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Line 5 Contested Case Hearing Draws Hundreds to Ashland

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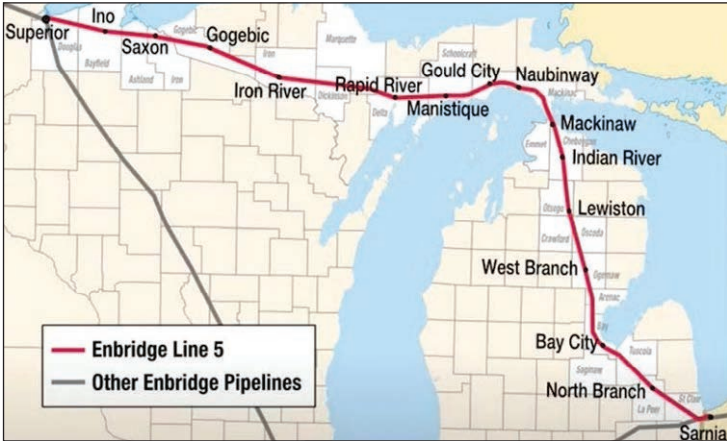
On August 12, nearly 200 people crowded into the conference room at Northwood Technical College as the contested case hearing over Enbridge's Line 5 pipeline reroute began.

The opening day featured hours of legal arguments and public testimony, setting the tone for a high-stakes battle over Wisconsin's wetlands, waterways, and tribal sovereignty.

The Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, joined by Clean Wisconsin and several environmental organizations, is challenging permits issued by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

They argue the DNR's approvals for the 41-mile reroute fail to comply with state law and ignore the environmental and cultural risks tied to the project.

Earthjustice Senior Attorney Stefanie Tsosie, representing the Band, told the court that the pipeline threatens not just water resources, but the very homeland of the Anishinaabe people.



Source: MLive / youtube.com

"The Bad River Band has been a steward of this land, the surrounding waters, wetlands, and rivers, including Mashkiiziibi herself, and Anishinaabeg-Gichigami for hundreds of years. In English, those would be the Bad River and Lake Superior," she said.

She explained that the Band would show how the project lacked adequate baseline data and that construction methods such as trenching, blasting, and horizontal drilling would cause lasting damage.

"If something happens to this region, the Band has nowhere else to go, it's the Band's homeland," she added.

Clean Wisconsin attorney Evan Feinauer placed the dispute in a broader context, pointing out that Wisconsin has already paid the price for wetland loss through flooding, habitat destruction, and degraded water quality.

"Our past failures create an obligation to preserve what we can for future generations," Feinauer said.

Feinauer stressed that although the state has groundwater and wetlands standards in place, they mean little if not enforced consistently.

"An oil spill of any meaningful size could be catastrophic. Such a spill is far from outlandish given the proposed route's geology, steep slopes, erodible soils, and numerous other risks," Feinauer said.

The DNR defended its process, saying it had conducted one of the most comprehensive environmental



Earthjustice Senior Attorney Stefanie Tsosie representing the Bad River Band

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JESSIKA GREENDEER	15	80	0	95	27.46%
KENNETH A. LEMIEUX	0	0	0	0	0.00%
MATTHEW MANN	2	17	0	19	5.49%
DAWSON MCANDREW	5	21	3	29	8.38%
CURTIS FRANK REDBIRD	0	66	0	66	19.08%
GEORGE O. STACY	0	11	0	11	3.18%
TRACY L. THUNDERCLOUD	5	66	1	72	20.81%
ANGELA K. WARD	15	34	3	52	15.03%
WRITE-INS	0	2	0	2	0.58%

ELECTION CERTIFICATION

WE THE UNDERSIGNED ELECTION OFFICIALS OF THE HO-CHUNK NATION DO HEREBY CERTIFY THE ABOVE TO BE A TRUE AND ACCURATE ABSTRACT OF THE VOTES SHOWN HEREIN FOR THE ELECTION HELD ON THE ELEVENTH DAY OF AUGUST, 2025. WE FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THIS ELECTION WAS CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONSTITUTION AND RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE HO-CHUNK NATION.

SIGNED AND DATED THIS TWELFTH DAY OF AUGUST, 2025.

CHAIRPERSON: [Signature]

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send your request in early.
Submissions will be handled on
a first come first serve basis.

Families Gather for Cultural Wisdom and Personal Growth at Ho-Chunk Nation’s Fifth Annual Family Healing Camp

Kaili Berg

Despite the August heat, families from across the Ho-Chunk Nation came together August 5–7 at the Andrew Blackhawk Memorial Pow-Wow Grounds for the Fifth Annual Family Healing Camp.

This year’s theme, Holistic Healing Through Generations, guided the three-day gathering that blended workshops, cultural teachings, entertainment, and family time in a safe, alcohol- and drug-free space.

For Jacqueline Moen-Kadlec, Professional Support Service Supervisor, the most powerful part of the camp was watching families heal together.

“What stood out most to me was seeing families get to spend time together while learning ways to heal from past traumas,” Moen-Kadlec said. “From the families and individuals who attended, to the presenters and entertainment, we hope

that everyone took something away from the event that they will be able to use in their own healing journey.”

Workshops and presentations highlighted cultural wisdom and personal growth, with sessions led by elder Jane Burning and educator Dr. Sonny Smart drawing especially positive feedback.

Moen-Kadlec said Burning’s talk on darkness and light in healing resonated deeply, a theme later echoed in the performance of Nataani Means, creating what she called “a full circle moment.”

The theme itself, Moen-Kadlec explained, grew from a desire to broaden the camp’s focus.

“In 2024, the Family Healing Camp theme was, ‘A safe place to learn, share and heal,’” Moen-Kadlec said. “For 2025, we wanted to make sure we encompassed the whole being instead of focusing on mental, physical, or spiritual healing

separately.”

Elders and cultural leaders played a central role, with Clan Mothers and Traditional Court members present to share their guidance.

The camp also honored Myrtle Long, founder of the Clan Mothers Program and longtime Ho-Chunk Nation Social Services employee, who received a Legislative citation during the event.

Beyond workshops and ceremonies, the camp was also about joy and togetherness. Families laughed, played, and connected across generations, reflecting the healing spirit of the gathering.

Attendance has grown each year since the camp’s beginning, and Moen-Kadlec hopes that trend will continue.

“The hopes we have for future events is for attendance to continue to grow,” Moen-Kadlec said. “We are open to suggestions on presenters and look forward to seeing everyone next year.”



SEPTEMBER 2025

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
0	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Augusta / Fairchild DONE	9 Merrillan / Hatfield Hixton DONE	10 Neillsville/DellsDam DONE	11 BRF/Brockway Maplewood	12 BRF/BROCKWAY CONTINUED*	13
14	15 BRF CONTINUED*	16 BRF CONTINUED*	17 BRF CONTINUED*	18 Tomah/Cataract Blue Wing	19 Bangor/Onalaska La Crosse	20
21	22 New Lisbon/Mauston	23 Indian Heights/Wis Dells Lyndon Station	24 ChristmasMountain Baraboo/Reedsburg	25 Rapids/Nekoosa ChakHaChee	26 Wittenberg/ PotchCheeNunk	27
28	29	30	HO-CHUNK NATION ENROLLED HOMEOWNERS: FALL COMMUNITY CLEANUP SEPT. 2025 CONTACT DEAN BROWN or FRONT DESK @ (608)374-1225 FOR PUBLIC SANITARY SERVICES. PLEASE HAVE ALL ITEMS READY FOR PICK-UP AT THE END OF YOUR DRIVEWAY ALONG WITH CLEAR ACCESS TO THE ITEMS BEING DISPOSED. LIMIT 6 MATTRESSES SCHEDULES ARE TENTATIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION IN ADVANCE !! DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & PUBLIC WORKS			

Best Wishes Sarah Skrzypczak

On August 13, the Legislature celebrated the last day with their legal intern, Sarah Skrzypczak.

Thank you for all your great legal research. Enjoy your next school year at the University of Wisconsin-Madison Law.

The Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature appreciates your help this summer!



September Elders Birthdays



1. Antoinette Thayer

2. James Dakota

3. Bertha Gleason

4. Mary Jacobs

5. Marilyn De Cora

6. Ricky Allen

7. Bernice Blackdeer

8. Doris Cummings

9. Twila Garvin

10. Ann Benzing

11. Mark West

12. Joyce Two Crow

13. Toni Eisenga

14. Kevin Decorah

15. Judith Lombard

16. Faye Begay

17. Mary Houghton

18. Teresa Armendariz

19. Rose Bird

20. Sheila Cleveland

21. Ernest Naquayouma III

22. Georgia Lonetree

23. Deborah Pettibone

24. Gale Darnell

25. Martha Jane Angell

26. Beatrice Brown

27. Brian Decorah

28. Anne Mallory

29. Glenn Funmaker

30. Elaine Etherington

Clarice Jackson

Cecelia Kraus

Barbara Littlewolf

Jeffery Lowe

Terry Payer

Darryl Powers

Marsha Mahoney

Wanda Owen-Reese

Josiah Thunder

Steven Thundercloud

James Cabasos

Phillip Coomes

Donald Greengrass, Sr.

Luanne Macomber

Veronica Powless

Patrick Funmaker

Donna Sommers

Jeanine Heffner

Susan Mallory

Pamela Rusch

Linda McHugh

Sheryl Winneshiek Ward

Darlene Greengrass



HO-CHUNK NATION
PEOPLE OF THE BIG VOICE

Annual Meeting of the General Council 2025

Kalahari Convention Center
1305 Kalahari Drive
Lake Delton, WI



Date:
Saturday, September 20



Time:
TBA

Send Your Questions to:

715-284-7891






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General Council 2025

BUS SCHEDULE

September 20, 2025

Route	LA CROSSE	ST. PAUL	GREEN BAY	CHICAGO	WITTENBERG	MILWAUKEE
Location	Valley View Mall	1724 Shelby Ave.	2413 Hazelwood Ln.	4738 N. Milw. Ave.	HCG-Wittenberg	3501 S. Howell Ave.
Loading	6:30 AM	5:00 AM	6:30 AM	5:00 AM	6:00 AM	6:00 AM
Depart	6:45 AM	5:30 AM	6:45 AM	5:15 AM	6:30 AM	6:30 AM
Stop	WTC-Tomah	HCG-BRF	Park & Ride #44-01 Randolph Dr.	HCG-Madison	WTC-Nekoosa	HCG-Madison
Loading	7:30 AM	7:30 AM	7:15 AM	7:30 AM	7:30 AM	7:45 AM
Depart	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	7:30 AM	7:45 AM	7:45 AM	8:00 AM



Kalahari Cenvention Center, Lake Delton, WI

ELDER PREFERENCE.

There will be no sign-up sheets.
Call 715-284-7891 with questions.



Attention: The Next Deadline of the Hocak Worak will be September 5th which will be published on September 12th. 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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Submissions deadlines for the Hocak Worak are by 4:30 PM. We cannot guarantee the publication of submissions meeting these deadlines if the space is not available. No part of this publication may be produced without express written consent from the Editor.


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Save Our Sovereignty, Part 8: Planning Next Year’s Garden This Year

If there’s one thing this series of articles encourages, it is to PLAN. As you bring in your harvest, take the leavings and make a compost pile that can be turned every so often throughout the late fall, winter, and early spring and worked into the soil when preparing the dirt for planting. Tools should be carefully stored away. Clean the dirt off, oil or WD-40 joints in the hand tools. Just like a lawn mower, prepare your tiller or drag for winter storage by emptying out the gas, cleaning the parts, and storing it in a barn, shed, or garage. Store your hoses. Most don’t take temperature change well, so they may be better stored in basements, but remember where you put them so you don’t have to buy them again next year!

Schools and garden groups will want to start on restoration projects including tool maintenance and fence repair. Just like preparing to go to bed at night, a certain routine in gardening can be accomplished year after year that will serve you well. Enjoy your canned, stored, dried, frozen, pickled, or preserved fruits and vegetables. You’ve worked hard, so now it’s time to enjoy. This ends our series and our Good Life grant. We hope you’ve enjoyed reading about the ways you can save our sovereignty through gardening. **Brought to you as a public service from the Good Life Program.**

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WHEN:

- ✓ THURSDAY - AUGUST 28, 2025
- ✓ 10:30AM - 2:30PM


WHAT:


- ✓ Change of Address
- ✓ Request for Information
- ✓ Enrollment Process
- ✓ Trust Fund Process
- ✓ Tribal IDs
 - Cost:
 - First Tribal ID & Elders: Free
 - Tribal ID (expired & duplicates): Free (fee currently waived)
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 - Driver's License
 - State ID
 - Certified Birth Certificate
 - Passport
 - Tribal ID (expired or non-expired)

QUESTIONS? CONTACT US:

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

GUARDIAN AD LITEM TRAINING





As a culture, the Ho-Chunk people have always taken care of vulnerable tribal members; the children, elderly, and others with disabilities.

There are now courts, social services, and law enforcement agencies to uphold the law. As a guardian ad litem your role will be to advocate for the best interests of the vulnerable individuals participating in Court cases.

Guardians ad litem, are essential to the Court process. You are the one who independently investigates the situation and advocates for the minor children, elders, and vulnerable.

The Judiciary is looking for qualified individuals to serve as guardians ad litem. Guardians ad litem are compensated for their time and travel expenses.

Please note that anyone who attends this training will be expected to accept cases as a fully certified GAL.

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DATES AND TIME:
AUGUST 25-27, 2025:
9:00 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.
and
AUGUST 28:
9:00 A.M. TO NOON

RSVP:
NAOMI WHITEHEAD
Senior Staff Attorney at
naomi.whitehead@ho-chunk.com

NATIVE ARTS & CULTURE OF TEE WÁKAČĄK

Join us for a **FREE** event that embraces the arts and culture of Tee Wákačąk and the Ho-Chunk people.

Elliott Funmaker, Sr. (Ho-Chunk) and his group will provide a family-friendly cultural performance featuring the music and dance of the Ho-Chunk Nation. Elliott will also explain the symbolism and meaning of objects such as the drum and regalia worn by each dancer.

DATE
AUGUST 29, 2025

TIME
6:00 PM TO 7:00 PM

Join us on for this authentic cultural arts presentation that showcases the original inhabitants of the area including, Tee Wákačąk, (Ho-Chunk place name meaning Sacred Lake), renamed to Devil's Lake.

Meet behind **Rock Elm Shelter**, on the park's North Shore, near the boat launch. Your own blanket and/or chairs are encouraged!

This program was made possible by an Incentive Grant from The Friends of Wisconsin State Parks and funding provided by The Friends of Devil's Lake State Park, The Little Eagle Arts Foundation, and the Sauk County Arts, Humanities, and Historic Preservation grant.





Incidental Take Notice For Sauk County

MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) proposes to issue a permit for the incidental taking of a rare lizard and terrestrial, which may result from the Winnebago Heights Development in Sauk County.

Incidental take refers to the unintentional loss of individual endangered or threatened animals or plants that does not put the species’ overall population at risk.

The Ho-Chunk Nation proposes to develop multiple parcels for home construction. Temporary work areas will be established within the parcels or along roadways. Current land cover is generally unmanaged herbaceous vegetation.

The presence of the state endangered slender glass lizard is confirmed in the vicinity of the project site. DNR staff determined that the proposed project may result in the incidental taking of some lizards.

The DNR concludes that the proposed project is not likely to appreciably reduce the likelihood of the survival or recovery of the species within the state, the whole plant-animal community of which it is a part of or the habitat that is critical to its existence.

Conservation measures to minimize the adverse effect on the endangered species will be incorporated into the proposed Incidental Take Permit. Copies of the jeopardy assessment and background information on the slender glass lizard are available by visiting the DNR Incidental Take Public Notices webpage or upon request from DNR Conservation Biologist Rori Paloski at Rori.Paloski@wisconsin.gov or 608-516-3742.

The public is encouraged to submit written comments regarding project-related impacts to the slender glass lizard by Sept. 2, 2025 to: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources c/o Rori Paloski, DNR Conservation Biologist 101 S. Webster St. Madison, WI 53707 Rori.Paloski@wisconsin.gov or 608-516-3742

Marc Anthony James Anderson Jr.

August 6, 2008 - August 17, 2025



Marc’s leukemia came back. When Marc first got sick, he needed a donor. Luckily, his sister Jacqueline Nadine was a match. She donated her bone marrow to save his life. She did that twice with no hesitation! In March of 2024, Marc became cancer free once again. He was enjoying his life and starting to get back on track. Just shortly after becoming cancer-free, Marc’s leukemia came back. Marc fought so strongly. He had a heart of gold and had more heart than any grown man! He fought until the very end with a strong belief in the great Spirit! Our hearts are broken. We are comforted knowing he’s with all his relatives who have gone on, and that someday they will find a cure for Acute Monoloid Leukemia.

Marc is survived by his mommy, his daddy, his nunus, MaryJane and Jaqueline, his little brothers Justin and Kane, and his little sister Rain. His nanis/moms, Charlene, Twilight, Theresa, Tanya, and Genevieve, his cuuis (dad’s sisters), Nicole and Candice Anderson. His tegas (his uncles). His grandmothers, Jackie (Curtis) Redearth and Nadine Longtail; his cooka, Charles Hindlsey; his special cookas, John and Chester Dick, and Truman Williams Jr.; his brothers and sisters, the Day, the Lightfeathers, Bass, and Cloud kids. And all of his cousin/ brothers. He is further survived by his special N.A.C. bros; King Brown, Amos “Gauthier” III, Arnell Bigjohn, and Levi Cleveland, and Eli Phillips, his special Tega Gage Dick and Andy Phillips special dad/jaji Paul Brown and Neulan Dion III, special children, Peach Lily and Sullivan King Cleveland, Darren Wayne, and Bernice Downwin.

Waiting for him on the other side are his paternal great-grandparents, MaryJane and Fred Anderson (both of Mille Lacs Ojibwe), his maternal great-grandparents, Philip john Longtail (Ho-chunk) Vernadean Goldie Smith (Ojibwe) George William “The Doc” Hindsley (Ho-chunk) Cecile Therese Sullivan (Menomonie), his cuui (dad’s sister) Shannon Anderson, nani Chanina Whitecloud, Tega Daniel Zimmerman, special cooka Christopher Decorah, Collin James Cloud, Norbert Dick, special jagi Dennis James Nevaquaya (Commanche) special brother, Dontay Wolf Cleveland, brothers George Thunder Hindsley, Terrel August Lightfeather, infant sibling Austin Chol Greengrass, infant sisters Heaven Lee Defoe, Wicati’ Cloud and Iyoyanpa Primeaux.

Honorary Pallbearers: Leroy Chosa Jr., Noah Rosas (Lil Pete), Paxton WhiteEagle, Summer Dowley, Adlai and Emerson Cleveland, Darren White, Sulliman Cleveland, Amis Gauthier, Arnell Bigjohn, Terry St. John Jr, Dustin Funmaker, Morgan WhiteEagle, Terry Lightfeather Jr., Aaron Day Jr., Julius and Jason Bass, Jessica and Lea Chosa

Active Pallbearers: King Brown, Sebastian Decorah, Xander Decorah, Justin Anderson, Aaron Addison, Mason Dion, Brandon Anderson, Miles Anderson, Robert “Little Bob” Anderson, Harold Hill.

Standby Pallbearers: Cyrus Stanley and Albert Hindsley.

Marc Anthony James Anderson Jr. journeyed into the spirit world at his grandmother Jackie’s home, surrounded by his nunu’s on August 17th, 2025.

Marc Anthony James Anderson Jr., whose Ojibwe name was Gitchibenisi (Thunderbird), was born to Justina Cecile Hindsley (Ho-chunk, Menomonie, Ojibwe) and Marc Anthony James Anderson Sr. (Ojibwe) on August 6th, 2008, in Minneapolis, Minnesota; the year the Boston Celtics won the N.B.A. and Kevin Garnette got his Championship Ring! Marc lived the first two years of his life growing up with his auntie/cuui (dad’s sister), Candice Lea Anderson, and his cousin’s brother and sisters, Marie, Lea, Jessica, Leeroy Chosa Jr.! When Marc was born, he was adored by his nunu’s, MaryJane and Jaqueline! We were all sooo excited that we finally had a boy in our family! Marc was such a playful and enjoyable baby! He learned how to talk and walk at an early age and was always asking questions!

When Marc was 3 years old, our little family moved to Wisconsin to be near our Ho-chunk people. One night, his mother was going to a ceremony, and he asked to come with her, and that was the start of something really special. Marc started sitting up and going to meetings at a really young age. When Marc was 4 years old, he was diagnosed with a severe case of leukemia that almost got the best of him! With prayers and a belief, Marc survived and was cancer-free. Marc graduated from Ho-chunk Headstart and attended elementary, middle school, and high school in Black River Falls.

Marc played basketball and baseball. He loved going fishing, riding his bike, and hanging out with his bros. And most of all Marc loved to sing and drum. Marc took a liking to the Native American Church of North America! Marc traveled to peyote ceremonies from South Dakota to Oklahoma! Often traveling with his cooka Lance Longtail, Tega Xander Decorah, his big nani Shaaa, cooka Jon Dick, and his special nini (big brother) Dontay Wolf Cleveland. Marc became such a great singer and drummer. He liked to joke, laugh, and was witty, always ready with a fast, cool comeback if someone tried to cap on him! And most of all, Mark was a great Tega/Jaji to all his nieces and nephews, especially to his son and daughter Peachy and Sully Cleveland. He loved his nunus MaryJane and Jackie, and his little brother Justin. He was protective of his siblings.

On November 17th, 2023,

ANDREW BLACKHAWK MEMORIAL POW-WOW GROUNDS

HO-CHUNK NATION 2025

LABOR DAY CONTEST POW-WOW

DANCER#

2025

BLACK RIVER FALLS, WISCONSIN

AUGUST 30 - SEPT. 1

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PUBLIC Welcome

FREE SHOWERS

FIRE CAMPFIRE

GRAND ENTRY TIMES:

Sat - 1PM & 7PM | Sun - 1PM & 7PM | Mon - Noon

Must attend both Grand Entries for Day Pay

COMPETITION REGISTRATION: Sat - 9:30AM - 11:30AM

(For participants that are contesting, this is the only time to register)

DAY PAY REGISTRATION: Sat - 9:30AM - 12:30PM & 4:30PM - 6:30PM

All Registrants Must Provide a Tribal ID or CDIB or Social Security Card

Supper Meals Sat & Sun

MCs: DYLAN PRESCOTT & MATT MANN | AD: KUNU DAVE

HEAD DRUM JUDGE: LESLIE NICHOLAS | HEAD MAN JUDGE: NOODIN SHAWANDA | HEAD WOMAN JUDGE: GABBY RAVE

HOST DRUMS: HO-CHUNK NATION DRUM (OPEN DRUM) | BAD FISH CREEK

DRUM CONTEST: 1st \$10,000; 2nd \$8,000; 3rd \$6,000; 4th \$4,000

DANCE CONTEST: TRADITIONAL/GRASS/JINGLE/APPLIQUE/WOODLAND/FANCY SR & JR ADULTS:

1st \$800; 2nd \$600; 3rd \$400; 4th \$200


TEENS: 1st \$400; 2nd \$300; 3rd \$200; 4th \$100

DAY PAY: GOLDEN AGE/SPECIAL NEEDS/JUNIORS/TINY TOTS

VENDING: Native American Vendors Only - Must bring Tribal ID or CDIB (subject to change).

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Waylon Pettibone 715-299-5508 or Lori Pettibone 715-896-0190

The Ho-Chunk Nation or event organizers, sponsors, and staff are not responsible for any injuries, theft loss or property damage. Alcohol, drugs, firearms and anyone under the influence are prohibited.



Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board

ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST FORM

DATE: _____

TO: Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board Office
W8801 Mission Road
Black River Falls, WI 54615
715/284-8900
Email: election.board@ho-chunk.com

FROM: _____

I am requesting an absentee ballot for the upcoming Special Election on Wednesday, September 10, 2025. Mail to:

(Full Legal Name)
(Street Address)
(City, State, Zip)

Thank you,

Signature _____ District _____

Enrollment # _____ Phone Number to be reached at _____

Deadline to request ballot is Friday, September 5, 2025 by 4:00 pm.

Sherry Lynn Smith

May 28, 1957 - August 18, 2025

Sherry Lynn Smith, age 68, passed away peacefully on Monday, August 18, 2025, at her home in La Crosse, WI, surrounded by her family. She was born on May 28, 1957 in Tomah, WI to Earl and Virginia (Blackhawk) Smith.


Sherry's favorite joys in life included watching her Cowboy western shows, playing pool, going for rides, enjoying a cold Budweiser, people watching and most of all spending time with her grandchildren. She will be deeply missed by her family and friends.

She is survived by her children, Shawntel (Mario) Zarate, Desirae (Michael) Adams, Demitreus Adams, and Nicholas Gjeruldsen; grandchildren, Hayden, Jazmine-Rose, Caleb, Amadeus, Amireo, Giovanni, Gabriel, and Desmond; along with her two sisters, Sharon Pierce and Nola Smith.

Sherry was preceded in death by her parents, Earl and Virginia; brothers, George Smith, Earl Smith Jr., and Clifford Blackdeer; and two sisters, Ellen Blackdeer and Sarah Smith.

Traditional Ho-Chunk Services will be held on Wednesday, August 20, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. (Noon) at the Blue Wing Community Center in Tomah. Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. until 12 p.m. Burial will follow at the Blue Wing Cemetery.

The Torkelson Funeral Home of Tomah is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences are available at www.torkelsonfuneralhome.com.



Cecil Garvin

May 12, 1943 - August 6, 2025

Waacanažiga, Cecil Roger Garvin, Sr., began his journey home on August 6, 2025. He was born on May 12, 1943 to Francis Garvin and Ruby (Pettibone) Garvin in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Cecil was raised "across the crick" with his parents, siblings, grandparents, teegas, naanjs, and their families. He spent most of his time in the woods exploring, hunting, fishing, and developing a love for the outdoors he would keep throughout his life.

Upon graduating from Black River Falls High School, he attended trade school in Duluth, MN, for auto body repair. He returned to Black River Falls and worked briefly before being drafted into the United States Army. Cecil excelled as a soldier, leader, and warrior as evidenced by his selection to attend the Officer Candidate Program (OCS) whereby he was commissioned as a 2nd Lt. Always seeking greater challenges, 1st Lt Garvin entered and graduated from the John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center where he became a part of the highly selective Special Forces (Green Berets). During his Army tenure he achieved the rank of Captain, led a command of the nation's finest warriors in numerous combat operations, and demonstrated courage under fire. His selfless dedication to others made him an exemplary brother in arms. Cecil was a highly decorated veteran, and his awards and decorations include the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Vietnam service medal, Bronze Star with V device for Valor and 4 oak leaf clusters, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, Special Forces Jump Wings, Air medal, and the Army Commendation Medal. He served three combat tours in Vietnam in various roles as a ranger battalion advisor, a senior battalion advisor in the elite 5th Special Forces Group Detachment B-52 (also known as Project Delta), and as a psychological warfare operations officer.

During his Army time, he met and married his best friend Renate with whom he would spend the rest of his life. Following his military career, they moved to the Spokane area where he served as an AODA counselor working with Native Americans in that region. They soon moved back to Wisconsin where he became active in Native American rights advocacy, including being a prominent figure in the American Indian Movement. He served in a variety of capacities with the Ho-Chunk Nation (then the Wisconsin Winnebago Business Committee), helping to write grants to seek the funding that established tribal programs and services, expanding the tribal land base, and playing a substantial role in the efforts to establish tribal enterprises, including the gaming businesses.

Cecil served as the Bison Project manager for a decade before he began working in what became his true passion, preserving the Ho-Chunk Language. Cecil served as a teacher, an eminent speaker, and a consultant for over 20 years. The impact of his work is difficult to measure, resulting in the creation of hours of recordings, large amounts of teaching materials, and linguistic and cultural information that has led to a greater understanding of not just the Hoocąk language, but languages in general. He enjoyed a strong working relationship with the University of Wisconsin-Madison and in 2023 he was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters for his work with the Hoocąk language as a vital knowledge holder, esteemed teacher, and researcher. Cecil took great pride in his language work, and took even greater pride in his apprentices and students who excelled in the language. His enduring work had an enormous impact on Hoocąk language preservation efforts, and will continue to have impacts for generations to come.



Cecil enjoyed life each and every day. He was at his happiest when with family, and took extreme pride in his grandchildren. His strength, warmth, wisdom, and sense of humor will be sorely missed. We are fortunate and grateful to have had him as such a foundational part of our lives.

Cecil was preceded in death by his parents and his younger brother Elliott Garvin. He is survived by his loving wife of 58 years Renate, his older brother Larry (Sadie) Garvin, sons Robert (Holly) Garvin, Mike (Laura) Garvin, C.R. Garvin, and Henning (Kjetil) Garvin, grandchildren Ma'iingan, Haakon, Kai, Gavin, Christopher, Nathaniel, Cassandra, as well as great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. The family would like to extend their immense gratitude to the many friends and families who have given their support, particularly Laura Redeagle and Lana Fox for their years of close friendship and support. They would also like to extend their thanks to the incredible staff of the HCN Madison Branch Office, the HCN Office of The President, the HCN Community Health Program, the staff of Hattie's Glen Assisted Living, Fresenius Kidney Care, and St. Croix Hospice for the care they have provided for him and the family. Wa'injiginapwi.

Visitation will take place on August 9, 2025 from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM at W8696 Pettibone Pass, Black River Falls, WI. Traditional services and burial will take place immediately after.

HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT,

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Howard Walker Jr.

Case No. PR 25-06

☐ Amended

Notice of Hearing on
Petition for Probate

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IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION
TRIAL / SUPREME COURT

AUG 14 2025

[Signature]
Clerk of Court / Assistant


PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. A Petition for Probate was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 4-25-1937 and date of death 1-11-2022 was domiciled in JUNEAU County, State of WISCONSIN, with a mailing address of NG231 15th AVE NEW LISBON, WI, 53950
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, W9598 Hwy 54 E, Black River Falls, WI, 54615, before Judge Greendeer - Rave, on (Date) Sept 30 2025 at (Time) 10:00 am

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.

[Signature]
Clerk of Court
[Signature]
Name Printed or Typed
08/14/2025
Date




The People's Plan: CNA 2025

Your bridge between community voices and long-term Nation planning


The Ho-Chunk Nation is conducting a 2025 Comprehensive Needs Assessment (CNA), guided by your voices and experiences. As your Advisory Board, we are community members dedicated to ensuring this process reflects our shared reality. This initiative, launched by the Planning & Development department, addresses lessons learned from recent challenges, such as the pandemic and service gaps.

The CNA Advisory Board is made up of community-chosen leaders from across the Ho-Chunk Nation districts. Their mission is to guide this process with integrity, transparency, and cultural grounding. We serve as:




Data Analysts

Reviewing and interpreting community feedback and trends




Strategic Planners

Aligning insights with long-term Nation-building goals



Community Advocates

Ensuring grassroots voices are heard at every step



Local Navigators

Offering district-specific advice to keep the process fair and balanced

CNA Advisory Board

Lisa Flick, Black River Falls, Lanette Walker Wittenberg, Steve Eades, Tomah, Henry Greengrass, La Crosse, Michelle Samphere, WI Dells/Baraboo, Lashina Hoye, Madison, Allyson Elk, Nekoosa, Valarie Kempen, Milwaukee, Dazha Pidgeon, Green Bay, Sunshine Thunderchief, D4

This isn't just another survey; it's our opportunity to reshape decision-making, resource distribution, and program development. Together, we're creating a roadmap that honors our culture and plans for future generations.

Want to get involved or learn more? Contact:

Darcy.Funmaker@ho-chunk.com or Loa.Porter@ho-chunk.com

Be ready to make your voice count in the 2025 CNA Survey—coming soon.

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reviews in its history and imposed more than 200 conditions on Enbridge.

Supporters of the reroute, including labor unions and local business groups, highlighted the 700 construction jobs and \$135 million in economic activity the project could bring. They also warned that shutting down Line 5 could disrupt energy supplies and raise heating costs for Wisconsin residents.

Still, much of the public testimony was opposed. Forty-six people spoke during the opening day, many warning that the risks to water and tribal sovereignty outweigh any short-term economic benefit.

"No oil will replace the human right that is clean water," said Bad River member Gracie Waukechon. Others pointed to Enbridge's history of spills and its failure to provide detailed site-specific data about the land the pipeline would cross.

The courtroom fight is only the latest chapter in a long-running dispute between Enbridge and the Bad River Band. Built in 1953, Line 5 is a 645-mile pipeline that transports crude oil and natural gas liquids from Superior, Wisconsin, through northern Michigan, to refineries in Sarnia, Ontario.

For decades, the pipeline crossed through the Bad River Reservation under easements that eventually expired. In 2019, the Band sued Enbridge in federal court, demanding the company shut down and remove the pipeline from its lands.

A federal judge later ruled that Enbridge had been trespassing on the reservation and ordered the company to shut down the line by June 2026. The court also ordered Enbridge to pay the Band more than \$5 million in profits it made while operating unlawfully.

Both Enbridge and the Band have appealed parts of that decision, leaving the case tied up in the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals.

Enbridge's proposed reroute is meant

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Lavetta Cloud

June 24, 1941 - August 11, 2025



a friend. She was a wonderful cook, preparing delicious meals for her friends and family; a skill she honed over many years working as a cook. LaVetta had so much love to give that she didn't limit it to just her friends and family; family remembers her caring for many critters (cats, dogs, and even goldfish) as well as her houseplants. An avid reader, she could most often be found with a book in hand.

LaVetta leaves behind her siblings; George, Roger, Paul, Louisa, Martha, Anita, Ralph, Bill, and Barb, her children; Cynthia (Gus Downey) Cloud, Gerald Cloud Jr., Elizabeth Cloud, Debra Cloud, Mitch (Lee) Crowe Sr., Linda (Frank) Redbird and Raymond Cloud; her special grandson John Cloud, as well as numerous other grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, her special friend Jim, and other friends and acquaintances.

She is preceded in death by her beloved husband Gerald Cloud, her mom and dad, her brothers Charles, Ed, John, George, and Claude, her sisters Amelia and Ruthann, and her son Lenny Cloud and daughter Geraldine Cloud.

A visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 12th, 2025, at the Buswell Funeral Home. A funeral service will be held Wednesday, August 13th, at the Cloud Residence (N7694 Mitchell Redcloud Road, Black River Falls, WI 54615) from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Burial will follow immediately after at the Decorah Cemetery.

LaVetta Mae (Youngthunder) Cloud, 84, of Black River Falls, WI, passed peacefully at home surrounded by her loved ones.

LaVetta was born to Eli and Helen (Wakaun) Youngthunder on June 24th, 1941, in Black River Falls, where she grew up with her many siblings. LaVetta attended and later graduated from Black River Falls High School.

While in Chicago, Lavetta met Gerald Cloud, and the two later married in Ashland, WI, on March 15th, 1975. Together, they created many happy memories over a long and joyous marriage.

LaVetta loved both spending time with and caring for the family she and Gerald created. Her generosity extended beyond her family, as LaVetta was known to open her home to anyone in need of a place to stay, a warm meal, or even just

Marian Margaret Miner

June 14, 1934 - August 14, 2025

Wacoginwi, Marian Margaret Miner, embarked on her journey home on August 14, 2025.

Born in Tomah, Wisconsin, on June 14, 1934, to George and Rosemary (WhiteRabbit) Miner, where she grew up with her family. She attended a one-room classroom school in Wisconsin Dells across from the two acres that held grades K-12, she then attended Necedah, went to Tomah during cranberry season, then Graduating from Wisconsin Dells in 1952. She got her Associates in the Arts. She moved to Rochester to pursue a nursing degree and nearly completed it before returning home to care for her mother. She learned basket making from her mother, Cuuwi's, and sisters. Which led her passion to share her basket making skills, her creations graced the Smithsonian Museum and the White House during President Obamas tenure.

Marian Margaret Miner was the matriarch of her family, known for her quick wit, sharp shooting skills in the lodge, and love for the traditional way of life. She guided her children and grandchildren through life's challenges whenever they needed her guidance and encouragement.

She was deeply loved by her family and attended every celebration and sporting event, cheering and shouting from rain or shine to snow and sleet.

She is survived by her children, Lance Tallmadge, Scott (Dawn) Beard, Jon Eric Miner, Thomas (Virgie) Pera, Heidi (Robert) Bird, Heather (Nate) Beal;

her grandchildren and great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and extended family members. She was proceeded in death by her children, Stewart Miner, Lisa (Vincent) Miner-Leith, Kristopher (Steven Solberg) Miner, Alicia Miner, and her parents, George and Rosemary Miner.

Traditional Ho-Chunk Services will be held on Sunday, August 17, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at the Conway-Picha Funeral Home in Lyndon Station. Richard Mann will officiate. Burial will follow in Spring Grove Cemetery in Wisconsin Dells. Family and Friends are invited for visitation from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 Noon on Sunday, at the funeral home. The family can't thank enough, the St. Croix Hospice care, Ho-Chunk Nation, Language and Culture Division, Health Division, and many others during this time.



VISIT JACKSON COUNTY

DEMOCRATIC PARTY BOOTH.



Emily Berge



Laura Benjamin



Rebecca Cooke

VISIT
CANDIDATES
SATURDAY
AT THE
LABOR DAY
POWWOW.



Rodney Rave



Chris Taylor

PICK UP
FREEZE POPS
FOR THE
KIDS, SHARE
CONCERNS.

DISTRICT 1 AREA MEETING NOTICE

BLACK RIVER FALLS AREA MEETING

Tribal Office Building

W9814 Airport Road

Black River Falls, WI 54615

Wednesday, September 17, 2025 | 6:00 p.m.

IN PERSON/VIRTUAL

Twin Cities AREA MEETING

St. Paul Branch Office

1724 Selby Ave., St. Paul, MN 55104

Thursday, September 18, 2025 | 6:00 p.m.

IN PERSON/VIRTUAL

paul.fox@ho-chunk.com

phyllis.smoke@ho-chunk.com

Vacant

For WebEx/e-packet, information please contact:

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Posted on: 8/18/25

HO-CHUNK NATION

PEOPLE OF THE BIG VOICE

DISTRICT 2 AREA MEETING NOTICE

LA CROSSE AREA | THREE RIVERS HOUSE

724 Main Street La Crosse, WI

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2025 6:00PM

TOMAH AREA | HO-CHUNK CINEMA

135 Wittig Road Tomah, WI

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2025 6:00PM

BARABOO/WM DELLS/MAUSTON AREA | INDIAN HEIGHTS

975 Dyer Street Wisconsin Dells, WI

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2025 6:00PM

REP. STEPHANIE BEGAY stephanie.begay@ho-chunk.com (608) 408-0339

REP. DAMIAN THUNDERCLOUD damianthundercloud@ho-chunk.com (715) 896-9321

REP. KYLE WHITE EAGLE kyle.whiteeagle@ho-chunk.com (800)294-9343 x.11276

POSTED 8/18/25

DISTRICT 3 AREA MEETING NOTICE

MILWAUKEE | WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2025 | 5:30 PM

WITTENBERG | MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2025 | 6:00 PM

GREEN BAY | TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2025 | 6:00 PM

MADISON | WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2025 | 6:00 PM

WM RAPIDS | THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2025 | 5:30 PM

FOR WEBEX INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

REP. LAMBERT CLEVELAND lambertcleveland@ho-chunk.com (715) 896-5166

REP. SARAH LEMIEUX sarah.lemieux@ho-chunk.com (715) 315-8071

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POSTED 8/19/25

District 4 Area Meeting Notice

IN PERSON / VIRTUAL DISTRICT 4 AREA MEETING

Chicago Branch Office

4738 N. Milwaukee Ave. Chicago, IL 60630

Monday September 15, 2025

6:00pm CST

VIRTUAL DISTRICT 4 AREA MEETING

Available via WebEx

Wednesday September 17, 2025

6:00pm PST

8/19/2025 - updated

HO-CHUNK NATION

PEOPLE OF THE BIG VOICE

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HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT,

For Official Use

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

Jalisa Decoran 12/11/24

☐ Amended

By Angel Littlewolf Notice to Creditors

Case No. PR 25-01

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.

This notice shall be published for three (3) consecutive issues; the first publication date must be within 15 days from the date underneath the Clerk of Court's signature.

Here is the language that should be published in the newspaper:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF: Jalisa Decoran

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, Angel Littlewolf, or the Clerk of Court, at P.O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The deadline for filing claims is 11/08/2025. Only those claims so presented may be paid from the estate

Mary Thunke

Clerk of Court

Mary Thunke

Name Printed or Typed

08/08/25

Date

Form completed by: (Name)

Angel Littlewolf

Address

9000 City Place Blvd

Woodbury, MN 55125

Telephone

(605) 900-6733

Bar Number (if any)

PR 14, 04/18 Notice to Creditors

This form shall not be modified. It may be supplemented with additional material.

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HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT,

For Official Use

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

Joyce Brockhaus

☐ Amended

Notice to Creditors

Case No. PR 24-02

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.

This notice shall be published for three (3) consecutive issues, the first publication date must be within 15 days from the date underneath the Clerk of Court's signature.

Here is the language that should be published in the newspaper:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF: Joyce Brockhaus

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, Susan Brockhaus, or the Clerk of Court at P.O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The deadline for filing claims is 9-29-25. Only those claims so presented may be paid from the estate

Mary Thunke

Clerk of Court

Mary Thunke

Name Printed or Typed

7/14/25

Date

Form completed by: (Name)

Susan M. Brockhaus

Address

2436 S. 20th St

Milwaukee WI 53215

Telephone

414-499-3265

Bar Number (if any)

PR 14, 04/18 Notice to Creditors

This form shall not be modified. It may be supplemented with additional material.

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HO-CHUNK NATION
LEGISLATURE
REGULAR MEETING
QUARLES
MADISON, WI
AUGUST 5, 2025

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

Roll Call:

- President Jon Greendeer-P
- Vice President Lambert Cleveland, Jr.-P
- Rep. Phyllis Smoke-VC
- Vacant
- Rep. Paul Fox-P
- Rep. Damian Thundercloud-P
- Rep. Stephanie Begay-EX
- Rep. Kyle White Eagle-P
- Rep. Shelby Visintin-EX
- Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle-P
- Rep. Edward Mullen-P
- Rep. David Greendeer-VC
- Rep. Sandra Whitewing-P

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

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

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to approve the agenda with ADDING under New Business F. Authorization for the Department of Agriculture to Apply for the U.S. Department of Agriculture 2026 Next-Gen Mini Grant Program through the College of Menominee Nation. Second by Vice President Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Legislative Meeting-July 22, 2025

MOTION by Vice President Lambert Cleveland, Jr. to approve the July 22, 2025 Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Commission Reports:

Housing Commission-July 24, 2025

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to approve the July 24, 2025 Housing Commission meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Housing to Apply for the Focus on Energy Trade Ally Program

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to adopt Resolution 08-05-

25 A, Authorization for the Department of Housing to Apply for the Focus on Energy Trade Ally Program. Second by Rep. Kyle White Eagle. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Development Commission-July 29, 2025

MOTION by Rep. Damian Thundercloud to approve the July 29, 2025 Development Commission meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt Resolution 08-05-25 B, Authorization for the Department of Agriculture to Apply for the USDA Farm Service Agency Agricultural Risk Coverage and Price Loss Coverage. Second by Rep. Sandra Whitewing. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Health, Insurance, Education and Social Services Commission-July 30, 2025

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to approve the July 30, 2025 Health, Insurance, Education and Social Services Commission meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Damian Thundercloud. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Health to Apply for the Indian Health Service Addressing Dementia in Tribal and Urban Communities Grant

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to adopt Resolution 08-05-25 C, Authorization for the Department of Health to Apply for the Indian Health Service Addressing Dementia in Tribal and Urban Communities Grant. Second by Rep. Damian Thundercloud. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency HUD FY23 Indian Housing Block Grant Competitive Program-Winnebago Heights Environmental Review

MOTION by Rep. Damian Thundercloud to adopt Resolution 08-05-25 D, Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency HUD FY23 Indian Housing Block Grant Competitive Program-Winnebago Heights Environmental Review. Second by Rep. Kyle White Eagle. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization for the Health Department to

Apply for the United States Department of Agriculture Food Distribution Program for Indian Reservations Grant

MOTION by Rep. Damian Thundercloud to adopt Resolution 08-05-25 E, Authorization for the Health Department to Apply for the United States Department of Agriculture Food Distribution Program for Indian Reservations Grant. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Social Services Child and Family Services Division to Request Technical Assistance from and enter into a Teaming Agreement with the Children's Bureau National Tribal Child Welfare Center for Innovation and Advancement

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt Resolution 08-05-25 F, Authorization for the Department of Social Services Child and Family Services Division to Request Technical Assistance from and enter into a Teaming Agreement with the Children's Bureau National Tribal Child Welfare Center for Innovation and Advancement. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Finance Commission-July 31, 2025

MOTION by Rep. David Greendeer to approve the July 31, 2025 Finance Commission meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Vice President Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

NOTED FOR THE RECORD: D3 Green Bay community is awaiting information differentiating a community request for an ice skating competition and a golfing event, both requested from charitable contributions.

Resolution-Approval of True Increase to Resolution 06-20-25 E Adoption of Ho-Chunk Nation Executive Branch Budget Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 for the Department of Justice Election Board

MOTION by Vice President Lambert Cleveland, Jr. to adopt Resolution 08-05-25 G, Approval of True Increase to Resolution 06-20-25 E Adoption of Ho-Chunk Nation Executive Branch Budget Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 for the Department of Justice Election Board. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 8-0-1 (Rep. Edward Mullen) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Establishment of Higher Education Donations Restricted Account

MOTION by Rep. David

Greendeer to adopt Resolution 08-05-25 H, Establishment of Higher Education Donations Restricted Account. Second by Rep. Edward Mullen. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Unfinished Business:

Red Cloud Park-Standing Agenda Item-TABLED

New Business:

Resolution-Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Town of Lagrange and Byron, Monroe County, WI Essex Road Construction Project Cooperative Agreement

MOTION by Rep. Damian Thundercloud to adopt Resolution 08-05-25 I, Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Town of Lagrange and Byron, Monroe County, WI Essex Road Construction Project Cooperative Agreement. Second by Rep. Kyle White Eagle. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization to Place the Land Planning Commission Establishment and Organization Act out for 45 Day Public Comment

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to adopt Resolution 08-05-25 J, Authorization to Place the Land Planning Commission Establishment and Organization Act out for 45 Day Public Comment. Second by Vice President Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Appointment of Benjamin Gamble to the Department of Housing Board of Directors as the District 4 Member

MOTION by Rep. David Greendeer to adopt Resolution 08-05-25 K, Appointment of Benjamin Gamble to the Department of Housing Board of Directors as the District 4 Member. Second by Rep. Edward Mullen. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization to Issue Legislative Recognition Citation in Recognition of Hìyu'gewi\ (Myrtle Long)

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to adopt Resolution 08-05-25 L, Authorization to Issue Legislative Recognition Citation in Recognition of Hìyu'gewi\ (Myrtle Long). Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Administration to Apply for the Bureau of Indian Affairs Energy and Mineral Development Program Grant

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt Resolution 08-

05-25 M, Authorization for the Department of Administration to Apply for the Bureau of Indian Affairs Energy and Mineral Development Program Grant. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Agriculture to Apply for the U.S. Department of Agriculture 2026 Next-Gen Mini Grant Program through the College of Menominee Nation

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to adopt Resolution 08-05-25 N, Authorization for the Department of Agriculture to Apply for the U.S. Department of Agriculture 2026 Next-Gen Mini Grant Program through the College of Menominee Nation. Second by Vice President Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Executive Session (Business Matters, Criminal Matters, Inter-governmental Relations, Land, Law Enforcement, Legal Advice, Personnel Matters, Public Safety or Well-Being:

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 Vice President Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting moved to Executive Session at 10:23 a.m.

Rep. Stephanie Begay is online at 1:30 p.m.

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

The meeting returned to Open Session at 2:55 p.m.

MOTION by Vice President Lambert Cleveland, Jr. to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 9-0-1 (Rep. Stephanie Begay) **MOTION CARRIED.**

NOTED FOR THE RECORD: Rep. Stephanie Begay reason for abstaining is because she was not present for the entire Executive Session portion of the meeting.

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to adjourn the Legislative Meeting to August 19, 2025 at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Second by Vice President Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 2:57 p.m.



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to keep the pipeline operational by skirting the reservation. The company insists the project is safe and necessary for energy reliability in the Midwest. Tribal leaders and environmental advocates counter that it simply shifts the risk onto other fragile ecosystems and communities.

The contested case hearing in Ashland is expected to stretch over several weeks, with additional public testimony scheduled for early September in Madison and presentations from environmental advocates, the Bad River Band, Enbridge, and the DNR continuing through the end of the month.

For the Band, the fight remains about survival and sovereignty. As Tsosie told the court, “These project impacts are not unavoidable. And they aren’t acceptable under the state’s wetlands and water laws.”



ART PROPOSALS

Native American Artists: We are seeking proposals for **wall art** for Ho-Chunk Gaming Beloit Casino. This will also include the hotel and convention center. All wall art must have a Ho-Chunk, Woodland or Great Lakes themes. Medias will include paint on canvas, ceramic, glass, metal, or organic materials such as hide, wood or a combinations of durable material. All art will be displayed vertically encased in a frame or shadow box or have a structural frame integrated into such art.

Timeline: Artist registry due September 15, 2025. Art delivery deadline is April 2026. Provided art that requires a frame & matting or shadow box will be framed at our designated frame shops, although if art is created with an integrated frame structure or in no need of framing those can be accepted. All art will be reviewed case by case as they are submitted. The casino is responsible for installation of all art within the facility.

Specifications: All potential registered artists will receive a specification sheet and periodic updates as a group or individually for there specific work

Price: Fair market value of all art is considered, although due to a set budget high end prices will likely be declined and other submissions will be considered.

Contact: E-mail Beloit.Art@ho-chunk.com to **register** as an art provider. Your contact information will be added to a list for further updates and art specs. Please include name, e-mail address (required), physical address, biography and phone number. Copy of tribal ID or CDIB. Not required but also include photos of past projects and their locations.





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JASON SCHEFF
From **CHICAGO**

TOMMY DECARLO
Formerly of **BOSTON**

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TO PURCHASE

INCLUDES
\$10
REWARDS PLAY

\$50 **EARLY SALES**
\$60 DAY OF SALES
18 yr. old and up show

HO-CHUNK  **GAMING**
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WITH SPECIAL GUEST



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HO-CHUNK  GAMING
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RIDE OFF
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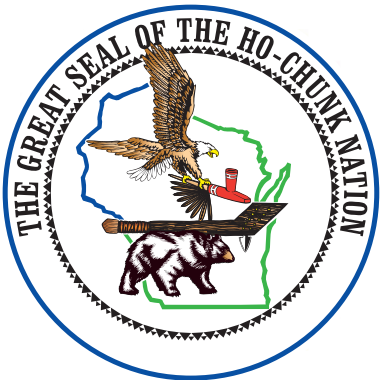
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FULL THROTTLER
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HO-CHUNK  GAMING
WITTENBERG

NOTICE OF RULES OF SECRETARIAL ELECTION
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2025



Notice is hereby served to all eligible voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation that the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board is calling an Election to amend the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation,

Article XIII of the Constitution provides: “Section 1. Requirements. This Constitution may be amended by a majority vote of the qualified voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation voting at an election called for that purpose by the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board, provided, that at least thirty (30) percent of those entitled to vote shall vote in such election.

Article XIII of the Constitution provides: “Section 2. Requests for a Secretarial Election. It shall be the duty of the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board to call and hold an election on any proposed amendment to this Constitution at the request of two thirds (2/3) of the entire Legislature, at the request of the General Council, or upon presentation of a petition signed by thirty (30) percent of the eligible voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation.”

Mail and in person procedures:

The Election Board will mail out ballots no later than 30 days before General Council. The Voter will mark the ballot and place it in the ballot secrecy envelope and seal it. The Voter will then place the ballot secrecy envelope inside the return envelope and seal it. The return envelope will be signed by the Voter as his or her name appears on the return envelope, and signed by a witness who is a U.S. Citizen 18 years or older along with the address of said witness, and he or she will then return it by mail to the location designated by the Election Board pursuant to Section 14.a.(2).(a), in-person to the Election Board Office or in person at the annual General Council meeting if applicable.

A voter may make a request to replace a lost ballot no later than ten (10) days before the Election. Upon the request of the voter, the Election Board will replace the lost ballot within twenty-four (24) hours by sending a new ballot by overnight shipment. The Election Board will not be held responsible for ballots which are received beyond the deadline for receipt of ballots. It will be the voter’s responsibility to ensure the ballot is returned by the due date.

The Election Board will also make available the ability to vote at General Council in accordance with Section 21.e.(3). The Election Board will set up a number of voting locations in and around the location of General Council as the Board deems necessary to allow voting to occur with a reasonable wait time. Such in-person elections will be done consistent with the procedures listed in Section 13.g, j, and k of the Election Code.

Hours for voting at General Council will be from eight a.m. until seven p.m., unless quorum is not achieved or if General Council adjourns before the close of polls, then the polls will close two hours after adjournment or failure to achieve quorum, but no later than seven p.m. Any voter still in line at close of polls shall be allowed to vote.

LANGUAGE OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

To amend the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution, Article II, to add Section 1(e) as follows:

“(e) Beginning the date this amendment is approved the Ho-Chunk Nation will permit the enrollment of persons at least 18 years old, who were enrolled in another Tribe as a minor child, to enroll with the Ho-Chunk Nation upon relinquishment of enrollment in that other tribe. The Descendant must meet all other qualifications as identified in Article II, Section 1 of the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution.”

g. Challenges to Results; Amendments.

(1) Challenges to the results of the Election may be made pursuant to Section 18 of this CODE.

(2) The Election Board is not responsible for the legality or constitutionality of any amendments. If a member believes that an adopted amendment is in violation of the CONSTITUTION, or applicable federal law such as the Indian Civil Rights Act of 1968 25 USC Ch. 15, such suit will be brought against the proponent of the Amendment, either the petitioner, Legislature, or General Council.

PURSUANT TO ARTICLE XIII SEC 1 AND THE ELECTION CODE, THIRTY PERCENT (30%) OF ELIGIBLE VOTERS MUST CAST A VOTE EITHER FOR OR AGAINST THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS FOR THE AMENDMENT TO BE VALID. IF LESS THAN 30% OF ELIGIBLE VOTERS PARTICIPATE, THE AMENDMENT SHALL BE DEEMED TO NOT PASS.

ELIGIBLE VOTERS:

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

ELIGIBILITY DISPUTES:

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

The Election Board shall rule on all written challenges to the list of eligible voters immediately after the close of the challenge period.
Section 11. c. ii. (August 31, 2025, at 4:00 p.m).

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Ballots may be returned by overnight mail, so they may be received at the Election Board Office or the polling places prior to the 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 shall certify and post the official election results within three (3) days after the date of election.

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

ELECTIONEERING:

The Election Board will make attempts to prevent electioneering on the issues of the Secretarial Elections from occurring within fifty (50) feet of the locations where voters are queued to receive their ballots, so long as those attempts do not interfere with the Board’s ability to timely assist voters. Advocacy of the issues for consideration for a Secretarial Election does not carry the same concern as a candidate electioneering for their own office. Therefore, such advocacy in and of itself within fifty (50) feet of the voting location shall not be sufficient to challenge the results of a Secretarial Election.

SECRETARIAL ELECTION
Saturday, September 20, 2025

POST NOTICE OF ELECTION
Saturday, July 26, 2025

POST ELIGIBLE VOTERS LIST
Thursday, August 21, 2025

CHALLENGES TO THE ELIGIBLE
VOTERS LIST MUST BE
RECEIVED SUNDAY AUGUST 31,
2025 PRIOR TO 4:00 PM

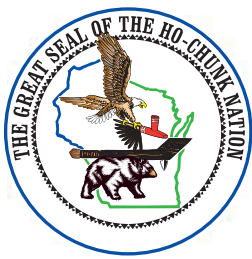
DAY MAIL BALLOTS WILL BE
MAILED
Monday, July 28, 2025

LAST DAY TO REQUEST
REPLACEMENT BALLOT
Wednesday, September 10, 2025
By 4:00 pm

ALL BALLOTS DUE TO POST
OFFICE BOX,
BY
Saturday September 20, 2025
at 12:00 p.m.

CERTIFICATION WILL BE HELD
on Sunday, September 21, 2025
at Kalahari Resort
starting at 9 a.m.

NOTICE AND RULES OF
SPECIAL RUNOFF ELECTION
Wednesday, September 10, 2025



LEGISLATOR
DISTRICT 1, SEAT 2

Notice is hereby served to all eligible voters of District 1. The Ho-Chunk Nation is calling a Special Election which will be held due to the Resignation of Legislator Rodney Rave, District 1, Seat 2 effective July 11, 2025. The Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board, in accordance with the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation will conduct a Special Election. ARTICLE IX< SECTIO N 10, Removal, Recall and Vacancies and the Election Code 2 HCC Sec. 6, states in relevant part:

ARTICLE IX-REMOVAL, RECALL VACANCIES
Section 10. Vacancies in the Legislature. If a vacancy occurs in the Legislature because of death, mental or physical incapacity, removal or recall vote, resignation, felony conviction, or for any other reason, such vacancy shall be filled in the following manner:
(a) If three (3) months or more remain before the next General Election, the Election Board shall call a Special Election in the appropriate District to be held within thirty (30) days.

Legislature:
July 2023 – June 2027
Jessika Greendeer
Tracy L. Thundercloud

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

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

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

The Election Board shall rule on all written challenges to the list of eligible voters immediately after the close of the challenge period, Section 11. c. ii. (Deadline, Friday, August 22, 2025).

ABSENTEE VOTING:
A voter may vote by absentee ballot provided the Election Board receives the absentee ballot request in writing no later than **Friday, September 5, 2025 by 4:00 P.M.** See *Election Code, Page 26, Sec. 13 (a) (i)*. Requests **MUST INCLUDE** the eligible voter’s name printed or typed (with signature), physical address where the ballot will be delivered (we use UPS next Day Air – UPS Next Day Air will not deliver to a P.O. Box), daytime telephone number and enrollment number.

Absentee Ballots must be received before 7:00 pm on Wednesday, September 10, 2025.

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

Please check eligible voter list for your District.

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

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

SPECIAL ELECTION
Wednesday,
September 10, 2025

POST NOTICE OF ELECTION
Tuesday, August 12, 2025

POST ELIGIBLE VOTER’S LIST
Monday, August 18, 2025

CHALLENGES TO THE ELIGIBLE VOTER’S LIST MUST BE RECEIVED BY 4:30 PM
Friday, August 22, 2025

LAST DAY TO REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOTS 4:00 PM
Friday, September 5, 2025

SPECIAL ELECTION
Wednesday
September 10, 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
(715)284-7660

Other Polling Sites will be closed during this Special Election.

Oath/Swearing In
Wednesday, October 8, 2025
Ho-Chunk Nation Executive Building
Start time: 10:00 am.