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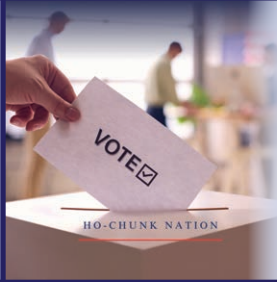
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Michael Day Reflects on History, Resilience and the Future

Kaili Berg

As the United States celebrates its 250th anniversary, conversations have largely centered on the nation's founding. But Ho-Chunk elder Michael Day hopes the milestone also encourages people to reflect on a much longer history, one that began thousands of years before America existed.

"America, as we know it today, is just a baby," Day said. "Even if you add in 1492, it's still a baby."

For Day, whose life has been shaped by traditional teachings, ceremony and decades spent learning from Indigenous elders across Indian Country, America's 250 years represent only a small chapter in a much larger story.

"Our ways were given to us thousands of years ago," Day said.

Instead of focusing on politics, Day said he hopes the anniversary reminds people to think about how they live, how they treat one another and what lessons have been carried forward through generations.

"We don't have a religion," Day said. "We have a way of life."

That philosophy was first instilled in him by his grandfather, who



taught him that the Creator had already provided Indigenous people with instructions for living in balance with one another and the Earth.

"They showed us how to live on this planet," Day said.

Growing up, Day spent time listening to Ho-Chunk elders, learning traditions that would later guide him through one of the defining moments of the modern Indigenous rights movement.

In 1973, he traveled to the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota during the 71-day occupation of Wounded Knee, when members of the American Indian Movement (AIM) and Oglala Lakota citizens occupied the community to call attention to treaty rights, government failures and the treatment of Indigenous people.

The experience, he said, changed his life.

While at Wounded Knee, Lakota spiritual leader Henry Crow Dog adopted Day as his grandson and invited him to learn Lakota ceremonial traditions. Before he began, Crow Dog asked him a question that has stayed with him ever since.

"Why do you want to learn our way of life when your way of life is so much older than ours?" Day recalled.

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Ho-Chunk Veterans Participate in Seneca Nation Veterans Powwow Flag Detail

Kaili Berg

Members of the Ho-Chunk Nation Veterans Office recently participated in the flag detail during the Seneca Nation Veterans Powwow, representing the Nation alongside veterans and color guards from across Indian Country.

According to the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Housing, Executive Assistant Tama Sallaway, a U.S. Army veteran, was selected to take part in the honor guard. The department recognized Sallaway for her integrity, honesty and courage, noting that the leadership skills she developed during her military service continue to benefit the Ho-Chunk Nation.

The flag detail is one of the most respected ceremonies at Native veterans' powwows, honoring the service and sacrifice of Indigenous veterans while celebrating the shared traditions and patriotism that connect Tribal Nations.

Jayce Sallaway also joined the Ho-Chunk delegation during the ceremony.



Pictured are Tama Sallaway and Jayce Sallaway. Photo courtesy of the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Housing.

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Letter from President Greendeer

Woožokinina, hanaȥ hinikaragiwi.

I would first like to thank everyone for this amazing honor to serve alongside each of you not just as an official of our government but more so, as a friend and a member of each of your families. Yes, it can be difficult at times and I know the more that is asked of me, the more I ask of others but regardless, it's the collective work of many from top to bottom and across our beautiful families and sovereign nation. Glad to be a part of it. Thank you!

My heart goes out to all the families going through a difficult time with loss or other hardships and I am always making a place in my prayers for each of you for strength and healing. The trials of life do not discriminate and we must accept our responsibility to provide comfort to those with the understanding it comes back just as we've been told when we ourselves need it most.

Wrap up or Power up

I couldn't be more proud of the accomplishments the Nation has had in the last 3 years. I won't let the largest long-awaited development of HCG-Beloit overshadow the scores of historic achievements that stand as a credit to our progressiveness and the drive of so many employees and tribal members to whom deserve the greatest deal of credit. No matter how much we've done to advance our nation, we are not done. You all know me by now and know your rightful high expectations of me and those around me will never shift us into neutral. There's work to be done and I'm as excited to keep the momentum going to my very last breath. So, the answer, we power through and we go hard. We go strong. We go forward!

The BIG changes ahead

Preparing for financial changes on the horizon

HCG-Beloit will be cutting ribbon to the casino floor. This is the revenue center of the project and while some of it will be dedicated to debt service for the construction, we'll be seeing an upward climb in our overall gaming profits. When the debt is closed in a very short period of time, we're going to see a major shift in how we must manage the Nation's finances. I frequently say there's a big difference between being poor with money and being *disciplined* in long-term wealth management for our future generations. It may be an unpopular opinion but we can't continue to be spend-thrifts the moment we increase revenue.

The Nation needs to evolve how we look at our financial resources and stand strong on a long-term financial plan with clear budget and finance priorities before we spend ourselves out before we make it or start writing checks to someone's next great idea. Developing a financial plan is a slow build and it should be because doing so requires everyone to invest their thoughts and ideas. When we're done, everyone serving in a leadership position should be able to list our budget and finance priorities in unison. That's not much to ask but there will be some work getting to it.

Blood Quantum: Enrollment Eligibility

Tough talk and if a tribal nation hasn't had those discussions, they are looming in front of every single one of them and the challenge will be how each evolves with their imminent change on enrollment eligibility. Yes, some have already lowered their blood quantum kicking the can down the road and others have moved to reset blood quantum amounts to 4/4 for members who were enrolled at a specific time in history. The Ho-Chunk Nation took steps to follow a similar pattern by

passing a General Council resolution to reset the quantum for members enrolled in 1999 prompting an ongoing Secretarial Election to approve the change in our Constitution.

The thought of having your General Welfare payments as you know it cut or reduced because of a sudden increase in membership is the unavoidable gorilla in the room. The thought of your tribal members becoming mathematically extinct due to quantum is absolutely factual reality we face if we do not loosen our grip on our financial benefits. These aren't the only topics to be discussed but they are definitely important factors that will hold the lion's share of how (or if) we choose to address this. The money isn't at the crux of this necessary discussion. We have to embrace the fact we are talking about our individual and collective identity. Identity is one of the most important and personal values we each hold so the forums must be ready for some heart-hitting and emotional perspectives to be shared.

Predictive Markets

The newest threat on the block are predictive markets like Kalshi who in January, 2025, shifted commodity trades into sports betting. In doing so, they went from a \$250 million industry to now, a \$24 billion global enterprise by entering our state AND our tribal lands allowing people to place bets on their phone on simple binary outcomes. What does this mean? Well, if allowed to proliferate, our brick-and-mortar gaming operations could be dealt with a substantial blow by targeting the market of patrons who may choose to gamble on their phones instead of visiting our facilities.

The Ho-Chunk Nation is not only one of the few tribal nations who sued the market, but also the **ONLY** petitioner who has been successful in their



litigation. Thanks to a ruling that went in our favor, our case advances and our it's building stronger and stronger as Kalshi is finding itself in contentious cases all over the country. We will not let up until we close this industry down and send a message to any other non-regulated gambling industry disguised as trade market businesses that they will not enter Ho-Chunk country unchallenged.

So much to be said but more so, so much to be done. We have a great pace and whether the challenges come from outside or from within, we need to do as our elders spoke of that is repeated ever so often today, we do not stop. We were blessed with a really good road. We must all keep walking forward...and so that is what we'll do.

Again, thank you all for allowing me to walk this road, to take whatever challenges lie ahead with the strength, confidence, and good thoughts from the many on my side. I remain at your service until you say so. Žige hanaȥcexji wa'iginapwi wahajee!

Annual Meeting General Council 2026

Kalahari Resorts & Convention Center
1305 Kalahari Drive
Lake Delton, WI

September 19, 2026

Details for registration, tribal IDs, bus routes, and meal specifics will follow.

More Information
715-284-7891

Link below for booking at Ho-Chunk Hotel
<https://gettaroom.b4checkin.com/hochunkwisconsin#groupSignIn>
Phone: 1-800-746-2486 Booking ID#: 15823
Room Block Cutoff Date: Friday, September 4, 2026
Link below for booking rooms at Kalahari
<https://book.passkey.com/e/51295582>

HO-CHUNK NATION DIVISION OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
W9814 Airport Rd. PO Box 667, Black River Falls, WI 54615

-CLOSURE-

Notice: Temporary Office Closure (August 3–7)

The Ho-Chunk Veterans Affairs office will be closed from Monday, August 3rd through Friday, August 7th, as our VSO and Office Manager are traveling out of state.

We will resume normal operations and begin responding to all emails and phone messages on Monday, August 10th. We appreciate your patience and apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

1-800-294-9343 • 715-284-4563 • Fax 715-284-1643

Back To School Bash

JULY/AUG 2026 HCN EDUCATION

LOCATIONS DATES AND TIMES!!!

July THURSDAY 23RD 5PM-7PM	LA CROSSE AREA JOM THREE RIVERS HOUSE
TOMAH / SPARTA JOM TOMAH COMMUNITY CENTER	July MONDAY 27TH 5PM-7PM
July TUESDAY 28TH 5PM-7PM	BARABOO AREA JOM HOUSE OF WELLNESS
WITTENBERG AREA JOM SIGA FUNMAKER CENTER	July WEDNESDAY 29TH 12PM-2PM
July WEDNESDAY 29TH 5PM-7PM	NEKOOSA/WI RAPIDS/STEVENS POINT CEEEXHACI COMMUNITY CENTER
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Aug MONDAY 03 5PM-7PM	DANE JOM TEJOPE HOCIRA

715-284-4915 **SCR@HO-CHUNK.COM**

Attention: The Next Deadline of the Hocak Worak will be August 7th which will be published on August 14th. Please contact Hocak Worak at ext. 11004 if you have a change of address or would like to be placed on the mailing list.

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TRIBAL ELDER FOOD BOX NEWSLETTER

Summer/Fall Distribution

Ho-Chunk Nation
Distribution Locations:

Black River Falls Wittenberg Nekoosa	Tomah Green Bay Wisconsin Dells
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Distribution time varies by location

DATES: May 28th June 25th July 23th August 27th	September 24th October 22nd November 19th December 17th January 28th, 2027
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Each box will contain proteins, produce, and shelf-stable items, sourced from Indigenous and non-Indigenous local producers and will be representative of traditional foods whenever possible. The average box will be 20 pounds. The contents of the boxes will change for each distribution based on what is available seasonally for the given distribution week.

PLEASE NOTE: Food provided is for Tribal members, 55 years and older. This project is funded by a Feeding America National Organization grant, Feeding Wisconsin's Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection ARP grant, and an Intertribal Local Food Purchasing Agreement grant.

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The Hocak Worak encourages the submission of letters to the Editor. All letters must include the signature, address and telephone number of the author. Letters are subject to editing for grammar, length, malicious and libelous content.

The Hocak Worak reserves the right to reject any advertising, material, or letters submitted for publication. The submission of articles, poetry, artwork and photos is encouraged. The Editor makes the sole decision of what is published in the Hocak Worak. The Hocak Worak will not assume any responsibility for unsolicited material.

Submissions deadlines for the Hocak Worak are by 4:30 PM. We cannot guarantee the publication of submissions meeting these deadlines if the space is not available. No part of this publication may be produced without express written consent from the Editor.

Funding Available for Independent Producers to Train Native Youth in Film and Media

LINCOLN, NE – July 14, 2026
- Vision Maker Media (VMM), the premier source of media by and about Native Americans since 1976, is offering funding to independent producers or Native youth organizations who have an interest in training Native youth in short-format media story development and production.
“Native heritage and Native perspectives must be prominent on all of today’s media platforms. For that reason, the Native Youth Media Project is one of the most important initiatives that Vision Maker Media has launched in our fifty-year history,” says VMM CEO and President Francene Blythe-Lewis. “Native youth can build upon the cultural storytelling talents of their elders while achieving invaluable media expertise and personal life skills. We are grateful to all independent producers or Native youth organizations who apply to join

this effort.”
VMM’s call for the Native Youth Media Project includes experienced independent producers or Native youth organizations working with Native youth ages 15-21. The intended goal is for Native youth to produce a media piece focused on topics such as health & wellness, science, climate & environment, education, art, culture, history, language, and empowerment. Finished projects will then be shared in a local community setting and the screening format will be determined by the independent producer or Native youth organization.
Interested independent producers or Native youth organizations can apply for up to \$25,000 in funding support. All completed projects should be in an exhibitable digital format and archived in the highest quality available. Eligible independent producers or Native youth organizations must be U.S.-based



and the call is open year-round. For the guidelines and online application, please visit: <https://visionmakermedia.org/fund-your-film/>.
VMM has trained over 500 youth in its fifty-year history. VMM’s Native Youth Media Project (NYMP) was formally launched in 2020. It provides a creative outlet for self-expression, builds powerful mentoring relationships, and fosters leadership and public speaking skills through active community involvement.
About Vision Maker Media
Vision Maker Media (VMM) is



the premier source of media by and about Native Americans since 1976. Vision Maker Media’s mission is empowering and engaging Native people to share stories, envisioning a world changed and healed by understanding Native stories and the public conversations they generate. VMM works with its funded producers to develop, produce and distribute programs for all media. VMM supports training to increase the number of Native Americans and Alaska Natives producing programs across a variety of platforms.

2026 Family Healing Camp

Pre-Registration OPEN

Online Registration: Scan QR Code or Visit <https://shc.ho-chunk.com/>

Event Details

Date: August 4, 5, & 6

Location: Andrew Blackhawk Memorial Pow-Wow Grounds W8426 WI-54 Black River Falls, WI 54615

Follow on Facebook to stay up to date on event details facebook.com/groups/familyhealingcamp

Ho Chunk Tribal Youth Initiative – Black River Canoe Trip 2026

Ages 13-19

When: July 30th, 2026. 10 AM at D1CC (Rain Date: July 31st)

We will be off the water and on the way home by 3:30 PM.

How: Sign up with the QR Code Link Below, or talk to your local Youth Services. Youth Services will provide rides to D1CC in Black River Falls. Ho Chunk DNR will provide canoes, paddles, life jackets and lunch.

HO-CHUNK NATION

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

Attention ALL HOP, HRL, & Rental Tenants

Effective July 1, 2026

The Ho-Chunk Nation DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & PUBLIC WORKS mailing address has changed. Please send **ALL** mail to:

Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Housing

27374 Hwy 21 E

Bldg. #5

Tomah, WI 54660

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at

608-374-1225

or

housing@ho-chunk.com

Thank you,

The Department of Housing

What: Short canoe paddling lesson. Three+ hours of paddling. Opportunity to fish (poles provided). Sandbar lunch. Creek ravine hike. Joyous adventures will be had by all.

Sign Up Using the QR code below. Email Greg Blich at greg.blich@ho-chunk.com with questions, concerns and suggestion.



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Student of the Month

July 2026

Jaesa Thundercloud

Wanikpiwiga - Good Bird

Western Wisconsin Technical College
Associate of Applied Science

Jaesa Thundercloud is recognized for her outstanding achievements, dedication, and strong work ethic. She earned her Associate of Applied Science degree from Western Technical College, graduating with high honors, an accomplishment that reflects her commitment to academic excellence. Outside the classroom, Jaesa enjoys cooking, baking, knitting, and traveling. She has also demonstrated an impressive entrepreneurial spirit by running her own small business. This fall, she plans to attend Viterbo University to continue her education. Jaesa's determination, creativity, and ambition make her a wonderful role model.





PATHWAYS HOMEBUYER CLASS



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5TH, 2026
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Attendance is Limited - Apply today!
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12-clans.com/events

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The Twins game at 6:40 pm.
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1 ticket for one student and 1 chaperone.
RSVP for eligibility.

2026 ANNUAL
CANOE TRIP!

REGISTRATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER
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FRIDAY, AUGUST 14TH @ 10:30 AM

WILDCAT MOUNTAIN STATE PARK
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PLEASE CONTACT RACHEL MONTANA AT
RACHEL.MONTANA@HO-CHUNK.COM
PLEASE ALLOW 24-48 HOURS FOR A RESPONSE.

CONTACT NAME, PHONE NUMBER, # IN GROUP (# OF ADULTS/# OF
CHILDREN), # OF CANOES NEEDED, FOOD ALLERGIES/DIETARY
RESTRICTIONS.



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NEW

LIVE WELL,
PREVENT DIABETES!

AUGUST 2026 – OCTOBER 2026

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM VIA WEBEX OR IN PERSON
(12:30 PM PST / 1:30 PM MST / 2:30 PM CST / 3:30 PM EST)

The Live Well, Prevent Diabetes! Program is a 12 week program designed for people with
prediabetes, or those who are at high risk for type 2 diabetes, and want to lower their
risk. The class will be available online and in person. Every other session will be interactive.

Webex Invites will be sent out the day before class, you must have a minimum of a phone
and e-mail address to participate.
Please reach out to Rachel Montana or Lyndsey Killian to register.

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715-284-9851 ext. 35039
rachel.montana@ho-chunk.com

Lyndsey Killian
715-284-9851 ext. 35068
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Session 1: August 11th - Intro & Prevent T2
• Kathleen Clemons at Ho Chunk Health Care Center - Eileen Decorah Classroom or WebEx

Session 2: August 18th - Intro to Yoga (Interactive)
• Jessica Artz at the Nekoosa Branch Office - Conference Room or WebEx

Session 3: August 25th - Getting Active & Tracking Activity
• Jessica Artz at Nekoosa Health Office - Conference Room or WebEx

Session 4: September 1st - Roasting and Air Frying Vegetables (Interactive)
• Kathy Braaten at Ho Chunk Healthcare Center - Eileen Decorah Classroom or Webex.

Session 5: September 8th - Eating Well & Tracking Food
• Kyla Ripp at House of Wellness - Alberta Day Room or WebEx

Session 6: September 15th - Strength Concepts (Interactive)
• Kathleen Clemons at Ho Chunk Healthcare Center - Eileen Decorah Classroom or WebEx

Session 7: September 22nd - Coping with Triggers/Stress, & Building Support.
• Heather Jerzak at Ho Chunk Healthcare Center - Eileen Decorah Classroom or WebEx

Session 8: September 29th - Lean Protein Cooking Methods (Interactive)
• Alex Richeson at House of Wellness - Cafeteria/Kitchen or WebEx

Session 9: October 6th - Shopping/Cooking, & Eating Well Away From Home
• Kathy Braaten at Ho Chunk Healthcare Center - Eileen Decorah Classroom or WebEx

Session 10: October 13th - Chair Exercises w/Progressions (Interactive)
• Nick Butchart at House of Wellness - Alberta Day Room or WebEx

Session 11: October 20th - Staying Motivated & When Weight Loss Stalls
• Alex Richeson at House of Wellness - Alberta Day Room or WebEx

Session 12: October 27th - Salads and Homemade Dressings (Interactive)
• Heather Jerzak at Ho Chunk Healthcare Center - Eileen Decorah Classroom or WebEx



6/4/2026 HJ

Gabriel D. Funmaker

December 31, 1975 – July 19, 2026



Gabriel “Gabby” Funmaker, Noocanaaz~i, “Stands Straight”, a proud member of the Bear Clan, age 50 of Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin walked on Sunday, July 19, 2026 at his home.

Funeral Services will be held on Wednesday at 12:00 Noon at Indian Heights Community Building with Clayton Winneshiek officiating. Visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service at 12:00 Noon. Burial will be at Indian Heights Cemetery.

Gabriel was born December 31, 1975 in Baraboo, Wisconsin, the son of Monica Funmaker. He was raised by his grandparents Kenneth Sr. and Ruby “Keahna” Funmaker. He started singing at a young age with his Cooka, Teegas and brother with the Wisconsin Dells singers and grew up dancing and singing at the Stand Rock Indian Ceremony. Later he started his own drum group “Bear Heart Singers” in honor of his late Teega Nelson “Bear Heart” Funmaker. Gabby was also an avid Green Bay Packers fan.

He is survived by his wife Kelly; sons Fabian (Abbi) Houghton, Bryson (Mya), Damian, Rylan, and Kenneth Funmaker; daughter, Keirria Funmaker; brothers, Damon Funmaker and David Sherwood along with grandchildren, Jordyn, Cameron and Kyler; his adopted mother, Kay Waseskuk and his comfort dog “Haakzimiik.” He is preceded in death by his parents, grandparents, along with his Naani, Pamela Winneshiek.

The Picha Funeral Home and Crematory of Lake Delton, Wisconsin assisted the family with arrangements.

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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.
Wednesdays 1pm-2pm

August 19th
Men’s Mental Health take 2
John Plugers & Joe White Eagle

August 26th
Empowered & Informed:
Substance Safety and Overdose Prevention
Rachael Dozer, LCSW, CSAC, CS-IT
Dual Diagnostic Therapist - HOW

JOIN NOW





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
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Leaders Present Bill Quackenbush with Legislative Recognition Citation

The Legislature took a moment to recognize Bill Quackenbush for his years of dedicated service to the Ho-Chunk Nation and lifelong commitment to preservation.

Bill was presented with a framed Legislative Recognition Citation for his 25 years of service and the lasting impact his work has had on the Nation.



From left to right: Rep. Paul Fox, Rep. Damian Thundercloud, Rep. Phyllis Smoke, Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle, citation recipient Bill Quackenbush, Rep. Kyle White Eagle, Vice President Lambert Cleveland Jr.



HO-CHUNK NATION

In Honor of
William Quackenbush
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LET IT BE KNOWN, that the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature proudly recognizes and honors William Quackenbush for over twenty-five years of distinguished service to the Ho-Chunk Nation for his unwavering devotion to protecting the Nation's ancestral homelands, sacred places, ancestors, and cultural resources. This Legislative Recognition Citation is issued on this 7th day of July, 2026, in honor of his extraordinary career and lasting legacy of service to the Ho-Chunk Nation.

Beginning his career with the Ho-Chunk Nation in 1998 as Land Specialist within the Department of Heritage Preservation, Bill made it his life's work to preserve the relationship between the Ho-Chunk People and our ancestral homeland. In 2004, he helped establish the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Program. He formally assumed the THPO role in 2005 and later served as Cultural Resources Division Manager. Under his leadership, the Tribal Historic Preservation Office became a respected program committed to protecting the Nation's cultural heritage.

Throughout his career, Bill worked to identify and protect ancestral sites, sacred places, burial grounds, and other significant sites throughout Ho-Chunk lands, advancing the preservation of places that represent the history and enduring presence of the Ho-Chunk people while ensuring that outside development and public projects respected the Nation's resources and sacred sites.

His work in the repatriation of Ho-Chunk Ancestors and cultural belongings restored dignity to those who came before us and set a standard of care for our ancestors that the Nation continues to honor. Through his thoughtful approach and collaborative nature, he has built lasting relationships with Tribal, federal, and state partners to help ensure irreplaceable resources stay protected and respected.

Beyond the Ho-Chunk Nation, his involvement through numerous boards, committees, and advisory groups devoted to the preservation, repatriation, and protection of Indigenous cultural resources has earned him the respect of Tribal Members, preservation professionals, educators, and government leaders alike. In recognition of his extraordinary service, Bill was honored with the 2024 NATHPO Lifetime Achievement Award, celebrating a career focused on defending the Ho-Chunk Nation's heritage through the oversight of ancestral places and cultural resources.

The programs he built or the places he helped protect cannot measure Bill's legacy solely. It is also found in the countless conversations he shared, the knowledge he passed on, and the trust he earned from those around him. His kindness, patience, and unshakeable commitment to his people have left an impression that reaches far beyond his years of service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature hereby expresses its deepest gratitude and highest appreciation to William Quackenbush for his exceptional leadership, dedication, and enduring contributions to the Ho-Chunk Nation, whose legacy will continue to be reflected in the ancestral places he helped protect, the ancestors he helped bring home, and the foundation he established for the stewardship of the Nation's cultural resources.

Activities at Neesh-La Powwow to Raise Funds for Annual Veterans Powwow

Kaili Berg

Organizers of the annual Veterans Powwow are inviting community members to support this year's event by participating in fundraising activities during the 2026 Neesh-La Contest Powwow.

Michael Day, one of the Veterans Powwow organizers, said proceeds from the fundraiser will help provide gifts honoring Native veterans during the annual Veterans Powwow, which is scheduled for Nov. 14 at Volk Field in Camp Douglas.

Throughout the three-day Neesh-La Contest Powwow, held Aug. 11-13 in Baraboo, organizers will operate a food stand serving sloppy joe sandwiches, various food plates, coffee and water. A daily 50/50 raffle will also be held, with a new winner selected each day. Additional fundraising activities are also planned.

"We are raising funds to provide the veterans with a nice honoring gift," Day said.

The Veterans Powwow, sponsored by D.O.R.A. (Descendants of Red Arrow) and Friends, has honored Native veterans since 1978. This year's event will recognize all veterans for their service and sacrifice and will



be held at Volk Field Air National Guard Base in Camp Douglas.

The Veterans Powwow will feature a special flag raising, grand entry, Thundercloud Singers as host drum, an open drum, family veteran songs, traditional giveaways, an auction and additional fundraisers. The event is free and open to the public.

Organizers encourage attendees of the Neesh-La Contest Powwow to support the fundraiser, with every meal purchased, raffle ticket sold and donation helping recognize Native veterans during November's gathering.

For more information about the Veterans Powwow, contact Michael Day at 608-434-7790 or Jim Day at 262-637-9046.

DNR Accepting Hunter R3 Grant Applications Applications Due Sept. 15

MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is accepting applications for the Hunter Recruitment, Retention and Reactivation (R3) grant program. The deadline to submit grant applications is 11:59 p.m. CST on Sept. 15, 2026.

The Hunter R3 grant supports projects that promote awareness, understanding and participation in safe, ethical hunting and hunting-related outdoor skills. These skills offer individuals a unique connection with nature and wildlife and foster confidence and comfort in wild places.

Past grant recipient projects include private land access programs for hunters, archery range upgrades for urban after-school clubs, support for hunting-related expos focusing

on recruiting new or underserved audiences, learn to hunt and learn to shoot programs, high school clay target teams, 4-H shooting sports programs and more.

A total of \$75,000 in grant funding is available. Individual grant awards are normally limited to \$25,000. Cost-sharing funds can be awarded to individuals or community-based organizations, Wisconsin tribes, universities and schools.

The grant is a sub-award of federal Pittman-Robertson Act funds and is administered as a reimbursement program. Applicants should plan to start projects approximately one year from the application deadline.

Learn more and apply on the DNR's Hunter R3 Grant Program webpage.



Grants are available for projects that teach people hunting skills. Photo credit: Wisconsin DNR

Seeking Storytellers for a Podcast!



The Ice Age Trail Alliance is co-creating a podcast with the Ho-Chunk Nation that highlights Indigenous stories about the land and glaciation in Wisconsin.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in sharing a story related to one (or multiple) of the following themes:

- Glaciation in Wisconsin
- Using/caring for the land
- Stewardship
- Foraging
- These places/locations: Devil's Lake, Kettle Moraine State Forest, Sauk County, Marathon County, Jefferson County, or Walworth County.

Please email Melissa Pierick (Melissa@iceagetrail.org) or Kyla Beard (KylahsBeard@gmail.com) if interested.

All storytellers who participate will be compensated!



42 Arrested in Arizona Sober Living Home Fraud Targeting Native Americans, Charges Include Manslaughter

By Elyse Wild
Reprint from Native News Online

Forty-two people were arrested in Arizona this week in 10 separate cases in connection with a nearly \$3 billion sober living home fraud that targeted Native Americans and left thousands missing and dead.

Arizona Attorney General Kris Mayes announced the arrests on Wednesday, June 24, during a press conference. The charges range from fraudulent billing, theft and conspiracy to vulnerable adult abuse, manslaughter and negligent homicide.

Between 2019 and 2023, thousands of Native Americans in Arizona and as far away as Montana reported being kidnapped—forced into unmarked SUVs and vans under false pretenses, given alcohol and drugs such as fentanyl or methamphetamine, subjected to fraudulent mental health services, held prisoner, and eventually ejected onto the street or dropped off in remote rural areas with no means of transportation. Victims were enrolled in the American Indian Health Program through the state’s Medicaid agency, the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS). The homes billed AHCCCS for patient care in excess

of \$8,000 per day per patient.

In 2018, a congressional hearing attended by an Arizona congressman had already warned about fraudulent sober living homes nationwide, preying on vulnerable individuals seeking addiction treatment. The hearing detailed reports of human trafficking, kickbacks, rapes, house managers trading drugs to residents for sex, and operators exploiting federal laws for profit.

Native advocates sounded the alarm on the abuse for years, as word spread across Indian Country of people disappearing into white vans on reservations. A class action lawsuit filed in 2024 on behalf of thousands of Native people impacted by the fraud claims that the state was made aware of the fraud as early as 2019 and failed to act. The suit alleges that 2,000 people died or are missing as a result of the scheme.

The state estimates the fraud cost taxpayers \$2.8 billion.

At Wednesday’s press conference, Mayes showed body camera footage of a search warrant executed at the home of a doctor convicted in 2024 in connection with the fraud. The video shows a sprawling estate with luxury vehicles and designer goods—a stark contrast to the bleak conditions in the sober living homes.



At the press conference, Arizona Attorney General Kris Mayes showed images from inside the sober living homes alongside the luxurious home of one of the convicted fraudsters. (photo/Arizona Attorney General’s Office)

Today, nearly 180 individuals have been indicted for the fraud, 41 people have been convicted, and 200 cases are still being investigated.

While the state is cracking down on fraudsters, the danger remains. Though state officials say data indicate no fraud is occurring, advocates disagree. Reva Stewart (Diné), founder of Turtle Island

Woman Warriors, a nonprofit that assists families and victims affected by the scheme, told ABC15 Arizona that she continues to see sober living home recruiters trying to poach vulnerable Native people.

“It’s still happening,” she said. “And it’s going to continue to happen if everybody keeps pointing fingers.”

NOTICE

RIGHT TO OBJECT

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

Ho-Chunk Member, JILL WHITEGULL, has submitted a Request for Title for Permanent Improvements located at:

W8760 THUNDERCHIEF LN BRF WI 54615

And more particularly described as: LOT 11 WITHIN THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION N 1/2 OF THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 21 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST, TOWN OF KOMENSKY, JACKSON COUNTY, WISCONSIN

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

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

By or before SEPTEMBER 10, 2026

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

Ho-Chunk Nation Motor Vehicle Injury Prevention Car Seat Program

Black River Falls- (715)284-9851 Lisa Herritz ext. 35022, Samantha Tunks ext. 35117, Beverly Baneck ext. 35057 (cell- 715-299-6365), or Pam Thunder Environmental Health Program, Macy Emery Ext. 35032 (715-896-0178) Manager ext. 35011 HHCC Clinic – Black River Falls: Melissa Hubing ext. 35334 Nekoosa- (715)-886-5444 ext. 38753 Lena Walker (Cell 715-299-5089) Baraboo (608)-355-1240 Ext. 35620, Irina Clendenning (Cell 715-896-7408), Wendy Lonetree (608)-355-1240 Ext. 35600 (Cell 715-896-7199) Wittenberg- Claudia Yaeger Ext: 33140 (Cell: (715)-896-8826), La Crosse –Alicia Sacchetta (608)-784-3083 ext. 35434 - or (cell 608-738-1380)

COURT BAILIFF

JACKSON COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE

BLACK RIVER FALLS

Jackson County is accepting applications to fill a Court Bailiff position. This position is responsible for maintaining order and providing courtroom security through custody of inmates and control of courtroom activity. This position will act in the scope of a Jackson County Law Enforcement deputy providing law enforcement services.

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS: Applicants must be 18 years of age, possess an Associate’s degree or a minimum of 60 college credits in criminal justice or related field preferably. Persons may be grandfathered in with Wisconsin Training and Standards or must be Wisconsin Law Enforcement certified or certifiable.

2026 LTE Wage: \$25.34 – \$27.51 per hour and is non-benefited. Hours will vary Monday through Friday. No weekends, nights or holidays.

To apply, visit our Employment Opportunities page at www.co.jackson.wi.us. Deadline will remain open until filled.

Jackson County Human Resources Department
307 Main Street – 2nd Floor
Black River Falls, WI 54615
715-284-0216
www.co.jackson.wi.us
Jackson County is an EEO/AA/ADA Employer
Jackson County is a Family Friendly Workplace

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The question strengthened his appreciation for his Ho-Chunk roots while reinforcing something he says all Indigenous nations share.

“Our way of life is about loving kindness and compassion.”

Those teachings, Day said, aren’t limited by tribe, religion or politics.

“They never said only help Native people,” Day said. “They said help the people.”

Although generations of federal policies and assimilation threatened Indigenous languages and traditions, Day believes those teachings survived because elders refused to let them disappear.

Now, he sees younger generations beginning to reconnect.

“I see more young people starting to catch on,” Day said. “That makes me feel really good because I know these

ways aren’t going to die.”

For Day, preserving culture isn’t just about learning songs, language or ceremony. It’s about living the values behind them.

As America reflects on the last 250 years, Day hopes people also recognize the thousands of years of Indigenous history that came before, and the teachings that continue today.

“Our ancestors are there for us,” Day said. “All they’re doing is waiting for us to ask.”

For him, the future isn’t about politics or recognition. It’s about making sure the next generation understands what his elders taught him decades ago. To live with compassion, to care for one another and to leave those teachings stronger than they were found.

“We’re here to help one another,” Day said.

DISTRICT 1 AREA MEETING NOTICE



BLACK RIVER FALLS AREA MEETING
Tribal Office Building
W9814 Airport Road
Black River Falls, WI 54615
Wednesday, August 12, 2026 | 5:00p.m.
IN PERSON/VIRTUAL

Twin Cities AREA MEETING
St. Paul Branch Office
1724 Selby Ave., St. Paul, MN 55104
Thursday, August 13, 2026 |6:00 p.m.
IN PERSON/VIRTUAL

Rep. Paul Fox | paul.fox@ho-chunk.com (715)896-6251
Rep. Phyllis Smoke | phyllis.smoke@ho-chunk.com (715)299-1016
Rep. Tracy Thundercloud | tracythundercloud@ho-chunk.com (715)299-0576

For Webex/e-packet, information please contact:
michelleramberg@ho-chunk.com
(715)284-9343 Ext. 11250

Posted on: 7/20/26



HO-CHUNK NATION
PEOPLE OF THE BIG VOICE

SUMMONS
(Second Publication)

IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Ho-Chunk Nation Child Support Agency and Wisconsin Foster Care, Petitioner, v.
Heather Joy Hopinka, Respondent.

Case No.: CS 26-03

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED: [Heather J. Hopinka](#)

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 **2:00 p.m. CDT** on the **14th** day of **September, 2026**. 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.

DISTRICT 3 AREA MEETING NOTICE



MILWAUKEE | WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2026 | 6:00 PM

WITTENBERG | MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2026 | 6:00 PM

GREEN BAY | TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2026 | 6:00 PM

MADISON | WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2026 | 6:00 PM

WI RAPIDS | THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2026 | 5:30 PM

FOR WEBEX INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

REP. LAMBERT CLEVELAND | lambertcleveland@ho-chunk.com (715) 896-5166
REP. SARAH LEMIEUX | sarah.lemieux@ho-chunk.com (715) 315-8071
REP. SHELBY VISINTIN | shelby.visintin@ho-chunk.com (715) 896-9323
AIDE BELLA BLACKDEER | isabella.blackdeer@ho-chunk.com (715) 284-9343 x11313



POSTED 7/20/2026

District 4 Area Meeting Notice



IN PERSON / VIRTUAL DISTRICT 4 AREA MEETING

Chicago Branch Office
4738 N. Milwaukee Ave. Chicago, IL 60630
Monday, August 10 2026
6:00pm CST

VIRTUAL DISTRICT 4 AREA MEETING

Available via WebEx
Wednesday, August 12 2026
6:00pm PST

7/20/2026 - Updated



HO-CHUNK NATION
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For WebEx information please contact:

Rep. David Greendeer | david.greendeer@ho-chunk.com (715)-896-9192
Rep. Edward Mullen | edward.mullen@ho-chunk.com (715)-896-9180
Rep. Sandra Whitewing | sandra.whitewing@ho-chunk.com (715)-896-9183
D4@ho-chunk.com



HO-CHUNK NATION
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH



MEETING NOTICE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING

Friday, August 7, 2026

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Eileen Decorah Conference Room

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

Virtual option available via WebEx

Please contact Lorinda Bird for virtual meeting information.

715-284-9851 ext. 35351

Email: Lorinda.Bird@ho-chunk.com

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

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



HO-CHUNK NATION
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH



MEETING NOTICE
HEALTH ACCREDITATION
BOARD MEETING

Friday, August 21, 2026

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Eileen Decorah Conference Room

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

Virtual Option also available via WebEx

Please contact Lorinda Bird for Virtual meeting information.

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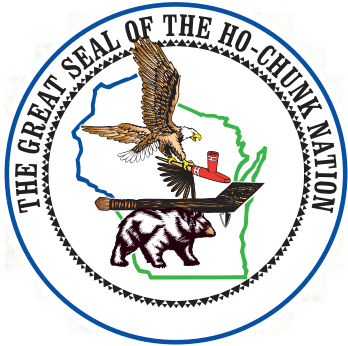
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NOTICE OF RULES OF SECRETARIAL ELECTION

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2026



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

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

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

Mail and in person procedures:

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

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

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

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

LANGUAGE OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

To amend the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution, would be as follows, with underlined text as new language added to Article II, to add Section 1(b) of the Constitution as follows:

“(b) All descendants of persons listed in Section 1(a), provided, that such persons are at least one-fourth (1/4) Ho-Chunk blood. All persons who were duly enrolled as Ho-Chunk Nation members as of December 31, 1999, will be considered full blood or 4/4 Ho-Chunk Blood.”

g. Challenges to Results; Amendments.

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

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

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

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

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

The Election Board shall rule on all written challenges to the list of eligible voters immediately after the close of the challenge period.
Section 11. c. ii. (August 30, 2026, at 4:00 p.m).

Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board
W8801 Mission Road
P.O Box 247
Black River Falls, WI. 54615
TELEPHONE (715)284-8900
TOLL FREE (800)890-0583
E-MAIL: Election.board@ho-chunk.com

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

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

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

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

SECRETARIAL ELECTION

Saturday, September 19, 2026

POST NOTICE OF ELECTION

Monday, June 22, 2026

POST ELIGIBLE VOTERS LIST

Thursday, August 20, 2026

CHALLENGES TO THE ELIGIBLE VOTERS LIST MUST BE RECEIVED

SUNDAY AUGUST 30, 2026 PRIOR TO 4:00 PM

ALL MAIL BALLOTS WILL BE MAILED BY

Friday, August 5, 2026

LAST DAY TO REQUEST REPLACEMENT BALLOT

Wednesday, September 9, 2026

By 4:00 pm

ALL BALLOTS DUE TO POST OFFICE BOX

BY

Saturday September 19, 2026

OR WILL ACCEPT AT GENERAL COUNCIL UNTIL POLLS ARE CLOSED

CERTIFICATION WILL BE HELD

on Sunday, September 20, 2026

at HCG- Wisconsin Dells

starting at 9 a.m.

Amended Post 6/29/2026



Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board News



Welcome! Welcome to the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board News!

Our goal is to keep tribal members informed about upcoming elections, important deadlines, voting options, and election updates.

Upcoming Elections at General Council

Secretarial Election-Saturday, September 19, 2026

Eligible voters may vote in-person at General Council (African Ballroom)

Polls open at 8 a.m. and close 2 hours after adjournment.

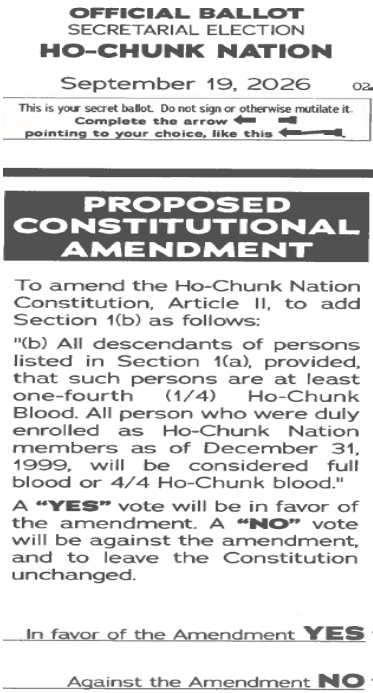
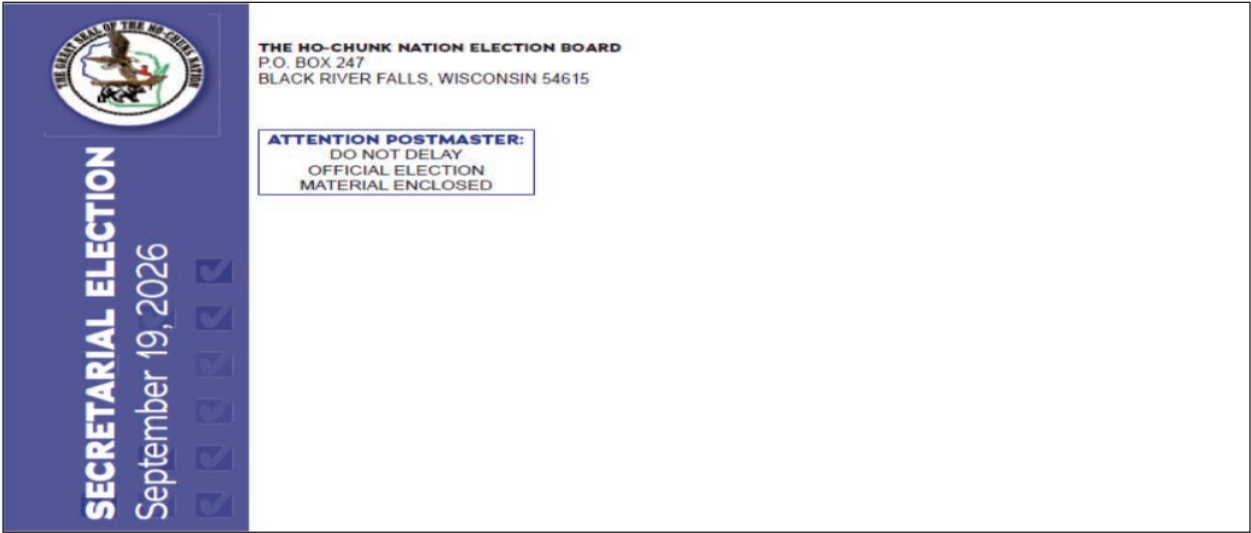
Ballots were mailed on **Monday, July 6, 2026**, to last known address. Eligible voters should mark their ballot, sign the return envelope and have the witnessed sign the returned envelope who is **18 years of age or older and a U.S. citizen** and **return by mail with correct postage** to the Election Board Post Office Box or drop off in-person to the Election Board Office or delivery your ballot in-person the day of the Secretarial Election at General Council.

Need a Replacement Ballot?

If your ballot has been lost or damaged, please contact the **Election Board Office** to request a new one before Wednesday, September 9, 2026.

Watch for Your Ballot

This is the envelope your ballot was mailed to your last known mailing address:



General Primary Election 2027- Will be called in the near future.

Did you know?

- The election board is neutral. We do not support or oppose candidates. We provide fair and impartial elections.
- Mailing your ballot early ensures it arrives on time.
- Replacement ballots may be requested from the Election Board Staff before the posted deadlines, should your ballot be lost or damaged.

Election Board:
Phone: 715-284-8900
Office Hours: M-F 8:00-4:30
Melissa Olvera Ext.11309
Tiffany King Ext. 11310
W8801 Mission Road
Black River Falls, WI 54615



The following individual applicants have met the requirements of the HO-CHUNK NATION CODE (HCC) TITLE 2 – GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 7 – TRIBAL ENROLLMENT AND MEMBERSHIP CODE, Enacted by Legislature: October 16, 2007 in accordance with the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation and the Tribal Enrollment and Membership Code. The Enrollment Officer will certify a Notice of Eligibility for Membership and will publish such Notice in the Nation’s newsletter and on the Nation’s website. Upon publication a sixty (60) Day notice period begins. The Notice of Eligibility for Membership must include the Applicant’s name, date of birth, Base Roll ancestry, Ho-Chunk Blood and parent. In cases of adopted Applicants, certain identifying information will be neither published nor released pursuant to Wisconsin and other States’ Laws. **This determination may be appealed to the Ho-Chunk Nation Judiciary by any adult enrolled Ho-Chunk Nation Member within sixty (60) Days after the date on which the Office of Tribal Enrollment publishes the Notice of Eligibility for Membership.**

EOPUB 07242026

APPLICANT NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	BLOOD QUANTUM	ANCESTOR	FATHER	MOTHER
1. Brown, Leighton Cree	08/16/2023	61/128	George Funmaker Sr Wojh Tchaw He Ray Kah 1881 – 00328	Langston Cunningham Brown	Sa'Dee Renee Decorah
2. Cloud, Lyric Joseph Brave	05/18/2022	1/2	Charlie Greengrass Hoe Hump Chee Ray He Kah 1881 – 00286	Warrington Glen Greengrass	Beth Ann Bridges
3. Edwards, Ofelia Liora	11/30/2020	3/4	John Man II Na He Kah 1901 – 00022	Ryan Keith Edwards	Sara Ann Decorah
4. Funmaker, Macaria Eloise	03/14/2025	13/16	George Funmaker Sr Wojh Tchaw He Ray Kah 1881 – 00328	Coleman John Funmaker	Veronica Lee Funmaker
5. Funmaker, Melia Cole	01/11/2018	13/16	George Funmaker Sr Wojh Tchaw He Ray Kah 1881 – 00328	Coleman John Funmaker	Veronica Lee Funmaker
6. Garcia, Zykieria Denise	10/11/2006	1/4	Alice Cloud aka Fannie Greencloud Nau Nun Zhee Win Kah 1881 – 00444		Regina Francesca Garcia
7. Garcia-Allen, Anastasia Dessia	05/05/2003	1/4	Alice Cloud aka Fannie Greencloud Nau Nun Zhee Win Kah 1881 – 00444		Regina Francesca Garcia
8. Henneha, Kayden Fox	05/20/2013	3/8	David Bow Trout Littlesoldier Mau Jchay Mau Nee Kah 1881 – 00474	Arron Wesley Henneha	Ashley Manxipiwinga Lowe
9. Henneha, Korra Amai	11/10/2017	3/8	David Bow Trout Littlesoldier Mau Jchay Mau Nee Kah 1881 – 00474	Arron Wesley Henneha	Ashley Manxipiwinga Lowe
10. Hoang-Goodbear, Huxley Huy	02/24/2024	1/4	Joseph Thunderking Wau Konk Jah Hun Kah 1881 – 00266	Jared Gregory Goodbear	Non-Indian
11. Johnson, Emilie Anne	09/17/2019	1/4	John Pigeon He Cho Kah 1901 – 01260	Terrence Wayne Johnson	Non-Indian
12. Lippincott Thundercloud-Eary, Aleida Joy	09/26/2023	41/128	George Green Thundercloud Wa Con Cha Cho Kah 1901 – 00459		Brandy Lee Thundercloud
13. McKnight, Avant Allyn	04/10/2008	1/4	Alice Cloud aka Fannie Greencloud Nau Nun Zhee Win Kah 1881 – 00444		Regina Francesca Garcia
14. Mendoza, Elayla Elani	09/20/2024	1/4	John Blackhawk Ha Gah Kah 1901 – 00686	Non-Indian	Sarah Ann- Margaret Balderas
15. Menore, Amaris Haze	04/20/2024	11/16	Nathaniel Decorra aka Fredrick Smith Na He Kah 1901 – 01176	Everett Lee Menore	Gwendolyn Margarette Hall
16. Muir, Christopher Lee	08/27/2005	1/4	James DeCora Hae Na Kaw N-1910 – 01036	Lance Christopher Muir	Non-Indian
17. Sage, Aiden James	12/23/2002	1/2	George Funmaker Sr Wojh Tchaw He Ray Kah 1881 – 00328	Non-Indian	Anita Jean Funmaker
18. Sarmiento, Xavion King	10/04/2020	5/16	Charlie Greengrass Hoe Hump Chee Kay Ray He Kah 1881 – 00286	Non-Indian	Sierra Dawn Mc Kee
19. Skenandore V, Zachariah Gage	04/25/2006	1/4	George Winneshiek Wau Kon Chaw Neek Kah 1881 – 00432	Non-Member	Sheila Anne Snake
20. Smith, Ruth Georgine	11/10/1999	1/2	Nat Sager Dick Mauh Tis A Kah 1901 – 01178		Leona Rae Smith
21. Tercero, Esai Luis	11/04/2022	1/4	George Funmaker Sr Wojh Tchaw He Ray Kah 1881 – 00328	Non-Indian	Aliya Sun Shines On Tercero
22. Thomas Jr, Andrew Wayne	08/24/2024	3/8	George Deer Chep A Hip Kah 1901 – 00300		Sasha Marie Deere
23. White Eagle, River Maurice	03/01/2014	5/8	Floyd Thomas White Eagle Hunk Nik Cha Kah 1901 – 01085	Lloyd Gavin White Eagle	Myra Jo Blackdeer
24. Whych, Khalil Ezra	11/08/2023	7/16	Emerson Decorah Ma Shu Ho Ke Ratch Kah 1910 – 00256		Carmen Decorah

I, **Eliza Decorah /s/**, Enrollment Officer for the Ho-Chunk Nation, hereby certify that the above Enrollment Eligibility List is an accurate presentation of enrollment applications reviewed and processed by the Office of Tribal Enrollment. Signed and dated this 16th day of July, 2026.



Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Aging
W8825 Decorah Road
Black River Falls, WI 54615
715-284-0811

Notice of Vacancy

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Interested candidates should contact the Black River Falls Tribal Aging Unit at 715-284-0811 by August 7, 2026 to complete the Hoocak Waaksik Xete Advisory Application.

Elections will be held on August 21, 2026 at the Black River Falls TAU from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Phone: 715-886-5416 Fax: 715-886-4890



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Interested candidates should contact the Black River Falls 715-284-0811 or Wisconsin Dells Tribal Aging Unit at 608-253-2185 by August 7, 2026 to complete the Hoocak Waaksik Xete Advisory Application.

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**HO-CHUNK NATION
LEGISLATURE
REGULAR MEETING
EXECUTIVE OFFICES
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI
JULY 7, 2026**

Call to Order: Vice President Lambert Cleveland, Jr. called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call:
President Jon Greendeer-EX
Vice President Lambert Cleveland, Jr.-P
Rep. Phyllis Smoke-P
Rep. Tracy Thundercloud-P
Rep. Paul Fox-P
Rep. Damian Thundercloud-P
Rep. Stephanie Begay-EX, VC
12:05 p.m., P 3:01 p.m.
Rep. Kyle White Eagle-P
Rep. Shelby Visintin-VC
Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle-P
Rep. Edward Mullen-VC
Rep. David Greendeer-VC
Rep. Sandra Whitewing-VC

VC-Video Conference

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

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

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to approve the agenda ADDING under New Business J. ICIA Cannabis Summit – November 9-11, 2026 in Washington, D.C. and K. Red Clouds Night. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Approval of Previous

Meeting Minutes:

Legislative Meeting-June 23, 2026

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to approve the June 23, 2026 Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Commission Reports:

Housing Commission-June 25, 2026

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to approve the June 25, 2026 Housing Commission Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Health, Insurance, Education and Social Services Commission-June 29, 2026

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to approve the June 29, 2026 Health, Insurance, Education and Social Services Commission Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Amendment to the Ho-Chunk Nation Health Plan for Weight Loss Education Programs

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 07-07-26 A**, Amendment to the Ho-Chunk Nation Health Plan for Weight Loss Education Programs. Second by Rep. Tracy Thundercloud. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Development Commission-June 30, 2026

MOTION by Rep. Damian

Thundercloud to approve the June 30, 2026 Development Commission Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Kyle White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Finance Commission-July 2, 2026

MOTION by Rep. David Greendeer to approve the July 2, 2026 Finance Commission Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization to Close Ho-Chunk Nation Gift Shop Account with Key Bank

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 07-07-26 B**, Authorization to Close Ho-Chunk Nation Gift Shop Account with Key Bank. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization to Close Whitetail Crossing Wittenberg Account with Key Bank

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 07-07-26 C**, Authorization to Close Whitetail Crossing Wittenberg Account with Key Bank. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization to Close Ho-Chunk Gaming-Wittenberg Account with Key Bank

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 07-07-26 D**, Authorization to Close Ho-Chunk Gaming-Wittenberg Account with Key Bank. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization to Close Old Homeownership Checking Account with CFF

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 07-07-26 E**, Authorization to Close Old Homeownership Checking Account with CFF. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Approval for Designation and Funding of a Capital Project Ho-Chunk Gaming-Wisconsin Dells Hotel Carpet Replacement Project

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 07-07-26 F**, Approval for Designation and Funding of a Capital Project Ho-Chunk Gaming-Wisconsin Dells Hotel Carpet Replacement Project. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Approval for Designation and Funding of a Capital Project Ho-Chunk Gaming-Wittenberg Hotel HVAC Units Project

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 07-07-26 G**, Approval for Designation and Funding of a Capital Project Ho-Chunk Gaming-Wittenberg Hotel HVAC Units Project. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Approval for Designation and Funding of a Capital Project Ho-Chunk Gaming-Wisconsin Dells Loyalty and Enrollment Kiosks

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 07-07-26**

H, Approval for Designation and Funding of a Capital Project Ho-Chunk Gaming-Wisconsin Dells Loyalty and Enrollment Kiosks. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Approval for Designation and Funding of a Capital Project Ho-Chunk Gaming-Wisconsin Dells RTU Replacement Project

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 07-07-26 I**, Approval for Designation and Funding of a Capital Project Ho-Chunk Gaming-Wisconsin Dells RTU Replacement Project. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Approval for Designation and Funding of a Capital Project Ho-Chunk Gaming-Wisconsin Dells Generator Replacement Project

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 07-07-26 J**, Approval for Designation and Funding of a Capital Project Ho-Chunk Gaming-Wisconsin Dells Generator Replacement Project. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Approval for Designation and Funding of a Capital Project Ho-Chunk Gaming-Wisconsin Dells EIFS Restoration

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 07-07-26 K**, Approval for Designation and Funding of a Capital Project Ho-Chunk Gaming-Wisconsin Dells EIFS Restoration. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION**

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Resolution-Approval for Designation and Funding of a Capital Project Ho-Chunk Gaming-Wisconsin Dells ADA Compliant Guest Counter Project

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 07-07-26 L**, Approval for Designation and Funding of a Capital Project Ho-Chunk Gaming-Wisconsin Dells EIFS Restoration. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Approval for Designation and Funding of a Capital Project Ho-Chunk Gaming-Nekoosa Kitchen Fryers Project

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 07-07-26 M**, Approval for Designation and Funding of a Capital Project Ho-Chunk Gaming-Nekoosa Kitchen Fryers Project. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Funding of Ho-Chunk Gaming-Madison Building Renovations Capital Project from RTU Replacement Capital Project

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 07-07-26 N**, Funding of Ho-Chunk Gaming-Madison Building Renovations Capital Project from RTU Replacement Capital Project. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Approval of True Increase to Resolution 06-20-25 D, Adoption of Ho-Chunk Nation Enterprises Budget Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 for the Ho-Chunk Health Care Center and House of Wellness Pharmacies

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 07-07-26 O**, Approval of True Increase to Resolution 06-20-25 D, Adoption of Ho-Chunk Nation Enterprises Budget Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 for the Ho-Chunk Health Care Center and House of Wellness Pharmacies. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Approval of True Increase to Resolution 06-20-25 D, Adoption of Ho-Chunk Nation Enterprises Budget Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 for Ho-Chunk Nation Gaming-Madison Wages and Benefits

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 07-07-26 P**, Approval of True Increase to Resolution 06-20-25 D, Adoption of Ho-Chunk Nation Enterprises Budget Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 for Ho-Chunk Nation Gaming-Madison Wages and Benefits. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Unfinished Business: No agenda items.

New Business:

Resolution-Per Capita Declaration for August 1, 2026

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 07-07-26 Q**, Per Capita Declaration for August 1, 2026. Second by Rep. Kyle White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization to Place the Human Health Hazard Ordinance (3 HCC § 14) out for Forty-Five Day Public Comment

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 07-07-26 R**, Authorization to Place the Human Health Hazard Ordinance (3 HCC § 14) out for Forty-Five Day Public Comment. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Renewal of Membership to the Coalition of Large Tribes (COLT)

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 07-07-26 S**, Renewal of Membership to the Coalition of Large Tribes (COLT). Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Millston Township, Jackson County, WI North Settlement Road Improvements Project

MOTION by Rep. Kyle White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 07-07-26 T**, Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Millston Township, Jackson County, WI North Settlement Road Improvements Project. Second by Rep. Tracy Thundercloud. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Tomah Township, Monroe County, WI Heritage Road Maintenance Project

MOTION by Rep. Kyle White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 07-07-26 U**, Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Tomah Township, Monroe County, WI Heritage Road Maintenance Project. Second by Rep. Damian Thundercloud. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Delton Township, Sauk County, WI North Reedsburg Road, At-Grade Town Road Crossing Agreement

MOTION by Rep. Kyle White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 07-07-26 V**, Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Delton Township, Sauk County, WI North Reedsburg Road, At-Grade Town Road Crossing Agreement. Second by Rep. Damian Thundercloud. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Levis Township, Clark County, WI Clark Avenue Improvements Project

MOTION by Rep. Kyle White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 07-07-26 W**, Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Levis Township, Clark County, WI Clark Avenue Improvements Project. Second by Rep. Damian Thundercloud. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Manchester Township, Jackson County, WI West Pine Hill, Glen and Gomer Roads Improvements Project

MOTION by Rep. Kyle White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 07-07-26 X**, Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Manchester Township, Jackson County, WI West Pine Hill, Glen and Gomer Roads Improvements Project. Second

by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization to Issue Legislative Recognition Citation in Recognition of William “Naawacekgiz`e” Quackenbush

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 07-07-26 Y**, Authorization to Issue Legislative Recognition Citation in Recognition of William “Naawacekgiz`e” Quackenbush. Second by Rep. Tracy Thundercloud. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

ICIA Cannabis Summit – November 9-11, 2026 in Washington, D.C.

MOTION by Rep. Shelby Visintin to approve travel for up to 6 Legislators to attend the ICIA Cannabis Summit – November 9-11, 2026 in Washington, D.C. Second by Rep. Sandra Whitewing. 10-0-1(Rep. Edward Mullen) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Red Clouds Night

The Madison Night Mares Red Clouds Night was originally scheduled for July 2, 2026 and was rescheduled to July 15, 2026 as the game was rained out. Veteran Affairs will be providing gas money to the veterans. Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle would like the Legislature to provide gas money for the drum group and emcee.

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to approve \$250 for gas money for the drum group and emcee for the Red Clouds Night, with funding coming from Charitable Contributions, with the check made out to Moses Cleveland on an **emergency basis**. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to move to Executive Session for Business Matters, Criminal Matters, Inter-governmental Relations, Land, Law Enforcement, Legal Advice,

Personnel Matters, Public Safety or Well-Being. Second by Rep. Sandra Whitewing. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting moved to Executive Session at 10:35 a.m.

Rep. Stephanie Begay joined virtually at 12:05 p.m., and is physically present at 3:01 p.m.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:15 p.m., and was called back to order at 12:45 p.m. Quorum is established.

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

The meeting returned to Open Session at 3:32 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 11-0-1(Rep. Stephanie Begay) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Amendment to the Agenda:

MOTION by Rep. Tracy Thundercloud to add under New Business L. Resolution-Consent to Enter into an Agreement with Pierce Pepin Cooperative D.B.A. Swiftcurrent Connect for the BEAD Program. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Consent to Enter into an Agreement with Pierce Pepin Cooperative D.B.A. Swiftcurrent Connect for the BEAD Program

MOTION by Rep. Tracy Thundercloud to adopt **Resolution 07-07-26 AA**, Consent to Enter into an Agreement with Pierce Pepin Cooperative D.B.A. Swiftcurrent Connect for the BEAD Program. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. David Greendeer to adjourn the Legislative Meeting to July 21, 2026 at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Second by Rep. Edward Mullen. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

HO-CHUNK NATION
LEGISLATURE
SPECIAL MEETING
EXECUTIVE OFFICES
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI
JULY 13, 2026

Call to Order: President Jon Greendeer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Roll Call:

President Jon Greendeer-P
Vice President Lambert Cleveland, Jr.-VC
Rep. Phyllis Smoke-P
Rep. Tracy Thundercloud-P
Rep. Paul Fox-VC
Rep. Damian Thundercloud-VC

Rep. Stephanie Begay-P
Rep. Kyle White Eagle-VC
Rep. Shelby Visintin-VC
Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle-VC
Rep. Edward Mullen-VC
Rep. David Greendeer-VC
Rep. Sandra Whitewing-VC

VC-Video Conference

Determination of Quorum: Quorum is established at 9:01 a.m.

Opening Prayer: Legislative Public Relations Officer Shane Yellow Thunder offered a word of prayer.

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 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. Phyllis Smoke 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. Paul Fox. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting moved to Executive Session at 9:02 a.m.

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

The meeting returned to Open Session at 9:32 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:

OMB Proposed Rule, Regulation for Federal Financial Assistance

MOTION by Rep. David Greendeer to approve the OMB-2026-003, Office of Management and Budget Regulation for Federal Financial Assistance letter with Vice President signature, and release to Open Session. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Adjournment:

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

The Special Legislative Meeting adjourned at 9:34 a.m.



ON AUGUST 11, I'M ASKING FOR YOUR VOTE FOR SAUK COUNTY SHERIFF

A Commitment to Partnership with the Ho-Chunk Nation

I am honored to have deep family ties to the Ho-Chunk Nation. I am married to **Amy Sue Littlegeorge Kirby**, daughter of **Evans Littlegeorge**. Amy has proudly served the Nation since 1994. Together we have raised four children and are blessed with three grandchildren. I also had the privilege of working for the Nation as a **Blackjack Dealer and Floor Supervisor** from 1993–1997.

Our family is truly thankful for everything the Ho-Chunk Nation has provided us over the years. If elected as your Sheriff, I see this as an opportunity to give something back by building a strong, respectful, and lasting partnership between the Sauk County Sheriff's Office and the Ho-Chunk Nation. Together, we can strengthen public safety, improve communication, and better serve all of our communities.

My Commitments as Sheriff

- Strengthen partnerships with the Ho-Chunk Police Department through regular communication and collaboration.
- Support joint annual training opportunities, including firearms training and legal updates, so deputies and tribal officers can learn and train together.
- Explore dedicated office space in Baraboo to make collaboration with Ho-Chunk Police easier and more effective.
- Bring 17 years of law enforcement experience, over 30 years of business leadership, and more than 10 years of elected public service to the Sheriff's Office.
- Lead with honest, transparent, accountable leadership while serving every community with integrity, respect, and professionalism.

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AUG 29 | 6PM

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Grab your FREE Entry beginning July 1. Earn up to 2 additional entries each day, one entry when you earn 50 slot points and another when you play two hours on table games. All entries are obtained by visiting the Rewards Club Booth. Visit the booth for complete details.

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