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Ho-Chunk Member Launches National News and Entertainment Radio Program

Ho-Chunk entrepreneur, Larry Knudsen has launched his second national radio show, his first "Indigenous in the Music with Larry K" heard on over 90 stations national and daily on Native Voice One, The Native American Radio Network.

And now we're thrilled to introduce Indigenous in the News, a dynamic new News and Entertainment podcast hosted by Larry K (Ho-Chunk) and co-hosted by Gary Wilcox (Powatan). Tune in weekly from our Two Buffalo Studios in Bradenton, Florida, as we bring you the stories and voices shaping Indian Country—from the Shakers to the Makers. Each 29-minute episode is packed with updates on the issues that matter most to our communities. And enjoy our five-minute newscast National Native News dedicated to Native issues, that compiles spot news reports from around the country, anchored by Antonia Gonzales (Navajo).

Our Upcoming Shows
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Native Enterprise: President Chris James on NCAIED and RES 2025"

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Native nations mobilize against ICE targeting and profiling

Native nations across Turtle Island are working to ensure their citizens' safety amid widespread reports of Indigenous people being racially profiled, stopped, questioned, and mistakenly detained for undocumented immigrants. They're also reminding their citizens to find strength and resilience in the histories their communities have already overcome

Luna Reyna
Reprint from Underscore Native News + ICT

Tribes across the U.S. are responding to reports of Indigenous people being racially profiled, stopped, questioned and mistakenly detained by federal agents targeting undocumented immigrants as part of the Trump administration's sweeping immigrant crackdown.

Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren said in a Jan. 24 news release that his "office has received multiple reports from Navajo citizens that they have had negative, and sometimes traumatizing, experiences with federal agents targeting undocumented
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Letter from the President

Dear Friends and Family,

On January 20, 2025, President Trump took office and began implementing many of his campaign promises. His focus on issues like illegal immigration, government overspending, and enacting conservative policies has led to sweeping changes that directly impact women's rights, diversity, equity, sexuality, and non-Christian faiths. These changes have sparked significant social and political reactions, amplified by the media.

I, too, have responded. In a statement on the Nation's Facebook page, I made it clear that as stated in the post, "I would not play political games, nor accept any threat to our tribal members or their families..." regardless of how new policies are executed. I stand by that statement—words alone are not enough. It is through action, and often discomfort, that we back up our commitments. You can count on me to do just that.

Now, let's move beyond the rhetoric. I'm not here to create unnecessary fear or

exaggerate the impact of the numerous Executive Orders (E.O.) coming from the Oval Office. We've seen many of these orders—freshly signed—either rescinded or delayed because the Administration has failed to consider the broader political, social, and economic consequences. This is dangerous, and while we hope that more thoughtful leaders will guide these policies in the future, the situation remains uncertain.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI)

Indigenous Nations are not a part of any political party's DEI initiatives. Across Turtle Island, Indigenous Nations are united in rejecting any attempts to categorize us within such frameworks. We are grateful for the clear stance taken by Senator Murkowski, Chair of the Senate Indian Affairs Committee, who firmly stated that tribal nations cannot be classified as DEI or Environmental Justice organizations. Her words resonated well with Department of Interior

Secretary Doug Bergum, who understands tribal sovereignty and ensures that the President's policies are applied separately when it comes to tribal nations.

Indigenous Citizenship

Our citizenship status is unquestionable. Since the inception of the federal government, we have held dual citizenship. The Administration recently referenced an 1884 Supreme Court case that misinterpreted the 14th Amendment's applicability to untaxed Indians unless granted by Congress. In 1924, Congress passed the Indian Citizenship Act, officially granting citizenship to Indigenous peoples. Any attempts to challenge this by citing outdated interpretations are misguided and will ultimately fail. You are citizens of both the United States and our Ho-Chunk Nation—rest assured.

Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Freeze

The recent directive to freeze funding was reckless and poorly executed. Although the memo has since been rescinded, tribes are still

struggling to access federal portals to secure essential grant funding for vital programs and services. I stand with other tribal nations in urging Congress and the White House to exempt allocations directed to Indian Country, as they are a treaty and trust responsibility of the federal government. We have worked for generations to modernize services that support the health, safety, and welfare of our people.

While an Executive Order can have immediate effects, it cannot erase centuries of treaty law, Supreme Court rulings, and government-to-government relations that have shaped our existence. Unfortunately, this Administration seems intent on testing the limits of these legal frameworks, and it may take time before we reach a place of cooperation.

In the meantime, know that your leaders—both elected and appointed—are doing everything possible to navigate these challenging times. We must remain cautious in our words and actions, but I will not



compromise who we are. I will not bow to fear when our communities are under threat or become collateral damage in political struggles. We will stay on the high road and work tirelessly to secure the best outcomes for our people, our employees, and our communities.

Thank you for your continued support, friends and family.

With respect and determination,
Maąsųsga
President Jon Greendeer

FEBRUARY

2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
03	04	05 <small>Wittenberg Siga Center 11am-12:30pm w/Food Distribution</small>	06	07
10	11	12 <small>Wisconsin Dells NDN Heights Building 11am-1pm w/Food Distribution</small>	13 <small>La Crosse 3 Rivers House 11am - 1pm</small>	14
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immigrants in the Southwest.”

“We now know that Navajo people and enrolled members of other tribes are being detained in Phoenix and other cities by ICE,” Navajo Nation Council Speaker Crystalyne Curley said during a Naabik’įyáti committee meeting on Jan. 23.

The Trump administration issued 10 executive orders and proclamations to change U.S. immigration law and policy on the president's first day in office as part of what it calls “the largest mass deportation operation in American history of illegal criminals.”

Following rising reports of their citizens being harassed and detained by agents of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Native nations and Native leaders from

across Turtle Island have been working diligently to ensure their citizens' safety.

While more Native nations have been working toward enhanced tribal identification cards, the vast majority of tribal enrollment identification cards aren't recognized by the federal government, which leaves Indigenous people vulnerable during encounters with ICE agents.

Several Native nations, including The Yankton Sioux Tribe and Rosebud Sioux Tribe, are temporarily waiving tribal ID card fees for enrolled citizens, while the Ho-Chunk Nation is reimbursing costs for passports and the Navajo Nation continues to release resources and guides on what to say if you are stopped and questioned by ICE.
Aaron Payment, Sault Ste.

Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, former first vice president of the National Congress of American Indians, called for enhanced tribal IDs in an interview with ICT Executive Editor Jourdan Bennett-Begaye.

“I would encourage tribal citizens to ask their governments to issue enhanced IDs or some form of greater identification, because not everybody has their birth certificates handy, not everybody drives, not everybody has a state ID,” Payment said. “And, you know, we're brown people, and depending on different parts of the country, you know, these raids are not happening just along the southern border.”

Payment explained that a regular tribal ID is not enough in these cases because it doesn't

have the data strip on the back with U.S. citizenship-verifying information.

“We should not have to prove our citizenship,” Payment continued. “We are the original people in this country, but we're in a scary time right now, and I don't want any American Indian to get lost in the system. [ICE] ‘lost’ children the last time they did this. They lost little brown children that will never be reunited with their parents. And that is horrible. It's just like the boarding school experience that we experienced.”

Reports across Native country Arizona State Sen. Theresa Hatathlie joined the Navajo Nation's Jan. 23 Naabik’įyáti committee meeting virtually and shared that she received a call about a case involving a Navajo citizen who was detained for nine hours.

Hatathlie represents Legislative District 6, which encompasses the Navajo Nation.

Hatathlie also told CNN about a report of a Navajo woman who was questioned by ICE at her work site in Scottsdale, Arizona, along with seven other Indigenous people. They were lined up behind white vans and questioned for two hours before being permitted to contact family members, who sent her a photo of her Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB). She was then released, according to Hatathlie.

Curley, the Navajo Nation council speaker, also detailed reports the council had received through social media and calls to council delegates from families who said they were visited by ICE at their
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Ho-Chunk Nation Members We Need Your Input on the Strategic Energy Plan!!!



When: Presentation at 5:00 pm on February 25th

Where: Legislative Conference Room, Executive Office Building, W9814
 Airport Road, Black River Falls, WI.
 Virtual Option: <https://bit.ly/HCNEnergy>

This is your opportunity to ask questions or provide feedback

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- If you can't attend the meeting, the drafted plan can be found at <https://ho-chunknation.com/government/executive-branch/administrative/division-of-planning-and-development/>
- Questions or comments can be sent to: Adammeinerz@ho-chunk.com

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 apartments and places of work.
 In light of the ICE reports, the Naabik'iyáti committee discussed the importance of an enhanced CDIB identification card system that meets federal standards.
 On Jan. 22, federal ICE agents questioned a Mescalero Apache citizen and asked for a passport, according to Mescalero Apache President Thora Walsh-Padilla. When the citizen provided their New Mexico driver's license and tribal identification card, the agent moved on.
 In response, the Mescalero Apache Tribe released a statement saying that leadership is actively working to ensure the rights of its citizens are protected. It also included tips on how to respond if confronted by ICE agents.
 "We want to ensure that Mescalero Apache Tribal members can effectively communicate their rights and concerns in relation to federal agents, fostering resilience and solidarity among tribal members," the statement says. "Share the faith – we will get

through this together!!"
 The nation also shared a video on Facebook with advice about how to respond if approached by ICE agents.
 Other reports have surfaced on social media across the U.S. about Indigenous people getting stopped and at times detained by ICE agents.
 Northwest Immigrants Rights Project, an organization that defends and advances the rights of immigrants through direct legal services, systemic advocacy and community education, hasn't received any reports of Native people being detained in Washington State but is monitoring the situation, according to Raul R. Alvarez, the senior communications manager at NWIRP.
 Washington Immigrant Solidarity Network's Deportation Defense Hotline recently received reports that an "Alaskan Native community member [was] pulled over for expired tabs outside their place of work, harassed, and asked about their immigration status," according to text messages received by WAISN's hotline
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Attention: The Next Deadline of the Hocak Worak will be February 21st which will be published on February 28th. Please contact Hocak Worak at ext. 11004 if you have a change of address or would like to be placed on the mailing list.



HO CHUNK NATION
Office of the General Council

Office of General the Council Official Quarterly Report

To: General Council Members, and Legislative Branch

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

Date: February 3, 2025

Re: Office of the General Council Official Quarterly Report

Good morning members of the General Council and Legislative Branch,

The Office of the General Council is hereby officially submitting the Quarterly Report to satisfy the provisions set within the Office of the General Council Establishment & Organizational Act.

November 1, 2024 – January 31 2025:

- During the latter part of September 2024 a Budget Modification submission was sent forward, however is was not addressed until the month of October.
 - Internal Budget Modifications – Approved by Legislative Finance Commission Motion.
- The Office of the General Council did not utilize any per diem, mileage or any other types of travel expenses during this fiscal year.
- The Office of the General Council is currently listed as a co-plaintiff in a Ho-Chunk Trial Court Case, case no. CV 24-01. (The OGC has zero legal representation)
- The Office of the General Council submitted a Budget Modification on January 13, 2025 for a True Increase to obtain Legal Counsel. (This Budget Modification was tabled by a Legislative Finance Commission Motion until who knows when.)
 The Legislative Finance Commission Meeting needs to act accordingly to the legal language within the Ho-Chunk Nation Appropriations and Budget Process Act 2 HCC § 4:
 - Budget Modifications**
 - General Council.**
 (1) *The Office of General Council may perform budget modifications as a means to control spending and preserve the appropriated budget. Any budget modifications will be detailed as to line item and subject to periodic review from the Legislative Finance Commission.*

Any proposed budget modification for the General Council Branch shall be approved by the Finance Commission.

- President Greendeer sent notification on November 6, 2024 for the Official Call of the 2025 Annual General Council. The meeting is to be set for September 20, 2025.
- Immediately after receiving the Presidential Call for the 2025 meeting the Office of the General Council began the Request for Proposal processes regarding a venue.
 - Kohl Center – Madison WI, was the first to respond with an unfortunate update that the date would not work for them. Their RFP has been recorded.
 - Alliant Center – Madison WI, was the second to respond with great news that this date is available and has been in correspondence to meeting requirements and has set us a proposal.
 - Kalahari – Wisconsin Dells WI, also responded with great news that this date is available and has sent their proposal.

Once a venue is secured we will be able to begin the process for all of the other vendors.

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

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Participate in the Workforce Development Survey

Dear Ho-Chunk Nation Employee,

We are excited to announce the launch of the **Workforce Development Survey**, a vital step in creating a comprehensive Workforce Plan for the Ho-Chunk Nation. This survey is designed to gather your valuable insights, ideas, and feedback, which will help shape policies and strategies that directly impact your work environment and professional growth opportunities.

Why Your Participation Matters

Your voice is critical in this process. By participating in this survey, you are contributing to:

- Identifying current strengths and areas for improvement within our workforce.
- Developing initiatives that align with employee needs and organizational goals.
- Building a stronger, more supportive workplace for all employees.

Timeline for Completing the Survey

The survey will be open mid March. Please ensure your responses are submitted within this timeframe.

How and Where to Complete the Survey

- The survey will be conducted online via Survey 123
- You will receive an email with a direct link to the survey mid March.
- For employees without access to a computer during work hours, QR Code, link or assistance will be available, or you can request a paper version from your supervisor.

Confidentiality

All responses will remain strictly confidential. Your feedback will be aggregated and reviewed collectively to ensure anonymity.

We encourage every employee to take 10-15 minutes to complete the survey and make their voice heard. Together, we can create a workforce plan that reflects our shared values and goals.

If you have any questions or need assistance with the survey, please do not hesitate to reach out to **Darcy Funmaker** at Darcy.Funmaker@ho-chunk.com

Thank you for your time and dedication to making the Ho-Chunk Nation an exceptional place to work!

Workforce Development Draft Division of Planning & Development January 31, 2025

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Research Team

Principal Investigator: Mkwandawire-Vahmu

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STUDENT OF THE MONTH

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

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

Student spotlights will be showcased for one month on Ho-Chunk Nation social media & in the Education Department! Spotlights will also be posted in Hoca:k Worak each month!

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If you have any questions please email us at:
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Madison Youth Services

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manager, Nedra Rivera. "The original officer waited until two other officers joined as backup before starting to question and harass them."

Rivera also received a message expressing concern about being racially profiled and pulled over by ICE from a Native community member who reported an ICE sighting.

In Washington, the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, Muckleshoot Indian Tribe and Puyallup Tribe, along with others around the country, are closely monitoring the executive orders and other actions from the Trump administration for impacts on their citizens and proactively working to protect their citizens' treaty rights, sovereignty and other interests their ancestors long fought to uphold.

Last month, Washington state also created a new Family Separation Rapid Response Team, aimed at reducing harms caused by the Trump administration's immigration enforcement policies, which, if implemented, state officials

said, will destabilize families and harm children who are separated from their deported or detained parents or primary caregivers.

While members of the rapid response team have not yet been selected, Brionna Aho, the communications director for Gov. Bob Ferguson, said there will be Native representation.

Despite confirmed reports, some Native nations aren't convinced the issue is a major concern.

An announcement Jan. 25 by president of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe, Kathleen Wooden Knife, called the executive orders unlawful and unconstitutional and authorized funds for CDIB identification cards.

The Rosebud Sioux Tribal Council released a statement days later on Jan. 28 acknowledging their citizens' concerns about "rumored, but unverified, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) raids in which Native Americans have been detained alongside suspected illegal immigrants." The release emphasized that Rosebud Sioux Tribe citizens are also U.S.

citizens.

While the council believes that there is "absolutely no reason to think that ICE is targeting or profiling Native Americans," councilors also say "it is possible, albeit very unlikely, that Tribal citizens in the presence of illegal immigrants that ICE is targeting might be questioned about their U.S. citizenship."

The Rosebud Sioux Tribe is working with its enrollment department to order supplies and allocate funding to meet President Kathleen Wooden Knife's request of providing CDIB cards, which the tribe calls an official government document, for free for its citizens. With a population of over 35,000 tribal citizens, funding for all of their citizens would cost over \$800,000.

In an effort to curb concerns among its citizens, the Rosebud Sioux council also said "ICE will have to contact the Council through our Law Enforcement for permission to enter our lands."

The tribe will be also contacting the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to

provide examples of its tribal IDs and CDIB verification documents, both of which are only given to citizens of the tribe, and will provide a contact number to the enrollment office to contact for verification of any member's enrollment.

Tribal officials also advise that citizens provide state-issued identification like driver's licenses, or tribal IDs or CDIBs, to ICE agents, but reiterated that birth certificates and U.S. passports are the only forms of verification of U.S. citizenship.

The Shoshone-Bannock Tribes in Idaho similarly said reports of arrests and detentions of Natives have been unconfirmed but encouraged citizens to carry state and tribal identifications cards and to report any "incidences of racial profiling or discrimination by police or federal authorities to the Fort Hall Police Department."

In a brief statement on Jan. 27, The Crow Tribe said that even though "social media may be abuzz" with concern about ICE raids, none of its citizens should live in fear. The tribe also recommended carrying

state and tribal identification.

In Montana, Fort Peck Assiniboine & Sioux Tribes Chairman Justin Gray Hawk Sr. said on Jan. 24 that Fort Peck citizens had reached out to express concern about a threat "to deport Native Americans along with Mexicans in the hope that nobody can tell the difference." He also encouraged citizens to carry their enrollment identification card.

The president of the Ho-Chunk Nation, Jon Greendeer, released a video on Jan. 30 waiving the fee for Ho-Chunk tribal identification cards beginning on Feb. 3, 2025. Greendeer also announced the immediate processing of any tribal member who requests CDIB identification, as well as a "100% reimbursable payment program to enrolled members and their first line descendants (children thereof) who furnish proper receipt of passport costs."

Greendeer reiterated that passports are the country's most valid form of U.S. citizenship.

On Feb. 2, The Episcopal Diocese of South Dakota

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Waagax Hakiruxaraxara Hosto

This week's 1930's fictional book review is entitled *A Winnebago Boy* by Mario and Mabel Scacheri. It was written from a non-native point of view and with the help of Phyllis Crandall Connor "who has a genuine understanding of the Indians." There are many photographs; you may recognize people or even relatives. Landing Hawk is a ten-year-old boy who will go to and participate at the Indian Ceremonial near Wisconsin Dells for

his first time. He and his family will be camping near the Indian Ceremonial all summer. He met another young boy, Long Feather, who proceeds to explain to Landing Hawk what he will see and hear. Their daily life, the foods they eat, the stories that the children were told, living in a wigwam and teaching Landing Hawk how to sing and dance was a learning experience for him. You will read about Chief Lonetree, Chief Makes-The-Day-Tremble,

Iron Eyes (Sioux), Frisk Cloud and Evergreen Tree just to mention a few.

The Hoocak *Waagax Hakiruxaraxara Hosto* is serving all our communities with weekly library hours: Mondays 12-8pm, Wednesdays 12-4pm and Thursdays 10-2pm except for holidays. For appointments, call (715) 284-0905.


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Congratulations 2025 Strum Royalty



Strum Royalty is a community program for young ladies in the Village of Strum, WI.

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Press Statement – For Immediate Release
January 30, 2025

Executive Order Statement RE: Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal I.D. Fee Waiver, Certificate Degree of Indian Blood Processing, & U.S. Passport Reimbursement


The Trump Administration has prioritized a policy focused on a mass deportation of unauthorized immigrants by increasing Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents directed to apprehend and detain individuals who've entered the country illegally. Identity verification is a concern among members of federally recognized tribes causing a lot of anxiety for indigenous families. As a result and as a responsibility of our Ho-Chunk Nation to ensure and provide for the health, safety, and welfare of each of our tribal members, we are undertaking steps to assist in preventing unnecessary detention and/or questioning related to identity verification and validation.

Therefore I, President Jon Greendeer, hereby issue this Executive Order directing the Heritage Preservation Department Enrollment Division to waive the fee for Ho-Chunk Tribal Identification cards beginning on February 3, 2025. An online link for mail order IDs will be published on the Ho-Chunk Nation's homepage and will require the application to be completed in full. The Heritage Preservation Department Enrollment Division maintains the responsibility to ensure validity and safety of I.D. processing and disbursement from identity theft or other mishandlings of personal proprietary information. All Tribal I.D.s paid for before this Executive Order and after January 20, 2025 are eligible for reimbursement.

Further, I direct the Heritage Preservation Department Enrollment Division to process upon request, a qualifying tribal members' CDIB as supportive documentation of Native American blood, lineage, and U.S. Citizenship.

Finally, I direct the Office of the President through the Executive Accounts Manager to develop procedures and execute a 100% reimbursable payment program to enrolled tribal members and their first line descendants (children thereof) who furnish proper receipt of passport costs which will be effective January 20, 2025. Passports are the country's most valid form of Real I.D. and U.S. citizenship.

The Ho-Chunk Nation will continue to go beyond this Executive Order to oversee the protection and safety of tribal members, their families, and descendants. Please be patient as we initiate these measures in accordance with the aforementioned Order.




Maąšusga | Jon Greendeer
President of the Ho-Chunk Nation

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HUUC WIHIRAAGNIRA
February: Last Bear Moon


HARVEST OF THE MONTH

Nąq Taanjžu
(Maple Syrup)

About Maple Syrup Tapping:
- Maple trees can be tapped when the weather starts to warm during the day but still freezes at night. The flow of the sap depends on this thawing and freezing rhythm, as the pressure from the night freezing draws up the sap from the roots into the tree trunk. When it warms up during the day the sap will seep out of the spouts. The sap will then need to be filtered, boiled down, and filtered again. For info from Michigan State University on the whole process, go here: 

History:
-Historically Indigenous people used wooden spouts and birchbark vessels to collect the sap. They also had to cut wood for a fire to heat rocks. The heated rocks were placed in the birchbark vessel to cook down the sap. When the rocks cooled, they were removed and replaced with hot rocks to keep the sap boiling.
-The syrup was then actually turned into maple sugar for easier storage.

For more info:
(1)<http://www.inpm.org/educators/wirp/great-lakes-traditional-culture/food/maple-sugar>
(2)<https://www.explorenature.org/preschool-blog/art-science-of-the-land-week-3-2/>



Maple Sweet Potatoes

Ingredients:

- 2 sweet potatoes (medium or large)
- 2 tablespoons yogurt, non-fat (optional)
- 1-2 tablespoons maple syrup
- 1-2 tablespoons orange juice

Steps:

- Wash hands with soap and water.
- Prick potato skins with a fork. Microwave on high for 3 to 4 minute until soft and easily pierced with a knife.
- Scoop out the pulp into a medium bowl. Mash the pulp and stir in the yogurt, maple syrup, and orange juice. Transfer to a microwave safe serving bowl and microwave for 1 to 2 minutes to heat through.


Recipe adapted from <https://snaped.fns.usda.gov/resources/nutrition-education-materials/healthy-thrifty-holiday-menus/christmas/recipe-1886>

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HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE QUARLES 33 E MAIN STREET MADISON, WI JANUARY 7, 2025

Call to Order: Vice President Danielle DeLong called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call:

- President Jon Greendeer-P at 10:07 Vice President Danielle DeLong-P Rep. Jessika Greendeer-VC Rep. Rodney Rave-P Rep. Phyllis Smoke-VC Rep. Damian Thundercloud-P Rep. Stephanie Begay-P Rep. Kristin White Eagle-VC, P at 10:14 Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr.-P Rep. Shelby Visintin-VC Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle-VC Rep. Robert Pilot-VC Rep. Paul Fox-P Rep. Brianna Tahdoahnippah-VC

VC-Video Conference

Determination of Quorum:

Quorum is established at 10:01 a.m.

Opening Prayer:

Rep. Paul Fox offered a word of prayer.

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Legislative Meeting-December 31, 2024

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the December 31, 2024 Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Commission Reports:

Finance Commission-January 2, 2025

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to approve the January 2, 2025 Finance Commission meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Approval of True Increase to Resolution 06-18-24 Q Adoption of Ho-Chunk Nation Executive Branch Budget Bill for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 for Additional Job and Elections

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt Resolution 01-07-25 A, Approval of True Increase to Resolution 06-18-24 Q Adoption of Ho-Chunk Nation Executive Branch Budget Bill for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 for Additional Job and Elections. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 12-0-1(Rep. Kristin White Eagle) MOTION CARRIED.

Unfinished Business:

Red Cloud Park-Standing Agenda Item

Attorney General Gardner mentioned there is no new update at this time.

Resolution-Authorization to Deduct Amounts from Annual Gaming Compact Payment to Asset Builders of America for the Elevate Wisconsin Program

Joe Saari from iGroup, formerly known as Financial Fitness Group, is online. Executive Director of Education, Ryan Crain is online.

10:07 a.m. President Greendeer arrives in person.

Mr. Saari overviewed direct benefits to Ho-Chunk

members: 1/2 semester credit for Ho-Chunk youth, ten times more course topics for all Ho-Chunk members, and powerful employee benefit for Ho-Chunk Nation employees. There are broader impacts that include: improved inter-tribal relations, improved inter-governmental relations, and demonstration of leadership for the Ho-Chunk Nation. There is a timeline for events that include: formation of an advisory group by February 2025, engage other tribal nations by June 2025, and roll out for the 2025-2026 school year by August 2025. Mr. Saari said that there are private donations that will be put towards this. In addition to the donations, Elevate Wisconsin is requesting \$250,000 from the Ho-Chunk Nation.

10:14 a.m. Rep. Kristin White Eagle arrives in person.

Starting in 2025, Wisconsin students are mandated to take 1/2 credit of financial literacy. Through the Elevate Wisconsin Program, Ho-Chunk students that reside in Wisconsin will be able to take the course at their school and that will count for 1/2 credit and the financial literacy education requirement in order to receive their trust fund. This is a way to get both of those on one attempt.

Rep. Stephanie Begay requested a breakdown of the \$250,000 that is being requested.

Ryan-this will be mandated for Wisconsin students in 2025.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to TABLE Resolution-Authorization to Deduct Amounts from Annual Gaming Compact Payment to Asset Builders of America for the Elevate Wisconsin Program. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

New Business: Resolution-Adoption of Amendments to the Ho-Chunk Nation Burial Mounds

Ordinance (7 HCC § 1)

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt Resolution 01-07-25 B, Adoption of Amendments to the Ho-Chunk Nation Burial Mounds Ordinance (7 HCC § 1). Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 11-01-22 C Authorization to Fund the Elder Medicare Part B Reimbursement Program from the Health Third Party Revenue Interest Bearing Restricted Account

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to adopt Resolution 01-07-25 C, Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 11-01-22 C Authorization to Fund the Elder Medicare Part B Reimbursement Program from the Health Third Party Revenue Interest Bearing Restricted Account. Second by Vice President Danielle DeLong. 12-0-1(Rep. Kristin White Eagle) MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Acceptance of the Ho-Chunk Housing & Community Development Agency Indian Housing Plan for Fiscal Year 2025

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt Resolution 01-07-25 D, Acceptance of the Ho-Chunk Housing & Community Development Agency Indian Housing Plan for Fiscal Year 2025. Second by Vice President Danielle DeLong. 11-0-1(Rep. Jessika Greendeer) MOTION CARRIED. Rep. Stephanie Begay is out of the room.

Resolution-Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 12-17-24 X Authorization for the Department of Administration to Apply for the Department of Energy Tribal Clean Energy Planning and Development Grant

MOTION by Rep. Robert

Pilot to adopt Resolution 01-07-25 E, Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 12-17-24 X Authorization for the Department of Administration to Apply for the Department of Energy Tribal Clean Energy Planning and Development Grant. Second by Vice President Danielle DeLong. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED. Rep. Stephanie Begay is out of the room.

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. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED. Rep. Stephanie Begay is out of the room.

The meeting moved to Executive Session at 10:55 a.m.

Rep. Brianna Tahdoahnippah is excused for the remainder of the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to return to Open Session. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting return to Open Session at 2:36 p.m.

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

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Rodney Rave to adjourn the Legislative Meeting to January 21, 2025 at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 2:39 p.m.

HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE EMERGENCY SPECIAL MEETING EXECUTIVE OFFICES BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI JANUARY 15, 2025

Call to Order: Vice President Danielle DeLong called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call:

- President Jon Greendeer-P 10:07 a.m. Vice President Danielle DeLong-P Rep. Jessika Greendeer-VC Rep. Rodney Rave-P Rep. Phyllis Smoke-P Rep. Damian Thundercloud-P Rep. Stephanie Begay-P Rep. Kristin White Eagle-VC Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr.-VC Rep. Shelby Visintin-VC Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle-EX Rep. Robert Pilot-VC

- Rep. Paul Fox-VC Rep. Brianna Tahdoahnippah-VC

VC-Video Conference

Determination of Quorum:

Quorum is established at 10:01 a.m.

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

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to

approve the agenda as presented. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0 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 to discuss Business

Matters, Criminal Matters, Inter-governmental Relations, Land, Law Enforcement, Legal Advice, Personnel Matters, Public Safety or Well-Being. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting moved to Executive Session at 10:03 a.m.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to return to Open Session. Second by Vice President Danielle DeLong. Continued on Page 7

Continued from Page 4 released a "Bishop's Statement on Racial Profiling" after a priest in their diocese was racially profiled. The statement also reports that three citizens of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate were taken into custody and detained by ICE without cause after showing ICE agents their tribal identification cards. They were eventually released. There is no mention of how long they were detained. "Biblically, morally, and legally, we reject and condemn this fear-mongering behavior," the statement reads. "We stand with tribal leaders in support of Native Americans who

are being targeted; we stand with our Dinka siblings who worship at Holy Apostles in Sioux Falls; and we stand with all those whose skin color is reason enough in the eyes of some for them to be detained and questioned. Racial profiling is inherently racist and sinful and does not represent behavior worthy of God's kingdom." A history of profiling A wide body of evidence shows that Native people are murdered by police more than other demographics, searched by police at far higher rates, charged with crimes at higher rates, and imprisoned at double the national average.

A 2011 report by Jacqueline Stevens, a political science professor at Northwestern University, revealed that since 2003 more than 20,000 U.S. citizens have been detained or deported by immigration authorities. Stevens' work closed 256 cases of U.S. citizens who were to be deported between January 2011 and September 2014. Because there is no database of U.S. citizens and many ways someone can apply for citizenship — such as through U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, by asserting citizenship in immigration court or by

applying for a U.S. passport — and because most immigration courts do not provide an attorney for those who cannot afford one, U.S. citizens already targeted in the current system have been deported. For Native people across the U.S. who are born in traditional settings — like in Navajo culture where some women choose to give birth in hogans, which are small, octagonal structures made of mud and logs, rather than western hospitals where Native maternal death rates are high — there are already barriers to obtaining state-recognized birth certificates. Profiled

immigration raids increase their vulnerability. Profiled deportation is documented throughout history. The Los Angeles Welfare Department took sick and elderly patients who they thought were of Mexican descent and dropped them off in Mexicali, Mexico, in the 1930s, as part of raids during the Great Depression that resulted in the deportation of up to 1.8 million people to Mexico, according to research conducted by former California State Sen. Joseph Dunn. Dunn estimates around 60 percent of those people were actually American citizens, Continued on Page 9

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President Danielle DeLong. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting return to Open Session at 12:05 p.m.

**HO-CHUNK NATION
LEGISLATURE
REGULAR MEETING
EXECUTIVE OFFICES
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI
JANUARY 22, 2025**

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

Roll Call:

President Jon Greendeer-P
Vice President Danielle DeLong-P
Rep. Jessika Greendeer-VC
Rep. Rodney Rave-P
Rep. Phyllis Smoke-P
Rep. Damian Thundercloud-VC
Rep. Stephanie Begay-P
Rep. Kristin White Eagle
Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr.-EX
Rep. Shelby Visintin-EX
Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle-EX
Rep. Robert Pilot-VC
Rep. Paul Fox-P
Rep. Brianna Tahdoohnippah-VC

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. Paul Fox to approve the agenda with ADDING under District Meetings L. D4 Maanico Horuzra – January 16, 2025 and TABLING under Unfinished Business B. Resolution-Authorization to Deduct Amounts from Annual Gaming Compact Payment to Asset Builders of America for the Elevate Wisconsin Program. Second by Vice President Danielle DeLong. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Legislative Meeting-January 7, 2025

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the January 7, 2025 Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Emergency Special Legislative Meeting-January 15, 2025

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the January 15, 2025 Emergency Special Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Commission Reports:

Gaming Commission Monthly Report

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to accept the Gaming Commission monthly report. Second by Vice President Danielle DeLong. 10-0-0

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Government Administration Commission-January 9, 2025

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the January 9, 2025 Government Administration Commission meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 10-16-24 G Approval of Classification and Compensation Plan

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 01-22-25 A**, Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 10-16-24 G Approval of Classification and Compensation Plan. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 8-2(Rep. Kristin White Eagle, Rep. Robert Pilot)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Natural Resources to Apply for the Bureau of Indian Affairs Tribal Youth Initiative Program Grant

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 01-22-25 B**, Authorization for the Department of Natural Resources to Apply for the Bureau of Indian Affairs Tribal Youth Initiative Program Grant. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Natural Resources to Apply for the Bureau of Indian Affairs Endangered Species Program Funding

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 01-22-25 C**, Authorization for the Department of Natural Resources to Apply for the Bureau of Indian Affairs Endangered Species Program Funding. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Unfinished Business:

Red Cloud Park-Standing Agenda Item

Attorney General Gardner mentioned that there is a meeting with the Parks Division tomorrow. A report will be given following that meeting.

Resolution-Authorization to Deduct Amounts from Annual Gaming Compact Payment to Asset Builders of America for the Elevate Wisconsin Program-TABLED at approval of agenda

Amendment to the Agenda:

MOTION by Vice President Danielle DeLong to add under New Business I. TAP Manager Job Description and J. Resolution-Authorization for the Ho-Chunk Nation to

Rep. Kristin White Eagle is not online.

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie

Collaborate with and Support Cedar Growth in Applying for the Climate United Next Grant. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

New Business:

Resolution-Authorization for the Health Department to Apply for the Bemidji Area Indian Health Service Environmental Sustainability Initiatives 2025 Funding

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 01-22-25 D**, Authorization for the Health Department to Apply for the Bemidji Area Indian Health Service Environmental Sustainability Initiatives 2025 Funding. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization to Place the Police Department Advisory Board Establishment Act (1 HCC § 17) out for 45 Day Public Comment

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 01-22-25 E**, Authorization to Place the Police Department Advisory Board Establishment Act (1 HCC § 17) out for 45 Day Public Comment. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MAST Conference, March 22-26, 2025, Washington, D.C.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve up to 4 Legislators to attend MAST Conference, March 22-26, 2025 in Washington, D.C. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization for the Health Department to Apply for the National Indian Health Board Climate Ready Tribes Initiative Funding

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 01-22-25 F**, Authorization for the Health Department to Apply for the National Indian Health Board Climate Ready Tribes Initiative Funding. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization for the Health Department to Apply for the Bureau of Indian Affairs 2025 Invasive Species Program Funding

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 01-22-25 G**, Authorization for the Health Department to Apply for the Bureau of Indian Affairs 2025 Invasive Species Program Funding. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Agriculture to Apply for the Bureau of Indian Affairs Endangered Species Program

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 01-22-25 H**, Authorization for

Begay to adjourn the Emergency Special Legislative Meeting. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** Rep. Kristin White Eagle is not online.

the Department of Agriculture to Apply for the Bureau of Indian Affairs Endangered Species Program. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Confirmation of Donald Greengrass, Sr. as District 2 La Crosse County Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency Board Member

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 01-22-25 I**, Confirmation of Donald Greengrass, Sr. as District 2 La Crosse County Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency Board Member. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Health to Apply to the Bureau of Indian Affairs Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Program Funding

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay adopt **Resolution 01-22-25 J**, Authorization for the Department of Health to Apply to the Bureau of Indian Affairs Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Program Funding. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

TAP Manager Job Description

Vice President Danielle DeLong stated that the TAP Manager has not been addressed for a few years now. Executive Director of Health Penny Ybarra was present and overviewed the job description with the Legislature and said that since this job description is inactive, she thinks it was not addressed within the recent classification and compensation study. There was also brief discussion on the history of this job description.

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to refer the TAP Manager job description to the Government Administration Commission. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 7-3(Rep. Jessika Greendeer, Rep. Rodney Rave, Rep. Robert Pilot)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization for the Ho-Chunk Nation to Collaborate with and Support Cedar Growth in Applying for the Climate United Next Grant

MOTION by Vice President Danielle DeLong to TABLE Resolution-Authorization for the Ho-Chunk Nation to Collaborate with and Support Cedar Growth in Applying for the Climate United Next Grant until after Executive Session. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 9-0-1(Rep. Jessika Greendeer) **MOTION CARRIED.**

District Meetings:

D1 Njioxawanj – January 8, 2025

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis

The Emergency Special Legislative Meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

Smoke to refer to the Office of the President and Department of Treasury the **MOTION** by Kelly Jo Funmaker to have treasury send out W-2s and 1099 forms ahead of the January deadline. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to refer to the Office of the President and Department of Education the **MOTION** by Kelly Jo Funmaker to have a community listening session regarding Education Programs, to inform parents and caretakers. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** Vice President Danielle DeLong is out of the room.

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to refer to Legislative Legal and the Legislature the **MOTION** by Kelly Jo Funmaker to bring back to next month's district meeting the update on taxes for general welfare and per capita payments, which includes the effects on social security benefits for tribal members. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** Vice President Danielle DeLong is out of the room.

D1 Howasa – January 14, 2025

No motions.

D2 Hinyukwas – January 13, 2025

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to the Government Administration Commission the **MOTION** by Donald Greengrass to support the walking trail with dual language signs in collaboration with HCN Heritage Preservation and HCN DNR. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 9-0-1(Vice President Danielle DeLong) **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to the Office of the President, Department of Business, and the Cannabis Workgroup the **MOTION** by Adam Kruse to support this initiative through Department of Business and the Legislative Cannabis Workgroup. Rep. White Eagle mentioned this was in regards to Sensi. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 8-1(Rep. Jessika Greendeer)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** Rep. Rodney Rave is out of the room.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to the Finance Commission the **MOTION** by Donald Greengrass to reinstate area meeting stipend funds and increase budget for food for next fiscal year for a total of \$300 per meeting. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** Rep. Rodney Rave is out of the room.

NOTED FOR THE RECORD: **MOTION** by Marsha Smith to nominate Donald Greengrass for HHCDA Board of Commissioners.

NOTED FOR THE RECORD: **MOTION** by
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Marsha Smith to accept Donald Greengrass' nomination for HHCDA Board of Commissioners and be sworn in ASAP.

NOTED FOR THE RECORD: MOTION by Marsha Smith for HHCDA to waive building usage fees for Area Meetings, as this has been addressed by HHCDA internally.

D2 Ho'uni Xununiq – January 14, 2025

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to the Legislature and Legislative Legal the MOTION by Roberta Decorah for legislators to have a representative at all appropriate boards and commissions. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 8-0-1(Rep. Stephanie Begay) **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Rodney Rave is out of the room.*

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to TAU and Social Services the MOTION by Liza Green for a cost analysis pertaining to meals be completed for Tomah TAU site only. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 8-0-1(Rep. Stephanie Begay) **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Rodney Rave is out of the room.*

NOTED FOR THE RECORD: Rep. Stephanie Begay abstained as her mother made the area meeting motion above, or was the second.

D2 HoxajkejqHogucejqNj žhakisuc – January 15, 2025

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to the D2Reps and Legislative Legal the MOTION by Amy DeLong to support the change in eligibility standards support the amendment to the Healing to Wellness Court Code Chapter 3 Section 10a to include enrolled tribal members from other tribes. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Rodney Rave is out of the room.*

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to the D2 Reps and Legislative Legal the MOTION by Bettina Warner for D2 area members to obtain a copy of Rep. Smoke's report and audio from D4 Chicago Area meeting pertaining to ethics

charges against Rep. Pilot and VP DeLong. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 5-0-4(Rep. Phyllis Smoke, Rep. Robert Pilot, Rep. Paul Fox, Vice President Danielle DeLong) **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Rodney Rave is out of the room.*

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to LDT, Legislative Legal and Department of Justice the MOTION by Cindy Tack to fast track Lot 10 of Timber Run and put his name on there and note he is a Veteran and Elder. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Rodney Rave is out of the room.*

D3 Pac cinqk – January 13, 2025

No motions.

D3 Tee hoikšek – January 14, 2025

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to LDT the MOTION by Andi Jo Cloud to have LDT look into the land and investigate it (referring to Red Banks). Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Rodney Rave is out of the room.*

D3 Tešišik – January 8, 2025

No motions.

D3 Tejop – January 15, 2025

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to Office of the President and Department of Business the MOTION by Lance Decker to have a tribal discount at the RV park at the casino. Second by Vice President Danielle DeLong. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Rodney Rave is out of the room.*

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to Office of the President and Department of Business the MOTION by Lance Decker to get the Executive Director of Business to attend our next area meeting. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 9-0-1(Rep. Rodney Rave) **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to Department of Personnel and Department of Justice the MOTION by Lashina Hoye to look into the

motion made about employees being able to clock out to attend area meetings. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D3 Cexhaci – January 16, 2025

No motions.

D4 Guųşgonqk – January 13, 2025

No motions.

D4 Maanico Horuzra – January 16, 2025

MOTION by Vice President Danielle DeLong to refer to the Finance Commission the MOTION by Manners WhiteEagle to request \$7,500 for the annual 5K run/walk event to come from the District 4 Community Improvement Funds. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Vice President Danielle DeLong to refer to the Finance Commission the MOTION by Stephanie Yellowbank for \$2,500 for Friends in Need for funds to come from Charitable motion is amended to use funds from the District 4 Community Improvement Fund. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Vice President Danielle DeLong to refer to the Finance Commission the MOTION by Libby Fairchild to request \$5,000 from the D4 Community Improvement Fund to be donated to Second Harvest Heartland. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Vice President Danielle DeLong to refer to the Finance Commission the MOTION by Libby Fairchild for D4 tribal members to support the American Red Cross in the amount of \$10,000 from the Community Improvement Fund. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Vice President Danielle DeLong to refer to the Legislature the MOTION by Royce Roberts to have the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature to allocate funds towards higher education. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Public Roundtable

Vice President DeLong mentioned that the Legislature will be hosting two public roundtables for Tribal Members to bring forward their concerns regarding current events with the United States President and Administration. The first roundtable will be held on Sunday, February 2, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. and the second roundtable will be held on Monday, February 3, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. Both roundtables will be held in person at the Tribal Office Building, with a virtual option available, as well. The flyer and meeting links will be shared later this morning.

Executive Session (Business Matters, Criminal Matters, Inter-governmental Relations, Land, Law

MOTION by Vice President Danielle DeLong to refer to HHCDA the MOTION by Royce Roberts to have Legislature request HHCDA to have an online payment method. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Vice President Danielle DeLong to refer to the Department of Business the MOTION by Royce Roberts for the Department of Business to have the Nation host job fairs at local Beloit colleges. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Vice President Danielle DeLong to refer to the D1 Reps the MOTION by Rosetta Hunt to have Rep. Rodney Rave, Rep. Phyllis Smoke, and Rep. Jessika Greendeer attend the March area meeting in Saint Paul. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Vice President Danielle DeLong to refer to the Department of Housing the MOTION by Rosetta Hunt to have housing answer questions regarding housing rental, DPA, EMA, Elder roof, Elder garbage services during later business hours with Webex available for the Twin Cities area. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 10-0-0 **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 to discuss Business Matters, Criminal Matters, Inter-governmental Relations, Land, Law Enforcement, Legal Advice, Personnel Matters, Public Safety or Well-Being. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting moved to Executive Session at 11:19 a.m.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:25 p.m. The meeting was called back to order by President Greendeer at 1:00 p.m. Quorum was established.

1:56 p.m. Rep. Stephanie Begay is excused for the remainder of

Enforcement, Legal Advice, Personnel Matters, Public Safety or Well-Being):

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

The meeting moved to Executive Session at 10:06 a.m.

10:38 a.m. Rep. Rodney Rave arrives to the meeting, virtually.

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to return to Open Session. Second by Rep. Jessika Greendeer. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

the meeting.

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to return to Open Session. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting return to Open Session at 2:49 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Rodney Rave to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah is not online.*

Amendment to the Agenda:

MOTION by Vice President Danielle DeLong to add under New Business K. Legislative Chief Financial Officer Job Description. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah is not online.*

New Business (Re-visited):

Resolution-Authorization for the Ho-Chunk Nation to Collaborate with and Support Cedar Growth in Applying for the Climate United Next Grant

MOTION by Vice President Danielle DeLong to adopt **Resolution 01-22-25 K**, Authorization for the Ho-Chunk Nation to Collaborate with and Support Cedar Growth in Applying for the Climate United Next Grant. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Legislative Chief Financial Officer Job Description

MOTION by Vice President Danielle DeLong to approve the Legislative Chief Financial Officer job description with removing "appointed." Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 6-3(Rep. Phyllis Smoke, Rep. Kristin White Eagle, Rep. Jessika Greendeer)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to adjourn the Legislative Meeting to February 4, 2025 at the Tribal Office Building, Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 2:54 p.m.

**HO-CHUNK NATION
LEGISLATURE
SPECIAL MEETING
EXECUTIVE OFFICES
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI
JANUARY 31, 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 Danielle DeLong-P
Rep. Jessika Greendeer-P
Rep. Rodney Rave-VC at 10:38 a.m.
Rep. Phyllis Smoke-P
Rep. Damian Thundercloud-P
Rep. Stephanie Begay-P
Rep. Kristin White Eagle-P
Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr.-P
Rep. Shelby Visintin-VC

Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle-EX
Rep. Robert Pilot-VC
Rep. Paul Fox-VC
Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah-VC

VC-Video Conference

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

Opening Prayer: Shane Yellow Thunder offered a word of prayer.

Approval of Agenda: **MOTION** by Vice President Danielle DeLong to approve the agenda with ADDING under New Business A. Public Roundtable. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

New Business:

The meeting return to Open Session at 12:06 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Vice President Danielle DeLong. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Rodney Rave is not online.*

Adjournment:

MOTION by Vice President Danielle DeLong to adjourn the Special Legislative Meeting. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Rodney Rave is not online.*

The Special Legislative Meeting adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

NOTICE

RIGHT TO OBJECT

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

Ho-Chunk Member, **FAYE BEGAY**, has submitted a Request for Title for Permanent Improvements located at:

W8719 SAND PILLOW RD BRF WI 54615

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

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

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

By or before February 21, 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.

Orion Maceo Bearskin

Passed away on January 30, 2025

We are sad to announce that on January 30, 2025, we had to say goodbye to Orion Maceo Bearskin (Milwaukee, Wisconsin). You can send your sympathy in the guestbook provided and share it with the family.

In the quiet moments of reflection, let us honor Orion Maceo's memory by embracing the beauty of each fleeting moment, knowing that his spirit resides in the eternal tapestry of existence, forever woven into the fabric of our hearts.

He was loved and cherished by many people including: his parent Adria; his siblings, Elias and Macavie; his aunts and uncles, Tennita and Rob; his grandparents, Cindy, Gail, Mona and Raena; and his son Maanape. He was also cherished by many other relatives and friends.

Visitation will take place on

Monday, February 3, 2025 from 10 am – 12 pm at HERITAGE FUNERAL HOME (3801 S. Howell Ave Milwaukee). A celebration of life will be held on Monday, February 3, 2025, at 12:00 PM at the same location.



TOMAH AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Tomah High School
Tomah, WI 54660
(608) 374-7961

Please print this notice in the next December Hocak Worak. Thank you!

NOTICE OF TITLE VI PUBLIC HEARING TOMAH AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Tomah Area School District will hold two public hearings during one meeting time scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2025, at the Tomah Youth & Learning Center, 430 Julie Street, Tomah, Wisconsin. The Title VI meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. with the JOM/IEC meeting to follow.

The first part of the meeting will allow parents/guardians of Native American children the opportunity to provide input concerning Public Law 81-874. The second part of the meeting will inform parents of the Needs Assessment process for the district's 2025-26 Title VI Application of the Indian Education Act. In addition, parents will participate in a discussion of the application's provisions and given the opportunity to provide suggestions regarding the application.

Bonnie Bird
Title VI Indian Education Coordinator-Teacher
Tomah Area School District

ATTENTION

All Ho-Chunk Nation Elders



Address Change

Please notify Gloria Ward in the insurance department with any address changes. This will help Gloria in case any notifications are required.

Medicare Reimbursement

It is time again for the Medicare Part B Reimbursement for those that are 65 or older.

HCN Insurance will be sending out the applications. You will need to send a copy of your SSA 1099's you receive from Social Security. These normally will come to you in January.

The payments will be sent out the third week in April.

New Insurance Cards

In March 2025 we will be getting new insurance cards these will have your name and other information on them. We will no longer be using your Social Security number for your insurance identification.

When you go to the Doctor or any other medical facility you must give them a copy of your Insurance card and Medicare card if you have one.

If you utilize an ambulance you must give them a copy of your Insurance and Medicare cards, the hospital does not share information with them.

Medicare Parts A and B

If you are not working for the Ho-Chunk Nation and your turning 65 you have to sign up for Medicare Parts A and B, failure to sign up will result in consequences. Auxiant will only pay 20% of your bill and you will be responsible for 80%.

If you're drawing Social Security your payment for Medicare B will come out of your check.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call the Insurance Division at 715-284-4361.



Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Aging

4912 Winneshiek Lane
Nekoosa, WI 54457

Notice of Vacancy

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

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

Interested candidates should contact the **Nekoosa TAU** at 715- 886 - 5416 by March 3, 2025 to complete the Hooçak Wąąkšik Xete Advisory Application.

Elections will be held on March 11, 2025 at the Nekoosa T.A.U. from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Phone: 715-284-0811

Continued from Page 6 many of them born in the United States.

In another immigration raid named after a derogatory term for Mexican people, featuring the same racist stereotypes of Mexican immigrants as dirty, disease-bearing, irresponsible criminals that are echoed in immigration discussions today, an estimated 1.3 million people, many of whom were U.S. citizens, were deported.

Indigenous communities in border areas in particular have long felt the brunt of federal immigration actions, even though they lived there long before the border existed. Before the 1848 Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, the areas that would later become the states of California, Nevada, Utah, New Mexico, and Texas, as well as parts of Arizona, Colorado, Oklahoma, Kansas, and Wyoming, were Mexico —

and Indigenous people lived on all of that land, as well all other land that comprises the U.S. today.

Today, there are at least 30 Indigenous communities straddling the international boundary that now divides Mexico and the U.S. Targeting by immigration officials is nothing new to these nations that straddle the border.

“We have tribal members that still have their rights violated, if

not daily, and there is no way to hold them accountable to that,” April Ignacio, co-founder of Indivisible Tohono, who grew up and lives on the Tohono O’odham Nation and whose tribal lands are on both sides of the Arizona-Mexico border, told Oregon Capitol Chronicle.

“I don’t think any of us Natives are naive in knowing how state and federal legislation and laws impact our lives,” Ignacio said. “But what was

normalized for us down south is now being publicly acknowledged and publicized by the media.”

During the first Trump administration, provisions of the Real ID Act expedited construction of a border wall along the U.S. side of the international line, which destroyed Monument Hill, home to the remains of those who fought in historic battles
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SUMMONS (First Publication)

IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

In re the Paternity of: L.M.C., DOB 04/28/2023

Case No.: PA 24-21

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED: Winnie Dubson

You are hereby informed that you have been deemed an interested party in this child support action. This legal notice of the filed Petition for Child Support is now served upon you by publication. A proceeding concerning the above-named child is pending in the Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court, and an adjudication will be made.

You have twenty (20) days from the date of service to respond to the Petition for Child Support. Failure to do so will cause the Court to proceed without your participation, which may result in the entry of a Default Judgment against you. An Answer (response) shall be filed with the court at the address given below, and must be served on all parties to the action. The Court shall convene an Initial Child Support Hearing as permitted by CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT CODE, 4 HCC § 7.28.

The court shall commence a proceeding no sooner than twenty-five (25) days from the date of service. The Initial Child Support Hearing shall be held at 2:30 p.m. CST on the 25th day of March, 2025. The Court also provides notice of the potential of being held in contempt of court:

NOTICE- VIOLATION OF THIS ORDER IS SUBJECT TO PROCEEDINGS FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT. SUBPOENAS: THE FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH A SUBPOENA SHALL SUBJECT THE PERSON FAILING TO COMPLY TO THE CONTEMPT POWER OF THE COURT. THE COURT MAY FIND ANY PARTY TO THIS MATTER IN CONTEMPT OF COURT FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR AT A COURT HEARING OR FOR FAILURE TO FOLLOW COURT ORDERS.

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

SUMMONS (First Publication)

IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

In re the Paternity of: D.L.C., DOB 07/05/2024

Case No.: PA 24-20

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SUMMONS (First Publication)

IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Ho-Chunk Nation Child Support Agency, and HCN Child and Family Services, Petitioner, v. Winnie Dubson, Respondent.

Case No.: CS 24-17

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED: Winnie Dubson

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The court shall commence a proceeding no sooner than twenty-five (25) days from the date of service. The Initial Child Support Hearing shall be held at 3:00 p.m. CST on the 25th day of March, 2025. The Court also provides notice of the potential of being held in contempt of court:

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SUMMONS (First Publication)

IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

In re the Paternity of: E.J.D., DOB 03/17/2021

Case No.: PA 24-15

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RE-ELECT TRICIA ZUNKER (HINUK PJI) FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE HO-CHUNK NATION SUPREME COURT; PRIMARY ELECTION WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2025



Fair; Neutral; Ethical; Experienced; Compassionate

As Justice, I remain committed to apply the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution and the written laws of the Legislature, while recognizing and upholding the inherent customs and traditions of our People. I have served with fairness, diligence, courtesy and compassion since first elected to this position. I humbly request your vote on March 5, 2025.

EDUCATION

- J.D. (law degree), UCLA School of Law
- B.A., University of Wisconsin-Madison (triple major)
- First generation college graduate

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Associate Justice, Ho-Chunk Supreme Court – 2013 to present
- Chief Justice, Meskwaki Court of Appeals – 2023 to present
- Professor – 2007 to present
- Licensed Attorney

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

I believe service is important in the larger communities. Some of my community involvement includes:

- Former School Board President (Wausau)
- Founding Director, Central

Wisconsin Indigenous Peoples' Day Committee

- Board Vice President, Midwest Environmental Advocates – protecting the environment and advocating for environmental justice
- Vote Tricia Zunker (Hinuk pji) for Associate Justice on March 5, 2025**

It is vital to me that everyone is treated with dignity and respect, which includes timely issuance of opinions, and I have not issued a late order or decision. I have also worked to expand access to justice and assisted in development of rules that improve the Judiciary.

I will continue the faithful and impartial performance of my duties as Associate Justice. I'm hardworking, ethical, and committed to preserving the Nation's customs and traditions while analyzing the law as a neutral decision-maker. A principal way in which tribal sovereignty is upheld is through the functioning of our Judiciary and the issuance of our own decisions; I'm truly honored for the opportunity to serve our Nation in this capacity and humbly request your vote on Wednesday, March 5, 2025. Pinagigi.

RE-ELECT

TODD R. MATHA

Chief Justice
Ho-Chunk Nation Supreme Court

Allow Me to Continually Serve the Ho-Chunk Nation

Nearly 28 Years in a Legal Capacity
Over 25 Years on the Ho-Chunk Judiciary
3 Successive Elections to the Supreme Court
(Never Issued an Untimely Decision)

University of Minnesota Law School
Adjunct Professor
Federal Indian Law/Advanced Legal Writing

Author of Nationally Published Articles
on HCN Law

PLEASE VOTE

General Primary Election
March 5, 2025

**HCN GENERAL
PRIMARY ELECTION
WEDNESDAY
MARCH 5TH 2025**

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

- WISCONSIN RAPIDS, WI**
CHAK-HAH-CHEE
COMMUNITY BUILDING
916 Chak-hah-chee Lane
(715) 886-8411
- 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**
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BUILDING
320 Epinal Avenue
(608) 377-3787
- LA CROSSE, WI**
LACROSSE BRANCH
OFFICE
724 Main Street
(608) 783-6025
- BARABOO, WI**
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(608) 355-1240
- WITTENBERG, WI**
SIGA FUNMAKER
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- MADISON, WI**
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(608) 277-9964
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Gisewemiınaka

Bettina (Tina) Warner, MIB, PMP

ABOUT ME

I am confident that my military, educational, and professional background make me a strong candidate for the role of District 2, Seat 2 Legislator. Growing up in a military family and living abroad broadened my perspective and instilled in me the importance of staying rooted in my Ho-Chunk community. Currently, I serve as a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Tutor for Nation, where I support and advocate for our K-12 Ho-Chunk youth in the Baraboo, Mauston, Portage, Reedsburg, Sauk City, and Wisconsin Dells school districts.

As an Honorable Discharged U.S. Navy Veteran, I have developed strong discipline, commitment, and leadership skills. I hold a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Geology, a Project Management Certification, a Master's in International Business Administration, and a Professional Cybersecurity Certification. These qualifications enable me to offer valuable insights and contribute meaningfully to the Ho-Chunk Nation. I encourage the tribe to explore diverse economic opportunities while considering our cultural and social needs in these challenging times. It is essential to seek sustainable avenues for growth, all while upholding our cultural values as stewards of the environment.

EXPERIENCE

As mentioned earlier, my diverse skill set includes experience in the following industries:

- Oil & Gas, Mining, Environ-

mental Remediation, & Safety

- Groundwater (Municipalities), Geothermal Exploration
- Natural Resources, Conservation, & Cultural Resources
- Recycling, Renewable Energy, & Economic Diversification
- Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion

PLATFORM

Under the Trump administration, numerous federal programs that supported Native American communities experienced substantial budget cuts, affecting critical areas like education, law enforcement, natural resource management, and social services—each of which is vital to tribal nations. Safeguarding and upholding tribal sovereignty during this time required proactive engagement and strategic planning from tribal nations. Key factors to consider include:

1. Vigilant Monitoring of Federal Policies:

The Trump administration has proposed significant changes that could impact tribal sovereignty. For instance, an executive order recently halted over \$27 million in funding for restoration projects on tribal lands in Arizona, affecting the Navajo Nation and Hopi land. Additionally, the administration's emphasis on states' rights has, in some cases, emboldened states to **infringe** on tribal jurisdiction.

- Tribal leaders should closely monitor such policy developments to assess their potential impact on tribal governance and resources.

2. Strengthening Government-to-Government Relationships:

- Maintaining open and direct communication channels with

federal agencies is crucial. Engaging in regular consultations can ensure that tribal perspectives are considered in policy decisions. Advocacy efforts should highlight the government's trust obligations and the real-world consequences of funding shortfalls.

3. Legal Preparedness:

Given potential challenges to tribal sovereignty, it's essential to be prepared to defend tribal rights through legal avenues. This includes being ready to challenge policies or actions that may **infringe** upon tribal autonomy.

- When it comes to defending tribal sovereignty and challenging policies or actions that may infringe upon tribal autonomy, working with experienced lawyers is key. Specifically, you would want to collaborate with attorneys who specialize in tribal law, constitutional law, and civil rights. These legal experts understand the complexities of tribal sovereignty and can provide the necessary support in legal battles. In addition to legal counsel, it may also be beneficial to work with advocacy organizations that support tribal rights, as they often have experience in lobbying, legal strategy, and coordinating with other tribes to defend sovereignty.

4. Public Advocacy and Alliances:

Building alliances with other tribes, advocacy groups, and allies can amplify efforts to protect sovereignty. Public advocacy campaigns can raise awareness and garner support for tribal positions on key issues.

- A coalition of 23 tribal organizations and intertribal councils has submitted a formal letter to



BETTINA WARNER
DISTRICT II
SEAT II
LEGISLATOR

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- Strengthening Government-to-Government Relationships
- Legal Preparedness
- Public Advocacy & Alliances
- Economic Development & Self-Sufficiency



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the President, Congress, and the Secretary of the Interior, urging the government to:

- Uphold trust and treaty obligations to Tribal Nations
- Safeguard Tribal funding from being misclassified under new executive orders
- Prevent workforce reductions that could jeopardize essential tribal programs

5. Economic Development and Self-Sufficiency:

Focusing on economic initiatives that promote self-sufficiency can reduce reliance on federal funding, thereby strengthening sovereignty. This includes developing tribal enterprises and exploring new economic oppor-

tunities.

CONCLUSION

By adopting these strategies, Ho-Chunk Nation can work to protect and enhance their sovereignty during the Trump administration. As a sovereign government, we maintain a distinct legal and political relationship with the U.S. Federal funding for tribal programs is not discretionary—it is a legal obligation. We must unite for the betterment of the Nation and set aside our differences. I encourage you to vote for Bettina Warner, a Veteran, Bear Clan member, and a dedicated advocate and supporter for all Ho-Chunk people.



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CORAL PETTIBONE

for

LEGISLATURE DISTRICT 4, SEAT 3



I am Coral Pettibone, currently running as a write in for legislature district 4, seat 3. My Choka and Gaga are Gavin and Vaughn Pettibone. I reside in Livonia, Michigan. I am a licensed massage therapist and am currently taking courses to be a certified youth life coach and also am in the process of getting my builders license. For the past 30 years I have been performing with my family, educational programs that bring awareness and true knowledge of Native American people throughout Michigan. As an at large legislature representing district 4, I would like to see and push for a system that ensures that all members in district 4 are made aware of all updates for new programs and assistance in a timely manner. It is important that at large tribal members feel included and

heard with equal opportunities within the nation. My Dad Reginald Pettibone, being in the pigeon clan, has passed down the Ho-Chunk values he was taught by his grandfathers and grandmothers which has been passed down to me of taking care of the elders before oneself and creating a healthy and successful environment for our youth. I am well rounded in the knowledge of health therapy (my current job), the process of addressing the needs and concerns of the youth, and all aspects of building. As a district 4 legislature I look forward to working for you.

Please be sure to write my name in on your absentee ballot as your district 4, seat 3 for legislature.

Pinagigi,
Coral Pettibone

AUTUMN PETTIBONE HART

for

LEGISLATURE DISTRICT 4, SEAT 2

I am Autumn Pettibone Hart, currently running for legislature district 4, seat 2. My Choka and Gaga are Gavin and Vaughn Pettibone. I currently reside in Farmington Hills, Mi, where I coach competitive gymnastics and do educational programs with my family that brings true knowledge and awareness about Native Americans. As an at large legislature representing district 4, I would propose and like to implement a system to easily contact all district 4 tribal members via email, mail or text. This would ensure that at large members are included and made aware of any assistance and programs available. I want to ensure that our elders are taken care of by making forms simpler and assistance readily available for their various needs, such as housing. My Gaga being in the bear clan, my Choka being in the pigeon clan, I have learned and I would continue their teachings



of keeping our elders held in the highest reverence and guiding our youth toward success. If I am elected I look forward to genuinely serving the district 4 tribal members.
Pinagigi,
Autumn Pettibone Hart

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between O'odham and Indé (Apache) warriors.

Amid the reports of ICE agents targeting Indigenous people, Ignacio stressed the importance of knowing your rights. Many Native nations across the country have begun sharing information about these rights, namely the right to verify the ICE agent's identity; the right to ask if you are being detained and, if not, the right to leave; the right, if detained, to remain silent; the right to an attorney; and the right to refuse entry. Immigrant agents do not have the right to enter homes without a warrant signed by a judge.

U.S. Senator Markwayne Mullin of Oklahoma republished comments from U.S. Senator Martin Heinrich of New Mexico's Facebook post on Feb. 11 addressing the unconstitutional targeting of citizens, including Native people who are U.S. citizens under the Indian Citizenship Act of 1924.

Mullin is a Cherokee Nation citizen. Community support and resilience Native nations are also reminding their citizens to find strength and resilience in the histories their communities have already overcome and share the importance of coming together to continue that legacy.

On Jan. 23, Jarred-Michael Erickson, chairman of The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, issued an open letter encouraging Colville Tribal citizens not to move forward in fear.

"The strength of Indigenous people has always persevered and we will continue to endure," Erickson wrote. "Our heritage, our connection to the land and our shared history have carried us through countless challenges and will continue to do so."

The Fort Hall Business Council, the governing body of the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes, issued a statement on Jan. 24 acknowledging citizens' concerns and advocating for unity.

"During times of uncertainty, our people continue to endure. The FHBC will remain focused and proactive in protecting the health, safety, and well-being of our people, lands, waterways and wildlife. We must be united and stand in solidarity together through this time."

Muckleshoot Chairman Jaison Elkins released a statement reaffirming that the tribe will come together and continue to "fight" for treaty rights and tribal sovereignty no matter "who is in the office in Washington D.C."

"Whatever comes next, we walk this road together as Muckleshoot Tribal members and our strength and resilience come from our continuity of community and our culture," Elkins wrote.

"Now is the time to come together as a Tribe and support each other and look out for one another as has been our way for generations," Elkins continued. "There will be opportunities and obstacles in the upcoming months, as there always are, but together we can handle anything."

Lummi Indian Business Council issued a statement on Jan. 27 of "strength, unity, and hope."

"Though we face uncertain times, our people have always drawn strength from unity and resilience," the statement reads. "Our ancestors endured and overcame great challenges, and so shall we. Future generations will look back with pride, knowing we stood firm to ensure a better, brighter world for them. We call upon our community to lean on one another, remain vigilant, and focus on our shared vision of prosperity and safety. Together we are stronger. Together we are Lummi Nation."

Underscore + ICT reached out to the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement for comment and confirmations of cases. They have not responded.

Jarrette Werk contributed to this article.

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
Danielle DeLong
Jessika Greendeer
Phyllis M. Smoke

District 2, Seat 2
July 2025 – June 2029
Travis Cloud
Leah M. Walters
Bettina Warner
Kyle White Eagle

District 2, Seat 3
July 2025 – June 2029
Stephanie Begay

District 3, Seat 2
July 2025 – June 2029
Andi Jo Cloud
Fabian Houghton
Shelby Visintin

District 4, Seat 1
July 2025 – June 2029
Eddie Mullen

JUDICIARY:
Supreme Court Chief Justice
July 2025- June 2031
Todd R. Matha
Supreme Court Associate Justice 1
July 2025 – June 2029
Tricia Zunker (Hinųk pij)

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:

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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).

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Election.board@ho-chunk.com

After 4:30 pm and the weekend
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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:

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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**

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NOTICE AND RULES OF SPECIAL ELECTION Sunday, March 2, 2025



Notice is hereby served to all eligible voters of District 4. The Ho-Chunk Nation is calling a Special Election which will be held due to the Residency requirement, Sec. 8, iii, Residency Requirements for Legislative Candidates. A candidate for Legislature shall be eligible to run for office in the District in which the candidate has resided for at least one (1) year immediately prior to filing the petition declaring his or her candidacy. The Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board, in accordance with the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation will conduct a Special Election. ARTICLE IX< SECTION 10, Removal, Recall and Vacancies and the Election Code 2 HCC Sec. 6, states in relevant part:

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

LEGISLATURE:

District 4, Seat 2
July 2025 – June 2029
David Greendeer
Sunshine Thunderchief

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:

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Deadline to challenge the candidate(s) list to Election Board is Thursday, February 6, 2025 @ 4:30 pm.

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POSTING ELECTION RESULTS:

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ELECTIONEERING:

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SPECIAL ELECTION DAY
Sunday, March 2, 2025

POST NOTICE OF ELECTION
Saturday, February 1, 2025

POST ELIGIBLE VOTERS LIST
Friday, February 7, 2025

CHALLENGES TO THE ELIGIBLE VOTERS LIST MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO 4:30 PM
Thursday, February 20, 2025

LAST DAY TO REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOTS
Tuesday, February 25, 2025
4:30 pm.

POLLING PLACE:
OPEN AT 8:00 AM CLOSE AT 7:00 PM

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NOTICE AND RULES OF SPECIAL ELECTION TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2025



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

LEGISLATURE:
District 4, Seat 3
July 2025 – June 2029
Sandra Whitewing

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)*.

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SPECIAL ELECTION DAY
Tuesday, February 18, 2025

POST NOTICE OF ELECTION
Tuesday, January 21, 2025

POST ELIGIBLE VOTERS LIST
Friday, January 24, 2025

CHALLENGES TO THE ELIGIBLE VOTERS LIST MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO 4:30 PM
Sunday, February 9, 2025

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