulder – not on the neck, under the arm or behind the back.
- The seat belt is snug, flat and comfortable on my child.
- My child may be between 8-12 years of age before the seat belt fits without a booster.



## Kids ready for seat belts

If my child has outgrown the booster seat:

- My child always rides in a back seat until age 13.
- My child always uses a lap and shoulder seat belt.
- The lap belt sits low on my child's hips, not the stomach.
- The shoulder belt is on my child's shoulder – not on the neck, under the arm or behind the back.
- My child's back is firmly against the vehicle seat back, his or her knees bend at the front edge of the vehicle seat, and he or she can sit this way for the whole ride.
- The seat belt is snug, flat and comfortable on my child. If the seat belt does not fit right, my child must use a booster seat.



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## Keep Your Family Fire Safe By Knowing the Do's and Don'ts:

- **Do** test your smoke alarms annually
- **Do** make a fire escape plan
- **Do** practice your escape plan
- **Do** keep kids 3 feet away from the stove
- **Don't** take the batteries out of your smoke alarm
- **Don't** leave matches and lighters out
- **Don't** leave portable space heaters unattended
- **Don't** leave candles unattended



DO YOU NEED A SMOKE ALARM?  
CONTACT US!

Ho-Chunk Health Care Center  
pam.thunder@ho-chunk.com  
or

715-284-9851 ext. 35011

Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health  
Division of Environmental Health

Date: October 2024 PT



## MAA HITAWUS HII WIIRA Oct: Earth Drying Moon

### HARVEST OF THE MONTH Haassuc (Rose Hips)

#### About Rose Hips:



#### Foraging:

- Rose hips are typically found on wild rose bushes in late summer to early fall.
- Look for bright red or orange hips that are firm to the touch and plump.
- Be cautious of thorns while foraging; wear gloves and long sleeves if necessary.
- Choose bushes away from roadsides or areas sprayed with pesticides.

#### Consumption:

- Rose hips are rich in vitamin C, antioxidants, and other nutrients.
- They can be eaten raw, but are often dried or turned into jams, jellies, or teas.
- To prepare, wash thoroughly, remove stems and blossom ends, and cut in half to remove seeds.
- Enjoy in teas, desserts, or as a flavorful addition to savory dishes.
- Be mindful of allergies or sensitivities, and consume in moderation.

For more info:  
(1) <https://practicalselfreliance.com/rose-hips/>  
(2) <https://www.growforagecookferment.com/foraging-for-rose-hips/>

## Homemade Rose Hip Tea

Recipe adapted from:  
<https://www.growforagecookferment.com/rose-hip-tea/>

#### Ingredients:

- 8-10 whole fresh rose hips (or 1-2 tablespoons dried rose hips)
- 2 cups hot water

#### Steps:

- If the rose hips are large, cut them in half and scoop out the seeds and any small hairs. If the rose hips are small they can be left whole.
- Put the prepared rose hips into a mug or jar and pour the hot water over them.
- Let the tea steep for 10 minutes or as long as you like.
- The tea can be strained before drinking if you prefer – if you see any small hairs in the tea it's recommended to strain using a fine mesh strainer lined with several layers of cheesecloth as they can be irritating.

For more Information  
Contact a HCN Registered  
Dietitian/ Nutritionist:

BRE Tomah, Wittenberg areas:  
(888) 685-4422, ext. 35335  
BRE La Crosse areas:  
(888) 685-4422, ext. 35340  
Dells, Nekoosa, Madison areas:  
(888) 552-7889, ext. 35554

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

# HALLOWEEN POW-WOW COSTUME CONTEST

## MC: KEN FUNMAKER JR

### Wisconsin Dells Singers

**FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!**

GET READY FOR A SPOOK-TACULAR HALLOWEEN EVENT!  
NOON MEAL WITH POW-WOW COSTUME CONTEST TO FOLLOW.

**12PM-3PM** **OCTOBER 27TH**

**HOUSE OF WELLNESS**

**TINY TOT PAY**  
CATEGORIES:  
YOUTH AGES 6-12 YRS  
SCARY/FUNNY/ORIGINAL  
1ST PLACE \$100  
2ND PLACE \$75  
3RD PLACE \$25

**FAMILY SPECIAL: WINNER TAKE ALL \$100.**  
AT LEAST 3 MEMBERS & BEST THEME.  
SPONSORED BY KRISTIN WHITE EAGLE FAMILY. 1ST \$300, 2ND \$200, 3RD \$100

**TEENS AGES 13-17 YRS**  
SCARY/FUNNY/ORIGINAL  
1ST PLACE \$150  
2ND PLACE \$100  
3RD PLACE \$50

YOUTH/TEENS CONSOLATION PRIZES ALSO AWARDED.  
SPONSORED BY KEN & CHERYL FUNMAKER.

Cosponsors: JOM, Ho-Chunk Nation Police Department, Sauk County LEC & Juneau County LEC  
Special thanks to Gary Pedersen!

For more info:  
Ph. 608.402.9548  
Becky Davis

28245 White Eagle Rd.  
Baraboo, WI 53913

**SPOOKY SPECIAL: AGES 18+ WOODLAND & SCRUB**  
1ST \$300, 2ND \$200, 3RD \$100



FNS HANDBOOK 501  
EXHIBIT M

FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS (FDPIR)

FY 2025 NET MONTHLY INCOME STANDARDS

Effective October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025

The net monthly income standard for each household size is the sum of the applicable Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) net monthly income standard and the applicable SNAP standard deduction.

48 Contiguous United States:

Use this Amount

Household Size	SNAP Net Monthly Income Standards		SNAP Standard Deduction		FDPIR Net Monthly Income Standards
1	\$1,255	+	\$204	=	\$1,459
2	\$1,704	+	\$204	=	\$1,908
3	\$2,152	+	\$204	=	\$2,356
4	\$2,600	+	\$217	=	\$2,817
5	\$3,049	+	\$254	=	\$3,303
6	\$3,497	+	\$291	=	\$3,788
7	\$3,945	+	\$291	=	\$4,236
8	\$4,394	+	\$291	=	\$4,685
Each additional member					\$449

Alaska:

Use this Amount

Household Size	SNAP Net Monthly Income Standards		SNAP Standard Deduction		FDPIR Net Monthly Income Standards
1	\$1,568	+	\$348	=	\$1,916
2	\$2,129	+	\$348	=	\$2,477
3	\$2,690	+	\$348	=	\$3,038
4	\$3,250	+	\$348	=	\$3,598
5	\$3,811	+	\$348	=	\$4,159
6	\$4,372	+	\$364	=	\$4,736
7	\$4,933	+	\$364	=	\$5,297
8	\$5,494	+	\$364	=	\$5,858
Each additional member					\$561

FY 2025 FDPIR Income Deductions (see 7 CFR 253.6(e))

Effective October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025

<b>Earned Income Deduction</b>	Households with earned income are allowed a deduction of 20 percent of their earned income.
<b>Dependent Care Deduction</b>	Households that qualify for the dependent care deduction are allowed a deduction of actual dependent care costs paid monthly to a non-household member.
<b>Child Support Deduction</b>	Households that incur the cost of legally required child support to or for a non-household member are allowed a deduction for the amount of monthly child support paid.
<b>Medical Expense Deduction</b>	Households that incur monthly medical expenses by any household member who is elderly or disabled are allowed a deduction in the amount of out-of-pocket medical expenses paid in excess of \$35 per month. Allowable medical expenses are provided at 7 CFR 273.9(d)(3).
<b>Home Care Meal-Related Deduction</b>	Households who furnish the majority of meals for a home care attendant are allowed an income deduction equal to the maximum SNAP benefit for a one-person household. The home care meal-related deduction amounts are as follows:  48 Contiguous U.S. States = \$292  Alaska by Area Designations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Urban = \$377</li> <li>• Rural 1 = \$481</li> <li>• Rural 2 = \$586</li> </ul> See 7 CFR 272.7(b) for area designations in Alaska.
<b>Standard Shelter/Utility Expense Deduction</b>	Households that incur at least one monthly shelter or utility expense are allowed a standard income deduction (see chart below). Allowable shelter/utility expenses are provided at 7 CFR 273.9(d)(6)(ii).

FY 2025 FDPIR Standard Shelter/Utility Expense Deductions

Effective October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025

Baseline by Region\*

Region	States Currently with FDPIR Programs	Shelter/Utility Deduction
Northeast/Midwest	Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Wisconsin	\$500
Southeast/Southwest	Arizona, Mississippi, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah	\$400
Mountain Plains	Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming	\$550
West	Alaska, California, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Washington	\$500

\*If the geographic boundaries of an Indian reservation extend to more than one region per the identified regional groupings above, then a qualifying household has the option to receive the appropriate shelter/utility expense deduction amount for the State in which the household resides or the State in which the State agency's central administrative office is located.

**Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health**

## Let's Get Vaccinated!

### Aara Wapoxwagigiwire

Community Vaccine Clinics  
10am-2pm

Includes flu & updated COVID-19 vaccines

10/1 – Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison  
10/2 – Siga Funmaker Community Center

10/8 – Tomah Health Office  
10/9 – Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa

10/17 – Pac cinak TAU (Wittenberg)  
10/17 - Wanaisguni Hocira Atrium (Baraboo)

10/22 – Nį Tanį Hocira (La Crosse)  
10/24 – Nįoxawanį TAU (Black River Falls)

11/6 – Ahuco TAU (Tomah)  
11/7 – S'ak Hosto TAU (Nekoosa)

11/14 – Teejop Hocira (Madison)

No appointment needed.

Please bring ID and insurance card.\*

\*Employee insurance may be billed. Please check your coverage to avoid unexpected copays.

Questions: 715-284-9851 ext 35042 or kandyce.dunlap@ho-chunk.com

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## NOTICE

### RIGHT TO OBJECT

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

Ho-Chunk Member, GEORGIANNA LA MERE, has submitted a Request for Title for Permanent Improvements located at: N6677 WOLF RUN RD BRF WI 54615

And more particularly described as: LOT 4 OF HO-CHUNK NATION TRUST PROPERTY KNOWN AS JOE WOLF BIA TRACT # 439 T 104 LOCATED WITHIN THE NW 1/4 OF THE SW 1/4 OF SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 21 NORTH, RANGE 1 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 October 25, 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.

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banning of the U.S. Department of Education. Under the plan, programs that are specified as Indian programs would be transferred to the Bureau of Indian Affairs while programs that aren't specifically designated as tribal programs might be completely axed. An example of programming that assists tribal families but isn't an Indian-specific program is the Office of Civil Rights, which can help tribal families resolve issues concerning suspected civil rights violations. The plan also eliminates student loan forgiveness for individuals including for employees and tribal members of the Ho-Chunk Nation.

Senate candidate Eric Hovde made an appearance on the Vicki McKenna Show on May 2, 2017 and briefly mentioned tribes. He claimed, "...The first group of American citizens that were put on socialism is the Indian reservations. And if you wonder why, you know, for the longest amount of time they had the highest degree of, you know, alcoholism, dropout rates, depression rates, all the negative manifestations. All of that occurring because people's sense of self-worth is not derived by getting a government check." Mr. Hovde's opinions on the origin of afflictions facing tribal communities aren't in line with the analyses of tribes, tribal members, or public policy experts. While the candidate hasn't adopted Project 2025 as his own, it would be expected that he would both advocate for and help to implement the plan if elected.

One Norwegian-based genealogy website ties Eric Hovde to Rev. Brynjolf Hovde, saying that he's a great-great-grandson of the superintendent and mission pastor for the Bethany Indian Mission School in Wittenberg. [Mr. Hovde has not responded to a request for comment.]

## Michael Jackson Thunder

August 1, 1981 - October 4, 2024

Michael Thunder, age 43 of Wisconsin Dells, WI began his walk on Friday, October 4, 2024.

A funeral service will be held on Friday, October 11, 2024, at 1:00 P.M. at Conway-Picha Funeral Home in Lyndon Station, WI. He will be laid to rest at Spring Grove Cemetery in Wisconsin Dells, WI, following the service. Visitation will be held at Conway-Picha Funeral Home in Lyndon Station from 11:00 AM until the time of service at 1:00 PM.

Michael was born on August 1, 1981, in Garden Grove, California, the son of Michael Thunder and Linda Fruin. Michael enjoyed many things in life, including going to concerts and listening to all types of music. He spent numerous hours on his motorcycle and fixing up cars, or anything with a motor; his mind was always trying to figure out how things worked. He was a numbers or math guy, and enjoyed reading literature and writing. Michael had a way with kids; he loved his nephew and spending time playing chess and other games with him.

He had a special bond with animals especially his beloved dogs. He had a wonderful sense of humor and enjoyed making people laugh. Most important to Michael was his family, he was a loving son, brother and uncle.

Michael is survived by his mother Linda, brothers Michael and Eric, sister Melissa, partner Dana, many aunts, uncles and cousins, along with many friends.

He is preceded in death by his father, both sets of grandparents, his uncle Chad Thunder and uncle Dick Fruin.



## Sandra Jane Blackdeer

March 12, 1954 - September 27, 2024

Sandra Jane Blackdeer, age 70, of Black River Falls, WI passed away at Gundersen Health System LaCrosse, WI on Friday, September 27, 2024. Sandra was born to Harold Blackdeer Jr. and Lyla Thomas on March 12, 1954 in Black River Falls, WI. She was later fostered and raised by Red and Cathryn Gilbertson of Merrillan, WI. Sandra will be remembered for living life large and being generous to a fault.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Al Neumann; daughter, Ali Neumann; siblings, Julia Blackdeer, and John Blackdeer; and birth and foster parents.

Sandra is survived by her siblings, Mary (Ron) Anwash, Harold (Janet) Blackdeer, and Vera Hodges; children, Jennifer Spencer, Cary Blackdeer, Rachel Walsh, Beth McDonald, Shanna Blackdeer, and Patrick Hodges; grandchildren, Xavier, Christina, Aaron, Ryan, Marisol, and Vanetta whom she grew very close with this past few years; along with many other nieces, nephews, friends, and loved ones.

Funeral services for Sandra will take place Monday, September



30, 2024, at the Buswell Funeral Home at 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Clayton Winnishiek will officiate. A burial at Oakwood Cemetery in Merrillan, WI, will follow. All are invited to a luncheon at the Mission Community building for a meal afterward.

The Buswell Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements, 715-284-2231.

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When I cross-referenced this resolution with the current ERA found on the Ho-Chunk Nation's website, the amendment is not included in the draft last amended in December 2023, however, the amendment is referenced in the Legislative History. While searching Legislative Meeting minutes I could not find any acknowledgement or public record of the COLA increases for the Legislative, Executive, and Judicial branches of our Ho-Chunk government.

I took the quick passage Resolution 06-07-22K date and did a wage comparison that details the COLA with regards to wages of the Legislative and Executive Branch. I made two tables; Table A, is an unconstitutional summary of COLA increases and what I believe is happening now. Table B, is how the COLA increase should be implemented in compliance with the Ho-Chunk Constitution. Any retroactive lump sum payment to elected officials in addition to the COLA increase would need to be determined in open session, before the people.

After the General Election when COLA increases lawfully become effective, that rate would then be fixed and would have to wait two years (by odd-numbered years) for the next percentage increase.

COLA Year	COLA % Increase	Legislature wage: \$75,000/annually	Vice President, Legislative Branch wage: \$80,000/annually	President, Executive Branch wage: \$85,000/annually
2022	5.9%	\$79,425/annually \$38.18/hour	\$84,720/annually \$40.71/hour	\$90,015/annually \$43.28/hour
2023	8.7%	\$86,335.98/annually \$41.51/hour	\$92,090.64/annually \$44.27/hour	\$97,846.31/annually \$47.03/hour
2024	3.2%	\$89,098.73/annually \$42.83/hour	\$95,033.54/annually \$45.69/hour	\$100,977.39/annually \$48.55/hour
Overpaid Total		\$29,859.71 Full Legislature (x12): <b>\$358,316.52</b>	<b>\$31,844.18</b>	<b>\$33,838.70</b>
Grand Total:		<b>\$423,999.40</b>		

COLA Year	COLA Percentage Increase	Legislature wage: \$75,000/annually	Vice President, Legislative Branch wage: \$80,000/annually	President, Executive Branch wage: \$85,000/annually
First COLA increase adhering to the HCN Constitution would have taken place for FY 2023-2024				
2023	8.7%	\$81,525.00 \$39.20/hour	\$86,960.00 \$41.81/hour	\$92,395.00 \$44.42/hour
*Next Constitutional COLA increase would be July 1, 2025*				

It should be acknowledged that the President's wage increases are inaccurate and may be higher given the status change and retroactive payment information provided at the General Council. Also, it should be acknowledged that the information provided does not include the Judicial Branch, so the overpayment and the grand total amounts in Table A, may be considerably more.

All these elected seats are not subject to personnel confidentiality regarding wages/salary information and should be disclosed to the tribal membership. These elected seats are paid with NPD funds, the Nation's money, our money. It should be made clear that tribal members are privy to wage/salary information for elected officials. And to deny that is a blatant violation of our rights as the people.

If the public officials of the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative, Executive, and Judicial branches are receiving any increases that violate the Constitution it is

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## Harold Arnold Lewis

June 18, 1942 - October 3, 2024



Peec Hirakaraga Harold Arnold Lewis, 82, passed away on October 3, 2024, with his loving family at his side.

Harold was born to George and Marie (Decorah) Lewis on June 18, 1942, in Merrillan Wisconsin, where he grew up with his eight siblings.

After graduating from Black River Falls High School, Harold attended classes at UW-La Crosse. While in La Crosse, Harold met the love of his life and life partner, Carol. The two shared many wonderful years with their daughters, Sherry and Diane.

Harold began his own business, LEWISigns in the mid-60s and worked for almost fifty years as a sign painter, painting many storefronts, trucks, and commercial billboards in Wisconsin and surrounding states. After work and on the weekends, Harold used his painting expertise on the stock car track, where other drivers would have him paint their sponsor, logos,

and car numbers. A racer himself, Harold and his family often traveled the Midwest to participate in and watch many NASCAR races.

In addition to watching NASCAR, Harold also enjoyed watching NFL and NBA games. He was an avid reader and could usually be found with a newspaper in his hands. Harold loved all dogs, but German Shepherds were his favorite. Above all else, Harold loved his family and spending time with them. Whether traveling together, attending a sporting event, or sharing stories, he was happiest when he was around his family.

Harold is survived by his two loving daughters, Sherry (Scott) McKinley and Diane (Stuart) Rave, his life partner Carol J. Lewis, his siblings Bernice Blackdeer and George (Ruth) Lewis, his grandchildren Ashley Rutherford, Whitney Sanchez, Natalie Rave, Talyn Stansfield, and Dylan McKinley, and many other nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents, George and Marie Lewis, his siblings Spencer Lewis, Alvin Lewis, Benjamin Lewis, Joseph Lewis, Velma Lewis, and Mary Ann Hendricks, his step-grandson Christopher McKinley, and long-time NASCAR friend Dick Trickle.

A visitation will be held on Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at the Buswell Funeral Home from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. After the visitation, there will be a funeral service at 11:00, with Pastor David McBride officiating, followed by a burial in the Hocak United Church of Christ church cemetery. The family would like to invite all in attendance to a meal afterward at the HHCDA Mission Community Building.



**Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Aging**

4912 Winneshiek Lane  
Nekoosa, WI 54457

Notice of Vacancy

The Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Aging Division is currently seeking (1) applicant from the **Tomah** area to fill a vacant position on the Hoocąk Wąąkšik Xete Advisory Board.

Board members are elected to a three year term. Meetings are held on a monthly basis, as current conditions allow.

Interested candidates should contact the Black River Falls TAU at 715-284-0811 by October 25th, 2024 to complete the Hoocąk Wąąkšik Xete Advisory Application.

Elections will be held on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 at the Tomah TAU from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Phone: 715-284-0811

# Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation Welcomes Ho-Chunk Nation People with Tours of Portage Property

On October 3, 2024, the Ho-Chunk Nation was welcomed to Galena, IL by the Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation. This foundation is wholeheartedly committed to conserving the land and water, with respect for the heritage of people, past and present. They offered tours of the 316 acre Portage property where at least 40 mounds are documented today; there once was probably many more.

During the visit, the Ho-Chunk Nation people also got to share a piece of who we are. We shared some traditional games, delicious food, and ended the evening with the Green Corn dance. It was an enjoyable evening at the Hess House!



**HO-CHUNK NATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**



## MEETING NOTICE HEALTH ACCREDITATION BOARD MEETING

Friday, October 18, 2024

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Eileen Decorah Conference Room

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

Virtual Option also available via WebEx

Please contact Lorinda Bird for Virtual meeting information.

715-284-9851 ext. 35351

Email: Lorinda.Bird@ho-chunk.com

Ho-Chunk Health Care Center  
N6520 Lumberjack Guy Road  
Black River Falls, WI 54615  
Ph. 715-284-9851 FAX 715-284-5150

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



Ho-Chunk Nation Language and Culture Committee

### NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN ~ 3 SEATS THE LANGUAGE & CULTURE COMMITTEE

The Language & Culture Committee seeks to fill 2 seats: **Seat 1 & Seat 2** to immediately fill vacant seats with terms that ends December 31, 2024 (can be reappointed for subsequent term, if member chooses); and **Seat 3** 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.
- a. 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.
  - ...
  - c. 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 contacting Adrienne Thunder, Language Division, [Adrienne.thunder@ho-chunk.com](mailto:Adrienne.thunder@ho-chunk.com) or to P.O. Box 667, Black River Falls, WI 54615.**

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theft and should be paid back to the Nation.

Furthermore, three of the Nation's four branches of government are susceptible to compromise and corruption because of family relationships. Executive Branch—President's sister is a judge in our Judicial Branch. The Judge's husband has his brothers are the Department of Administration Director, Department of Personnel Director, and District 1 Legislator.

From information provided at General Council, it is apparent that Personnel Director abused his

position to allow not only for a wage increase for the President. But also, allowed said increase to be approved without signature.

Moreover, it has also come to light that Administration Director abused his position by using Ho-Chunk owned heavy equipment for his personal business, the florist shop in Black River Falls. The Ho-Chunk employee that discovered this has also been retaliated against by Executive Director of Administration.

Lastly, the Judiciary as well as the Legislature have yet to check each other and the Executive

Branch, which is ongoing and complicit coercion.

I would encourage the people to hold our public officials accountable. For myself, it has been disheartening to learn that the public officials we entrusted with our Ho-Chunk government and business could act and continue to act against us and the Constitution.

Sincerely,  
Niizuwii  
Andi Cloud, M.Ed





NOTICE AND RULES OF SPECIAL ELECTION FOR REDISTRICTING AND REAPPORTIONMENT FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2024

Notice is hereby served to all eligible voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation that the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board, in accordance with the Election Code 2 HCC § 6:

The Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation ARTICLE V – Section 4. Redistricting or Reapportionment.

The Legislature shall have the power to redistrict or reapportion including changing, establishing, or discontinuing Districts. The Legislature shall maintain an accurate census for the purposes of redistricting or reapportionment. The Legislature shall redistrict and reapportion at least once every ten (10) years beginning in 1995, in pursuit of one-person/one-vote representation. The Legislature shall exercise this power only by submitting a final proposal to the vote of the People by Special Election which shall be binding and which shall not be reversible by the General Council. Any redistricting or reapportionment shall be completed at least six (6) months prior to the next election, and notice shall be provided to the voters. [Amendment IV adopted on May 6, 2009 which became effective June 20, 2009 by operation of law. This section was changed to require redistricting and reapportionment once every ten (10) years.] The Ho-Chunk Nation Election Code 2HCC§ 6

b. Constitutional Requirements. Article V, Section 4 of the Constitution provides:

“Section 4. Redistricting or Reapportionment. The Legislature shall have the power to redistrict or reapportion including changing, establishing, or discontinuing Districts. The Legislature shall maintain an accurate census for the purposes of redistricting or reapportionment. The Legislature shall redistrict and reapportion at least once every ten (10) years beginning in 1995, in pursuit of one-person/one-vote representation. The Legislature shall exercise this power only by submitting a final proposal to the vote of the People by Special Election which shall be binding and which shall not be reversible by the General Council. Any redistricting or reapportionment shall be completed at least six (6) months prior to the next election, and notice shall be provided to the voters.”

c. Redistricting procedures.

(1) Census requirements:

(a) The Ho-Chunk Nation Office of Tribal Enrollment will keep an accurate census of all Tribal Members who are eligible to vote. If the Legislature determines to have the Election Board conduct a Special Election for redistricting, the Legislature or its designee will obtain from the Office of Tribal Enrollment an accurate census of all Tribal Members who are eligible to vote.

(b) For purposes of determining the numbers for redistricting, the census shall only include Tribal Members who are age eighteen (18) or older and eligible to vote.

(c) The Legislature shall pass a Resolution determining the date that the Ho-Chunk Nation Office of Tribal Enrollment shall use for determining the census for purposes of the Special Election for Redistricting.

(2) Final Proposal:

(a) The Legislature shall submit a final proposal to the Election Board who will conduct the Special Election for Redistricting.

(b) The final proposal submitted by the Legislature may include multiple Redistricting Scenarios.

(c) Requirements for the Redistricting Scenario(s):

1 The Legislature does not have to use the best Redistricting Scenario to promote the objective of one-person/one-vote representation, but any Redistricting Scenario that furthers that objective. 2 The Legislature cannot submit a Redistricting Scenario that calls for no action or no change in the geographic regions covered by the Legislative Districts.

3 A Redistricting Scenario may change, establish, or discontinue electoral Districts.

4 A Redistricting Scenario must propose at least two (2) electoral Districts.

(d) Each Redistricting Scenario submitted will include at a minimum and will be available at the Polling Place:

1 A map of the Redistricting Scenario;

2 How many Legislator(s) would be in each proposed District;

3 How many Tribal Members who are age eighteen (18) or older and eligible to vote there would be for each proposed District;

4 How many Tribal Members eligible to vote there would be per Legislator for each proposed District;

5 The percentage deviation either positive or negative each proposed District has from the ideal with respect to the Constitutional goal of the one-person/one-vote representation; and

6 An implementation plan. The implementation plan will include at a minimum:

a The District each holdover Legislator will serve for the remainder of his or her respective term.

b In the next General Election what District(s) will have an election(s) and if a District has an

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WHEREAS, the Legislature determined to utilize Ho-Chunk eligible voter population numbers, in conjunction with the Nation's GIS staff, from March 2024, based on proposed numbers from the tribal Enrollment Office (which keeps such census-type information); and

WHEREAS, the Legislature encouraged Ho-Chunk Members to comment on the proposed Redistricting Scenarios and create their own Redistricting Scenario(s); and

WHEREAS, the Legislature held a Redistricting Forum on May 20, 2024 to allow tribal members who submitted redistricting proposals to discuss and support their scenarios to Legislators and the public; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature received twenty-four (24) proposed redistricting scenarios from tribal membership; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature worked with the Nation's GIS staff to review submitted redistricting scenarios, then also analyze the number of representatives proposed, the suggested boundaries, the percentage deviation between districts in terms of representation, the extent to which proposals might separate distinct Ho-Chunk communities of interest, and whether proposed districts were contiguous; and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 4 of the Constitution provides that "[t]he Legislature shall exercise this power [the power to Redistrict] only by submitting a final proposal to the vote of the People by Special Election which shall be binding and which shall not be reversible by the General Council"; and

WHEREAS, in *Chloris Lowe Jr. and Mr. Stewart J Miller v. Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature Members Elliott Garvin, Gerald Cleveland, Myra Thompson, Isaac Greyhair, Dallas White Wing, Kevin Greengrass, and Clarence Fetibone*, in their official capacity and individually, and *Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board*, Case No. CV 00-104 (Nov. 3, 2000), the Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court held that "[t]he Court holds that designating three (3) scenarios as a final proposal without reserving any subsequent right to amend represents a permissible construction of the constitutional requirement. A final proposal may reasonably include component parts, and the presence of more than one choice on the ballot may prove in the best interests of the membership"; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 20.02(2)(c) of the Election Code, the Legislature does not have to use the best Redistricting Scenario to promote the objective of one-person/one-vote representation, but any Redistricting Scenario that furthers that objective"; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature conducted a Special Legislative Meeting on July 31, 2024 to review all submitted proposals and determine which Redistricting Scenarios to present as the Legislature's final proposal; and

WHEREAS, at the Special Meeting, three (3) Redistricting Scenarios were selected as the Legislature's final proposal to forward to the Nation's Election Board to include on the ballot for voters to consider at a Special Election pursuant to the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature, having conducted a Special Meeting on July 31, 2024 to consider Redistricting Scenarios, finds it appropriate to select a final proposal pursuant to the Article V, Section 4 of the Constitution;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Legislature, pursuant to its Constitutional Authority, and in pursuit of one-person/one-vote representation pursuant to Article V, Section 4 of the Constitution, submits a final redistricting proposal containing three (3) component parts, including Redistricting Scenarios #14, #17, and #24 to the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board for the Election Board to conduct a Special Redistricting Election;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Special Election shall be completed prior to October 26, 2024;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the Election Board deems that the October 26, 2024 date for a Special Election is unworkable, they shall notify the Legislature as soon as possible to coordinate a workable date;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an implementation plan for each scenario included in the final proposal shall be prepared by Legislative Counsel, then submitted to the Election Board pursuant to Section 20.02(2)(g) of the Election Code; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Legislative history of Redistricting in 2024, leading to the Spring of 2025, shall be memorialized and documented.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Tribal Secretary of Ho-Chunk Nation, hereby certify that the Legislature of the Ho-Chunk Nation, composed of 13 members of whom 11 constituting a quorum were present at a meeting duly called and convened and held that on the 31st day of July, 2024, adopted the foregoing resolution at said meeting by an affirmative vote of 11 members, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, pursuant to the Article V, Section 2(a) and (4) of the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation, approved by the Secretary of the Interior on November 1, 1994, and that the foregoing resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way. I further certify that this is a verified copy of said resolution.

Stephanie Begay, Tribal Secretary 07.31.24 Date

HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE Governing Body of the Ho-Chunk Nation HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE SELECTION OF FINAL REDISTRICTING PROPOSAL AND SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTION BOARD TO CONDUCT SPECIAL ELECTION ON REDISTRICTING RESOLUTION 07-31-24 A

WHEREAS, on November 1, 1994, the United States Secretary of the Interior approved a new Constitution for the Ho-Chunk Nation, formerly known as the Wisconsin Winnebago Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Ho-Chunk Nation ("Nation") is a federally recognized Indian Tribe, organized pursuant to the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934; and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 2(a) of the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution ("Constitution") grants the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature ("Legislature") the power to make laws, including codes, ordinances, resolutions, and statutes; and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 2(f) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to protect and foster Ho-Chunk religious freedom, culture, language, and traditions; and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 4 of the Constitution provides that "[t]he Legislature shall have the power to redistrict or reapportion including changing, establishing, or discontinuing Districts"; and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 4 of the Constitution provides that "[t]he Legislature shall redistrict and reapportion at least once every ten (10) years beginning in 1995, in pursuit of one-person/one-vote representation" and that "[a]ny redistricting or reapportionment shall be completed at least six (6) months prior to the next election, and notice shall be provided to the voters."; and

WHEREAS, the last redistricting occurred on October 12, 2018, by completion of a Special Election on Redistricting, and selection by the voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation of a Redistricting Scenario; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article VIII of the Constitution, the next General Election of the Nation would be scheduled for June of 2025;

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WHEREAS, in recognition that Article V, Section 4 of the Constitution requires the completion of redistricting at least once every ten years, the Legislature has started the process of redistricting, with the goal of selecting a final proposal, conducting a Special Election, and completing the process at least six (6) months prior to the Nation's General Election in June of 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature adopted Resolution 11-07-17A, establishing a Legislative Workgroup on Redistricting, as is authorized under the Legislative Organization Act (for Workgroups); and

WHEREAS, on August 22, 2023 the Legislature passed a motion to consider redistricting issues and the start of redistricting to the Legislative Redistricting Workgroup, and the Workgroup was requested to meet about the issues; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Workgroup on Redistricting met several times from September 2023 to July 2024, to discuss the steps the Legislature would take to inform and involve tribal membership, assist tribal members in developing redistricting scenarios, and the process the Legislature would use to eventually select a final proposal on redistricting to submit to the Nation's Election Board; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature also placed information about Redistricting in the official newspaper of the Nation, the *Ho-Chunk Wopuk*, on November 10, 2023, while also creating a dedicated page on the Nation's website for tribal members to view information on Redistricting; and

WHEREAS, general guidelines and a formula for Redistricting have been shared by Legislators at the District-Area meetings, and notification provided that the Legislature is starting the process; and

WHEREAS, Legislators of the Nation have also informed tribal members attending District-Area meetings that they may submit proposed Redistricting scenarios with new District boundaries to the Legislative Office in Black River Falls, Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature adopted Resolution 2-20-24M, Resolution 4-03-24E, and then Resolution 5-21-24R, setting forth timelines and procedures for the Legislature, Nation, and tribal members to follow, leading up to a Special Redistricting Election in October 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature found it appropriate and necessary to establish a general timeline and procedures to continue the Redistricting process, in order to keep tribal membership informed and allow for the greatest amount of participation by Ho-Chunk Tribal Members in this important process; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature adopted multiple timeline and procedure Resolutions, as updates and revisions to the timeline and procedures for Legislative Redistricting, which resulted in more time for tribal members to submit proposals to the Legislature; and

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20. Special Election for Redistricting/Reapportionment.

a. Definitions. For purposes of this Section only the following terms shall have the following meaning:

(1) "District Plan" means the Redistricting Scenario receiving the highest number of votes in a Redistricting Special Election, but only after all legal challenges have been exhausted.

(2) "Holdover Legislator" means a Legislator who is not facing re-election in the upcoming or next General Election after the Election Board certifies the results of a Special Election for Redistricting. The Constitution mandates that any Redistricting or reapportionment will be completed at least six (6) months prior to the next election. A holdover Legislator is a Legislator whose term will not expire prior to the next General Election and will not be required in the next General Election to run for re-election if he or she will remain on the Legislature.

(3) "Redistricting" means the process of bringing about a realignment or change in legislative Districts brought about by changes in population and mandated by the constitutional requirement of equality of representation.

(4) "Redistricting Scenario" means a proposal or plan that outlines proposed legislative Districts for the Ho-Chunk Nation. The Legislature may submit multiple Redistricting Scenarios as part of its final proposal and the Redistricting Scenario receiving the highest number of votes, after all legal challenges have been exhausted, will become the District Plan of the Ho-Chunk Nation.

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Election what seat(s) within that District would be up for election.

c If as a result of Redistricting Scenario the total number of Legislators on the Legislature will decrease, whether or not there will be a Special Election to decrease the number of Legislators presently serving and, if so, which Legislators would be subject to the Special Election. Whether or not there will be a Special Election as a result of the number of Legislators decreasing on the Legislature will be controlled by *Section 18, subparagraph c. (5) (c)*.

d If as a result of the Redistricting Scenario the total number of Legislators on the Legislature will increase, whether or not there will be a Special Election to increase the number of Legislators presently serving and, if so, which District(s) would have a Special Election. Whether or not there will be a Special Election as a result of the number of Legislators increasing on the Legislature will be controlled by *Section 18, subparagraph c. (5) (d)*.

(3) Notice Requirements. Notice of the Special Election for Redistricting will be accomplished in the following manner:

- (a) All normal procedures used by the Election Board to provide notice of any Special Election;
- (b) Production and distribution of a Special Edition of the Nation’s newsletter (currently the *Hocak Worak*) providing at a minimum a map of the Redistricting Scenario(s) and the implementation plan for each of the Redistricting Scenario(s). The distribution of a Special Edition may be waived by the Legislature, but only if it passes a Resolution to waive production and distribution of the Special Edition; and
- (c) Any other method determined appropriate by the Legislature.

(4) Special Election Requirements:

- (a) The Election Board must hold the Redistricting Special Election prior to the General Election in order that it may certify the results at least six (6) months before the next General Election.
- (b) All other Special Election Requirements shall be followed to conduct the Special Election on Redistricting.

**ABSENTEE BALLOT MAY BE RETURNED BY OVERNIGHT MAIL**, so they may be received at the Election Board Office or the polling places prior to the close of the polls on Election Day. **NOTE THAT FEDEX and UPS NEXT DAY AIR DOES NOT DELIVER IN BLACK RIVER FALLS ON SATURDAY.**

**POSTING ELECTION RESULTS:**

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

**CONTESTING OF ELECTION RESULTS:**

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

**ELIGIBLE VOTERS:**

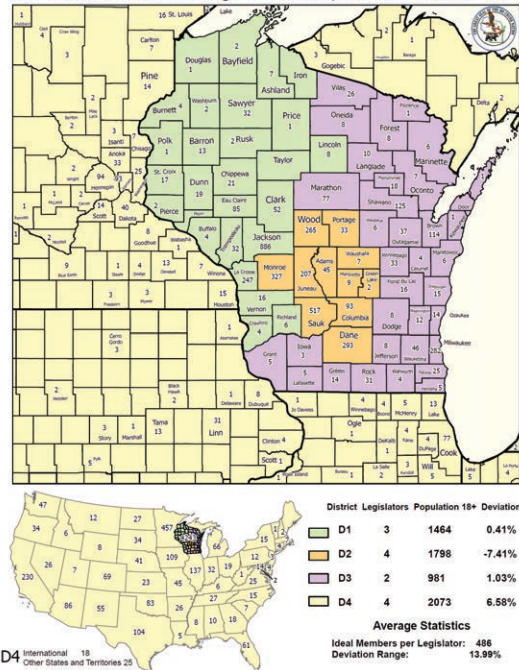
Any member of the Ho-Chunk Nation who is at least eighteen (18) years old and who meets all of the requirements established by the Ho-Chunk Nation shall be eligible to vote. *See Constitution Article VIII, Sec. 5.*

**ELIGIBILITY DISPUTES:**

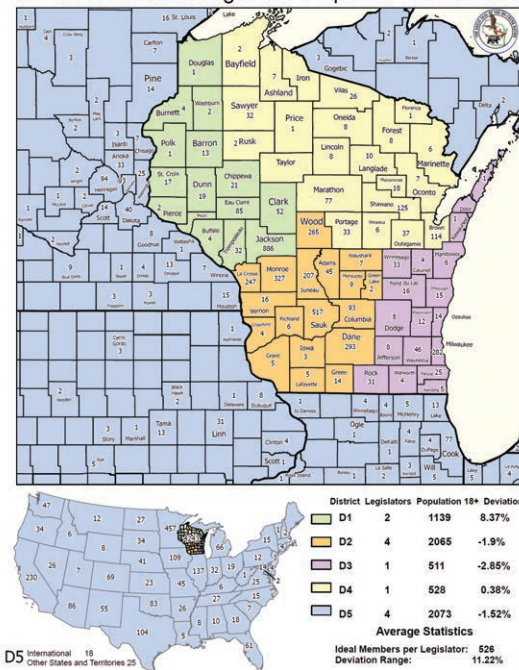
Any individual whose name does not appear on the eligible voters list can claim the right to vote by presenting a written challenge to the Election Board. Any eligible voter may challenge the eligibility of an individual’s name appearing on the eligible voters list by presenting a written challenge to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

**The Election Board shall rule on all written challenges to the list of eligible voters immediately after the close of the challenge period. Section 11. c. ii.**

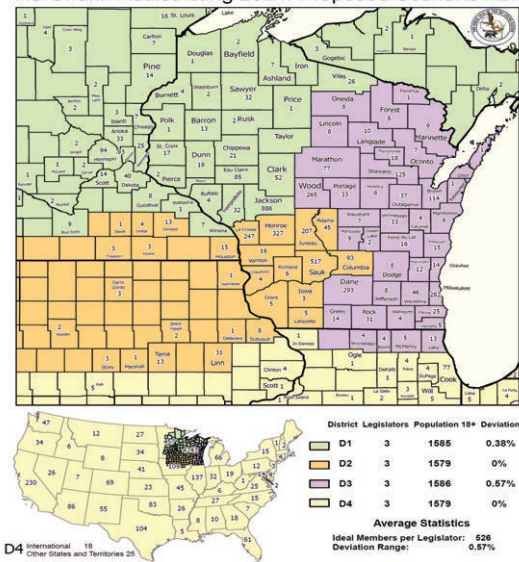
Ho-Chunk Redistricting 2024: Proposed Scenario #14



Ho-Chunk Redistricting 2024: Proposed Scenario #17



Ho-Chunk Redistricting 2024: Proposed Scenario #24



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

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COMMUNITY BUILDING  
W8813 Mission Road  
(715)299-6104

**TOMAH, WI**  
BLUEWING COMMUNITY BUILDING  
320 Epinal Avenue  
(608)377-3787

**LA CROSSE, WI**  
LACROSSE BRANCH OFFICE  
724 Main Street  
(608) 783-6025

**BARABOO, WI**  
HOUSE OF WELLNESS  
S2845 Whiteagle Road  
(608)355-5155

**WISCONSIN RAPIDS, WI**  
CHAK-HAH-CHEE COMMUNITY  
BUILDING  
916 Chak-hah-chee Lane  
(715)886-8411

**WITTENBERG, WI**  
SIGA FUNMAKER COMMUNITY CENTER  
W17634 Radke Road  
(715)253-4407

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

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3501 S. Howell Avenue  
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BRANCH OFFICE  
2413 Hazelwood Ln  
(920) 490-2774

**SPECIAL ELECTION  
REDISTRICTING &  
REAPPORTIONMENT  
Friday, October 18, 2024**

**POST NOTICE OF ELECTION  
Monday, September 23, 2024**

**POST ELIGIBLE VOTERS LIST  
Wednesday, September 25, 2024**

**CHALLENGES TO THE ELIGIBLE  
VOTERS LIST MUST BE RECEIVED  
PRIOR TO 4:30 P.M.  
Monday, September 30, 2024**

**LAST DAY TO REQUEST ABSENT  
BALLOT BY 4:30 PM  
Sunday, October 13, 2024**

**HO-CHUNK NATION  
LEGISLATURE  
SPECIAL MEETING  
EXECUTIVE OFFICES  
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI  
SEPTEMBER 18, 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 Danielle DeLong-P  
Vacant  
Rep. Rodney Rave-P  
Rep. Phyllis Smoke-P  
Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr.-P  
Rep. Stephanie Begay-P  
Rep. Kristin White Eagle-P  
Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr.-P  
Rep. Shelby Visintin-VC  
Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle-VC  
Rep. Robert Pilot-P  
Rep. Paul Fox-P  
Rep. Brianna Tahdoahnippah-VC(10:02)  
  
VC-Video Conference

**Determination of Quorum:** Quorum is established at 10:02 a.m.

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

**Approval of Agenda:**

Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. said he does not see any reason for a removal hearing to be in Executive Session. There is no law that says a removal hearing is in Executive Session, also with the other issues that are included in the removal hearing. Rep. Funmaker, Jr. would like the removal hearing held in Open Session.

**MOTION** by Vice President Danielle DeLong to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Rep. Robert Pilot. 11-1(Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr.)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**New Business:**

**Removal Hearing (will be held in Executive Session)**

**Executive Session:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Paul Fox to move to Executive Session for Legal Advice and Personnel Matters. Second by Vice President Danielle DeLong. 11-1(Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr.)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*The meeting moved to Executive Session at 10:13 a.m.*

*The Executive Session recessed for lunch at 11:39 a.m.*

*President Greendeer called the Executive Session to order at 12:11 p.m. Quorum is established*

*at 12:11 p.m.*

**MOTION** by Vice President Danielle DeLong to return to Open Session. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*The meeting returned to Open Session at 5:12 p.m.*

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Vice President Danielle DeLong. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**New Business: (Continued)**

**Resolution-Removal of District 2 Legislator Robert Funmaker, Jr.**

Legislative Counsel Michael Murphy read a portion of the resolution:

Concerns have been raised within Legislative Executive Session about the conduct of Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. and the extent to which he may have breached confidentiality and Legislative Executive Session in four areas and about his personal conduct. Those concerns, facts and facts developed at the Removal hearing are as follows:

#1. Chicago Blackhawks Foundation. Rep. Funmaker, Jr. engaged in discussion of this Executive Session topic at a public Tomah Area meeting, on June 24, 2024, with tribal members, without legislative approval. Audio of the Tomah Area meeting was played during Legislative Executive Session on June 25, 2024, for all attending Reps to hear, including Rep. Funmaker, Jr. The audio file of the Tomah Area meeting was emailed to all Reps on June 25, 2024 at 11:43 a.m., including Rep. Funmaker, Jr.; the audio file was also sent to Rep. Funmaker, Jr. and his counsel, prior to the Removal hearing; the audio demonstrated that Rep. Funmaker, Jr. revealed to the Tomah Area meeting that he was going to meet with the Blackhawks about a proposal with the Ho-Chunk Nation; he also disclosed internal deliberations of the Legislature regarding any collaboration with the Blackhawks; this was done without the full approval of the Legislature to release an Executive Session item out of Executive Session; during a previous Legislative meeting, on June 18, 2024, Rep. Funmaker admitted that the information was part of Executive Session;

#2. Text Communications with Saresa Ryckman. Text screen-shots were provided by Nathaniel Longtail, who works at the Office of General Council. The screen-shots show text messaging between Rep. Funmaker, Jr. and Saresa Ryckman (tribal member) about issues being discussed in Legislative Executive Session, including: (A) an issue that is now in tribal court litigation between the Legislature and Ms. Ryckman (where she has sued

the Legislature) and (B) a wage/compensation issue, personal to President Jon Greendeer. Nathaniel Longtail provided the screen-shots of the text messages, since he received them from Ms. Ryckman. Screen-shots of the text messages were emailed to all Reps on June 24, 2024 at 3:50 p.m. Mr. Longtail later added dates to the screen-shots. These were provided to all Legislators, including Rep. Funmaker, Jr. The information was also provided to Rep. Funmaker, Jr. and his counsel for the Removal hearing. Rep. Funmaker was given an opportunity to speak to these concerns directly, but did not adequately respond or rebut the charges. Rep. Funmaker, Jr. did not obtain approval from the Legislature to discuss such confidential information. The content of the material regarding the compensation issue of Item (B) is not the concern, but rather the fact that Rep. Funmaker, Jr. engaged in communication with Ms. Ryckman about information that is confidential and/or with an adversarial, litigating party; the information from Item (B) shared by Rep. Funmaker, Jr. stems from Executive Session disclosures and from an internal, confidential Whistleblower process he sought to pursue.

#3. Sharing of Executive Session and confidential information directly with Nathaniel Longtail. Pursuant to an email incident report from Nathaniel Longtail, Rep. Funmaker, Jr. visited the Office of General Council on June 3, 2024, and spoke with Mr. Longtail about information previously shared with the Legislature on a confidential basis, via Executive Session, from Crystal Deschinny (former Treasurer). The confidential information pertained to the wages and compensation of President Greendeer and it was provided per executive session legislative motion. However, Mr. Longtail's documentation noted that Rep. Funmaker, Jr. verbally discussed the information with him during the meeting at the Office of General Council. The email incident report of Mr. Longtail was sent via email to all Reps on June 24, 2024, at 3:50 p.m. The content of the material is not the focus, but rather the concern that he engaged in communication with Mr. Longtail about information that is confidential; Rep. Funmaker, Jr. was asked directly in the Removal hearing about his office visit to Mr. Longtail, and he did not refute the charge.

#4. On August 26, 2024, Rep. Funmaker, Jr. made public certain confidential, employee information that is protected from disclosure by law, by posting information on Facebook about the wage rate of the President of the Ho-Chunk Nation, intended to further his own interest in seeking the removal of the President. Rep. Funmaker, Jr. took this action independently, not in accordance with the Nation's laws. His Facebook

post stated that "details about this situation have been discussed in Executive Session during the HCN Legislative meetings, and while some information is protected by confidentiality, it is crucial that our membership is aware of the situation." Again, the concern is that Rep. Funmaker, Jr. shared employee information that is deemed confidential by the Nation's Employment Relations Act and prohibited from release under the Nation's Social Media Usage Act.

Upon consideration of the facts noticed to Rep. Funmaker, Jr. and those stemming from the Removal hearing, the Charges for Removal support violations of the following by Rep. Funmaker, Jr. and form the basis of a finding of good cause for removal:

1. Violation of the HCN Legislative Organization Act (LOA), including Section 10.d(2) and (3) of the LOA, which prohibit the use or disclosure of any information learned in Executive Session to third parties, outside of the Legislature. Section 49.c of the LOA provides the allowable process to have such information disclosed (by full Legislative approval). Since no Legislative approval was given for his disclosure to tribal members in a public Area meeting (in Tomah), to Saresa Ryckman, or to Nathaniel Longtail, or on social media (Facebook), violations of the LOA are found.

2. Violation of HCN Employment Relations Act (ERA), including Section 4 (Kiisak Waisak), and Section 18.c of the ERA, which addresses Confidential Information. This law states that confidential information obtained as a result of employment shall not be used by an employee for any private interest, or personal gain. It also states that employment-related records and information are confidential and proprietary documents of the Nation. Further, no confidential document or information shall be divulged to any person who does not possess the legal and operational right to know. Section 18.c(4) requires that all employees, including elected officials, sign a Confidentiality Agreement as a condition of employment. Section 18.c(5) states that the use or disclosure of confidential information may result in civil or criminal penalties, or employee discipline, up to and including termination. The facts show violations of this law.

3. Violation of Confidentiality Agreement. Rep. Funmaker, Jr. signed a Confidentiality Agreement ("Employee Oath of Confidentiality") on June 26, 2023, around the time he started his job as District 2 Legislator; the above conduct is found to be in violation of the Agreement.

4. Violation of HCN Code of Ethics Act. Section 7 of the Code

of Ethics lists various Standards of Conduct imposed upon Public Officials, including Legislators. The conduct noted above is a violation of Section 7.c of the Code of Ethics.

5. Violation of Oath of Office. The conduct stated above amounts to a violation of the laws noted, and also amounts to a violation of the Oath of Office for Rep. Funmaker, Jr.

6. Violation of the HCN Social Media Usage Act, codified into Ho-Chunk law as 6 HCC §9. The above conduct by Rep. Funmaker, Jr. is found to be accurate, and it is a violation of Section 9.c of the Social Media Usage Act, which states that "[n]o social media website may be used by the Ho-Chunk Nation or any of its employees to disclose private, confidential or sensitive information." By Rep. Funmaker disclosing personal, confidential, human resources employee information on Facebook, it is charged as a violation of this law.

7. Violation of Judicial precedent regarding Ho-Chunk Custom and Tradition, stated in the case of Brown vs. James Webster, Case No. SU 06-03 (HCN Sup. Ct., Feb. 9, 2007). There, the Court relied on the concept of Wogixate, which is a Ho-Chunk value that can be defined as respect. As the Supreme Court stated "[a]ccording to tradition, it is not the Ho-Chunk way for an individual who is part of this community to independently take action without being respectful to the Tribe and its leaders." In the Brown case, the Supreme Court was critical of a tribal employee for taking internal tribal information to the public media, finding that it was action motivated by individual desires and that "[s]uch conduct which is about the individual rather than what is good for the whole, the Ho-Chunk community, runs contrary to the mores and values of this Nation." Rep. Funmaker, Jr. took it upon himself to reveal confidential information, from Executive Session.

On these grounds the Legislature has found good cause supporting the removal of Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr.

**MOTION** by Vice President Danielle DeLong to adopt **Resolution 09-18-24 A**, Removal of District 2 Legislator Robert Funmaker, Jr. Second by Rep. Robert Pilot. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to add with corrections. Second concurs. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Vote done by Roll Call.*

**Adjournment:**

**MOTION** by Vice President Danielle DeLong to adjourn the Special Legislative Meeting. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*The Special Legislative Meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m.*

**HO-CHUNK NATION  
LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR MEETING  
EXECUTIVE OFFICES  
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI  
SEPTEMBER 19, 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 Danielle DeLong-P  
Vacant  
Rep. Rodney Rave-P-(10:02)

Rep. Phyllis Smoke-P  
Vacant  
Rep. Stephanie Begay-P  
Rep. Kristin White Eagle - VC - (P-10:43)  
Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr.-P  
Rep. Shelby Visintin-VC  
Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle-P

Rep. Robert Pilot-VC  
Rep. Paul Fox-P  
Rep. Brianna Tahdoahnippah-P  
  
VC-Video Conference

**Determination of Quorum:** Quorum is established at 10:01

a.m.

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

*Rep. Rodney Rave arrives to the meeting at 10:02 a.m.*

**Approval of Agenda:** *Continued on Page 12*

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**MOTION** by Rep. Paul Fox to approve the agenda adding District 3 Area Meeting minutes. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:**

**Legislative Meeting - September 4, 2024**

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the September 4, 2024 Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Commission Reports:**

**Gaming Commission**

**MOTION** by Vice President Danielle DeLong to accept the Gaming Commission Report. Second by Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Executive Branch Monthly Reports:**

**Department of Heritage Preservation**  
A written report was received.

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

**Department of Natural Resources**  
A written report was received.

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

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

**Unfinished Business:**

No items under Unfinished Business.

**New Business:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Rodney Rave to adopt all six resolutions. It was noted that all resolutions needed to be adopted individually.

**Resolution-Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Town of Brockway, Jackson County, Highland Road Project**

**MOTION** by Rep. Rodney Rave to adopt **Resolution 09-19-24 A**, Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Town of Brockway, Jackson County, Highland Road Project. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Town of Brockway, Jackson County, Paul Road Project**

**MOTION** by Rep. Rodney Rave to adopt **Resolution 09-19-24 B**, Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Town of Brockway, Jackson County, Paul Road Project. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Town of Bangor, La Crosse County, Kale and Jackpot Roads Project**

**MOTION** by Rep. Rodney Rave to adopt **Resolution 09-19-24 C**, Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Town of Bangor, La Crosse County, Kale and

Jackpot Roads Project. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Town of Tomah, Monroe County, Highland Avenue Bridge Project**

**MOTION** by Rep. Rodney Rave to adopt **Resolution 09-19-24 D**, Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Town of Tomah, Monroe County, Highland Avenue Bridge Project. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Wood County, CTH Z Road Project (HWY 73 to HWY 13)**

**MOTION** by Rep. Rodney Rave to adopt **Resolution 09-19-24 E**, Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Wood County, CTH Z Road Project (HWY 73 to HWY 13). Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Shawano County, CTH D Road Project**

**MOTION** by Rep. Rodney Rave to adopt **Resolution 09-19-24 F**, Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Shawano County, CTH D Road Project. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Authorization for the Gaming Commission to Enter into the Non-Criminal Justice Agency Agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Justice Crime Information Bureau**

**MOTION** by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. to adopt **Resolution 09-19-24 G**, Authorization for the Gaming Commission to Enter into the Non-Criminal Justice Agency Agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Justice Crime Information Bureau. Second by Vice President Danielle DeLong. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Hoocak Waazijja Haci Language Division Memorandum of Understanding with the Black River Falls School District for the 2024-2025 Academic School Year**

**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 09-19-24 H**, Hoocak Waazijja Haci Language Division Memorandum of Understanding with the Black River Falls School District for the 2024-2025 Academic School Year. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Hoocak Waazijja Haci Language Division Memorandum of Understanding with the Tomah Area School District for the 2024-2025 Academic School Year**

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 09-19-24 I**, Hoocak Waazijja Haci Language Division Memorandum of Understanding with the Tomah Area School District for the 2024-2025 Academic School Year. Second

by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Hoocak Waazijja Haci Language Division Memorandum of Understanding with the School District of Wisconsin Dells for the 2024-2025 Academic School Year**

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 09-19-24 J**, Hoocak Waazijja Haci Language Division Memorandum of Understanding with the School District of Wisconsin Dells for the 2024-2025 Academic School Year. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Hoocak Waazijja Haci Language Division Memorandum of Understanding with the School District of Baraboo for the 2024-2025 Academic School Year**

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 09-19-24 K**, Hoocak Waazijja Haci Language Division Memorandum of Understanding with the School District of Baraboo for the 2024-2025 Academic School Year. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Hoocak Waazijja Haci Language Division Memorandum of Understanding with the School District of Nekoosa for the 2024-2025 Academic School Year**

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 09-19-24 L**, Hoocak Waazijja Haci Language Division Memorandum of Understanding with the School District of Nekoosa for the 2024-2025 Academic School Year with corrections. Second by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Support for the Health Department to Pursue MOA with Indian Health Service for the IHS Scattered Sites Project Funding**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 09-19-24 M**, Support for the Health Department to Pursue MOA with Indian Health Service for the IHS Scattered Sites Project Funding. Second by Vice President Danielle DeLong. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** Rep. Stephanie Begay is out of the room during the vote.

**Resolution-Support for the Health Department to Pursue an MOA with Indian Health Service for IHS Sanitary Facilities Project Funding**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 09-19-24 N**, Support for the Health Department to Pursue an MOA with Indian Health Service for IHS Sanitary Facilities Project Funding. Second by Vice President Danielle DeLong. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** Rep. Stephanie Begay is out of the room during the vote.

**Bar Porter Revised Job Description**

**Bartender Revised Job**

**Description**

**Beverage Server Revised Job Description**

**Beverage Supervisor New Job Description**

**Beverage Operations Manager New Job Description**

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the Bar Porter Revised Job Description; Bartender Revised Job Description; Beverage Server Revised Job Description; Beverage Supervisor New Job Description, and Beverage Operations Manager New Job Description. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Treasury Executive Administrative Assistant Revised Job Description**

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to approve the Treasury Executive Administrative Assistant Revised Job Description. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Cancellation of Lease #2163 on Lot #6 of Timber Run #439 T 2125**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 09-19-24 O**, Cancellation of Lease #2163 on Lot #6 of Timber Run #439 T 2125. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Cancellation of Fee Lease on La Grange Hills HCN #1897 for Felicia Wanna**

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 09-19-24 P**, Cancellation of Fee Lease on La Grange Hills HCN #1897 for Felicia Wanna. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Cancellation of Lease #2319 on Lot #7 of Sand Pillow East #439 T 2158**

**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 09-19-24 Q**, Cancellation of Lease #2319 on Lot #7 of Sand Pillow East #439 T 2158. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Powwow Grounds - Safety Concerns**

President Greender gave an update on the Powwow grounds and RFP's will be done for both sites. The safety concerns were related to food safety.

**Auxiant Insurance Policy Number**

Rep. Kristin White Eagle mentioned the use of Social Security numbers as a policy number is out dated and needs to be changed. Social Security numbers are private and confidential information.

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to have the Department of Personnel, Executive Branch Department of Insurance review what measures are needed in order to make the change within the Nation, and get follow up within the next month at a Legislative session. Second by Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah.

11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Charter of Incorporation for Waagax Hakiruxaraxara Hosto**

NOTED FOR THE RECORD: Rep. Stephanie Begay mentioned that Charter of Incorporation Waagax Hakiruxaraxara Hosto was signed and delivered to the Board last week.

**District Meetings:**

**DI Niioxawani - September 11, 2024**

**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to refer to Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority the **MOTION** by Doug Greengrass to have Legislature to provide the cost for all the lights put up in Sand Pillow for next month. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

NOTED FOR THE RECORD: Doug Greengrass would like to know about the ditch drain tile at Thundercloud Circle Mission water towers instillation. Rep. Phyllis Smoke has sent an email to Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority and the Department of Housing.

**READ FOR THE RECORD:** **MOTION** by Kelly Jo Funmaker to have District 1 Legislators uphold the Constitution.

**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to refer to the Office of General Council the **MOTION** by Henrietta Funmaker to have a separate payout line for elders, their caregivers and disabled at the next General Council Meeting. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to refer to the District 1 Aide and District 1 Legislators the **MOTION** by Darcy Funmaker to have the District 1 Aide research all motions regarding the DICC issues and provide a summary at the next District meeting. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**DI Howasa - September 10, 2024**

**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to refer to Legislature, Finance staff and Finance Commission the **MOTION** by Sandra Radtke for the Nation to provide energy, heating/electrical assistance program to all Ho-Chunk households from the unexpended funds with HHCA to administer the program. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to refer to Legislative Counsel the **MOTION** by Bruce LaMere for the Legislature to rescind and restate the Redistricting Resolution for Scenario #17. To reduce the number of Representative for D5 by two and to move one Representative into D3 and another Representative in to D4. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 2-8(Rep. Stephanie Begay, Rep. Paul Fox, Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah, Rep. Kristin White Eagle, Vice President Danielle DeLong, Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle, Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr., Rep. Shelby Visintin)-1(Rep. Robert

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Pilot) **MOTION DEFEATED.**

**READ FOR THE RECORD:** MOTION by Bruce LaMere for the Legislature to rescind and restate the Redistricting Resolution for Scenario #17. To reduce the number of Representative for D5 by two and to move one Representative into D3 and another Representative into D4.

**D2 Hinukwas– September 9, 2024**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to Department of Administration and Office of the President for consideration for Black River Falls and Neesh-la powwow grounds regarding the MOTION by Marsha Smith that a bleacher section be available but the majority of the seating be open as it currently is. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**READ FOR THE RECORD:** MOTION by Marsha Smith to have the creation of the Founders Day Powwow committee on the agenda for next month's Area meeting.

**D2 Ho'uni Xununik – September 10, 2024**  
No motions were made.

**D2 Hoxaikeja/Hoguceja/ Nižhakisuc – September 11, 2024**

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to the Department of Justice and Legislative Legal the MOTION by Heather Cloud to approve the Juneau County Law Enforcement Agreement. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to Department of Justice and Legislative Legal the MOTION by Rebecca Davis to approve the Sauk County Law Enforcement Agreement. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**READ FOR THE RECORD:** MOTION by Cynthia Tack to move the removal hearing posted for Legislator Robert Funmaker Jr. to Open Legislative Session, it should not be in an Executive Session.

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to the Attorney General and Legislative Legal the MOTION by Cynthia Tack to release the President wage motions and documents from Executive Session to Open Session. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**READ FOR THE RECORD:** MOTION by Cynthia Tack for our D2 Reps absolutely vote against removal of fellow D2 Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr.

**READ FOR THE RECORD:** MOTION by Tina Warner that Chief Trial Court Judge Jo Deen Lowe be investigated for a conflict of interest for the ERA and Code of Ethics Act in regards to Administrative Leave order 24-17.

**READ FOR THE RECORD:** Cynthia Tack does not want to be retaliated against for speaking out.

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to the Department of Justice and Legislative Legal the MOTION by Christine Funmaker-Romano that the Legislators address the matter of preferential treatment by investigating the Administrative Leave from the Department of Enrollment and OOP with the Legislators to bring back a report. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**READ FOR THE RECORD:** Rep. Stephanie Begay left the meeting due to a family emergency at 7:17 p.m.

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to the Department of Housing, Office of the President and HHCDA the MOTION by Tina Warner for a homeless assessment from HHCDA and the Department of Housing. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to the Finance Commission the MOTION by Tina Warner homeless shelter budget for each area from our housing agencies. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to the Department of Housing and Office of the President the MOTION by Joyce Warner for further investigation on the children's home on the previous proposal that has been done by the Department of Housing. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to the Finance Commission the MOTION by Roberta Funmaker that the elite elder property tax be increased to \$5,000 based on the increase in property tax assistance assessed by our local county and state municipalities. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to Heena Development the MOTION by Rebecca Davis to support the naming of the building as Cloud Village and the road named Funmaker Drive. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to the Finance Commission the MOTION by Christine Funmaker-Romano to support \$21,588.99 for the renovations at the Native American Church with the check made out to the Treasurer Rebecca Davis. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to the Finance Commission the MOTION by Christine Funmaker-Romano to host the Native American Church of North America Convention with a monetary support of \$50,000 with the check to be made out to Treasurer Rebecca Davis. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie

Begay to refer to the Finance Commission the MOTION by Christine Funmaker-Romano to support the Halloween Party Powwow in the amount of \$3,850 made out to Rebecca Davis. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to the Finance Commission the MOTION by Rachel Thundercloud to help with travel expenses for delegates for the NACNA Mid-year Conference, the Legislative Attorney, and Legislators to attend. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**D4 Guušgonak – September 9, 2024**

**READ FOR THE RECORD:** MOTION by Sunshine Thunderchief to remove the Health Accreditation Board report from the District 4 meeting agendas.

**MOTION** by Rep. Robert Pilotto refer to the Finance Commission the MOTION by Tammy Whitewing to request \$400 from the Community Improvement Fund for a Halloween Party for the youth. Second by Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Robert Pilot to refer to the Legislature the MOTION by Ben Krause to have Legislature expedite a Veterans Affairs Advisory Board issue on an emergency basis and to come back next month with solutions. Second by Vice President Danielle DeLong. MOTION IS AMENDED to include Heritage Preservation and Veterans Affairs Office. Second concurs. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**D4 Maanico Horuzra – September 12, 2024**

**MOTION** by Rep. Robert Pilotto refer to the Finance Commission the MOTION by Libby Fairchild to have Legislature support Thundermaker Wellness Center in the amount of \$500,000 with a possible contract for services for Tribal members. Second by Vice President Danielle DeLong. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**READ FOR THE RECORD:** MOTION by Mark Stroessner to have all District 4 Legislators support the removal of Robert Funmaker, Jr.

**READ FOR THE RECORD:** MOTION by Mark Stroessner to have District 4 fully support Vice President Danielle DeLong.

**MOTION** by Rep. Robert Pilot to refer to the Finance Commission the MOTION by Libby Fairchild to approve the Youth Wellness Funding request in the amount of \$15,000 through the Community Improvement Fund. Second by Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**D3 Tee hoikšek – September 9, 2024**

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to refer to Office of the President and Department of Administration the MOTION by Andi Cloud to have the Director of Administration Mike Rave to

attend the next Green Bay area meeting to address all concerns. Second by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to refer to Office of the President and Department of Administration the MOTION by Andi Cloud to revoke all surveillance privileges from Branch Office Managers effective immediately. Second by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to refer to Legislature and Land Development Team the MOTION by Andi Cloud to have Legislature find and purchase land for housing development in the Green Bay area not exceed 15 miles from city limits. Second by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle mentioned the concern that enrolled parents that are enrolled but their children are not, need assistance. Consider having funding available for those that are in this category.

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to refer to the Office of the President and Department of Education the MOTION by Andi Cloud to have the Office of the President consider this idea and see if it would be feasible for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year. Second by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to refer to the Attorney General and Legislative Legal the MOTION by Andi Cloud to have the Attorney General, Legislative Counsel to investigate the violation of the ERA and the Code of Ethics Act and report all findings to the next Green Bay district meeting. Second by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**READ FOR THE RECORD:** MOTION by Andi Cloud for any proceedings done with the removal of Robert Funmaker, Jr. be in open session.

**D3 Tejop – September 11, 2024**  
No motions were made.

**D3 Cexhaci – September 12, 2024**  
No motions were made.

**D3 Tešišik – September 4, 2024**  
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 11:11 a.m.*

*The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:35 p.m.*

*President Greendeer called the meeting to order at 1:16 p.m. Quorum is established.*

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

*The meeting returned to Open Session at 2:47 p.m.*

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

**Amendment to the agenda:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to add Check Processing under New Business. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**New Business: (Continued)**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to request the Legislative Finance Team work on preparing a process of timeliness and schedule on how to address these requests, and a timeframe for having the checks process, and to have this on the next Finance Commission agenda. Second by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Release to Open Session:**

**Resolution-Funding of the Village West Housing Development Capital Project and Authorizing the Expense from the Tribal Assistance Fund Restricted Account**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 09-19-24 R**, Funding of the Village West Housing Development Capital Project and Authorizing the Expense from the Tribal Assistance Fund Restricted Account and release to Open Session. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Funding of the Village West Housing Development Capital Project from the General Fund Capital Closure Funds**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 09-19-24 S**, Funding of the Village West Housing Development Capital Project from the General Fund Capital Closure Funds and release to Open Session. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Every Child Matters Pow Wow**

**MOTION** by Rep. Paul Fox to donate \$2,000 to American Indian Health Services of Chicago for the Every Child Matters Pow Wow out of the D4 Community Improvement Fund. Second by Vice President Danielle DeLong. MOTION IS AMENDED to include release to Open Session. Second concurs. 10-0-1 (Rep. Kristin White Eagle) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Adjournment:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adjourn the Legislative Meeting to September 24, 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 2:50 p.m.*

**HO-CHUNK NATION  
LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR MEETING  
EXECUTIVE OFFICES  
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI  
SEPTEMBER 24, 2024**

**Call to Order:** Tribal Secretary Rep. Stephanie Begay called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**Roll Call:**

President Jon Greendeer-EX  
Vice President Danielle DeLong-EX  
Vacant  
Rep. Rodney Rave-P  
Rep. Phyllis Smoke-P  
Vacant  
Rep. Stephanie Begay-P  
Rep. Kristin White Eagle-VC (P-10:09)  
Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr.-P  
Rep. Shelby Visintin-VC (10:08)  
Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle-P  
Rep. Robert Pilot-VC  
Rep. Paul Fox-P  
Rep. Brianna Tahdoahnippah-VC

VC-Video Conference

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

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

**Approval of Agenda:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Paul Fox to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to add under New Business: D. Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Center Presentation. Second concurs. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:**

**Special Legislative Meeting-September 18, 2024**

**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to approve the September 18, 2024 Special Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Legislative Meeting-September 19, 2024**

**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to approve the September 19, 2024 Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Reports:**

**HHCDA Quarterly Report**

Rep. Rodney Rave asked about the four homes in Sand Pillow that have been vacant for some time. Is there a timeline on renovations? Acting Executive Director of HHCDA Tracy Thundercloud said HHCDA is working on them. HHCDA has the same issues as the Department of Housing with renters not paying their rent, and there is not enough money in their budget.

**NOTED FOR THE RECORD:**

Rep. Stephanie Begay mentioned she recently asked for HHCDA's Woosga Leave policy. There are some issues being brought up to HHCDA regarding Woosga Leave.

Rep. Kristin White Eagle had a question on the HHCDA and Housing list for rentals. Is HHCDA and Housing combining the application for both?

Executive Director of Housing Denise Wright said the application is for both HHCDA and Housing. This has not been approved by the HHCDA Board.

*Rep. Shelby Visintin is online at 10:08 a.m.*

*Rep. Kristin White Eagle arrives to the meeting in person at 10:09 a.m.*

Rep. Kristin White Eagle asked if there is preventative maintenance for both Housing and HHCDA. Acting Executive Director Thundercloud said HHCDA has inspections every year, and a report is shared with Operations on issues with the units. When a tenant moves in, the Tenant Services Specialist will work with the tenant and go over taking care of the units.

Rep. Stephanie Begay asked if the cameras at Indian Heights and Christmas Mountain are working. Acting Executive Director Thundercloud said right now the only camera at Indian Heights is at the community building, and it works. With Ho-Chunk Village there are cameras at the units, and HHCDA will get a police report of any incidents. The cameras at Christmas Mountain are working.

**MOTION** by Rep. Rodney Rave to accept the HHCDA Quarterly Report. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. **SECOND IS WITHDRAWN.** Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Executive Branch Monthly Reports:**

**Department of Business**

A written report was received.

**Department of Education**

A written report was received.

Rep. Stephanie Begay mentioned a motion made by Rep. Shelby Visintin to add the computers back into the PreK-12 program.

Executive Director of Education Ryan Crain said there has been discussion and getting more information for what is considered an emergency. Dr. Bethany Redbird requested an additional \$100,500 for the internet services and computers for the PreK-12 program. This will include a tablet or lap top (depending on grade level) along with a printer, software and warranty. Rep. Rodney Rave said there would need to be an internal discussion on the funding request.

**Department of Housing**

A written report was received.

**Department of Labor**

A written report was received.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Neesh-la Powwow grounds and Veterans Post**

Rep. Kristin White Eagle mentioned the Neesh-la Powwow grounds and the community still wanted to move forward with the project. Rep. White Eagle had previously asked if the project considered the Land Use Plan that included the Sanford White Eagle American Legion Post being moved to the powwow grounds. The response from the Department of Administration was that it was not part of the scope of the project. Upon doing more research, the Land Use Plan was approved by the community. There were numerous community planning meetings with Department of Administration Planning Division, that the American Legion Post could be moved. The community wants the building at the powwow grounds. Rep. White Eagle would like to make sure this is part of any planning and the American Legion Post is considered part of the scope of Neesh-la powwow grounds project.

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle that the Land Use plans for District 2 for that area, as well as concerns from the community, for the American Legion post are considered and included as part of the scope of the project to insure there is no interruption in the Land Use plans. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke that the Department of Administration setup a forum on the renovation plans on both powwow grounds either in person or WebEx for participation by Tribal members. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to include both communities. Second concurs. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Acceptance/Denial of Penny Ybarra to the Position of Executive Director of the Department of Health**

**NOTED FOR THE RECORD:**

Legislature received a letter from Penny Ybarra asking for the confirmation vote be tabled and revisited within two sessions.

Legislative Counsel Michael Murphy mentioned that this morning a one page request laying out the reasons for this delay was received. The Confirmation Hearing for Ms. Ybarra was held on September 4 (a regular session). There was a regular session held on September 19, and now today will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> regular session since September 4, 2024. The Confirmation Act states that

a confirmation vote will be conducted. The Constitution does state that there are 90 full days that can elapse before a nominee is deemed confirmed.

**MOTION** by Rep. Rodney Rave to postpone the Resolution-Acceptance/Denial of Penny Ybarra to the Position of Executive Director of the Department of Health. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Financial Aid Administrator Revised Job Description**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to approve the Financial Aid Administrator Revised Job Description. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 9-0-1(Rep. Brianna Tahdoahnippah) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Statement of Support for Inter-Tribal Collaboration to Advance Wisconsin Cannabis Legalization, Regulation, and Operations**

Rep. Kristin White Eagle gave a history of the coalition with W.I.C.A.N. Since the resolution was presented yesterday, out of respect, she would like to hold on this resolution to give time for review and discussion from the Legislature.

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to TABLE the Resolution-Statement of Support for Inter-Tribal Collaboration to Advance Wisconsin Cannabis Legalization, Regulation, and Operations. Second by Rep. Paul Fox 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Center Presentation**

Hunter Thundercloud Eary was present to give a presentation on Thundermaker Wellness, a quality Native owned drug/alcohol rehabilitation center based in Prescott, Arizona. There is a funding request for a 20 person In-Patient Residential Housing facility and a 10 person Intensive Outpatient Facility.

**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to refer the Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Center presentation proposal to the Finance Commission. Second by Rep. Robert Pilot. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Executive Session:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Paul Fox to move to Executive Session for Business Matters, Criminal Matters, Inter-governmental Relations, Land, Law Enforcement, Legal Advice, Personnel Matters, Public Safety or Well-Being. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Phyllis Smoke is out of the room during the vote.*

*The meeting moved to Executive Session at 11:21 a.m.*

*Executive Session recessed for lunch at 12:35 p.m.*

*Tribal Secretary Rep.*

*Stephanie Begay called the meeting to order at 1:11 p.m. Quorum was established.*

**MOTION** by Rep. Paul Fox to return to Open Session. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*The meeting returned to Open Session at 3:03 p.m.*

**MOTION** by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Brianna Tahdoahnippah is not online during the vote.*

**Release to Open Session:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to request that Heritage Preservation, THPO and Office of the President work to provide a statement of position on the transfer and acquisition of the Ho-Chunk Nation for Red Cloud Park in La Crosse and release this motion to Open Session. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer the draft amendments to the LOA Workgroup and release this motion to Open Session. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Amendment of the agenda:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to add under New Business Resolution-Rescission and Restatement of Legislative Resolution 07-23-24A Designation of Tribal Officials Authorized to Conduct Business with the Bureau of Trust Funds Administration. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Brianna Tahdoahnippah is not online during the vote.*

**Resolution-Rescission and Restatement of Legislative Resolution 07-23-24A Designation of Tribal Officials Authorized to Conduct Business with the Bureau of Trust Funds Administration**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 09-24-24 B**, Rescission and Restatement of Legislative Resolution 07-23-24A Designation of Tribal Officials Authorized to Conduct Business with the Bureau of Trust Funds Administration. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 8-0-1(Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr.) **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Brianna Tahdoahnippah is not online during the vote.*

**Adjournment:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adjourn the Legislative Meeting to October 1, 2024 at Quarles and Brady LLP in Madison, Wisconsin. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Brianna Tahdoahnippah is not online during the vote.*

*The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 3:07 p.m.*

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# VOTE

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# NOV. 5



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**VOTE**

**JAYCE SALLAWAY**  
HO-CHUNK NATION DISTRICT II LEGISLATOR

SPECIAL ELECTION ON  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18TH



I AM COMMITTED TO SERVING AND UPLIFTING OUR COMMUNITY, PARTICULARLY IN SUPPORTING HO-CHUNK VETERANS AND ACTIVE SERVICE MEMBERS TO ENSURE THEY RECEIVE THE RECOGNITION AND RESOURCES THEY DESERVE.

I DEEPLY VALUE OUR ELDERLY FOR THEIR WISDOM AND LIFE EXPERIENCES, UNDERSTANDING THAT THEY ARE THE HEART OF OUR COMMUNITY. AS A FATHER OF FOUR, I STRIVE TO CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNGER GENERATIONS TO THRIVE.

PRESERVING THE HO-CHUNK LANGUAGE IS ESSENTIAL TO OUR CULTURAL HERITAGE, AND I ACTIVELY SUPPORT INITIATIVES THAT PROMOTE LANGUAGE REVITALIZATION FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.

I ALSO RECOGNIZE OUR TRIBAL CASINOS AS VITAL SOURCES OF INCOME FOR THE HO-CHUNK NATION, PROVIDING ESSENTIAL FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY PROGRAMS, EDUCATION, AND INFRASTRUCTURE. I AM COMMITTED TO SUPPORTING OUR TRIBAL GAMING OPERATIONS, ENSURING THEY REMAIN SUSTAINABLE AND CONTINUE TO GENERATE REVENUE THAT BENEFITS OUR COMMUNITIES. WHILE CREATING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE.

MY FOCUS IS ON FOSTERING SAFER COMMUNITIES AND ADVOCATING FOR THE WELL-BEING OF ALL RESIDENTS. WITH A PASSION FOR SERVICE AND A VISION FOR PROGRESS, I AM DEDICATED TO MAKING A POSITIVE IMPACT AS THE DISTRICT II, SEAT 1 LEGISLATOR FOR THE HO-CHUNK NATION. TOGETHER, WE CAN HONOR OUR PAST, SUPPORT OUR PRESENT, AND PAVE THE WAY FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE.

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**EMPOWERING OUR FUTURE,  
HONORING OUR HERITAGE:  
TOGETHER FOR HO-CHUNK  
NATION!**



Greetings D2,  
I have been asked to run for Legislator D2, Seat 1,  
My name is Laurette (gise minak) Pettibone. My parents were Janette Smoke & Leslie Pettibone.  
I have over 40 years of Native American Gaming experience, holding positions of Assistant General Manager, General Manager, Executive Manager, EDOB, and various other leadership roles. My educational background includes Associate Degree in Accounting, BS Management (MSM), and Master's Degree in Management.

I have visited and met some of you and listened to your concerns:  
• Housing for elders & single mother's (more housing)

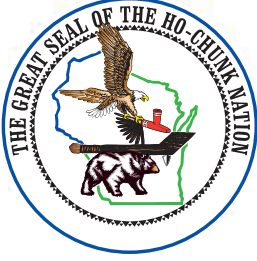
- Timber Run tree removal and additional road for entry. It currently has only one way of entry.
- C-Store renovation
- HHCA transparency
- Tribal owned Dialysis Center
- Advertising & Marketing for Ho-Chunk RV Park
- Art/Museum facility for Ho-Chunk artwork & crafts
- Busing for our Ho-Chunk children

I will work hard for you to address the concerns and any others concerns you have. I am looking forward to meeting you at the October 18, 2024 meeting in Tomah.

Thank you for your support.  
Respectfully,  
Laurette (gise minak) Pettibone

# NOTICE AND RULES OF SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

## Friday, October 18, 2024



### LEGISLATOR DISTRICT 2, Seat 1

Robin Blackdeer  
Beth A. Bridges  
Sherman Funmaker  
Conroy R. Greendeer, Jr.  
Donald R. Greengrass, Sr.  
Tracy Littlejohn  
Laurette Pettibone  
Jayce Gage Sallaway  
Damian Thundercloud  
Bettina (Tina) Warner  
Michelle Winneshiek

**Notice is hereby served to all eligible voters of District 2. The Ho-Chunk Nation is calling a Special Election which will be held due to the removal of Robert Funmaker, Jr., District 2, Seat 1 effective September 18, 2024 by Resolution 09-18-24A. The Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board, in accordance with the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation will conduct a Special Election. ARTICLE IX< SECTION 10, Removal, Recall and Vacancies and the Election Code 2 HCC Sec. 6, states in relevant part:**

#### ARTICLE IX-REMOVAL, RECALL VACANCIES

Section 10. Vacancies in the Legislature. If a vacancy occurs in the Legislature because of death, mental or physical incapacity, removal or recall vote, resignation, felony conviction, or for any other reason, such vacancy shall be filled in the following manner:

- (a) If three (3) months or more remain before the next General Election, the Election Board shall call a Special Election in the appropriate District to be held within thirty (30) days.

#### ELIGIBLE VOTERS:

Any enrolled member of the Ho-Chunk Nation who is at least eighteen (18) years old and who has resided in their respective district for at least three (3) months. See *Election Code Sec. 11 (a) (6)*.

#### REGISTRATION:

Each person seeking to vote must register at the polling place by showing identification before receiving an Official Ballot. If a person cannot write, that person must sign his/her name with a mark before two (2) witnesses.

#### ELIGIBILITY DISPUTES:

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

challenge the eligibility of an individual's name appearing on the eligible voters list by presenting a written challenge to the Election Board.

**The Election Board shall rule on all written challenges to the list of eligible voters immediately after the close of the challenge period, Section 11. c. ii. (Deadline, Monday, September 30, 2024)**

#### ABSENTEE VOTING:

A voter may vote by absentee ballot provided the Election Board receives the absentee ballot request in writing no later than Sunday, October 13, 2024, by **4:30 P.M.** See *Election Code, Page 26, Sec. 13 (a) (i)*. Requests **MUST INCLUDE** the eligible voter's name printed or typed (with signature), physical address where the ballot will be delivered (we use UPS next Day Air – UPS Next Day Air will not deliver to a P.O. Box), daytime telephone number and enrollment number.

**Absentee Ballots must be received before 7:00 pm on Friday, October 18, 2024.**

#### POSTING ELECTION RESULTS:

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

**Please check eligible voter list for your District.**

#### CONTESTING OF ELECTION RESULTS:

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

#### ELECTIONEERING:

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

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

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

**BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI**  
INDIAN MISSION  
COMMUNITY BUILDING  
W8813 Mission Road  
(715)299-6104

**TOMAH, WI**  
BLUEWING COMMUNITY BUILDING  
320 Epinal Avenue  
(608)377-3787

**LA CROSSE, WI**  
BRANCH OFFICE  
724 Main Street  
(608) 783-6025

**BARABOO, WI**  
HOUSE OF WELLNESS  
S2845 Whiteagle Road  
(608)355-1240

**WISCONSIN RAPIDS, WI**  
CHAK-HAH-CHEE COMMUNITY BUILDING  
916 Chak-hah-chee Lane  
(715)886-8411

**WITTENBERG, WI**  
SIGA FUNMAKER COMMUNITY CENTER  
W17634 Radke Road  
(715)253-4407

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

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

**MPLS./ST. PAUL, MN**  
BRANCH OFFICE  
1724 Selby Avenue  
(612)964-3813

**CHICAGO, IL**  
BRANCH OFFICE  
4738 North Milwaukee Avenue  
(715)284-7894

**GREEN BAY, WI**  
BRANCH OFFICE  
2413 Hazelwood Ln  
(920) 490-2775

Posted 10/3/2024

**SPECIAL ELECTION**  
**Friday, October 18, 2024**

**POST NOTICE OF ELECTION**  
**Monday, September 23, 2024**

**POST ELIGIBLE VOTER'S LIST**  
**Wednesday, September 25, 2024**

**OFFICIAL NOMINATION PETITION  
DEADLINE**  
**4:30 PM**  
**Tuesday, October 1, 2024**

**CHALLENGES TO THE ELIGIBLE  
VOTER'S LIST MUST BE  
RECEIVED BY**  
**4:30 PM**  
**Monday, September 30, 2024**

**LAST DAY TO REQUEST  
ABSENTEE BALLOTS**  
**4:30 PM**  
**Sunday, October 13, 2024**