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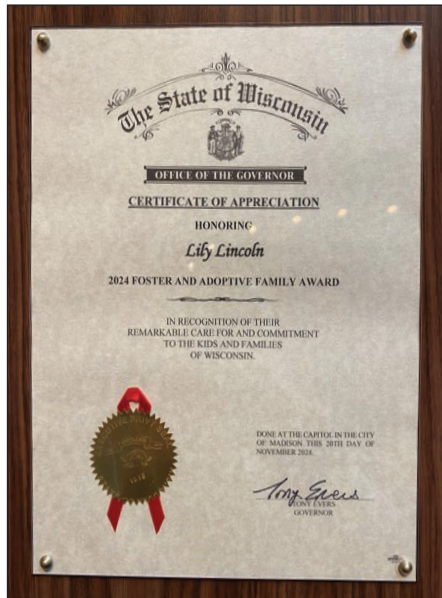
Governor Evers Recognizes Lily Lincoln with 2024 Outstanding Foster & Adoptive Family Award

Submitted by Ho-Chunk Nation Child Family Services

On November 21, 2024, Ms. Lily Lincoln was awarded the 2024 Governors Outstanding Foster and Adoptive Family Award by Governor Tony Evers. The award recognizes individuals and organizations that have made a difference in the lives of Wisconsin's children and families. Recipients are chosen based on their: Support for shared parenting, Cultural and community connections, ensuring the well-being of children in their care, Leadership, and Adapting and implementing Family First Initiatives. Nominations for the awards come from child welfare professionals, community organizations, and others across the state of Wisconsin.

Ms. Lincoln was recognized for her dedication to the children and families of the Ho-Chunk

Nation. Ms. Lincoln has been a crucial support to the Ho-Chunk Community as a licensed placement home forging meaningful, lasting
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Damian Thundercloud Takes Oath of Office

Ardith Van Riper
Editor

On Wednesday, December 11, Damian Thundercloud was sworn into office as the Legislature District 2, Seat 1 Representative. The ceremony took place in the Tribal Office Building near Black River Falls.

Matthew Mann was the master of ceremonies. The Bearheart Singers rendered appropriate songs. The Andrew Blackhawk Legion 129 and Auxiliary Post 129 posted the colors.

Traditional Chief Clayton Winneshiek offered a word of prayer. The Ho-Chunk Nation Vice President Danielle DeLong provided opening remarks.

The Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board Vice Chairperson Marsha Smith administered the oath of office. The Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board provided refreshments.



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Decorating the Governor's Residence

The window ornaments displayed here are handcrafted by members and staff of the Ho-Chunk Nation, each representing the richness of Native American culture. These ornaments showcase the art of applique, a cherished tradition in Ho-Chunk designs that embodies storytelling, personal expression, and the preservation of cultural heritage.

The Governor's Residence stands on the ancestral land of the Ho-Chunk Nation, whose deep connection to this region spans generations. This display highlights their enduring traditions, creativity, and the vital role they continue to play in Wisconsin's cultural landscape.

Mąņikisak Gipjesge-
(Merry Christmas)



Come & Join us

Holiday Healing Community Event

December 20th, 2024
2PM-7PM
District One Community Center
N, 7261 Warrior Ave,
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Activities
 Guest Speakers-Words for the Soul
 Food & Drinks
 Social dancing
 Photos with Santa

Drug & Alcohol free event

For event questions, please call
715-284-2622 ext. 15112

In Search of a Catering Service

Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Social Services & Jackson County Homelessness Coalition will be hosting an event on Thursday, March 20, 2025 @ 5:00 pm. Estimated 40 attendees. We are currently seeking catering service proposals.

If interested, please include:

- Menu
 - Entree
 - Vegetable
 - Dessert
 - Drink
- Set-up
- Serve
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- Total Cost

Submit your proposal to:
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**January 1, 2025
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20 MARCH

5 PM

Landlord Fair

- Food
- Drinks
- Discussion
- Resources

Waagax Hakiruxaraxara Hosto Hoocąk Community Library's Second Book Review: We Are Water Protectors

This December you might consider purchasing this book for your young reader, We Are Water Protectors by Carole Lindstrom. Carole Lindstrom is Anishinaabe/Metis and has written several young reader books. This book is the 2021 Caldecott Medal Winner and as the title of the book suggests, it is written to express concern for the environment. It is about much more than the environment as it written from the viewpoint of a young Indigenous girl and a recent incursion upon Indian lands.

The illustrator, Michaela Goade, is enrolled with

the Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Tribes of Alaska. The book is filled with brightly colored watercolor pages showing the beauty of nature and the menacing black snake.

She begins narrating the book with the words, "Water is the first medicine, Nokomis told me". The story centers around taking care of the water and nature and taking a stand for those who cannot speak against the black snake. Additionally, it refers to Native resilience and environmental protests against one of these giant pipeline companies, perhaps this

is why, in Pennsylvania, the book was challenged. I hope you and your children enjoy this book and think about its relevance today; for an adult it is a very short read and long on meaning.

Waagax Hakiruxaraxara Hoocąk Community Library is serving all our communities with weekly library hours: Mon. 12-8pm, Wed. 12-4pm, and Thurs. 10-2pm except for holidays. For appointments, call (715) 284-0905.

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Attention Ho-Chunk Nation Members We Need Your Input!!!



Please take a moment to complete this brief survey to help the Division of Planning & Development create a Strategic Energy Plan for the Ho-Chunk Nation.


- It's fast - only 1 minute of your time!
- Your responses are completely anonymous and confidential.
- Help save on electricity costs for Ho-Chunk members.
- Help reduce electricity costs for the Ho-Chunk facilities.
- Provide valuable data to support grant opportunities.
- Support the integration of renewable energy sources.
- Contribute to improved energy resilience and sovereignty for our Nation.



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Your feedback will play a vital role in building a sustainable, energy-efficient future. Thank you for being part of this effort!

Attention: The Next Deadline of the Hocak Worak will be December 20th which will be published on December 27th. Please contact Hocak Worak at ext. 11004 if you have a change of address or would like to be placed on the mailing list.



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6	Mar. 21	Mar. 28
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8	Apr. 17*	Apr. 25
9	May 2	May 9
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18	Sept. 19	Sept. 26
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20	Oct. 17	Oct. 24
21	Nov. 7	Nov. 14
22	Nov. 21	Nov. 28
23	Dec. 5	Dec. 12
24	Dec. 19	Dec. 26

* = absolute deadline due to holiday

NOTE: Submission deadlines are due by 4:30 PM. Please submit electronically to the email above. We cannot guarantee the publication of submissions meeting these deadlines if the space is not available. If you have any questions regarding this material or it is not received in its entirety, please contact us at the telephone number listed above. Thank you for your business.


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Michael Day Debuts "Everett LoneWolf" at 3 Rivers Lacrosse Area Office

Kaili Berg

On November 22, Michael Day, a Ho-Chunk member of the Bird Clan, celebrated the launch of his latest book, *Everett LoneWolf*, at the 3 Rivers Lacrosse Area Office.

Writing under the pen name Kunu, Day offers a deeply personal yet fictional narrative exploring the spiritual awakening of an urban Native American who reconnects with his heritage through the Lakota Way of Life.

"I wrote this book because I wanted people to understand more about Native people," Day said. "Not just people living on reservations, but what it meant to be an Indian in an urban setting. There's a big difference in how we live our lives."

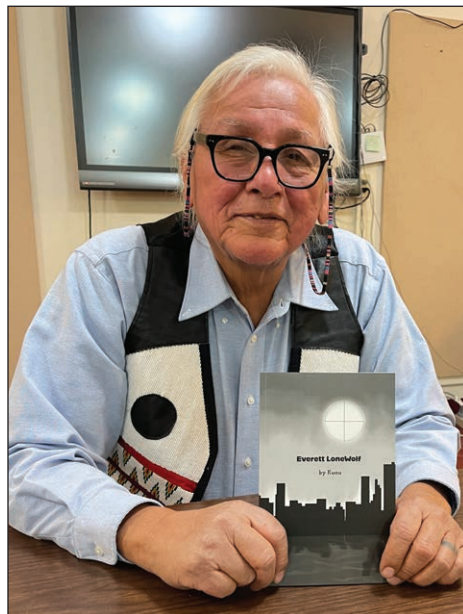
Everett LoneWolf is a fictional tale chronicling the spiritual awakening of an urban Native American in Chicago, blending cultural and historical narratives. Through the protagonist's journey, readers experience iconic events in Native American activism, such as the occupation of Wounded Knee in 1973 and the Longest Walk of 1978, as well as sacred ceremonies like the Vision Quest and Sun Dance.

"I met a lot of people like this," Day said. "Urban Indians who didn't know their traditions or culture. They lived their lives disconnected from their roots, knowing powwows but not the deeper spiritual aspects of being Native."

Day's own experiences as a Ho-Chunk man influenced much of the narrative. He shared memories of growing up in a cipuroke—a traditional shelter—after his family lost their home, and how his father's resilience inspired him to find strength in adversity.

"I'll never forget my father holding my hand and saying, 'Son, we can start over again.' That moment stuck with me," Day said.

The book's introduction, written by Arvol Looking Horse, 19th Keeper of the Sacred White Buffalo Calf Pipe, highlights its cultural significance. Looking Horse described *Everett LoneWolf* as "a



looking glass view into the struggles of living within traditional ways" in an urban setting, capturing both the challenges and beauty of preserving Native identity.

For Day, *Everett LoneWolf* is more than a novel, it's a call to reconnect with cultural roots and foster understanding.

"I want people, Native and non-Native, to understand that our traditions aren't just relics. They're alive, and they have lessons for all of us," Day said.

He hopes the book will inspire readers to see the world differently, adding, "Every story in this book has a teaching. I want it to be something you carry with you, something that helps you grow."

The event concluded with Day signing copies of *Everett LoneWolf*, emphasizing his gratitude to those who attended.

"It means a lot to me for you to be here. This is how we grow—together."

Everett LoneWolf is available for purchase at local bookstores and online. The book offers a unique perspective on the Native American experience, blending historical events, cultural teachings, and deeply personal stories to create a compelling narrative about identity, resilience, and revival.

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bonds with each child that has been placed in her care. Ms. Lincoln preserves and encourages strong cultural and community connections and deeply understands the importance of supporting children as they heal from past trauma. Ms. Lincoln shares the children's updates and experiences with their families so that they can remain engaged and present in their child's life.
The Ho-Chunk Nation Placement

Parent Program is in need of licensed placement homes. Please reach out to Ho-Chunk Nation Social Services, CFS, to complete an intake if you are interested in being a licensed placement home and providing a loving and nurturing home for the children/families to grow and heal. You too can make a difference in the life of a child and their family. Please contact (715)284-2622 and ask for the Initial Response Intake Office.

WE ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THAT HO-CHUNK NATION HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED WITH THE ICIA 2024 TRIBE/ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR AWARD, HONORING OUR LEADERSHIP IN CANNABIS ADVOCACY AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

THIS AWARD REFLECTS KEY MILESTONES IN OUR JOURNEY:

- DECRIMINALIZED MARIJUANA
- ENACTED THE HEMP CODE
- HOSTED THE INAUGURAL WISCONSIN TASKFORCE ON CANNABIS LEGALIZATION (NOW WIICAN, AN INTER-TRIBAL TASK FORCE DRIVING PROGRESS ON LEGALIZATION IN WISCONSIN)
- LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT FOR REP. KRISTIN WHITE EAGLE'S APPOINTMENT TO THE WISCONSIN WELLNESS BOARD OF DIRECTORS
- ICIA NOMINEE AND NOW AWARD RECIPIENT

THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY AND LEADERS WHO MADE THIS ACHIEVEMENT POSSIBLE.



Who are we?

The Education & Enrichment program runs through the Ho-Chunk Nation Education Department. We offer Tutor and Educational support for students of all ages and subject areas.

Meet the Team

We have 18 tutors that span from St. Paul, MN to Chicago, IL. Our offices are located in 11 areas;

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- Wittenberg, WI
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Ho-Chunk Day Celebration Brings Community Together in Baraboo

Kaili Berg

The Ho-Chunk Nation celebrated Ho-Chunk Day on November 29 at the House of Wellness in Baraboo, Wisconsin. The event, held on Indigenous Peoples Day, featured a mix of games, food, and cultural activities that brought the community together.

The afternoon began with Bingo, which attracted

participants of all ages. A meal followed, offering attendees a chance to connect and enjoy traditional and modern dishes. The celebration concluded with a social dance, with music provided by Bearheart and Bad Fish Creek. Dylan Prescott served as MC, and Damon Funmaker was the Arena Director.



Congratulations!
Student of the Week





**Caaxšephiyuḡei
Annabelle Beverly**

Nekoosa High School - Class of 2026

Extracurriculars for 2024/2025

- Link Crew Leader
- Ho-Chunk Language III
- Childhood Education Course
- Varsity Cheer/Dance Team
- Varsity Girls Basketball Team
- Culver's Crew Member

Proud Parents: Mary B. Houghton & Stuart Beverly

Congratulations!
Student of the Week



Alex Van Riper

Alex has shown incredible dedication and effort this trimester, working hard to excel in all of his classes. He has especially stood out in Psychology, where his focus and determination have led to great success on assignments and tests. Beyond academics, Alex is a kind and supportive friend, making him a joy to have in class. His hard work, positive attitude, and commitment to growth make him truly deserving of this recognition.

Congratulations, Alex!

United Indian Nations of Oklahoma caps off two-day annual meeting with serious conversations critical to Tribal sovereignty and the well-being of Tribal communities

Topics ranged from federal Native American boarding school legislation, the missing and murdered Indigenous People crisis, and tribal priorities with new leadership in Oklahoma and the United States Congress

STROUD, Oklahoma – United Indian Nations of Oklahoma (UINO) concluded its annual meeting on November 18-19 in Stroud, Oklahoma, hosted by the Sac and Fox Nation. Changes to state and federal leadership, advocacy to pass federal legislation for a Native American Boarding School Commission, and the crisis of Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP) dominated the two-day event.

Tribal leaders, policy experts, and Native advocacy organizations tackled these critical issues in Indian Country to plan strategic action for 2025. Officers reelected were Shawnee Chief Ben Barnes, UINO board Chairperson; Wyandotte Nation Second Chief Norman Hildebrand, Vice Chairman; Muscogee Nation Principal Chief David Hill, Secretary; and Bruce Pratt (Pawnee), Treasurer. Margo Gray (Osage) continues to lead UINO as executive director.

“We dealt with some heavy issues over the past couple of days. We covered everything from the MMIP crisis to health care, a second Trump administration, and who will fill key positions at the Department of Interior. We also discussed how new leadership in both chambers at the Oklahoma State Legislature will impact our issues,” Gray said. “The highlight was honoring Deb Parker with the Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition. We see just how close we are to passing federal legislation that will

form a commission seeking justice for survivors and families. Congress must pass this legislation before it’s too late for our elders who lived through the boarding school era.”

Annual Meeting Highlights: National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition (NABS):

Deborah Parker (Tulalip Tribes), CEO of NABS, received UINO’s National Tribal Leader of the Year award and delivered a passionate call to action on Senate Bill 1723 and House Resolution 7227, the Truth And Healing Commission On Indian Boarding School Policies Act.

Parker, along with NABS’ Director Of Policy & Advocacy Dr. Ponka-We Victors-Cozad (Tohono O’odham Nation/Ponca Tribe) and Board Member Chief Ben Barnes (Shawnee) asked attendees to contact their U.S. Senators and Representatives and urge them to send S.1723/H.R. 7227 to a floor vote before Congress swears in new members this January.

This legislation would establish a commission to seek answers on the number of Native children forced to attend government-sanctioned boarding schools, the number of Native children who were abused, died or went missing while at these institutions, and the long-term impacts on Native children and the families of children forced to attend Indian boarding schools.

The Truth And Healing Commission On Indian Boarding School Policies Act would allow the commission subpoena power to locate and analyze all records on Indian boarding schools from federal, state and local governments, churches and religious institutions, and private organizations. Records of primary importance include documents related to attendance, infirmary, deaths, land, and other correspondences.

The commission’s findings will allow them to make recommendations to Congress on achieving true reconciliation and healing for Native communities.

“NABS was able to identify at least 527 U.S. boarding schools. But our work so far is only the beginning. There are millions upon millions

of records that haven’t been sorted through,” Parker told the audience. “We know there are children across this country buried in unmarked graves. Our elders who have this shared experience are up in age. The truth-telling needs to happen so they feel like they have a voice. Our elders deserve that healing. We will not stop. A safe public and private convening needs to be held so we can make recommendations to Congress to help us find and identify our children. We will pass this bill and find those children.”

If S.1723/H.R. 7227 does not receive a floor vote before Congress swears in new lawmakers on Jan. 3, 2025, the process of hearings, testimony and passing a new bill begins all over again. Learn more about S.1723/H.R. 7227, download NABS’ advocacy toolkit and find your elected officials at boardingschoolhealing.org.

Federal and State Policy Priorities

The U.S. Senate and both chambers in the Oklahoma Legislature have new leaders for the first time in several years. Attendees and panelists discussed strategies to address the legislative leadership changes and a new White House with incoming President Trump

Attorney Wilson Pipestem (Otoe Missouri) addressed federal leadership changes, including a Republican-controlled Senate with new Majority Leader John Thune (R-South Dakota).

“Typically, any change in presidential leadership is never as bad as some think it will be or as good as others think it will be,” Pipestem told attendees.

Pipestem said a rise in the power of leaders from the Great Plains region, such as Sen. Thune (South Dakota) and Department of Interior nominee Governor Doug Burgum (North Dakota), may benefit tribal relations. Pipestem and others praised Rep. Tom Cole (R-Oklahoma, Chickasaw), who remains Chair of the House Appropriations Committee, a key role for Tribal interests.

The Oklahoma Legislature has new leadership in both chambers for the first time in eight years. Attorney Fred Jordan (Cherokee) provided insight into what these changes mean for tribal

interests at the state level.

Jordan acknowledged the new Mason Treat Act has created confusion regarding Tribal license plates. However, he praised new Oklahoma Senate President Pro Tem designate Lonnie Paxton

(R-Tuttle) and Oklahoma House of Representatives Speaker-Designate Kyle Hilbert (R-Bristow) for their willingness to consider potential legislative fixes and work together on other legislation affecting tribal

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(L-R): UINO Treasurer Bruce Pratt, Chairperson and Shawnee Chief Ben Barnes, Executive Director Margo Gray, National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition CEO Deborah Parker, Secretary and Muscogee Nation Principal Chief David Hill and Vice-Chair and Wyandotte Nation Second Chief Norman Hildebrand. UINO leadership presents NABS CEO Deborah Parker with the National Tribal Leader of the Year award. (Photo credit, Bronnson Harjo)



Attendees packed the room at UINO's annual meeting on Nov. 18-19 in Stroud, Oklahoma. The Sac and Fox Nation hosted the meeting, which covered topics critical to Tribal sovereignty and helping Indian Country thrive. (Photo credit, Bronnson Harjo)



OSBI Special Agent Dale Fine, who is assigned to OSBI's Missing and Murdered Indigenous People cases, and MMIP advocate Larenda Morgan join a panel discussing the MMIP crisis in Oklahoma. (Photo credit, Hunter McKee, OSBI)



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Hocak Worak Seeks Freelance Writers

Ardith Van Riper
Editor

The Hocak Worak is currently seeking Ho-Chunk Nation freelance writers to contribute and become a part of solutions and inspirations that reach 4,000 plus readers across the United States.

The Hocak Worak operates as a newsletter. There are differences between newspapers and newsletters. Those differences include target audience, publications, and characteristics. Newspapers target a larger audience or the general populace. Newsletters target a smaller audience, typically an organization or unique group. Newspapers publish daily, while newsletters publish weekly.

Newspaper characteristics take into account: news about crimes, politics, businesses, entertainment, and professional sports; editorials or columns as forum for opinions; and reader entertainment in forms of comics, crossword puzzles, and horoscopes. Newsletter characteristics take into account: topics relevant to their unique group; advice, deadline reminders, important announcements, and schedule of events; and program updates and outcomes.

The Hocak Worak is a bi-weekly newsletter

produced by and for the Ho-Chunk Nation. The objective is "to publish a professional newsletter that is informative on issues between the Ho-Chunk Nation government, departments, enterprises, and the Ho-Chunk membership." (Newsletter Division S.O.P., 2016)

Content of this Hocak Worak newsletter focuses on straightforward information. Stories do not focus solely on problems without providing meaningful attention to ways Ho-Chunk Nation departments, programs, or services are responding. Reporters of this newsletter will produce articles from the perspective of the organization, the Ho-Chunk Nation. This renders our newsletter a productive force and disseminating ideas that work.

Ho-Chunk freelance writers are encouraged to submit articles that: provide productive ideas; that inspire; that promote and encourage one another; and offer solutions to problem areas. Article submissions accepted via email at newsletter@ho-chunk.com. There is a flat rate of pay per article, if a story is chosen for publication.

For additional details about becoming a freelance writer for the Hocak Worak, email newsletter@ho-chunk.com.

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December: Deer Antler Shedding Moon

HARVEST OF THE MONTH
Wicawq
(Winter Squash)

About Wicawq:

- Winter squash have always been an important food for many Native tribes. With a hard, thick skin, they store well and come in various shapes, sizes, and colors, and include varieties like butternut, acorn, and hubbard.
- Winter squash offers a sweet, nutty flavor, making it a delicious addition to soups, stews, casseroles, and side dishes.

How to Prepare Wicawq:

- Rinse with running water before cutting. Use a brush or cloth to remove dirt if needed.
- Use a vegetable peeler to remove the skin from butternut squash, before dicing into cubes.
- For many ways to prepare squash, go here: [\[QR Code\]](#)

Wicawq and Nutrition:

- A good source of fiber, to support digestive health and help with feeling full.
- Rich in potassium for healthy blood pressure.
- Lower in carbohydrates than pasta or rice, for healthy blood sugar management.

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For more info:
<https://www.hsph.harvard.edu/nutritionsource/features/winter-squash>

Bison and Butternut Squash Skillet

Recipe adapted from FDIPIR 2024 Calendar and Nutrition Guide

Ingredients:

- 1 teaspoon oil of choice
- 1 pound ground bison, thawed if frozen
- 2 cups of peeled and diced butternut squash (cubed small)
- 1 cup water (or low-sodium beef broth)
- 1 onion, diced
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 red bell pepper, chopped (optional)
- 2 Tablespoons tomato paste
- Salt/pepper to taste, or other seasonings as desired.

Steps:

- Heat oil in a large skillet. Add the bison and start to break it apart.
- Add the onion, garlic powder, and red bell pepper, if using. Cook and stir often until meat is browned and cooked.
- Season meat with salt, pepper, or other seasonings as desired. Add the tomato paste and stir well.
- Add the cubed squash and water or broth. Lower heat to a simmer, cover, and cook until the squash is soft (about 12 minutes).
- Remove from heat, adjust seasonings, and serve. Makes 4 servings.

Butternut squash—easier to peel!
Acorn squash—good for stuffing!

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StrongHearts Applauds the Appointment of Tami Truett Jerue to the Task Force on Research on Violence Against American Indian and Alaska Native Women

SAULT STE. MARIE, MI — Nov 24, 2024: The leadership of StrongHearts Native Helpline applauds the appointment of Tami Truett Jerue to the Task Force on Research on Violence Against American Indian and Alaska Native Women. Tami is the Executive Director, Alaska Native Women's Resource Center (AKNWRC) and a sitting member of StrongHearts Native Helpline's Board of Directors. As such, Tami understands the root causes of domestic and sexual violence against Indigenous people across the nation but especially in her home state of Alaska.

"We stand with our relatives in our mission to eradicate violence against Indigenous people and to promote healing in Tribal communities," said CEO Lori Jump. "When we see Native women rising to uplift the voices of victim survivors who have been silenced by the media, we must put her on our shoulders so that she can be heard. It's time for Native women to demand justice for all of our people. When given the chance, we must celebrate Native women who stand to lift up the voices of victim survivors and advocates across the nation."

The Task Force, authorized by Section 904(a)(3) of the Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005 (Pub. L. No. 109-162), provides advice and recommendations on the development and implementation of a program of research that examines violence against Indian women in Indian Country and Alaska Native villages, including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, murder, and sex trafficking, and evaluates the effectiveness of federal, state, tribal, and local responses to these crimes.

Tami will serve alongside Catherine Edwards of the Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska on the Task Force, bringing forward the voices and priorities of Alaska's 229 federally recognized Tribes in shaping national policy on tribal jurisdiction and



gender-based violence. StrongHearts Native Helpline is a culturally-appropriate, anonymous, confidential helpline dedicated to serving American Indian and Alaska Native survivors, concerned family members and friends affected by domestic and sexual violence. Call or text 1-844-7NATIVE (1-844-762-8483) or click on the chat now icon at strongheartshelpline.org. StrongHearts Advocates are available 24/7 and offer peer-to-peer support; information and education, crisis intervention; assistance with safety planning and referrals to Native-centered domestic and sexual violence service providers.

StrongHearts Native Helpline serves all individuals who reach out for services regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, age, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, disability, or any other factor protected by local, state, or federal law.

Welcome Back

Kiana Beaudin, PA-C, MPAS

To House of Wellness Clinic

About Kiana

Kiana is returning to full time patient care after serving as the Executive Director of Health for Ho-Chunk Nation. She enjoys seeing people of all ages and helping them feel in control of their health.

Services Provided

- Preventative care for all ages
- Chronic disease management
- Urgent Care visits
- Implantable contraception
- Minor procedures
- Splinting and casting

Qualifications

- Bachelor's and Master's Degrees from UW-Madison School of Medicine and Public Health
- Board Certified by National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)
- 14 years of experience in Family Practice with Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health

To schedule an appointment call 608-355-1240

Chloris Alfred Lowe

December 12, 1927 – November 6, 2024

Chloris Alfred Lowe, Kerejusepskaga (Winter Hawk) passed away peacefully in his home surrounded by family November 6, 2024.

Chloris Alfred Lowe was the son of Mabel Davis and Martin Lowe and son of all those before him with grandparents George Lowe and Lena Decorah; John Davis and Minnie Pigeon. His ancestors and ancestors of many tribal members who read this: Charles Lowe and Mary Winneshiek, Charles Decorah and White Cloud Woman, John Davis and Lucy Nandory; Frank Pigeon and Woman Sent, Four Deer Decorah and Flying in the Village, Young Pigeon, Jennie Standingwater, Flying Low Cloud, before them many others – all gave him life and now he returns.

He was born in a ciiporoke (wigwam) “below the hill” west of the Ho-Chunk Indian Mission, December 12, 1927. Chloris was third in a family of 6 children, removed from his family at five he was taken to the Neillsville Indian Boarding School. He later attended Black River Falls High School excelling in sports and graduating in 1945. In high school Chloris met Anita Nemitz, a cheerleader for Alma Center who would become his wife. They were married 67 years when Anita passed. Chloris and Anita raised three children.

Chloris drove trucks from his late teens until retiring in 2003. He was an ardent member of the Teamsters Union, local 710. He hauled freight for millions of miles, and worked for Indianhead Trucking, Glendenning Motorways and Millis Trucking among others.

Following his retirement from trucking he worked in the Language Division of the Ho-Chunk Nation for some twenty years, into his 90s. He lent his storytelling and artistic talents to this effort.

His love of drawing and teaching the young ones is seen in his illustrated language guides. He was

well known for his art works that included drawing and painting in many media. He could quickly draw cartoons and would leave them with friends and family. He created many more detailed works of the Ho-Chunk people, capturing their lives, their stories – both past and present.

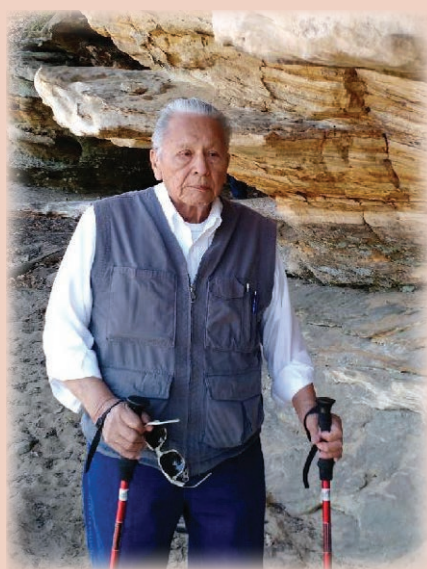
Chloris is survived by sons Chloris Jr. (Christine), and William (Rebecca), daughter JoDeen, grandchildren; Chloris III, Kjetil (Henning) Garvin, Abigail Lowe, Ashley Buntova, Avery Lowe, Allison Lowe and 12 greatgrandchildren and many other relatives.

Chloris was preceded in death by his wife Anita, his parents, brothers Clifford, Raymond, and Truman, sisters Arvina, Irene and Mildred.

A celebration of Chloris’ life will be on December 18, 2024, at the District I Community Center, N7261 Warrior Ave., Black River Falls, WI. Visitation at 10 AM, Service 11:30, Meal at 12 noon.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to Hospice Touch of Tomah WI for their kind care in the final days.

Hare Funeral Home of New Lisbon aided the family in the cremation and arrangements.



Bridget Antoinette Morris

December 28, 1972 - November 27, 2024

Bridget Morris, age 51 of Thurston, Nebraska, walked on November 27, 2024.

A funeral service for Bridget will be held on Saturday, November 30, 2024, at 12:00 Noon at the Native American Church in Wisconsin Dells with Travis Cloud presiding. Visitation will be on Friday, November 29, 2024, at the Native American Church from 3:00 until 5:00 PM. She will be laid to rest at Spring Grove Cemetery following the service.

Bridget was born on December 28, 1972, in St. Paul, Minnesota. The daughter of James and Juanita (Cleveland) Whipple. The Pow-wow way of life was everything to her until the very end. She enjoyed traveling, dancing and supporting her husbands and sons to the fullest extent. She was God fearing and prayed for many families. She was the best wife, mother and grandmother. Her grandchildren brought a lot of healing and peace into her life. Her family was everything. She wore her heart on her sleeve and was the best friend to anyone who needed one. She was always there to provide a nonjudgmental shoulder to lean or

cry on. She made tracks all across this land and touched the hearts of many. We will always remember her.

Bridget is survived by her husband John and two sons James Morris Sr. and Robert Morris. She is also survived by her brother Chris Whipple and two sisters Vivian and Tanya and four grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents, daughter Miracle Morris and sister Laverne.



NATIVE FOOD FOR LIFE ONLINE

THURSDAYS: JANUARY – FEBRUARY 2025
1:00 PM – 2:15 PM VIA WEBEX

A 7-Week “plant-based” program with a focus on indigenous foods for Natives to help prevent and manage diabetes.

JANUARY 9TH- PREVENT AND REVERSE DIABETES	JANUARY 30TH- MEET THE POWER PLATE!
JANUARY 16TH- THE POWER OF THE PLATE	FEBRUARY 13TH- A TALE OF TWO SISTERS
JANUARY 23RD - THE MAGIC 8 INDIGENOUS FOODS	FEBRUARY 20TH- PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER
FEBRUARY 27TH - VIRTUAL POTLUCK: PLANT-BASED RECIPES	

Please reach out to Rachel Montana or Lyndsey Killian to sign up.

Rachel Montana 715-284-9851 ext. 35039 rachel.montana@ho-chunk.com	Lyndsey Killian 715-284-9851 ext. 35068 lyndsey.killian@ho-chunk.com
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Past Participants said: “I lost weight”, “lowers blood sugars”, “better digestion”, “more energy”, “feeling better about food choices”, “good recipes” and “I feel fuller longer”.

11/24/24 LK

TOMAH CANNING CLASS

Waax (Cedar) Jelly

PLEASE JOIN US:
Thursday December 12th
4-6 pm
at Bluewing Community Bldg.
320 Epoch Ave., Tomah, WI

Win a Ball Canning Book!

Get hands-on canning experience!

Take home a jar cedar jelly!

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

Updated 11/24 KB

Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health Division of Public Health

Wažookj woo’ehi

family conversations

We invite you to gather, learn, and share at our virtual education series on Ho-Chunk culture, resources, services, and connection to health.

1pm-2pm

December 2024 Sessions:

Tuesday December 3rd
Ho-Chunk Nation Student Disability Services
Dr. Cheryl Funmaker

Wednesday December 18th
Waagax Hakiruxaraxara Hosto
Hoocak Community Library
Leslie Falcon

If you have a topic you’d like to learn about, a topic you’d like to present, and to learn more contact:

Jamie.Decorah@Ho-Chunk.com 715.896.1126
Ronelle.McKernan@Ho-Chunk.com 715.896.2570



The Mitchell Museum of the American Indian Rebrands as the Gichigamiin Indigenous Nations Museum: A New Era Focused on Indigenous Communities of Chicago and the Great Lakes Region

Evanston, Illinois – The Mitchell Museum of the American Indian is proud to announce its rebranding as the Gichigamiin Indigenous Nations Museum, marking a transformative milestone in its 47-year history. This new identity follows the museum's evolution into a majority Native-led institution dedicated to honoring Indigenous communities' diverse histories, cultures, and languages across Chicago and the Great Lakes region.

The museum name "Gichigamiin" means "Great Lakes" in Anishinaabemowin (Ojibwe), a central Algonquin language spoken by the Anishinaabe people throughout the states and provinces surrounding the Great Lakes. Pronounced /GI-CHE-GAH-MEAN/, the name was carefully chosen in collaboration with the local Indigenous communities to ensure it authentically reflects the region the museum represents.

"The new name not only grounds the museum geographically, it signifies an essential step in reclaiming and revitalizing Indigenous languages and cultures," said Kim Vigue (Menominee/Oneida), Executive Director. "By embracing an Indigenous name, we honor the remarkable resilience of the generations before us who courageously faced assimilation efforts aimed at silencing their voices and traditions. This rebranding marks a significant step toward healing and celebrating the Indigenous histories of the Great Lakes region and the vibrant cultures that

continue to thrive today."

The rebranding process was fueled by extensive community involvement and driven by Bumper Lanes, a Native women-owned marketing firm. Over nine months, engagement efforts included surveys and focus groups with the Indigenous community, museum members and partners, and the public. Feedback from nearly 700 participants highlighted a broad consensus supporting a new identity that mirrors the values and languages of the Indigenous peoples in the region.

"As we step into this new era, we are honored to share the stories and traditions of Chicago's diverse Native community and the Indigenous Nations of the Great Lakes. Our museum will serve as a unique venue and vital resource for education, appreciation, and connection, inviting all to experience the depth and richness of the people who have occupied this land since time immemorial," stated Andrew Johnson (Cherokee Nation), Board Treasurer.

Graphic artist Crystal Mzhickteno, a Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation citizen, designed the new logo. The design features a Woodland floral motif and ribbon work in shades of blue and green, along with visual elements that highlight the cultural significance of the Great Lakes and reflect the region's natural environment.

To further its commitment to amplifying Native voices and narratives of the Great Lakes, the Gichigamiin Indigenous Nations Museum will



introduce two exciting programs: "Living Stories: Contemporary Woodland Native American Art," an exhibition opening on January 27, 2025, and the "Indigenous Gardening and Foodways Initiative," which will feature an expanded native garden, a teaching kitchen, and a related exhibit set to launch in spring 2025.

For more information about our rebranding journey and upcoming exhibitions, please visit www.gichigamiin-museum.org.

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interests.

Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP)

A major focus of the second day of the annual meeting was the MMIP crisis. Two OSBI Special Agents, Dale Fine (Cherokee) and Joshua Patzkowski (Cherokee), were joined by LaRenda Morgan (Cheyenne and Arapaho), MMIP advocate and Founder/President of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes' MMIP Chapter.

The passage of Oklahoma's Ida's Law in 2021 helped create both Fine's and Patzkowski's positions at OSBI. Morgan led the effort to pass the bipartisan law, which is named after her first cousin Ida Beard, a Cheyenne and Arapaho citizen who has been missing since 2015. Morgan discussed the heartache and anguish families experience when a loved one goes missing.

"We'd never had anyone in our family go missing," Morgan said. "People in our Indian communities don't talk about this."

Ida's Law was designed to improve collaboration between tribal, state, and federal agencies in cases of missing and murdered Indigenous people. The OSBI can provide fingerprint and DNA analysis, help log information into the missing persons database or add an extra pair of eyes to a case that's gone cold. However, the panelists all agreed that challenges still exist.

They acknowledged one of the greatest challenges is still related to jurisdiction. If local, county or Tribal law enforcement receives a missing persons report, the reporting agency must formally request OSBI support before the

state agency can intervene.

Special agent Fine outlined the agency's progress in addressing MMIP cases but stressed that education and resources are tools not yet fully realized in Tribal communities.

"When a young person is in an abusive relationship, we need to make sure they know there are resources available to them, and they don't have to go back into that situation," he said.

Fine also stated he looks forward to digging into several cold cases involving MMIP.

UINO Leadership and Awards:

UINO also celebrated outstanding contributions with the annual awards luncheon, sponsored by Sac and Fox Nation.

- National Tribal Leader of the Year: Deborah Parker (Tulip Nation) from the National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition (NABS).

- Oklahoma Tribal Leader of the Year: Mekko George Thompson (Muscogee Nation) for his work to save Hickory Ground in the ancestral lands of the Muscogee people.

- Outstanding UINO Member: Jacque Secondine Hensley (Kaw Nation), Director for the Office of American Indians in Medicine and Science at Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences.

"I think it's so appropriate that one of our honorees, Mekko George Thompson, mentioned unity in his remarks," said Shawnee Chief and UINO Chairperson Ben Barnes.

"Unity sums up UINO coming together to address the issues most affecting Indian country."

Office of the General Council Official General Council Resolution Submission Deadline Announcement

General Council Resolution 09.21.2024N

HO-CHUNK NATION GENERAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION A RESOLUTION TO SET TIME PARAMETERS ON GENERAL COUNCIL WITH LIMITED EXCEPTIONS

Within this resolution it states the following:

WHEREAS, the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council hereby requires that members of the General Council submit all future General Council Resolutions 60 calendar days prior to the duly called annual meeting with the following exceptions:

1. That the duly called annual meeting date allows for at least a 90 calendar day grace period which would allow General Council Members with at least 30 calendar days to draft resolutions, and if a 90 calendar day grace period is not provided then all Resolutions will be accepted up to the start of the meeting.
2. Resolutions for the purposes of removing elected officials shall be accepted up to the start of the meeting. ; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council hereby authorizes the Office of the General Council through the General Council Advocate to declare and announce the resolution submission date deadline/time parameters within five (5) business days after the President calls for any future Annual General Council Meetings; and

Now, pursuant to General Council Resolution 09.21.2024N the official deadline date to submit General Council Resolutions for the 2025 Annual General Council Meeting is **JULY 22, 2025** 60 calendar days prior to the duly called annual meeting.



HO CHUNK NATION Office of the General Council

Office of the General Council Official General Council Resolution Submission Deadline Announcement

To: General Council Members, Legislative, Executive, and Judicial Branch
From: Nathaniel Longtail Jr. - General Council Advocate
Date: November 7, 2024

Re: Office of the General Council Official General Council Resolution Submission Deadline Announcement

Greetings and Salutations members of the General Council, Legislative, Executive, and Judicial Branches,

The Office of the General Council is hereby officially announcing the General Council Resolution Submission Deadline.

November 2024:

- 1. On November 6, 2024 this office received an email titled "General Council Order 09-20-25.pdf," and within this email was an attachment with the Official Call for the 2025 General Council Date.

Under Article IV, Section 5 Annual Meeting. "The People shall meet in General Council at least one time each year, which shall be called by the President, and at other times as provided in Section 6 of this Article. Notice shall be provided by the President for all Annual Meetings of the General Council.

Therefore, I President Jon Greendeer, under my constitutional delegated authority as President, do hereby officially call the 2025 Annual Meeting of the General Council on September 20, 2025

- 2. On November 1, 2024 the Legislature adopted a resolution of acknowledgement in regard to the adopted 2024 General Council Resolution titled. "HO-CHUNK NATION GENERAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION A RESOLUTION TO SET TIME PARAMETERS ON GENERAL COUNCIL WITH LIMITED EXCEPTIONS."

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

Office of the General Council Main Number: 715-284-9343 ext. 11237

Nathaniel Longtail Jr. Office of the General Council - General Council Advocate nathaniellongtailjr@ho-chunk.com 715-284-9343 ext. 11075

Henry White Thunder Office of the General Council - General Council Deputy Advocate Henry.WhiteThunder@ho-chunk.com 715-284-9343 ext. 11070

(See Image Below)



HO-CHUNK NATION OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

To: HCN Office of General Council
From: President Jon Greendeer
Date: November 6, 2024
Re: 2025 General Council Date

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Thank you, Jon Greendeer Maqasusga Ho-Chunk Nation President

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Ho-Chunk Redistricting 2024: Proposed Scenario #24

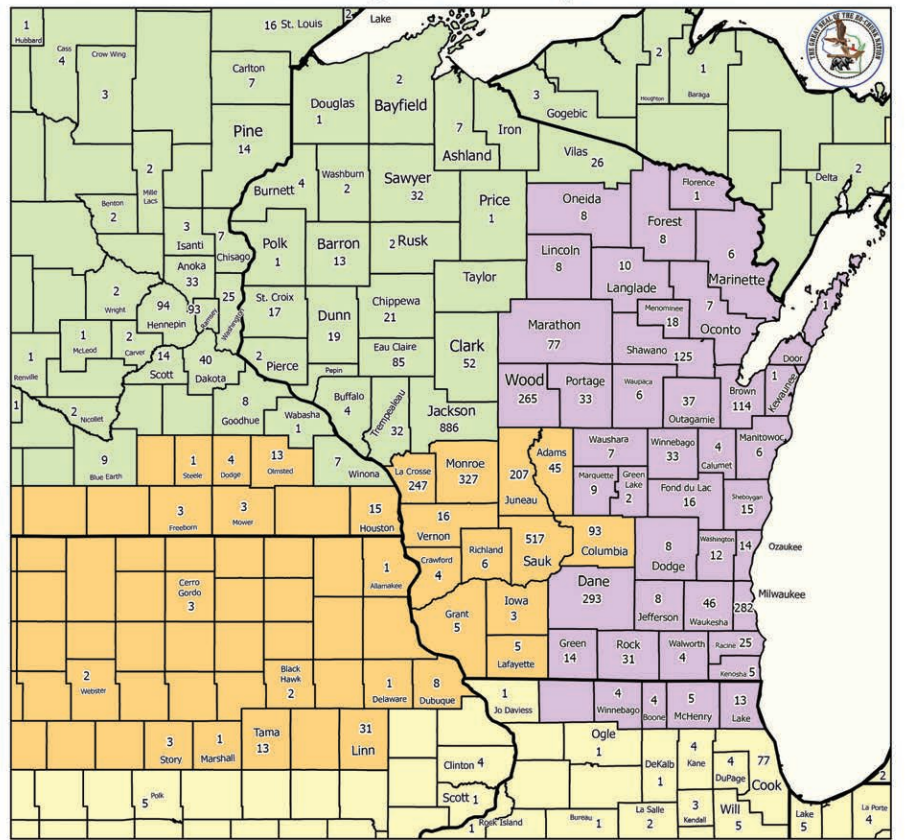


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HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT, IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Shelby Lynn Wesho, DOD: June 4, 2021, Notice to Creditors, Case No. PR 24-04

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF: Shelby Lynn Wesho. A Petition for Probate was filed in the Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court. You have 90 days from the date of the first publication of this notice to present your claims to the personal representative, Christian Fox, or the Clerk of Court at P.O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The deadline for filing claims is February 22, 2025. Only those claims so presented may be paid from the estate.

Mary Thunder, Clerk of Court, Name Printed or Typed, 11-7-24, Date

Form completed by: (Name) Atty Christian Fox, Address: 107 Main Street, PO Box 789, Black River Falls, WI 54615, Telephone: 715-284-1234, Bar Number (if any): 17F-20217C-55

PR14, 04/18 Notice to Creditors This form shall not be modified. It may be supplemented with additional material.

HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT, IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Shelby Lynn Wesho, DOD 06/04/2021, By Chris Fox, Notice of Hearing on Petition for Probate, Case No. PR 24-04, Filed OCT 18 2024


PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: 1. A Petition for Probate was filed. 2. The decedent, with date of birth 12/2/1986 and date of death 06/04/2021 was domiciled in Jackson County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of W 9017 Bear Trap Rd, Black River Falls, WI 54615. 3. The names or addresses of the following interested person are not known or reasonably ascertainable:

4. The petition will be heard at Wa Ehi Hoci, W9596 Hwy 54 E, Black River Falls, WI, 54615, before Judge JD Deen B. Lowe, on (Date) 01/07/2025 at (Time) 10:00am


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

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

Mary Thunder, Clerk of Court, Name Printed or Typed, October 18, 2024, Date



**HO-CHUNK NATION
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**



MEETING NOTICE

HEALTH ACCREDITATION BOARD MEETING

Friday, December 20, 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

NOTICE

RIGHT TO OBJECT

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

Ho-Chunk Member, EARLY WIND FUNMAKER, has submitted a Request for Title for Permanent Improvements located at: W8839 DECORAH RD BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI 54615

And more particularly described as: LOT 21 OF THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 33, TOWNSHIP 22 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST, TOWN OF KOMENSKY, 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 JANUARY 16, 2025

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

**HO-CHUNK NATION
LEGISLATURE
REGULAR MEETING
EXECUTIVE OFFICES
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI
NOVEMBER 7, 2024**

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

- Roll Call:**
- President Jon Greendeer-P
 - Vice President Danielle DeLong-P
 - Rep. Jessika Greendeer-P
 - Rep. Rodney Rave-P
 - Rep. Phyllis Smoke-P
 - D2 Vacancy
 - Rep. Stephanie Begay-P
 - Rep. Kristin White Eagle-VC-P
 - 10:07 a.m.
 - 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 Tahdoohrippah-EX
 - 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 Commission Reports: 7A5. Resolution-Funding of the HCG-Nekoosa-HVAC Unit Capital Project. Second concurs. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Legislative Meeting - October 22, 2024

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the October 22, 2024 Legislative Meeting

minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Special Legislative Meeting-October 29, 2024

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the October 29, 2024 Special Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Special Legislative Meeting-November 1, 2024

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the November 1, 2024 Special Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Commission Reports:

Finance Commission-October 31, 2024

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the October 31, 2024 Finance Commission Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Debt Management Policy Revisions-TABLED

Milwaukee "Falliday" Budget Request

Rep. Shelby Visintin would like it noted that the flyer and budget was received as requested.

Rep. Kristin White Eagle arrived to the meeting at 10:07 a.m.

Resolution-Rescission of Resolution 07-02-24 J and Authorization to Leave the Capital Project HCG-Nekoosa-HVAC Units Open

MOTION by Rep. Shelby Visintin to adopt **Resolution 11-07-24 A**, Rescission of Resolution 07-02-24 J and Authorization to Leave the Capital Project HCG-Nekoosa-HVAC Units Open. Second by

Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization to Close the HCG-Nekoosa-Marquee Capital Project and Funding of the HCG-Nekoosa-HVAC Capital Project

MOTION by Rep. Shelby Visintin to adopt **Resolution 11-07-24 B**, Authorization to Close the HCG-Nekoosa-Marquee Capital Project and Funding of the HCG-Nekoosa-HVAC Capital Project. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Funding of the HCG-Nekoosa-HVAC Unit Capital Project

MOTION by Rep. Shelby Visintin to adopt **Resolution 11-07-24 C**, Funding of the HCG-Nekoosa-HVAC Unit Capital Project. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Report:

Enrollment Report

A written report was submitted.

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

Ho-Chunk Transportation

A written report was received.

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to accept the Ho-Chunk Transportation Report. Second by Vice President Danielle DeLong. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Office of General Council Quarterly Report

MOTION by Vice President Danielle DeLong to accept the Office of General Council Quarterly Report. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Executive Branch Monthly Reports:

Department of Administration

A written report was submitted.

Department of Health

A written report was submitted.

Department of Personnel; Insurance

A written report was submitted.

Department of Social Services

A written report was submitted.

Unfinished Business:

No items under Unfinished Business.

New Business:

Health Referral Prior Authorization Specialist New Job Description

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the Health Referral Prior Authorization Specialist New Job Description. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Health Information Management Specialist New Job Description

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the Health Information Management Specialist New Job Description. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Executive Director of Health Revised Job Description

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to approve the Executive Director of Health Revised Job Description. Second by Rep. Robert Pilot. 9-2(Rep. Phyllis Smoke, Rep. Stephanie Begay)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Surveillance Agent Revised Job Description

MOTION by Vice President Danielle DeLong to approve the Surveillance Agent Revised Job Description. Second by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Adoption of Amendments to the Legislative Organization Act (2 HCC § 11)

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 11-07-24 D**, Adoption of Amendments to the Legislative Organization Act (2 HCC § 11). Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Ho-Chunk Nation 2024-2027 Indian Child Welfare and Social Services Plan Funding Agreement Including Increases with the Bureau of Indian Affairs

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 11-07-24 E**, Ho-Chunk Nation 2024-2027 Indian Child Welfare and Social Services Plan Funding Agreement Including Increases with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Social Services Child and Family Services Division to Apply for the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families Relative Caregiver Support Funding

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 11-07-24 F**, Authorization for the Department of Social Services Child and Family Services Division to Apply for the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families Relative Caregiver Support Funding. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Administration to Apply for the Department of the Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs Tribal Energy Development Capacity Grant

MOTION by Rep. Rodney Rave to adopt **Resolution 11-07-24 G**, Authorization for the Department of Administration to Apply for the Department of Administration to Apply for the Department

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of the Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs Tribal Energy Development Capacity Grant. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Cancellation of Lease #1921 on Lot #17 of Sand Pillow East #439 T 2158

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 11-07-24 H**, Cancellation of Lease #1921 on Lot #17 of Sand Pillow East #439 T 2158. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Health Behavioral Health Division to Apply for the Wisconsin Department of Health Services Opioid and Stimulant Treatment Unmet Needs Grant

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 11-07-24 I**, Authorization for the Department of Health Behavioral Health Division to Apply for the Wisconsin Department of Health Services Opioid and Stimulant Treatment Unmet Needs Grant. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Labor to Apply for the Wisconsin Emergency Management Performance Grant

MOTION by Rep. Jessika Greendeer to adopt **Resolution 11-07-24 J**, Authorization for the Department of Labor to Apply for the Wisconsin Emergency Management Performance Grant. Second

by Rep. Rodney Rave. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Approval of the CY2025 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for Juneau County

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 11-07-24 K**, Approval of the CY2025 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for Juneau County. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Approval of the CY2025 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for Monroe County

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 11-07-24 L**, Approval of the CY2025 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for Monroe County. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 10-0-1 (Rep. Stephanie Begay) **MOTION CARRIED.** Rep. Stephanie Begay abstained due to her mother being the Law Enforcement Commissioner for Monroe County.

Resolution-Approval of the CY2025 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for Sauk County

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 11-07-24 M**, Approval of the CY2025 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for Sauk County. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Approval of the CY2025 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for

Shawano County

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 11-07-24 N**, Approval of the CY2025 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for Shawano County. Second by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Approval of the CY2025 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for Wood County

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 11-07-24 O**, Approval of the CY2025 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for Wood County. Second by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization for the Education Department Tutor Services Division to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the School District of West Salem

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 11-07-24 P**, Authorization for the Education Department Tutor Services Division to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the School District of West Salem. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Appointment of Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to the Clean Lakes Alliance Community Board

MOTION by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. to adopt **Resolution 11-07-24 Q**,

Appointment of Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to the Clean Lakes Alliance Community Board. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to include Support in the resolution title change. Second concurs. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Hope 2 Others request

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the Hope 2 Others donation in the amount of \$1,000 from Charitable Contributions Fund. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 10-1 (Rep. Jessika Greendeer)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization for Paid Administrative Leave for Tomah Area School District Native American Heritage Month

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 11-07-24 R**, Authorization for Paid Administrative Leave for Tomah Area School District Native American Heritage Month. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **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. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting moved to Executive Session at 11:06 a.m.

President Jon Greendeer is excused for the remainder of the meeting at 11:48 a.m. Vice President Danielle DeLong chairs the meeting.

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

The meeting returned to Open Session at 2:53 p.m.

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

Release to Open Session:

MOTION by Rep. Jessika Greendeer to adopt the updated Debt Management Policy with redline edits and release this motion to Open Session. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to move the Red Cloud Park agenda item to Open Session as a standing agenda item and release this motion to Open Session. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adjourn to November 19, 2024 at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

**HO-CHUNK NATION
LEGISLATURE
REGULAR MEETING
EXECUTIVE OFFICES
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI
NOVEMBER 19, 2024**

Call to Order: Vice President Danielle DeLong called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Roll Call:

President Jon Greendeer-EX
Vice President Danielle DeLong-P
Rep. Jessika Greendeer-P
Rep. Rodney Rave-P
Rep. Phyllis Smoke-P
D2 Vacancy
Rep. Stephanie Begay-P
Rep. Kristin White Eagle-VC
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-EX

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:

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the agenda

adding under New Business: P. Consideration of Resolution-Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Ho-Chunk Nation Code (2 HHC §6) Regarding Matter Impacted by Redistricting; New Business: Q. Resolution-Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Ho-Chunk Nation Code (2 HHC §6) Regarding Matter Impacted by Redistricting. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to add under New Business: R. Resolution-Establishment of Legislative Workgroup to Review the Ho-Chunk Nation Code of Ethics Act. Second concurs. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Legislative Meeting-November 7, 2024

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the November 7, 2024 Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Commission Reports:

Gaming Commission

A written report was received.

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to accept the Gaming Commission Report. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 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.

Enforcement of Restraining Orders

Rep. Kristin White Eagle mentioned the Law Enforcement Commission (LEC) brought forth a matter that the Department of Business at the gaming facilities are not enforcing restraining orders. LEC would like the Department of Justice (DOJ) to take a look at this, to have enforcement conducted on the Nation's properties and lands.

Attorney General (AG) William Gardner mentioned he did look into the enforcement of restraining orders at the gaming facilities. HCG-Madison has security protocols within their policy and procedures. The AG is not sure if those protocols exist at the other facilities. Once Security has been alerted and have followed through with their processes, should there be a need for assistance from the police, they can contact Ho-Chunk Police Department and the local police. There are a number of cases that arise between domestic partners, they are handled the same way by Security first, then the police. Please call the Department of Justice for more information.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to request Legislative Legal and Department of Justice to review the Nations laws for any amendments that could be made to strengthen the enforcement of temporary or permanent restraining orders. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. White Eagle mentioned another matter that has been brought to her attention, is the recent drug activity in the Wisconsin Dells and Baraboo areas. Is the Department of Justice and Ho-Chunk Police Department comfortable in doing exclusions and banishments?

The AG said he is not uncomfortable with proceeding with the request to exclude the individuals. It is important and imperative to make sure DOJ is provided whatever necessary investigation and due process techniques in order to make sure they can enforce the exclusions. If the Department of Justice is not made aware of the circumstances, then they cannot act on them. Please report the information to DOJ and they will be sent to the Police Department as necessary.

Rep. White Eagle would like to know how to assure the community regarding these incidences of drug activity and when someone has passed, that DOJ can move forward with the banishment. How can we work together to bring education to

the communities and empower them.

Attorney Nick Layland said DOJ should proceed to sit down with HCN Police to discuss this, so they understand how it works. Attorney Layland will take this matter to the LEC meeting. It is possible to do community presentations on reporting, and what kind of evidence the police would need to act on these reports. The LEC can provide information that may help communities feel more comfortable and empowered.

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:

Resolution-Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 11-07-24 G, Authorization for the Department of Administration to Apply for the Department of Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs Tribal Energy Development Capacity Grant

MOTION by Rep. Rodney Rave to STRIKE Resolution-Rescission and Restatement

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of Resolution 11-07-24 G, Authorization for the Department of Administration to Apply for the Department of Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs Tribal Energy Development Capacity Grant. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the School District of Portage

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution II-19-24 A**, Authorization to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the School District of Portage. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Appointment of Jeriah Rave, Sr. to the Veterans Affairs Advisory Board as the District 1 Member

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution II-19-24 B**, Appointment of Jeriah Rave, Sr. to the Veterans Affairs Advisory Board as the District 1 Member. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 10-0-1 (Rep. Rodney Rave) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Appointment of _____ to the Veterans Affairs Advisory Board as the District 2 Member

Resolution-Appointment of _____ to the Veterans Affairs Advisory Board as the District 2 Alternate

Resolution-Appointment of Timothy Hanson to the Veterans Affairs Advisory Board as the District 3 Member

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to TABLE Resolution-Appointment of _____ to the Veterans Affairs Advisory Board as the District 2 Member; Resolution-Appointment of _____ to the Veterans Affairs Advisory Board as the District 2 Alternate and Resolution-Appointment of Timothy Hanson to the Veterans Affairs Advisory Board as the District 3 Member until after Executive Session. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution- Approval of the Department of Social Services Tribal Aging Unit Division Three Year Plan and Authorization to Apply for Title III Funding Through The Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution II-19-24 C**, Approval of the Department of Social Services Tribal Aging Unit Division Three Year Plan and Authorization to Apply for Title III Funding Through the Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Public Health Specialist NEW Job Description

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to approve the Public Health Specialist New Job Description. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Health to Apply for the Wisconsin Department of Health Services Tribal Nation Opioid Abatement Efforts Grant

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution II-19-24 D**, Authorization for the Department of Health to Apply for the Wisconsin Department of Health Services Tribal Nation Opioid Abatement Efforts Grant. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Rodney Rave is excused from the meeting at 10:46 a.m.

Resolution-Authorizing the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act Cooperative Agreement between the Ho-Chunk Nation and the Social Security Administration

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution II-19-24 E**, Authorizing the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act Cooperative Agreement between the Ho-Chunk Nation and the Social Security Administration. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Approval of the CY2025 Tribal Law Enforcement Grant Application

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution II-19-24 F**, Approval of the CY2025 Tribal Law Enforcement Grant Application. Second by Rep. Jessika Greendeer. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Approval of CY2025 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for Jackson County

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution II-19-24 G**, Approval of CY2025 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for Jackson County. Second by Rep. Jessika Greendeer. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Appointment of Attorney Shari Lepage Locante to Assist Department of Justice with Representation of a Ho-Chunk Nation Child and Family Services Matter

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution II-19-24 H**, Appointment of Attorney Shari Lepage Locante to Assist Department of Justice with Representation of a Ho-Chunk Nation Child and Family Services Matter. Second by Rep. Jessika Greendeer. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization to Place the Ho-Chunk Nation Burial Mounds Ordinance (7 HCC § 1) out for Forty-Five Day Public Comment

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution II-19-24 I**, Authorization to Place the Ho-Chunk Nation Burial Mounds Ordinance (7 HCC § 1) out for Forty-Five Day Public Comment. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Rescission and

Restatement of Resolution II-07-24 R, Authorization for Paid Administrative Leave for Tomah Area School District Native American Heritage Month

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution II-19-24 J**, Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 11-07-24 R, Authorization for Paid Administrative Leave for Tomah Area School District Native American Heritage Month. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consideration of Resolution-Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Ho-Chunk Nation Code (2 HHC §6) Regarding Matter Impacted by Redistricting

Resolution-Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Ho-Chunk Nation Code (2 HHC §6) Regarding Matter Impacted by Redistricting

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to TABLE until after Executive Session Consideration of Resolution-Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Ho-Chunk Nation Code (2 HHC §6) Regarding Matter Impacted by Redistricting and Resolution-Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Ho-Chunk Nation Code (2 HHC §6) Regarding Matter Impacted by Redistricting until after Executive Session. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Paul Fox is out of the room during the vote.*

Resolution-Establishment of Legislative Workgroup to Review the Ho-Chunk Nation Code of Ethics Act

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to adopt **Resolution II-19-24 K**, Establishment of Legislative Workgroup to Review the Ho-Chunk Nation Code of Ethics Act. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 9-0-1 (Rep. Paul Fox) **MOTION CARRIED.**

District Meetings:

D1 Niioxawani – November 13, 2024

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to refer to District 1 Legislators the MOTION by Karena Thundercloud if revisiting Redistricting does come before the full Legislature; D1 Representatives are to vote against Redistricting. Second by Rep. Jessika Greendeer. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to refer to District 1 Representatives the MOTION by Lori Pettibone for D1 Reps to look into the D4 Chicago Area meeting audio regarding redistricting discussion Second by Rep. Jessika Greendeer. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

READ FOR THE RECORD: MOTION by Crystal Pettibone nominating Devin Funmaker for D1 Election Board Delegate.

READ FOR THE RECORD: MOTION by Larissa Covington nominating Crystal Pettibone as D1 Election Board Alternate.

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to refer to Vice President

Danielle DeLong the MOTION by Melissa Olvera requesting a written response from Vice President Danielle DeLong as to why no Election Board nominations were completed at the Chicago Area meeting. Second by Rep. Jessika Greendeer. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D1 Howasa – November 12, 2024
No motions were made.

D3 Pac cinak – November 4, 2024

READ FOR THE RECORD: MOTION by Fran Littlewolf to accept the Law Enforcement Agreement.

D3 Tee hoikšek – November 12, 2024

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to refer to the Finance Commission, staff and Office of General Council the MOTION by Tina Hindsley to have Legislature include one (1) attorney position for the General Council 2025-2026 fiscal year General Council Budget. Second by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

READ FOR THE RECORD: MOTION by Andi Jo Cloud to have Legislature re-establish and give notice to appoint an Ethics Review Board.

D1 Niioxawani – November 13, 2024 (Re-visited)

READ FOR THE RECORD: MOTION by Henrietta Funmaker to approve the Jackson County Law Enforcement Agreement.

D3 Tešišik – November 6, 2024

MOTION by Rep. Shelby Visintin to refer to HHCDA the MOTION by Alexandria Lange to accept Cheri Byhre on the HHCDA Board of Commissioners. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

NOTED FOR THE RECORD:

Matt Greengrass had been nominated to be on the Housing Board of Directors. The area will vote next month.

D3 Tejop – November 13, 2024

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White to refer to the Land Development Team, HHCDA and Housing the MOTION by Saresa Ryckman to purchase the units next to Whispering Way. Second by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to refer to the Finance Commission the MOTION by Ashley Natysin to request the funds of \$2,000 for the Madison 2024 Holiday Party. MOTION IS AMENDED to increase the dollar amount to \$3,000. Second by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to refer to District 3 Legislators the MOTION by Ashley Natysin to assure our legislators attend the Shareholders meeting on

November 24th and to report back to the area. Second by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to refer to Election Board the MOTION by Saresa Ryckman to respect the outcome of the election. Second by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to refer to the Finance Commission and staff the MOTION by Saresa Ryckman to support D1 motion reading General Welfare Payment for Ho-Chunk Tribal Member Adults and Minors 06-18-25V Motion to have District 1 Representatives draft a resolution to amend the current resolution Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature General Welfare Payment for Ho-Chunk Tribal Member Adults and Minors 06-18-24V in the NOW THERE IT BE RESOLVED SECTION 3 (b.) to reflect the following: 3. General Welfare Payments. B. A \$1,000 monthly payment will be provided to minor members which will be in the amount of \$750 distributed directly into their trust account, and a \$250 payment distribution for each month by personal check. B. A \$1,000 monthly payment will be provided to minor members distributed to their trust account, with the exception of the August, November, and February and May payments, which shall be \$750 as a trust account distribution and \$250 as a personal check. This change will assist families monthly rather than a quarterly basis. Purposes for medical care, shelter, food, health, education and housing, are not limited to just a quarterly expense. These are necessities that are needed every month. Second by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to refer to the Office of the President and Department of Education the MOTION by Miriam Whiteagle to find out how successful the tutor services are doing in Dane County. Second by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to refer to the Finance Commission, staff and Office of General Council the MOTION by Muriel Whiteagle-Lee that General Council should have an attorney. Second by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D3 Cexhaci – November 14, 2024

MOTION by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. to refer to the Finance Commission the MOTION by Isabelle Escamilla for \$50 for food cost at each community event. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. to refer to HHCDA the MOTION by Isabelle Escamilla to get a new handicap accessible playground. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. *Continued on Page 14*

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White Eagle. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. to refer to HHCDA the **MOTION** by Isabelle Escamilla to have the basketball court maintained regularly. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. to refer to the Finance Commission the **MOTION** by Barbara Smith to receive a \$2,500 fund for Nekoosa area Christmas Party. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D4 Guuŕgonak – November 12, 2024

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to refer to the Finance Commission the **MOTION** by Gerald Savage to request holiday event funds in the amount of \$2,300 for a holiday event on December 21, 2024. This will be from the Community Improvement Fund and Tammy Whitewing would reconcile the event with Treasury after the event. Second by Rep. Robert Pilot. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to refer to the Finance Commission the **MOTION** by Gerald Savage to request \$1,000 from the District 4 Community Improvement Fund to provide a children's education class at the Chicago Branch Office on January 4, 2024 from 1-3 p.m. Second by Rep. Robert Pilot. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D4 Maanico Horuzra – November 14, 2024

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to refer to the Finance Commission the **MOTION** by Mark Stroessner to sponsor the NACC in the amount of \$500,000 from Charitable Contributions Fund. Second by Rep. Robert Pilot. 6-4(Rep. Stephanie Begay, Rep. Phyllis Smoke, Rep. Jessika Greendeer, Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to refer the Election Board the **MOTION** by Mark Stroessner to nominate Patrick Red Eagle as the District 4 Election Board Delegate. Second by Rep. Robert Pilot. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to refer the Election Board Workgroup the **MOTION** by Libby Fairchild to revise the Ho-Chunk Election Code by means of Legislature quick passage to allow candidate to run for office when establishing permanent residency within three (3) months prior to the General of Special Election consistent with residency with residency requirements for voters. Second by Rep. Robert Pilot. 8-2(Rep. Jessika Greendeer, Rep. Phyllis Smoke)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

READ FOR THE RECORD: **MOTION** by Rosetta Hunt that the October 18, 2024 Redistricting Special Election should be invalid and voided or held in abeyance due to the election was not in

compliance with the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution Article V Legislature Section 4 Redistricting and Reapportionment. Any redistricting or reappointment shall be complete at least 6 (6) months prior to the next election, and notice shall be provided to voters. Amendment IV adopted on May 6, 2009 which becomes effective June 20, 2009 by operation of law. This section was changed to require redistricting and reappointment once every ten (10) years. Implantation should not be taken place until after the next general elections.

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox refer to the Finance Commission the **MOTION** by Libby Fairchild to sponsor the DIW-Saint Paul; DIW-Minneapolis; Mashkawisen-Clouquet, MN; and Women of Nations-Saint Paul in the amount of \$2,500 each. Second by Rep. Robert Pilot. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to refer to the Finance Commission the **MOTION** by Mark Stroessner to request \$1,600 for an adult Holiday Party from the D4 Community Improvement Funds. Libby Fairchild will reconcile the funds after the event. Second by Rep. Robert Pilot. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to refer to the Finance Commission the **MOTION** by Libby Fairchild to request \$3,400 for a District 4 Family Holiday Party to come from the D4 Community Improvement Fund with Sandra Garzon reconciling with Treasury after the event. Second by Rep. Robert Pilot. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Rodney Rave returns to the meeting at 11:22 a.m.

D2 Hinukwas– November 4, 2024

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to District 2 Representatives the **MOTION** by Tracy Littlejohn to have the dedication Code Talker memorial highway to be held at the La Crosse Three Rivers Building and the alternative site being adjacent to the Highway. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 10-0-1(Rep. Rodney Rave) **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to District 2 Representatives and Legislative Legal the **MOTION** by Melanie Stacy that the District 2 Legislators email the 12 Clans charter to those who are interested in receiving it to prepare for the Annual Shareholder meeting on December 7. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D2 Ho'uni Xununik – November 12, 2024

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to Legislature and Legislative Legal the **MOTION** by Myra Jo Price for the Legislature to review the HHCDA charter. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to Legislature and

Legislative Legal the **MOTION** by Myra Jo Price to review if a commissioner can be an employee of HHCDA. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to Legislative Legal to draft a resolution pending a back ground check regarding the **MOTION** by Andrea McCaskey to accept Rebecca Nambo for HHCDA Board of Commissioners. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

READ FOR THE RECORD: **MOTION** by Tara Chapman to nominate Angie Hindsley to the Housing Board of Directors.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to Social Services, TAU and Department of Justice the **MOTION** by Rachel Winneshiek to increase the meal price from \$5 to \$10 included for the non-tribal and non-elder. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to Social Services, TAU and Department of Justice the **MOTION** by Rachel Winneshiek for effective date of December 1st for the previous motion. 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 Andrea McCaskey for the Legislature to match the breakfast fundraiser on Friday, November 15th at TOB by Aucho Head Start. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 10-0-1(Rep. Stephanie Begay) **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to next Legislative session the **MOTION** by Liza Green requests \$4,000 for a Christmas party pending a budget. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to add \$500 coming from Monroe County Law Enforcement agreement with Andrea/Liza providing the budget. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 10-0-1(Rep. Stephanie Begay) **MOTION CARRIED.**

NOTED FOR THE RECORD:

Rep. Begay abstained the votes due to her mother seconding the area meeting motions.

D2 Hoxaikeja/Hoguceja/ Nižhakisuc – November 6, 2024

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to the Finance Commission the **MOTION** by Weeta Montelongo to request \$3,000 for the community Christmas party for the LEC at the House of Wellness with the check made out to Joyce Warner contingent on budget and flyer. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

READ FOR THE RECORD: **MOTION** by Clariss Funmaker to support Courage Cleveland to support the chair person for the Neeshla powwow.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to the

General Council Advocate Nathaniel Longtail the **MOTION** by Joyce Warner to have the Legislature contact the GC advocate Nathaniel Longtail about the tracking of General Council resolutions, status, and action taken for those resolutions. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to the Office of the President, Behavioral Health and Department of Health the **MOTION** by Barb Funmaker that the area would like a report from TAP about the motions made by the Baraboo/Dells/Mauston Area in June of 2024. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to Public Relations and District 2 Representatives to organize the **MOTION** by Barb Funmaker to have a forum with multiple departments to combat the overdose's in the community. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to add the Office of the President. Second concurs. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to the Office of the President the **MOTION** by Barb Funmaker to have the President and the ED's to attend the forum. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Executive Session:

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

The meeting moved to Executive Session at 11:36 a.m.

The meeting recessed for lunch during Executive Session at 11:43a.m., and the meeting was called back to order by Vice President DeLong at 12:24 p.m. Quorum was established.

President Jon Greendeer is online at 12:38 p.m. Vice President DeLong continues to chair the meeting.

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to return to Open Session. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting returned to Open Session at 3:09 p.m.

Rep. Kristin White Eagle and Rep. Shelby Visintin are excused for the remainder of the meeting at 3:09 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to ratify all action that was taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Release to Open Session:

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to request Legislative Legal draft resolutions for appointments to the Trust and Investment Commission for next session and release this

motion to open session. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

New Business: (Re-visit)

Resolution-Appointment of Timothy Hanson to the Veterans Affairs Advisory Board as the District 2 Member

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution II-19-24 P**, Appointment of Timothy Hanson to the Veterans Affairs Advisory Board as the District 2 Member. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Appointment of _____ to the Veterans Affairs Advisory Board as the District 2 Alternate

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution II-19-24 Q**, Appointment of Elmer Hanson to the Veterans Affairs Advisory Board as the District 2 Alternate. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consideration of Resolution-Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Ho-Chunk Nation Code (2 HHC §6) Regarding Matter Impacted by Redistricting

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay for Consideration of Resolution-Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Ho-Chunk Nation Code (2 HHC §6) Regarding Matter Impacted by Redistricting. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Ho-Chunk Nation Code (2 HHC §6) Regarding Matter Impacted by Redistricting

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution II-19-24 R**, Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Ho-Chunk Nation Code (2 HHC §6) Regarding Matter Impacted by Redistricting. Second by Rep. Jessika Greendeer. 8-1(Rep. Paul Fox)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Amendment to the agenda:

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to amend the agenda adding District 1 Election Board Delegate and Alternate. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to refer to the Election Board the nomination of Devin Funmaker as the D1 Election Board Delegate and the nomination of Crystal Pettibone as the D1 Alternate and for Legislative Legal to prepare a resolution for the next Legislative Meeting. Second by Rep. Jessika Greendeer. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adjourn the Legislative Meeting to November 26, 2024 at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

Peppermint Pay

WIN A SHARE OF \$36K CASH & PRIZES

HOURLY DRAWINGS | SATURDAYS | 11AM - 11pm

Be **1 of 2 Lucky Winners** each Saturday in November and **December** to win a share of over **\$36,000 in Cash, Gifts & Rewards Play!** Hourly drawings take place between **11am and 11pm**. Receive **1 FREE ENTRY** each Saturday. **Earn more chances to win** by playing slots and/or tables each Saturday. **Free and earned entries can be obtained at the Rewards Club.**

Visit the Rewards Club for details.

Must be present to win. Drawing barrel is emptied following the final drawing. Ho-Chunk Gaming reserves the right to cancel or alter promotions at any time.

SPECIAL HOLIDAY HOURS

CASINO HOURS: DECEMBER 24 - CLOSE AT 4PM | DECEMBER 25 - OPEN AT 10AM
BINGO HOURS: DECEMBER 24 - CLOSED | DECEMBER 25 - CLOSED
HOTEL HOURS: DECEMBER 24 - CLOSED | DECEMBER 25 - OPEN AT 2PM
DECEMBER 31 - OPEN 24 HOURS

31ST DECEMBER | NYE PARTY

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

SHOW ME YOUR HITS

9PM | CASINO STAGE

Playing the hits from the 80s to today.

CARICATURIST

8PM | CASINO FLOOR

Add some fun to your evening with a hilarious and treasured souvenir.

NYE PROMOTION

OVER \$5.7K IN CASH & RP

HOT SEAT DRAWINGS | 8PM - MIDNIGHT

Two Hot Seat Winners will be chosen each hour between 8pm and midnight for progressively larger prizes ranging from \$100 Rewards Play to \$1,000 Cash. One final winner will receive \$2,025 at midnight.

HOTEL SPECIAL

COUNTDOWN GETAWAY

STANDARD ROOM \$189+TRIBAL FEE

INCLUDES: *\$130 REWARDS PLAY

1.5 BAY SUITE \$239+TRIBAL FEE

2.0 BAY SUITE \$289+TRIBAL FEE

INCLUDES: *\$140 REWARDS PLAY

Not valid with any other promotion, comp, discount or package. *Rewards play amount based on double occupancy.

BISTRO SPECIALS

SERVING 5PM - 9PM

SHRIMP | \$21.99

Baked potato, vegetable and dinner roll.

12 OZ. RIB-EYE STEAK | \$21.99

Baked potato, vegetable and dinner roll.

BBQ RIBS | \$18.99 Full Rack | \$12.99 1/2 Rack

Vegetable and french fries.

FRIED CHICKEN | \$15.99

Mashed potatoes, vegetable and dinner roll.

BREADED SHRIMP | \$15.99

Coleslaw and french fries.

BREADED FISH | \$15.99

Coleslaw and french fries.

CHILI | \$4.50

SALAD | \$3.50

Reservations **REQUIRED**. Please call **800.657.4621 Ext. 24093** beginning **Dec 17**. Leave a message with your name, how many in your party and a contact number for confirmation. **A limited menu will be served in the Bistro from 9pm - 12am.**



NOTICE AND RULES OF GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2025



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

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

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

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

LEGISLATURE:
District 1, Seat 1
July 2025 – June 2029

District 2, Seat 2
July 2025 – June 2029

District 2, Seat 3
July 2025 – June 2029

District 3, Seat 2
July 2025 – June 2029

District 4, Seat 1
July 2025 – June 2029

District 4, Seat 2
July 2025 – June 2029

District 4, Seat 3
July 2025 – June 2029

JUDICIARY:
Supreme Court Chief Justice
July 2025- June 2029

Supreme Court Associate Justice 1
July 2025 – June 2029

NOMINATIONS OF CANDIDATES

The official candidacy forms may be obtained from the Election Board Members or the Election Board Office. A candidate for elective office shall submit an Official Nomination Petition, Declaration of Candidacy and a \$5.00 filing fee **MUST** be hand delivery or U.S. Mail to the Election Board office before the close of the nomination period on **Sunday, January 19, 2025 by 4:30 pm.** ORIGINAL FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED. FILING BY FAX OR COPIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTABLE.

ELIGIBLE VOTERS:

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

REGISTRATION:

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

ELIGIBILITY DISPUTES:

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

The Election Board will rule on all written challenges to the list of eligible voters immediately after the close of the challenge period. Section 11(c) iii, (Deadline Thursday, February 13, 2025).

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

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

Deadline to challenge the candidate(s) list to Election Board is Saturday, January 25, 2025 @ 4:30 pm.

ABSENTEE VOTING:

A voter may vote by absentee ballot provided the Election Board receives the absentee ballot request in writing no later than **Sunday, February 23, 2025 by 4:00 pm.** *See Election Board Code, section 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 Wednesday, March 5, 2025.

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

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

Please check eligible voter's lists for your Districts.

CONTESTING OF ELECTION RESULTS:

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

ELECTIONEERING:

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

**GENERAL PRIMARY
ELECTION DAY
Wednesday, March 5, 2025**

**POST NOTICE OF
ELECTION**
Monday, November 25, 2024

**POST ELIGIBLE
VOTERS LIST**
Monday, February 3, 2025

**CHALLENGES TO THE
ELIGIBLE VOTERS LIST
MUST BE RECEIVED
PRIOR TO 4:30 PM**
Thursday, February 13, 2025

**LAST DAY TO REQUEST
ABSENTEE BALLOTS**
Sunday, February 23, 2025
4:00 pm.

GENERAL RUN-OFF ELECTION
Tuesday, June 3, 2025
SWEARING IN CEREMONY
Wednesday, July 2, 2025

**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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GREEN BAY, WI
BRANCH OFFICE
2413 Hazelwood Ln
(920) 490-2774

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