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WI Cannabis Industry and Policy Summit Brings Tribal Leaders Together

Kalli Berg

The Indigenous Cannabis Industry Association (ICIA) hosted its third annual Wisconsin Cannabis Industry and Policy Summit on February 27, at the Mole Lake Casino Lodge in Crandon.

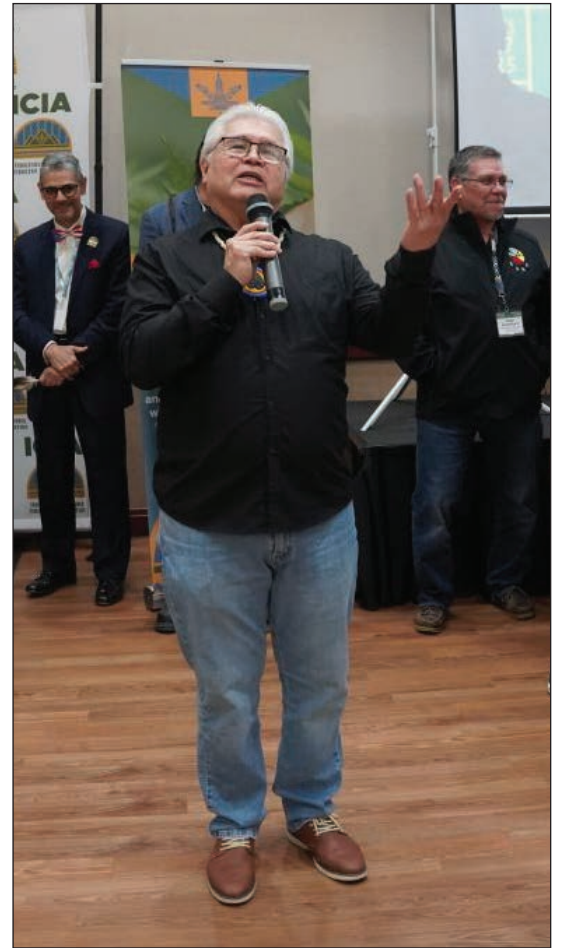
With support from the Sokaogon Chippewa Community, Mole Lake Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, the event brought together tribal leaders, policymakers, and industry professionals to discuss the future of cannabis and hemp in Wisconsin.

The summit focused on topics such as industrial hemp, the Farm Bill, cannabis legalization, and the medical benefits of plant-based medicine.

During a panel discussion, Michael Decorah, ICIA Board member, took a moment to recognize Ho-Chunk Nation Legislator Kristin White Eagle, who was unable to attend.

White Eagle represents District Two, covering areas like Baraboo and La Crosse, and serves on the board of directors for the Wisconsin Wellness Coalition, which promotes medical cannabis awareness.

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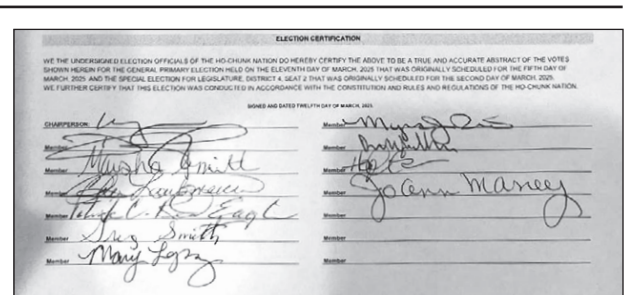


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LEGISLATURE D1 SEAT 1																		
CANDIDATES																		
JESSICA GRELENDER	131	2	3	4	1	0	1	0	0	0	12	0	0	154	48.58%			
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SUPREME COURT ASSOCIATE JUSTICE																		
CANDIDATES																		
TRICIA ZUNKER (HINUK PE)	262	56	37	94	199	26	53	18	44	22	10	28	849	96.48%				
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SPECIAL ELECTION DISTRICT 4																		
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DAVID GRELENDER	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	10	7	18	72.00%				
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Honoring The Late
MISTER WALKER

Heavenly Birthday & Legacy Memorial Fundraiser
Indian Heights Community Building
WI Dells, WI May 2nd, 2025 11-3PM
Come join us and remember the legacy of the late Mr. Walker.
We'll also be fundraising to acquire his headstone.
NDN Tacos will be served until gone * 1 ticket per attendee

ALCOHOL FREE **RESOURCES! - RAFFLES! - BAKE SALE!**

Wisconsin Native Vote

On April 1, Wisconsinites will elect a new justice to the Wisconsin Supreme Court. By voting, Indigenous people will have the opportunity to shape our future and the future of the generations to come.

The Wisconsin Supreme Court holds the power to make decisions related to environmental protections, Tribal sovereignty, abortion access, the Indian Child Welfare Act, and much more.

Native Americans must head to the polls to protect the work of past generations who fought to protect our families, our culture, and our future, because the Wisconsin Supreme Court may make decisions that are crucial to Indigenous people.

- Such as:
- Protecting our Native

American children and families through the Wisconsin Indian Child Welfare Act (WICWA). WICWA protects the best interests of Native American children and promotes the stability and security of Wisconsin Tribes and families. WICWA ensures that Native children placed into the foster care system are placed into the custody of fit and willing Indigenous relatives. In the past, Native children were placed with white families, a practice that may have contributed to historical trauma.

- Our sovereignty, which protects the inherent authority of tribes to govern themselves and allows tribes to honor and preserve their cultures and traditional ways of life.

- Our right to clean water

and the protection of our waterways that hold our wild rice beds, and ancient walleye and sturgeon spawning grounds that travel from Lake Superior and wind through the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin's pristine Wolf River.

Beyond tribal concerns, the Wisconsin Supreme Court plays a vital role in upholding checks and balances within state government, ensuring that voters' voices are heard.

Wisconsin Native Vote remains committed to protecting Indigenous rights, language, and sovereignty. We encourage you to vote on April 1 – because our future, and that of the next seven generations, depends on it.

Anne Egan-Waukau

HEATING ASSISTANCE CLOSED

ALL FUNDS HAVE BEEN USED.
We are not accepting new applications.

If you applied between February 3rd and today (March 4, 2025), your application is being processed.

APPLICATIONS CLOSED

As of today (March 4, 2025), we have reached full capacity and are no longer accepting new applications for the 2025 Heating Assistance Program.

WHAT THIS MEANS

- We have assisted 1,700 households with heating assistance.
- If you applied between **February 3 and today**, your application is being processed.
- Do **NOT** contact our office—we will reach out if there is an issue with your application.

♦ The Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature funded this program to assist as many households as possible. While we originally planned to accept applications through April 25, 2025, overwhelming demand led to early closure.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we process applications as quickly as possible.

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Tuesdays 9:00 am - 1:00 pm starting March 4, 2025

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Too Much Paper?
Is it time to dispose of confidential documents, old files and or other household records? Bring your documents to be recycled to the Ho-Chunk Nation Records Management Division's warehouse for safe, secure handling of your paper records.

HEALTH KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD
BY HCN HEALTH & WELLNESS DIV.
Topic of the Month: Healthy Portions

March 2025

1. (Across) The Health & Wellness Division holds three classes to help people manage and learn about diabetes and _____. These classes are Native Food for Life, Balancing Life and Diabetes, and Prevent T2.

1. (Down) Using MyPlate as a guide, portioning fruits and vegetables out is made easy. Fruits and vegetables should fill half of your _____.

2. Aside from estimating serving sizes with using our hands as a reference, we can also portion foods out using _____ cups and spoons.

3. The benefits of eating healthy portions includes weight management, improved digestion, and better blood _____ control.

4. A serving of meat and fish is 3-4 ounces, which is roughly the size of a deck of cards or the _____ of your hand.

5. (Across) A single serving of starchy vegetables like corn, potatoes, squash, and green peas in one _____ cup.

5. (Down) Planning meals for the week, making them ahead of time, portioning them out, and storing them in the fridge or freezer makes eating _____ meals easier. Weekends are typically the best time to prep food for the week.

6. Butter, margarine, mayonnaise, and cooking oils have a lot of calories from fat. A recommended serving size of these is 1.5 _____, which is about the size of a fingertip.

7. Being mindful of portion sizes, especially of grains and _____ vegetables, help control our blood sugar.

8. Portion sizes of foods can be estimated by using different parts of our _____.

9. A healthy portion of fruit and chopped vegetables is one _____, which is roughly the size of a fist.

CROSSWORD COMPLETION SPOTLIGHT
Monthly points and end-of-year scores will be seen here through TOB email! Only the first 10 submissions for each month's puzzle will be shown on the scoreboard the next month, so you have to be quick!
Email submissions to HCN Nutritionist Alex Richeson at alex.richeson@ho-chunk.com. For your email, the subject should read "Crossword - TOB". Your email should contain your first and last name and the words in the puzzle. Partial submissions still get points!

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"She has been a strong advocate for cannabis policy reform and is deeply committed to this work," Decorah said.

Decorah also recognized the Ho-Chunk Nation's leadership in joining the Navajo Nation in decriminalizing cannabis on tribal lands, calling it a historic step forward for sovereignty and economic opportunity.

"One of the things we're very proud of in the Ho-Chunk Nation is when we started the Wisconsin Tribal Task Force on Cannabis, we talked a lot about sovereignty," Decorah said. "For Ho-Chunk to join the Navajo Nation in decriminalizing cannabis on tribal lands, it was a huge step forward. This is not just for our people, but for the communities we serve and for the entire state of Wisconsin."

The summit's keynote speaker, Dr. Joseph Rosado, spoke about cannabis treatments for PTSD and opioid addiction, issues that impact both Indigenous communities and veterans.

Other panels featured veterans, law enforcement, healthcare professionals, and educators, all sharing insights on cannabis regulation, economic opportunities, and social impact.

Hemp farming and industry growth were also central themes, with discussions on agriculture, supply chains, and sustainability.

The ICIA provided updates on state and federal cannabis policy, including its Wisconsin Tribal Task Force on Cannabis and Wisconsin Wellness Campaign, both of which advocate for plant medicine access and policy reform.

Gov. Evers' Biennial Budget Invests in Clean Water, Clean Energy, and Public Lands

Kaili Berg

Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers' 2025-27 biennial budget makes historic investments in clean water, clean energy, and public lands, with significant benefits for Wisconsin's tribal nations.

The budget includes funding for State-Tribal conservation projects, supports efforts to combat PFAS contamination, and enhances access to clean drinking water.

"For too long, Wisconsin families have suffered the consequences of PFAS, lead, and nitrate contamination in their drinking water," said Government Affairs Manager Peter Burress. "These toxic chemicals pose serious health risks, particularly to children. Gov. Evers' proposed budget takes long-overdue action to protect public health and ensure access to clean water."

One of the most significant components of the budget is the reauthorization of the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program, which now includes a \$3 million fund dedicated specifically to State-Tribal conservation projects.

This marks a crucial step in ensuring that tribes have the necessary resources to

continue their environmental preservation efforts, such as protecting sacred lands, restoring waterways, and managing natural resources sustainably.

With an overall increase of bonding to \$100 million per year for the next decade, the fund will further enhance the protection and maintenance of Wisconsin's public lands.

"We urge the Legislature to act swiftly to pass these critical provisions. Clean water, clean energy, and healthy communities are not partisan issues, they are fundamental rights. The investments in this budget will have a lasting impact on public health, our environment, and future generations of Wisconsinites," Giegerich said.

Another budget includes over \$300 million to remove lead from service lines, schools, child care centers, and homes, protecting Wisconsin children from dangerous lead levels.

More than \$145 million is allocated to combat toxic, cancer-causing PFAS contamination statewide by supporting stronger groundwater standards, *Continued on Page 5*

S.O.S.!

Strengthen Our Sovereignty! Part 2

How to Locate Your Garden

The ideal location, is right in your own back yard, if possible. Next best is an empty lot next door that a neighbor will let you garden—do be kind and courteous in your asks of friends and neighbors. Remember that (1) you will need to have your gardening tools handy, and (2) you will need a water source.

Requirements for a Good Garden

Plenty of Good Sunshine

Sun helps vegetables grow. Be mindful of building structures, hill gradient, trees, and their shade. Sometimes there is an advantage to having a little bit of shade for part of the day, but it depends on the nature of the plant and where it traditionally grows best. Other factors include how much the plant gets watered, hungry critters, what is growing around it (look up "companion planting"), soil quality, drainage, and maybe even what way the wind is blowing.

Good, Deep Top Soil

A depth of at least eight (8) inches of topsoil is desirable. The soil should be free of rocks and stones, level (or soil may wash away), and soil should include all kinds of organic matter: compost, dirt, horse manure at least a year old, and light (not like clay, not too sandy). In other words, if you are planting directly into the ground, make sure the soil is deep enough for roots to take hold. If you are container gardening, you may wish to use potting soil with moisture control or adding moisture control crystals or gel (also good for hanging baskets). Potting soil will have added nutrients and is excellent for planters. Bags marked "organic" in the USA, must be all organic material and are healthier, although more attention may need to be paid on the progress of the plants as they grow.

Notes on compost: Some choose not to use compost because it can add unintended seeds that were not intended like old grass, leaf clippings, and weeds thereby taking away nutrition from the garden. Compost is when you take the leavings of the vegetable and fruits you use in the house, it can also include coffee grounds (even the filters), tea bags, egg shells, and fruits and vegetables going or gone bad. Every time you dump more organic waste on the compost heap, make sure to turn it over with a pitchfork to ensure the rotting process is as even as possible. Available for purchase, there are barrels and other structures that can help you "organize" and make your yard look neater than having a pile of dirt and rotting vegetables and fruits in the corner, but they are not critical to the process. The barrels can help create a compost "tea" by running water through the rotted organic material and is good for watering the plants. **Avoid dairy such as butter, milk, cheese, and avoid putting meat in the compost heap because it appeals to rats.** Avoid pet excrement as well, since the pet excrement and litter provide no nutritional value to the soil unless the pet is on a whole foods, human-type diet. Corn cobs take years to break down, so those should be avoided as well.

Drainage is Necessary

Whether you are using containers, raised beds, or sowing seeds directly in the ground, it is critical that the plant can access the water drawn up into the soil, but not drown in it. Too much rain or watering is fine, so long as the water drains away fairly quickly. If the roots of the plant are left to sit in the water, they may get root rot, where basically the roots drown from too much water. Root rot weakens the plant, makes the leaves yellow, and may not be able to hold up the structure of the plant.

Produced as a public service message from the Good Life Program

HO-CHUNK NATION EMPLOYEES: WANT TO MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD?

Dear Ho-Chunk Nation Employee,

Take 10 minutes to complete the upcoming Workforce Development Survey! This survey is designed to gather your valuable feedback, which will help shape policies that directly impact your work environment and professional growth opportunities!

How and Where to Complete the Survey

- You will receive an email with a direct link to the survey mid-March.
- For employees without access to a computer during work hours, a QR Code or link will be available, or you can request a paper version.

Questions

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!

Confidentiality

All responses will remain strictly confidential.

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
3		4		5		6		7	
		WebEx Cardio Core w/ Jess 8:00 AM Balancing Your Life & Diabetes WebEx - 5:30 PM		Wittenberg Food Distribution 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM Food Demos w/ Kathy		Nekoosa Sr. Stretch - 9:00 AM Nekoosa Yoga - 10:30 AM			
10		11		12		13		14	
Black River Falls Foot Clinic 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM		Tomah Foot Clinic 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Balancing Your Life & Diabetes WebEx - 5:30 PM		Nekoosa Casino Nutrition Booth w/ Alex at 9:30 AM Wisconsin Dells Food Distribution 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM Food Demos w/ Alex		Wittenberg Canning Class Siga Center - 4:00 PM		WI Dells Food Distribution Home Deliveries Green Bay Canning Class Branch Office - 10:30 AM	
17		18		19		20		21	
		WebEx Cardio Core w/ Jess 8:00 AM La Crosse & Madison Foot Clinics 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Balancing Your Life & Diabetes WebEx - 5:30 PM		Ho-Chunk Nation Founder's Day CLOSED		Nekoosa Sr. Stretch - 9:00 AM Nekoosa Yoga - 10:30 AM Tomah Food Distribution - 12 PM - 1 PM HOW Foot Clinic - 10 AM - 2 PM Tomah Cooking Class Bluewing - 4:30 PM		La Crosse Food Distribution Pick Ups	
24		25		26		27		28	
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Food Distribution Closed for Inventory		Balancing Your Life & Diabetes WebEx - 5:30 PM							

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MARCH 25TH, 2025
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2845 WHITE EAGLE RD.
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MARCH 27TH, 2025
GREEN BAY, WI





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TRIBAL WORKFORCE DIVISION

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ST. PAUL, MN 55104



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AREA CONNECTIONS

MARCH 18TH, 2025
TOMAH, WI




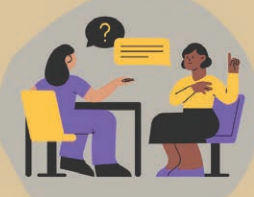
HO-CHUNK
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TIME: 11 AM TO 1 PM
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358 EOS AVE
TOMAH, WI 54660



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MARCH

2025

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03	04	Wittenberg Siga Center 11am-12:30pm w/Food Distribution	Madison Branch Office 11am - 1pm	07
10	11	Wisconsin Dells NDN Heights Building 11am-1pm w/Food Distribution	La Crosse 3 Rivers House 11am - 1pm	14
17	Tomah TAU Building 11am - 1pm	Building Closed Ho-Chunk Founders Day	Twin Cities Branch Office 11am - 1pm	21
24	Baraboo House of Wellness 11am - 1pm	26	Green Bay Branch Office 11am-12:30pm	28



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FOUNDERS DAY CLOSURE

Wednesday March 19th 2025

ALL HO-CHUNK NATION GOVERNMENTAL BUILDINGS WILL BE CLOSED IN OBSERVATION OF HO-CHUNK NATIONS FOUNDERS DAY



Student of The Month March 2025

Avery Royal - Xijmaḡani

10th Grade - Maple Grove Senior High
Parents: Chris Royal & Marisa McAndrew

Activities & Hobbies:
 Student leadership member of District 279 Indian Education Program
 Attends Drum and Dance sessions to learn Pow-Wow songs
 Currently learning the Travel Song to perform at the Senior Honoring
 Regularly participates in Native cultural events to expand knowledge and appreciation of different traditions
 Practices Woodland and Grass dance styles

Sports & Fitness:
 Plays traditional lacrosse
 Member of a club basketball team
 Actively trains in weightlifting and identifies as a "Gym Bro"

Avery's dedication to leadership, athletics, and cultural traditions reflects his strong commitment to personal growth and community. His passion for learning and celebrating Native culture is inspiring, and his efforts will no doubt leave a lasting impact on those around him.



Wii Te'e Waagax Haraja Ee Warupj Wa'ujee


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!

<https://form.jotform.com/250025400580038>



If you have any questions please email us at:
StudentSuccess@Ho-Chunk.com



Student of The Month March 2025

Kenton Bedeau - Mak sгаа

5th Grade - La Grange Elementary, Tomah WI
Parent: Carol Decorah


Activities & Hobbies:
 Enjoys cooking, playing cribbage, and teaching friends poker at basketball tournaments
 Passionate about classic technology, preferring vinyl records, Polaroid cameras, and classic Nintendo
 Values time with family and friends and is known for his quick wit and easy-going personality

Sports & Fitness:
 Dedicated athlete in basketball, football, and baseball

Other Achievements:
 Safety Patroller at La Grange Elementary
 Maintains strong academic performance, with report cards. Aspires to become a professional basketball player or an engineer.

Ms. Kaylee Grovesteen, 5th Grade Teacher:
 "Kenton is a thoughtful and reflective student who works well with his peers. He perseveres through challenges and consistently brings positive energy and a sense of humor to our classroom."

Toni Gasch, Enrichment & Support Specialist:
 "Kenton always greets me with a warm smile and works hard to complete his assignments accurately and efficiently. His dedication, ambition, and respect for school make him truly deserving of this recognition."



Ho-Chunk Founders Day Powwow

Emcee: Vince Beyl
Arena Director: Charles Hindsley
Host Drums: BearHeart, Haylushika
Invited Drums: Iron Mound, LittleThunder, Meskwaki Nation
Legion Post: Andrew BlackHawk Post 129

March 29, 2025
La Crosse Center
La Crosse WI
Free Admission

Grand Entries at Noon & 7pm
DAY PAY - 2 SESSIONS - must register with tribal ID#
Meal at 5pm featuring Elena Terry/Wild Bears

Moccasin Game 9am
 1st place \$800 - 2nd place \$600 - 3rd place \$400

Adult Specials: 1st - 2nd - 3rd place - each category

Mens' Traditional	Women's Traditional
Mens' Woodland	Women's Applique
Mens' Grass	Women's Jingle, Old Style
Mens' Chicken	Women's Jingle, Contemporary
Mens' Fancy	Women's Fancy

Hand Drum Contest

Indoor Food and Merchandise vendors

For more information please email
HCFoundersDay@gmail.com

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 cleanup efforts, and emergency response resources. The budget also expands and increases funding for the well compensation grant program. Gov. Evers' budget also supports efforts to drive clean energy in Wisconsin by funding a Green Bank that allows Wisconsin businesses, local governments, and nonprofits to fund renewable energy projects. This \$50 million sustainable funding effort ensures that Wisconsin can continue to transition our energy to cleaner and more affordable energy

options. The budget also increases money for Focus on Energy and other energy conservation efforts. "The cheapest and cleanest energy is that which we don't have to produce," said Government Affairs Director Jennifer Giegerich. "The transition to a clean energy economy is already underway, and Gov. Evers' budget will help build on that momentum, helping to create a more robust economy and protect the Wisconsin we love – for us and for future generations."

What can I do if I Find an Injured or Dead Eagle? And Can I Have the Remains?

Eagles seek out easy meals to help build their energy reserves. Consequently, eagles will utilize roadsides that supply animals killed by vehicles. However, relying on roadkill increases the risk of collisions between eagles and vehicles.

If you encounter a raptor that appears injured, give it space and observe from a distance. Unless you witnessed the bird being injured, it can be difficult to know if it's truly hurt. Ask yourself if either of these things are happening:

Is it covering its prey with its wings to avoid other animals stealing their meal?

Is it on the ground to avoid a fight with a more dominant eagle patrolling its territory?

If you determine that the eagle is indeed injured, you have two options. First, you could contact one of the organizations listed at the end of this article that has the training and knowledge to handle injured eagles. They will want certain information. Location is the most important. The best method would be using a mapping application like Google Maps or something similar to "drop a pin." This can then be shared with the folks coming to help. You will also want to note what side of the road it is on, and how far off the road the eagle is. They will also want to know of any obvious injuries or strange behaviors you observe.

A second option is to capture and transport the injured eagle to a rehabilitation center yourself, which you are allowed to do under federal and state law. This has the advantage of getting the bird aid quicker and reduces the chance that the bird will

wander away or be attacked by a predator while waiting for assistance. However, **eagle talons are very sharp and strong**, so great care must be taken not to become a victim yourself as you aid the injured eagle. Also, you cannot keep the eagle for any amount of time, so it must be immediately transported to a licensed rehabilitation center like the Raptor Education Group, in Antigo, WI.

If you are comfortable with handling the eagle yourself follow these steps, as adapted from the Raptor Education Group's website:

1. Make sure you have a large box with the bottom lined with a towel or blanket. The box should be well-ventilated and large enough to allow some movement but not too large that the eagle can injure itself further.

2. Before covering and picking the bird up, be aware of where the talons are. They are very sharp and powerful.

3. Use a lightweight coat or blanket to completely cover the eagle. Once the head is covered the eagle will calm down a little. **BE SURE THOSE TALONS ARE COVERED!**

4. Grab the eagle from behind and make sure the wings are folded against the body in a natural position.

5. Place the eagle in the box and fold the flaps in an interlocking pattern. This will allow air in while preventing the eagle from escaping.

6. Write down or drop a pin of the GPS coordinates where the eagle was found. This will be used when the eagle is released later.

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SAVE THE DATE
5TH ANNUAL FAMILY HEALING CAMP
 August 5-7, 2025
 Andrew Blackhawk Pow Wow Grounds
 For questions contact: FHC@ho-chunk.com

HOLISTIC HEALING FOR GENERATIONS

Free Bingo at the Ho-Chunk Nation Chicago Branch office

ADULTS ONLY
MUST BRING a Bingo PRIZE for ENTRY
 When? Friday March 21st, 2025
 Where? 4738 N. Milwaukee Ave, Chicago
 Time? 5:30 pm-7pm

Bake Sale Fundraiser
 There will be tasty treats to purchase. Funds going towards Youth Activities.

Questions?
 Tammy Whitewing
tammy.whitewing@ho-chunk.com
 715-284-7894 Ext. 11500
 Work Cell: 312-995-3745
 4738 N. Milwaukee Ave, Chicago, IL 60630

Chippewa Valley Dementia Coalition Presents:

Chippewa Valley Dementia Conference

TUESDAY
MAY 20, 2025
 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

The Florian Gardens
 CONFERENCE CENTER

FOR PROFESSIONALS AND FAMILY CAREGIVERS

Join us for a day of learning, support, and resources at the 1st Annual Chippewa Valley Dementia Conference.

- Navigating The Noise: Over the Counter Drugs, Commercials, CBD, Natural Aids, and Brain Helpers
- Understanding and Responding to Behavior
- Balancing Risk in Dementia Care
- Living with Grief Associated with Dementia
- Hi and Low-Tech Assistive Technology
- The Power of PATH: Passion, Attitude, Team, and Hope

Cost: \$25
\$50 with CEUs (6)

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Deadline to Register
Monday, May 12, 2025
<https://bit.ly/3QusVvY>

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Do Your Part, Be SepticSmart:
 The Do's and Don'ts of Your Septic System
 Learn these simple steps to protect your home, health, environment and property value:

Protect It and Inspect It:
Do:
 • Have your system inspected (in general) every three years by a licensed contractor and have the tank pumped, when necessary, generally every three to five years.

Think at the Sink:
Don't:
 • Pour cooking grease or oil down the sink or toilet.
 • Rinse coffee grounds into the sink.
 • Pour household chemicals down the sink or flush them.
Do:
 • Eliminate or limit the use of a garbage disposal.
 • Properly dispose of coffee grounds & food.
 • Put grease in a container to harden before discarding in the trash.

Don't Overload the Commode:
Don't:
 • Flush non-degradable products or chemicals, such as feminine hygiene products, condoms, dental floss, diapers, cigarette butts, cat litter, paper towels, pharmaceuticals.
Do:
 • Dispose of these items in the trash can!

Shield Your Field:
Don't:
 • Park or drive on your drainfield. The weight can damage the drain lines.
 • Plant trees or shrubs too close to your drainfield, roots can grow into your system and clog it.
Do:
 • Consult a septic service professional to advise you of the proper distance for planting trees and shrubs, depending on your septic tank location.

Don't Strain Your Drain:
Don't:
 • Concentrate your water use by using your dishwasher, shower, washing machine, and toilet at the same time. All that extra water can really strain your septic system.
Do:
 • Stagger the use of water-generating appliances. This can be helpful especially if your system has not been pumped in a long time.
 • Become more **water efficient** by fixing plumbing leaks and consider installing bathroom and kitchen faucet aerators and water-efficient products.

For more SepticSmart tips, visit: www.epa.gov/septicmart
 EPA 832-R-13-002 • September 2013

Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health
Division of Public Health

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family conversations

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

*****SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL SESSION*****
1PM - 2PM

THURSDAY March 20th
Observing National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day
Jennie Steele - Prevention Specialist



Participants attending live will receive a NNHAAD swag bag.

[JOIN NOW](#)



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If you have a topic you'd like to learn about, a topic you'd like to present, and to learn more contact:
Jamie.Decorah@Ho-Chunk.com 715.896.1126
Ronelle.McKernan@Ho-Chunk.com 715.896.2570

Community Health Foot Clinics

March 2025 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Black River Falls - 3/10 & 3/24 Community Health Office W9850 Airport Road (715) 896-1343	<i>A Registered Nurse, certified in foot care, will clip/file your nails, and dremel if necessary.</i>
Tomah - 3/11 Tribal Aging Unit 358 Eos Road (608) 372-5202	Wisconsin Dells - 3/20 Tribal Aging Unit E8863 Winneshiek Drive (608) 253-2185
Madison - 3/18 Branch Office 4724 Tradewinds Pkwy (608) 277-9964	Wittenberg - 3/25 Siga Funmaker Center W17634 Radke Road (715) 348-4711
La Crosse - 3/18 Three Rivers House 724 Main Street (608) 783-6025	Nekoosa - 3/27 Nekoosa Health Office 1021 County Road G (715) 886-5444

No walk-ins - appointment is now needed. MH 2/24/25

End-of-Winter Cooking Class in Tomah

at the
Ahuco (Bluewing) Community Building
320 Epoch Avenue, Tomah
on
Thursday March 20th
4:30 - 6:30 pm

Featuring:

- Three Sisters Njįpaᅇą (Soup)
- Blue Corn Muffins
- Easy Hummus
- Pine Needle Njįtašjak ᅇą'ap (Tea)



For questions and to sign up, please contact
Kathy Braaten at 715.284.9851 Ext. 35335 or
kathy.braaten@ho-chunk.com
HCN Health and Wellness Division
KB/ 2-25



Twelve Clans Shareholder Newsletter

February 18, 2025

Twelve Clans and the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature convened in January for their second-quarter update, reviewing the past quarter's activities. Chairman Brown Thunder opened the meeting by welcoming newly elected Representative Damian Thundercloud (D2) and newly appointed Legislative Liaison Representative Lambert Cleveland (D3).

Shareholder Meeting Update

Chairman Brown Thunder provided a report on the December shareholders meeting held in Black River Falls. 29 shareholders attended in person, while 37 participated online. As the meeting did not reach a quorum, the Legislature must set a new date and issue the appropriate notice. Discussions are ongoing regarding the timing of this second attempt.

Despite low attendance, Chairman Brown Thunder noted that shareholders gained a clearer understanding of Twelve Clans' growth potential and progress toward becoming a \$100M+ asset company. He reported that the corporation's asset base continues to expand, with future growth contingent on business strategy and access to additional capital.

Quarterly Financials

CFO Steve Baklund reported second-quarter financials, noting that TCI's investments incurred a net loss of \$383K as of 12/31/24. Investment income from interest and dividends totaled \$276K but was offset by an unrealized market value decline of \$336K. Expenses through 12/31/24 amounted to \$324K, with several categories—such as Board stipends, staff salaries, legal fees, and travel—tracking significantly lower than in previous years. Despite the short-term market loss, overall investment performance and future return projections remain strong. As of 12/31/24, TCI has invested \$15.9M in its portfolio, generating \$5.8M in cash returns to date, with an additional \$24.4M in expected future returns.

Financial Audit

In the quarterly update, CFO Baklund reported the completion of the draft audit and stated that the final audit would be completed after internal review. Subsequently, the audit was completed on January 31, 2025. A key requirement of the audit was an independent financial valuation of investments, necessitating a thorough review and adjustment of financial data. As a result, balance sheets were updated to reflect market valuations as of June 30, 2023, and June 30, 2024. This process did require meticulous coordination between the accounting team, auditors, and Twelve Clans to ensure accuracy.

Financial Strategy Discussion

Continuing expansion talks, Brown Thunder and Baklund outlined two feasible scenarios at the shareholders meeting and reiterated them during the quarterly update.

1. A conservative approach assuming a 12% average return on existing investments, additional distributions from the recent Golden Valley investment, and reinvesting profits to sustain steady growth.
2. Assuming the above approach, but an accelerated strategy incorporating additional capital to expand investments in competitive ventures, increasing returns at an expedited rate.

Brown Thunder noted that either scenario underscores the immense potential Twelve Clans holds for the Ho-Chunk Nation. We hope you as our shareholders realize Twelve Clans is working hard to reach our goal.

Edward Littlejohn, Jr. October 9, 1947 – February 26, 2025

Winona, MN
Edward Littlejohn, Jr., a man of remarkable accomplishments and unwavering dedication, died on Wednesday, February 26, 2025, at his home of a broken heart. Born on October 9, 1947, in Minneapolis, MN, Edward was the son of Edward, Sr., and Mavis Elaine (Evenson) Littlejohn.

Growing up on the Littlejohn family Indian Allotment Reservation in Brownsville, MN, he embarked on a journey filled with diverse roles and responsibilities that defined him as a multifaceted individual. He was united in marriage to Karen Elaine Berry July 7, 1984, in Winona at Central Lutheran Church. A devoted husband to Karen, Ed cherished his family.

Throughout his life,



Edward demonstrated exceptional proficiency in various fields, pursuing careers in law, dentistry, and real estate, leaving an indelible mark on each profession he ventured into.

He is survived by his loving wife Karen; children: Russell (Sara) Glover IV, and Heather Glover Olson (Eric Double); grandchildren: Benjamin, Braxton, Kaitlin, Lauren, Harrison, Ariana, Elana, and Ethan; mother, Mavis; siblings: Eliot (Nadine) Littlejohn, Gregory (Sandra) Littlejohn, and Marsha Smith; sister-in-law Kimberly Littlejohn; and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his father, Edward, and Brother, Bradley Jon.

Memorials are preferred to Mission 66 Playground Fund in Houston, MN, American Heart Association, or American Cancer Association.

A funeral service will be held Saturday, March 1, 2025 at 11:00am at Central Lutheran Church in Winona. Visitation will be Friday, February 28, 2025 from 4:00-7:00pm at Hoff Celebration of Life Center in Winona, and will continue one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment will be at Woodlawn Cemetery in Winona.

Loren James Rave March 4, 1956 – March 2, 2025

Loren James Rave, aged 68, of Black River Falls, Wisconsin, passed away peacefully on March 2, 2025, at Meadowbrook Nursing Home in his hometown. Born on March 4, 1956, in Black River Falls, WI to Duncan and Rhoda Rave Sr.

Loren was a jack of all trades- he held various positions throughout his life, with a notable tenure at the Ho-Chunk Gaming Casino. Beyond his professional life, Loren spent time riding his bicycle, playing basketball, softball, and baseball, and he was an avid Packers fan. His love for sports was only matched by his passion for being a homebody. Loren found joy in the simple pleasures of life, such as cooking and cleaning for whomever was in his surroundings. He was the first to make sure everyone was taken care of. Above all, Loren will be remembered fondly as the fun dad that he was.

He is lovingly remembered by his children: sons John, Peter, and Anthony Rave; daughter, Desia Tallmadge; and his cherished sister, Valerie. His memory will be treasured by his adoring grandchildren Avery, Charlotte, Katherine, Abbie, Hazel, Harper, Luna, Jesus, James, Tonantzin, Manape, and Tyrell.



Loren was preceded in death by his parents, Duncan and Rhoda Rave Sr.; his brothers, Meredith, Reuben Sr., Maynard Sr., and Brian; and his sisters, Gloria, Sharon, and Maxine, who have welcomed him into eternal rest.

Funeral services for Loren will take place Wednesday, March 5, 2025 at the Black River Falls District One Center at 12:00 p.m. Matt Mann will officiate. Friends and family are invited to visitation from 10:00 a.m. until time of service. Burial will follow at the Decorah Cemetery.

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

Hannah Jane Yellowthunder

August 28, 1979 – March 8, 2025

Hannah Jane Yellowthunder, “Ma e mani” - Warrior Clan, age 45, left this Earth on March 8, 2025.

A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at 12:00 p.m. at the Conway-Picha Funeral Home in Lyndon Station, WI. Visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. until time of service at 12:00 Noon. Burial will be at the Spring Grove Cemetery in Wisconsin Dells, WI.

Hannah had proudly accomplished five years of sobriety and had graduated from a one-year welding program at St. Paul College in May of 2024, she had been living with her dearly beloved daughter, Amaya Snowden in St. Paul. Hannah was always full of smiles and huge hugs. She loved to read and her footsteps were always heard.

She is survived by her father and step-mother, Albert Ralph (Christine) Yellowthunder, and her mother Lois Yellowthunder of St. Paul, Minnesota, her dearly loved daughter Amaya Snowden, her older sister Arianna Pederson, and her nieces Nicole Pederson, Kristen Pederson,



Maryjane Bright and Sophia Bright of Minneapolis, Minnesota. She is preceded in death by her son Waabanang Ogichidaa (Morning Star Warrior), her maternal grandparents, Jeannette and Benno Rubinyi and her paternal grandmothers, Alvena Miner Foss and Helen Miner Miller.

We are grateful for the life she shared with us.

Katherine R. Littlejohn

February 8, 1967 – March 7, 2025



Sii’aas- “Sweet feet coming from honey on the paws”

Katherine “Kathy” R. Littlejohn, 58, of Black River Falls, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loved ones at Gundersen Health System on March 7, 2025. She lived in Hokah, grew up in La Crosse, and resided in Black River Falls later in life.

A cheerful person, she loved to joke around, had a radiant smile for all, and showed affection to everyone she met. Her grandchildren, children, and family were cherished by her more than anything else. Attending powwows brought her joy, as she enjoyed the music, conversing with people, and savoring delicious food. Bingo was another activity she liked, along with playing darts, shooting pool, playing cards with her family, horseback riding, hunting, fishing, four-wheeling, and crafting. Her dogs were dear to her, and anyone who knew her was aware of her passion for scary stories and shows.

Katherine may not have had much, but she always managed to find a way to give gifts to everybody.

She is going home now

to enjoy the company with her parents: Delores (Hunter) Littlejohn and Warren Littlejohn Sr.; Brothers: Howard, Warren Jr., Douglas, Jeffrey, and Robert M. Lieb, and all the loved ones who are eagerly anticipating her arrival.

She is survived by her children: Colin, Adina, Donovan, Haley, and Davis; Grandchildren: Keahna, Isaac, Pandora, Marley, Jocelyn, Saphyre, Evelyn, Aubree, Demi, and Ada; Sisters: Mary and Tina; and her brother Dale.

A visitation for family and friends will be held Monday, March 10, 2025 at Schumacher-Kish, La Crosse from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Funeral service will be held at 12:00 PM. Burial will take place at Spring Grove Cemetery in Wisconsin Dells at 2:30 PM.

Leonard Walker

October 31, 1960 – March 10, 2025

Leonard C. Walker “Wakajacooni”, age 64, of Nekoosa, WI passed away Monday, March 10, 2025 at Unity Point Health Meriter Hospital in Madison.

Commitment services will be at 12:00 Noon on Thursday, March 13, 2025 at the Chakh-hah-chee Community Building in Nekoosa. Dr. Dashell Thunder will officiate. Burial will be at Dexterville Cemetery. Visitation will be from 3:00-5:00 P.M. on Wednesday at the Chakh-hah-chee Community Building.

Leonard was born October 31, 1960 in Wisconsin Rapids to David and Yvonne (Ricehill-Wells) Walker Jr. He lived in Minnesota for 20 years while working at Mystic Lake Casino. He moved back to Nekoosa and worked for the Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development

Agency (HHCDA) as a commissioner.

Leonard enjoyed attending Native American Church prayer meetings. He loved dancing in earlier years at Pow-Wows and singing with the Renegade Singers and Thunder Bear Singers. He also enjoyed gambling at the casino, bowling, and playing basketball. He was an avid Green Bay Packers and Milwaukee Bucks fan.

Leonard raised his niece, Adriane Walker and nephew, Tyrone Walker who survive him. He is further survived by grandchildren: Alyssa Espinoza and Andrew Walker; special niece Jessica Stealer; 21 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; sister, Rose Walker and Norma Stealer; and brothers: Richard (Anita) Walker, David (Carri) White Eagle, and Lawrence (Lanette) Walker Jr. He was preceded in death by



his parents; sisters: Lisa Eagleman, Darlene Walker, Jenny Sickles, Orvilla White Eagle, Angel Walker, Janice Walker, Glorianna Walker, and Becky Walker; and brothers: Cameron Walker, Elliott Walker, Christian Walker, and Kevin Walker.

Herman-Taylor Funeral Home, Wisconsin Rapids, is honored to be assisting the family.

Proudly hosted by the
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INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY CANCER CONFERENCE

MAY 6-8, 2025
NORTH STAR MOHICAN CASINO RESORT
BOWLER, WI

Join us to learn how our communities can take action to help reduce the burden of cancer and improve health outcomes for our people.

Speakers Include:



Lyle Ignace, MD
Gerald L. Ignace
Indian Health Center

Noelle LoConte, MD
UW Carbone Cancer Center





Jennifer Geurts, MS, CGC
Medical College of Wisconsin

Topics and Events Include:


- Traditional healing
- Genetics in cancer
- Survivorship
- Dream the Cure
- Functional nutrition
- Cancer prevention

All community members encouraged to register for free! Scan the QR code to learn more.





MEETING NOTICE



HOUSING COMMISSION

Thursday, March 20, 2025
10:00 a.m.

Ahuco Community Building
320 Epoch Street
Tomah, WI 54660

Posted on: 03/06/25

All agenda items shall be received by the Recording Secretary no later than **NOON on Monday, March 17, 2025.**

NOTICE RIGHT TO OBJECT

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

Ho-Chunk Member, FAYEWHITE & JACOB GREEN III, has submitted a Request for Title for Permanent Improvements located at: W8805 THUNDECLLOUD RD BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI 54615

And more particularly described as: LOT 70 OF THE S 1/2 OF THE NW 1/4 AND THE NW 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 33, TOWNSHIP 22 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST, TOWM OF KOMENSKY, JACKSON COUNTY, WISCONSIN

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

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

By or before APRIL 12, 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.

NOTICE RIGHT TO OBJECT

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

Ho-Chunk Member, FELICIA WHITE & FAYE WHITE, has submitted a Request for Title for Permanent Improvements located at: W8810 THUNDERCLOUD RD BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI 54615

And more particularly described as: LOT 69 OF THE S 1/2 OF THE NW 1/4 AND THE NW 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 33, TOWNSHIP 22 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST, TOWN OF KOMENSKY, JACKSON COUNTY, WISCONSIN

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7. Call the Raptor Education Group, Inc. to find an eagle rehabilitation center near you.

8. Deliver the eagle to the rehabilitation center.

If you find a dead eagle, there are federal laws regarding the carcass you must follow which are unique to eagles. In all cases, the remains must be sent to the National Eagle Repository. You are allowed to do this yourself, or you can call an appropriate agency and they will do this. These include the Ho-Chunk DNR, the state DNR, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and an organization like the Raptor Education Group. If you decide to do it yourself, contact the National Eagle Repository and they will give you instructions

on how to ship the dead bird. Ho-Chunk DNR can give you guidance on this process. If an eagle is sent to the Repository, there is a process by which tribal members might be able to receive all or part of the eagle back, after it has been processed.

If a tribal member finds a dead eagle, it is possible to receive that specific specimen. However, this is only after the Repository processes it. The tribal member must have previously submitted an *Eagle Parts for Native American Religious Purposes* form. If not, that tribal member may not be able to retain that specific eagle. They can still fill out a form and receive remains from a different eagle.

Any tribal members seeking to obtain whole eagles, eagle remnants,

or feathers from the National Eagle Repository must complete Form 3-200-15A *Eagle Parts for Native American Religious Purposes* form. The sooner you do this, the sooner you will receive Eagle parts. First-time applicants must also submit a Certificate of Enrollment verifying membership in a federally recognized tribe. Applications can be submitted electronically or by mailing a hard copy to the repository at the address below. Eagles are distributed on a roughly first come, first served basis. The form and additional information can be found on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's National Eagle Repository webpage. We would suggest that anyone wanting an eagle or eagle parts fill out the form.

List of Contacts:

1. Raptor Education Group, Inc.
 - a. Has volunteers that can pick up birds
 - b. Clinic: (715) 623-4015
 - c. N2160 W Rollwood Rd. Antigo, WI 54409
2. National Eagle Repository
 - a. (303) 287-2110
 - b. repository@fws.gov
 - c. 6550 Gateway Road, Bldg. 128, Commerce City, CO 80022
3. Ho-Chunk Nation DNR
 - a. (715) 284-2852
 - b. Karen.Green@Ho-Chunk.com
4. Wildlife Division
 - a. (715) 284-2852 ex 11119
 - b. James.Swenson@Ho-Chunk.com
 - c. Earl.Funmaker@ho-chunk.com

MEETING NOTICE

Trust and Investment Commission

Regular Meeting

Thursday, March 20th, 2025

4:30pm – 6:30pm

Via Webex

For call-in Information, email:

Keith.Doxtator@ho-chunk.com

MEETING PURPOSE: to discuss and consider matter related to the Nation’s financial assets; investments, employer retirement plan funds, and long- and short-term portfolios.

Announcement: Ho-Chunk Nation Institutional Review Board Annual Meeting

The Ho-Chunk Nation Institutional Review Board (IRB) will hold its **Annual Meeting on April 2, 2025, via Zoom at 4pm CT.** This meeting will provide important updates on IRB processes, future planning, and opportunities for community engagement.

Agenda:

- Roll Call
- Approval of Minutes
- IRB Updates
- Community Comment
- Adjournment

Any interested stakeholders, researchers, and Ho-Chunk community members are invited to attend.

Use the QR code to join. For questions or more information, please contact irb@ho-chunk.com.



ELDER WORKFORCE DIVISION MEETING



Date: **Thursday, March 20, 2025**
 Time: **10:00 AM – 1:30 PM**
 Location: **District 1 Community Center**
 N7261 Warrior Avenue, Black River Falls, WI 54615

Agenda

- **10:00 AM** – Coffee & Snacks
- **10:15 AM** – Meeting Begins (Opening Prayer)
 - Welcome & Introductions
 - Annual Reviews / Site Reviews
 - Work Schedules Discussion (20 Hours vs. 10 Hours)
- **11:00 AM** – Presentation
- **11:45 AM – 12:00 PM** – Break
- **12:00 PM – 1:00 PM** – Lunch
- **1:00 PM** – Set Next Meeting Date
- **1:15 PM** – Clean Up & Adjourn

Any questions or concerns, contact Curtis Redbird (715)284-5877 ext. 11138, or (715)299-1065



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HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT,

For Official Use

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Jacqueline Marie Prescott -Funmaker DOD 9/2/24

Amended

Notice of Hearing on
Petition for Probate

FILED
IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION
TRIAL / PROBATE COURT

FEB 06 2025

By Isiah Hanna Funmaker

Case No. PR 24-05

Margaret Jull
Clerk of Court / Assistant

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. A Petition for Probate was filed. 3-15-1987 September 2, 2024
2. The decedent, with date of birth 3-15-1987 and date of death September 2, 2024 was domiciled in Sauk County, State of Wisconsin with a mailing address of S1064 Winneshiek, Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965
3. The names or addresses of the following interested person are not known or reasonably ascertainable: 731 W. Grand Ave., Beloit, WI 53511
4. The petition will be heard at Wa Ehi Hoci, W9598 Hwy 54 E, Black River Falls, WI, 54615, before Judge Wendi A. Huling, on (Date) April 2, 2025 at (Time) 2:00 p.m.

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

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**HO-CHUNK NATION
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EXECUTIVE OFFICES
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI
FEBRUARY 18, 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-VC
Rep. Rodney Rave-VC
Rep. Phyllis Smoke-VC
Rep. Damian Thundercloud-P
Rep. Stephanie Begay-P
Rep. Kristin White Eagle-VC
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

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 with ADDING under New Business L. Resolution-Schedule of Legislative District Meetings, M. Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Administration to Apply for the National Indian Health Board Energy Future Planning 2024-2025 Grant and under District Meetings J. D4 Gu'u\šgonak – February 10, 2025 and K. D4 Maanico Horuzra – February 13, 2025. Second by Rep. Jessika Greendeer. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Legislative Meeting-February 4, 2025

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the February 4, 2025 Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Special Legislative Meeting-February 13, 2025

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the February 13, 2025 Special Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 12-0-1(Vice President Danielle DeLong) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Commission Reports:

Government Administration Commission-February 6, 2025

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the February 6, 2025 Government Administration Commission meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Heritage Preservation

Service Office to Apply for the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs Tribal Veterans Service Office Grant

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 02-18-25 A**, Authorization for the Department of Heritage Preservation Veterans Service Office to Apply for the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs Tribal Veterans Service Office Grant. Second by Vice President Danielle DeLong. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Natural Resources to Apply for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources 2025 Summer Tribal Youth Program Grant Funding

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 02-18-25 B**, Authorization for the Department of Natural Resources to Apply for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources 2025 Summer Tribal Youth Program Grant Funding. Second by Vice President Danielle DeLong. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Natural Resources to Apply for the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service Stewardship Program

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 02-18-25 C**, Authorization for the Department of Natural Resources to Apply for the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service Stewardship Program. Second by Vice President Danielle DeLong. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consideration of Quick Passage to the Healing to Wellness Code

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to consider quick passage to the Healing to Wellness Code. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Healing to Wellness Court Code (4 HCC § 15)

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 02-18-25 D**, Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Healing to Wellness Court Code (4 HCC § 15). Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization to Place Amendments to the Healing to Wellness Court Code (4 HCC § 15) out for Forty-Five Day Public Comment

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 02-18-25 E**, Authorization to Place Amendments to the Healing to Wellness Court Code (4 HCC § 15) out for Forty-Five Day Public Comment. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Unfinished Business:

Red Cloud Park-Standing Agenda Item-Rep. Kristin White Eagle

Attorney General Gardner stated that he received a message from the Park's Director. There is some resistance with moving forward with the plan, but he did not explain why. We are on a two-week schedule for checking in with the City.

New Business:

Resolution-Establishment of Legislative Workgroup to Develop Financial Contingency Planning

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 02-18-25 F**, Establishment of Legislative Workgroup to Develop Financial Contingency Planning. Second by Vice President Danielle DeLong. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Appointment of Presiding Officers and Members to Standing Commissions of the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 02-18-25 G**, Appointment of Presiding Officers and Members to Standing Commissions of the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature. Second by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization to Place the Legislative Organization Act (2 HCC § 11) out for Forty-Five Day Public Comment

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 02-18-25 H**, Authorization to Place the Legislative Organization Act (2 HCC § 11) out for Forty-Five Day Public Comment. Second by Rep. Damian Thundercloud. 12-0-1(Rep. Robert Pilot) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Establishment of Legislative Workgroup for the Ho-Chunk Nation Museum and Cultural Center

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 02-18-25 I**, Establishment of Legislative Workgroup for the Ho-Chunk Nation Museum and Cultural Center. Second by Rep. Jessika Greendeer. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Designation September 30th Annually as Waqks'ik Ho'i Hirohek Haq

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 02-18-25 J**, Designation September 30th Annually as Waqks'ik Ho'i Hirohek Haq. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization for the Ho-Chunk Nation Museum to Apply for the Opportunity Grant through Wisconsin Humanities

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to TABLE Resolution-Authorization for the Ho-Chunk Nation Museum to Apply for the Opportunity Grant through Wisconsin

Humanities. Second by Rep. Damian Thundercloud. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization for the Office of the President to Apply for the Native American Tourism of Wisconsin Tribal Tourism Assistance Grant

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 02-18-25 K**, Authorization for the Office of the President to Apply for the Native American Tourism of Wisconsin Tribal Tourism Assistance Grant. Second by Vice President Danielle DeLong. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Heritage Preservation to Apply for the National Park Service Historic Preservation Fund Tribal Heritage Grants Tribal Burial Sites Database Mapping Project

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 02-18-25 L**, Authorization for the Department of Heritage Preservation to Apply for the National Park Service Historic Preservation Fund Tribal Heritage Grants Tribal Burial Sites Database Mapping Project. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorizing Agreement between the Ho-Chunk Nation Police Department and the Monroe County Sheriff's Department for Access to the TIME System

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 02-18-25 M**, Authorizing Agreement between the Ho-Chunk Nation Police Department and the Monroe County Sheriff's Department for Access to the TIME System. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Cybersecurity and Protection of Nation's Information

Rep. Kristin White Eagle would like an update from the Department of Administration regarding where we are at with protecting the Nation's information with recent scam activity and access to personal information, especially with the new Presidential Administration and those in charge. President Greendeer said that the Office of the President receives weekly cybersecurity updates, and he will have Department of Administration give an update to the Legislature, confidentially.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer Cybersecurity and Protection of Nation's Information to the Government Administration Commission for updates. Second by Rep. Jessika Greendeer. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Dual Language Signs

Rep. Kristin White Eagle stated that this has been a work in progress. The Nation's Realty Division has been helpful with this project. The application has been approved for dual

language signs, and WisDOT has provided mock-ups for review. Attorney Homer stated that there are two different mock-ups, however Attorney Homer suggested a third option, which would include the Ho-Chunk word, the translation of the community, and then Ho-Chunk Nation. Attorney Homer also stated that WisDOT approved the three line option.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to support the third mock-up that was proposed and accepted by WisDOT 3 line, Ho-Chunk translation and key for Ho-Chunk, and to reach out to WisDOT moving forward with the approval. Second by Vice President Danielle DeLong. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Schedule of Legislative District Meetings

Rep. Tahdoahnippah stated that this resolution is in response to the recent redistricting. Excerpt from the resolution:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature, pursuant to its Constitutional authority, establishes the following schedule and locations for Legislative District-Area meetings, effective March 1, 2025:

District 1: Typically meets the second Wednesday of the month (Black River Falls) and the Thursday of the second full week (St. Paul, MN) of each month;

District 2: Typically meets the second full week of every month for the areas and communities in La Crosse, Tomah and Baraboo/Wisconsin Dells/Mauston;

District 3: Typically meets the second full week of each month for the areas and communities of Wittenberg, Green Bay, Madison and Wisconsin Rapids, and the first full week of each month for Milwaukee;

District 4: Typically meets the Monday of the second full week (Chicago, IL) and another day to be determined (California) of each month;

MOTION by Rep. Brianna Tahdoahnippah to adopt **Resolution 02-18-25 N**, Schedule of Legislative District Meetings. Second by Rep. Robert Pilot 11-1(Rep. Jessika Greendeer)-1(Rep. Stephanie Begay) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Administration to Apply for the National Indian Health Board Energy Future Planning 2024-2025 Grant

MOTION by Rep. Jessika Greendeer to adopt **Resolution 02-18-25 O**, Authorization for the Department of Administration to Apply for the National Indian Health Board Energy Future Planning 2024-2025 Grant. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

District Meetings:

D2 Hinyukwas- February 10, Continued on Page 13

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MOTION by Rep. Damian Thundercloud to refer to LDT the **MOTION** by Donald Greengrass to look into Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration property for sale located on St. Joseph's Ridge Hwy 33. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Damian Thundercloud to accept the **MOTION** by Donald Greengrass to nominate Henry Greengrass to the District Advisory Board for the Comprehensive Community Needs Assessment. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to refer the motion to Planning and Development. Second concurs. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D2 Ho'unj Xunujik – February 11, 2025

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to Office of the President and Enrollment Division for record search or summary that can be provided at the March area meeting, the **MOTION** by Roger Littlegeorge, Jr. to look into the history of the Enrollment Committee. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-1(Rep. Brianna Tahdoahnippah) **MOTION CARRIED.**

NOTED FOR THE RECORD: Rep. Brianna Tahdoahnippah mentioned that the motion maker's name is Roger Littlegeorge II.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to Office of the President and Department of Business, the **MOTION** by Priscilla Cleveland to request the Ho-Chunk Cinema Manager to attend the next Tomah area meeting on March 11, 2025. Second by Rep. Damian Thundercloud. 12-0-1(Rep. Stephanie Begay) **MOTION CARRIED.**

NOTED FOR THE RECORD: Rep. Stephanie Begay noted that she abstained as her mother seconded the area meeting motion.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to Office of the President and Department of Administration (attention: Planning), the **MOTION** by Myra Price to nominate Steven Eades to the District Advisory Board for the Comprehensive Community Needs Assessment. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D3 Pac cinq – February 10, 2025

MOTION by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. to refer to the Finance Commission the **MOTION** by Jamie Decorah to request \$5,200 for the Cultural Week. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D3 Tee hoikšek – February 11, 2025

MOTION by Rep. Shelby Visintin to refer to the Finance Commission the **MOTION** by Andi Cloud to approve funding

of \$14,616 for the Youth to attend Unity Conference in San Diego California contingent that they provide 10% per Charitable Act. Second by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Shelby Visintin to refer to the Department of Justice the **MOTION** by Andi Cloud for DOJ to reach through treaties and come up with information sheets to be provided to the tribal members. Second by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Shelby Visintin to include the Legislative Legal on the prior motion in regards to information sheets on Ho-Chunk treaties. Second by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D3 Tešišik – February 5, 2025

MOTION by Rep. Shelby Visintin to refer to the Finance Commission the **MOTION** by Teshena Cloud to request \$4,500 for one youth and one chaperone to attend the 2025 Unity Conference contingent on final budget and additional \$500 in fundraising. Second by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D3 Tejop – February 12, 2025

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to refer to the Finance Commission the **MOTION** by Saresa Ryckman to approve funding of \$9,224 for the Youth Council to attend the 2025 Unity Conference. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D3 Cexhaci – February 13, 2025

Area meeting did not take place, as there were no tribal members in attendance.

D1 Njioxawanj – February 12, 2025

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to refer to the Finance Commission the **MOTION** by Nathaniel Longtail to support the HCN Youth Council to attend the Unity Conference in San Diego, California in the amount of \$87,560 for remaining travel expenses to be taken out of the charitable contributions. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to refer to the Legislature and LDT the **MOTION** by Nathaniel Longtail to support converting the old DICC into a homeless shelter. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D1 Howasa – February 11, 2025

This was the last meeting in Howasa, due to redistricting.

D4 Guuŝgonqk – February 10, 2025

MOTION by Vice President Danielle DeLong to refer to Election Code Workgroup the **MOTION** by Casey Brown to have Legislators establish procedures in the

Nations election code for governmental redistricting and implementation in the future. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Vice President Danielle DeLong to refer to Legislature and Legislative Legal the **MOTION** by Ben Krause-Decorah for Blue line security have their contract terminated and the legislative body conduct a new RFP that includes sending requests to the 3 Native owned security companies in Chicago. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Vice President Danielle DeLong to refer to Legislature, Office of the President and the Election Board the **MOTION** by Casey Brown to allocate funding to the Election Board to make absentee ballot requests available online. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Vice President Danielle DeLong to refer to the Department of Housing the **MOTION** by Sunshine Thunderchief new District 4 should have a representative on the Housing Board. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D4 Maanico Horuzra – February 13, 2025

MOTION by Vice President Danielle DeLong to refer to the Finance Commission the **MOTION** by Abel Martinez to support the youth council in \$19,312 to attend the UNITY conference, with Legislature to decide where funding comes from. Request to have report from youth after the conference. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Vice President Danielle DeLong to refer to Legislature the **MOTION** by Manners Whiteagle for Legislature to support 52-week

program for tutoring services. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Executive Session:

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to move to Executive Session for Business Matters, Criminal Matters, Inter-governmental Relations, Land, Law Enforcement, Legal Advice, Personnel Matters, Public Safety or Well-Being. Second by Vice President Danielle DeLong. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:57 a.m. President Greendeer is excused for the remainder of the meeting. Vice President Danielle DeLong called Executive Session to order at 12:50 p.m. Quorum is established.

Rep. Phyllis Smoke was excused from the meeting from 2:16 p.m. to 3:48 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to return to Open Session. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting returned to Open Session at 4:00 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Robert Pilot is not online.*

Release to Open Session:

RES2025, March 10-13, 2025, Las Vegas, NV

MOTION by Rep. Rodney Rave to approve travel for any interested Legislator to attend the RES2025 Conference, March 10-13, 2025 in Las Vegas, and release to Open Session. Second by Vice President Danielle DeLong. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Appointment of Representative Shelby Visintin to the Beloit 200 Board

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 02-18-25 R**, Appointment of Representative Shelby Visintin to the Beloit 200 Board and release to Open Session. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-1(Rep. Shelby Visintin) **MOTION CARRIED.**

ICIA Policy Summit-Release of Talking Points

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to support the release that the Ho-Chunk Nation has obtained a consultant for the cannabis and hemp movement and to request legal to prepare talking points that can be discussed at the ICIA Policy Summit and release this motion to Open Session. Second by Rep. Damian Thundercloud. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Man Mound Road

Outside counsel Tom Springer mentioned that last week Monday, we had a meeting with WisDOT and we got an agreement from them to partner with the Nation on the Man Mound relocation project. We are waiting to hear back whether or not Congressman Pocan believes he can still get federal funding for the project. The federal funding was the impetus of getting this project moving forward.

Release to Open Session (Continued):

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to request a letter signed by the Vice President and President to Sauk County Historical Society to provide an update on the Man Mound Road and to release the discussion from Man Mound Road to Open Session and release this motion *Continued on Page 14*



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Continued from Page 13 to Open Session. Second by Rep. Damian Thundercloud. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Governor Evers Plan

Attorney General Gardner stated that Legislators can inform tribal members to call

or email Department of Justice regarding any encounters with ICE, and circumstances with those encounters. Department of Justice is working on preparing an informational document that they will provide to Office of President and the Legislative Public Relations Officer to provide

basic information related to this. Department of Justice is fully on board with this, and the information helps with the Law Enforcement Commission.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to release the discussion from the Attorney General regarding ICE to

Open Session. Second by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adjourn the Legislative Meeting to March 4, 2025 at the Tribal Office Building in

Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** Rep. Robert Pilot is not online.

The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 4:01 p.m.

HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE SPECIAL MEETING EXECUTIVE OFFICES BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI FEBRUARY 24, 2025

Call to Order: Vice President Danielle DeLong called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Roll Call:

- President Jon Greendeer-EX
- Vice President Danielle DeLong-P
- Rep. Jessika Greendeer-P
- Rep. Rodney Rave-P
- Rep. Phyllis Smoke-P
- 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-P
- Rep. Robert Pilot-VC
- Rep. Paul Fox-VC
- Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah-EX

VC-Video Conference

Determination of Quorum: Quorum is established at 9:00 a.m.

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

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to

approve the agenda as presented. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

New Business:

Letter of Support for NTIA Grant to Support Broadband in Blue Wing

Executive Director of Administration Michael Rave said he started drafting the resolution and if this could be tabled, he would have it ready by Noon today. A letter of support would also work for this. Executive Director Rave will email the resolution to Legislative Attorney Nicole Homer.

Executive Session:

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to move to Executive Session for Business Matters, Criminal Matters, Intergovernmental Relations, Land, Law Enforcement, Legal Advice, Personnel Matters, Public Safety or Well-Being. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting moved to Executive Session at 9:09 a.m.

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

The meeting returned to Open Session at 9:27 a.m.

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

Release to Open Session:

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer all UNITY requests from Youth Services to Thursday February 27, 2025 Finance Commission, and release this motion to Open Session. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 9-3(Rep. Kristin White Eagle, Vice President Danielle DeLong, Rep. Robert Pilot)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Rodney Rave to recess the Special Legislative Meeting until Noon. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Special Legislative Meeting recessed at 9:29 a.m.

Call to Order: Vice President Danielle DeLong reconvened the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

Roll Call:

- President Jon Greendeer-EX
- Vice President Danielle DeLong-P
- Rep. Jessika Greendeer-P
- 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-P
- Rep. Robert Pilot-VC
- Rep. Paul Fox-VC
- Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah-EX

VC-Video Conference

Determination of Quorum: Quorum is established at 12:02 p.m.

New Business:

Resolution-Authorization for the Ho-Chunk Nation to Collaborate with and Support LYNXX Networks in Applying for the Bead Grant

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 02-24-25 B**, Authorization for the Ho-Chunk Nation to Collaborate with and Support LYNXX Networks in Applying for the Bead Grant. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Jessika Greendeer to adjourn the Special Legislative Meeting. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Special Legislative Meeting adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

— Thank you for your service —

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NOTICE AND RULES OF GENERAL RUN OFF ELECTION TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 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
Jessika Greendeer
Phyllis M. Smoke

District 2, Seat 2

July 2025 – June 2029
Travis Cloud
Kyle White Eagle

District 3, Seat 2

July 2025 – June 2029
Andi Jo Cloud
Shelby Visintin

ELIGIBLE VOTERS:

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

REGISTRATION:

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

ELIGIBILITY DISPUTES:

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

The Election Board will rule on all written challenges to the list of eligible voters immediately after the close of the challenge period. Section 11(c) iii, (Deadline, Friday, June 13, 2025 at 4:00pm)

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

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

Deadline to challenge the candidate(s) list to Election Board is Saturday, March 22, 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 **Saturday, May 24, 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 Tuesday, June 3, 2025.

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

POSTING ELECTION RESULTS:

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

Please check eligible voter's lists for your Districts.

CONTESTING OF ELECTION RESULTS:

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

ELECTIONEERING:

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

GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION DAY
~~Wednesday, March 5, 2025~~
Rescheduled to
Tuesday, March 11, 2025

POST NOTICE OF ELECTION
Wednesday, March 12, 2025

POST ELIGIBLE VOTERS LIST
Friday, May 2, 2025

CHALLENGES TO THE ELIGIBLE VOTERS LIST MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO 4:00 PM
Tuesday, May 13, 2025

LAST DAY TO REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOTS
Saturday, May 24, 2025
By 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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INDIAN MISSION
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W8813 Mission Road
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MPLS./ST. PAUL BRANCH
OFFICE
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BLUEWING COMMUNITY
BUILDING
320 Epinal Avenue
(715)284-8900

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

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

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

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

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

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