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Gas Leak Reported After Truck Strikes Enbridge Line 5 in Northern Wisconsin

Kaili Berg

A parked semi-truck rolled into an excavation site and struck Enbridge's Line 5 pipeline Tuesday morning in Iron County, Wisconsin, causing a release of natural gas liquids about five miles east of the Bad River Reservation.

The incident occurred around 10 a.m. Aug. 25 near Sitan Road in the Town of Saxon, according to state and local officials. The unoccupied truck reportedly rolled into an open excavation associated with a Line 5 valve project and struck the pipeline.

Enbridge isolated and shut down the affected section of the pipeline following the incident. No injuries were reported, although one person was evacuated from the area.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources said the damaged portion of Line 5 was carrying natural gas liquids rather than crude oil. The amount released had not yet been determined as of Tuesday.

Emergency crews, including hazardous materials teams, responded to the scene. Sitan Road was closed, power was temporarily shut off in the affected area and a temporary no-fly zone was

established.

The Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa said its fire department and first responders were among those on standby following the incident.

Bad River Tribal Chairwoman Elizabeth Arbuckle said weather conditions indicated the released gas was not moving toward the

reservation, but the Tribe would continue monitoring the situation.

The incident comes as Enbridge continues construction on a controversial 41-mile reroute of Line 5 around the Bad River Reservation. The project has faced opposition from the Bad River Band and environmental groups concerned about potential impacts to wetlands, waterways and

the Lake Superior watershed.

The pipeline project has also experienced several drilling-fluid releases during construction, including a release of up to approximately 1,900 gallons in June.

Enbridge spokesperson Juli Kellner said the company was investigating the incident and working with responding agencies.



PHOTO: Photo by Sarah Rice for Earthjustice

Jackson County Approves 180-Day Review of Potential Data Center

Kaili Berg

The Jackson County Board unanimously approved a six-month study of how large data centers could affect the county.

The resolution does not approve a data center, and officials said no company has submitted a proposal. It also does not prevent an application from being filed while the review is underway.

During the next 180 days, county committees and staff will study potential effects on zoning, land use, groundwater, surface water, farmland, roads and environmental resources. The review will also examine electrical capacity and the amount of power a large data center could require.

Other topics may include infrastructure costs, tax revenue, economic development and what could happen to a specialized facility if its operator closes.

Supervisor Nicole Pettibone said the county does not currently have a plan that specifically addresses data centers.

Some supervisors wanted to delay the

resolution so officials could gather more information and correct the document.

Supervisor Reed Richardson's motion to postpone failed in a 7-10 vote.

The amended resolution then passed unanimously, with all in favor.

After the study is complete, the board could consider changes to the county's comprehensive plan, zoning ordinances or other policies. It could also decide that no changes are needed.



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The Bookends of a Great Day

Submitted by Ryan John Crain, Sr., MASL

Have you ever heard the saying, “Breakfast is the most important meal of the day”? I would argue that bookends are the most important ritual for a great day.

Think about your day as a bookshelf. Each book on that shelf represents a task, responsibility, or moment in your day. When your bookends are sturdy, they keep everything upright and in its proper place. But if one bookend is weak, the rest of the books can begin to topple toward it.

I never thought I would enjoy waking up at 5 a.m. When I was younger, sleeping in was life. Now that I have gotten a little older, I really enjoy starting my morning bright and early. I take pride in being part of the 5 a.m. crew.

It reminds me of Admiral William McRaven’s famous speech about changing the world by starting each day with a task completed — making your bed. My morning task is working out with a group at Eupraxia in Sparta. Afterward, I take some time to focus on gratitude and reflect on what the day has in store for me.

That reflection is usually interrupted in the best possible way by my two boys wanting to

play with toys or snuggle while watching a cartoon. Breaking away from them to continue getting ready is always the toughest task of my day.

Completing my morning routine encourages me to complete another task, and then another, and another. By the end of the day, that one task completed in the morning has turned into many tasks completed. The momentum matters.

My nighttime bookend looks different. It is dinner with my family, getting the boys washed up for the next day, listening to my wife read books to them, and snuggling with one of them until he falls asleep. My wife and I then get a few minutes together. We watch a show on the couch and talk about our day, or sometimes we simply sit in silence and zone out for a little while.

Shortly after 9 p.m., we brush our teeth and lie in bed to read. My wife almost always falls asleep with the book still in her hand.

My routine works for me, but the important thing is finding what works for you and sticking with it. That doesn’t mean you have to be perfect. There will be days when you miss a workout, stay up too late, or simply don’t follow your routine. That’s okay. The important thing is to get back on track

the next day instead of letting one missed day turn into a week.

The goal isn’t perfection; it’s consistency. Your bookends should give you something to return to when life gets off track.

An ideal morning bookend should prepare you for the activity ahead. That might mean hydrating after a night without water and getting your body moving to wake up your muscles and mind. Meditation can help ground you. Journaling can sharpen your sense of gratitude. Planning can give you a simple goal to focus on and help set the tone for the day.

And, of course, we can’t have a great day if we don’t give our bodies the proper fuel. Eating protein, vegetables, and healthy fats such as avocado or nuts can help provide the energy we need to get through the day.

The evening bookend should prepare your body and mind for recovery. A consistent bedtime is important—although that is an area where I still have some room for improvement. A “digital sunset,” or turning off your devices before bed, can help separate the day’s responsibilities from your time to rest. Journaling



can get the thoughts racing through your head onto paper. Meditation can help relax your mind, while lowering the lights can signal to your body that it is time to wind down.

Research continues to point toward the benefits of structured and consistent routines, including potential improvements in stress management, sleep, focus, and overall well-being. But you don’t need a complicated routine or a perfect schedule. Sometimes the simplest rituals are the ones that stick.

Improving our physical and mental well-being should always be a goal. Our days are filled with responsibilities, distractions,

and unexpected challenges. We can’t always control what happens in the middle of the day, but we can give ourselves a better chance of navigating it by paying attention to how we start and how we finish.

So maybe breakfast isn’t the most important meal of the day after all.

Maybe the most important thing is making sure your day has two sturdy bookends.



NCAI Applauds Historic Executive Order Protecting the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness and Rainy River Headwaters Watershed from Exploratory Mining

WASHINGTON, D.C. (August 18, 2026) — The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) commends Minnesota Governor Tim Walz for today’s decisive action in signing Executive Order 26-10 halting all new exploratory mining leases and operations within the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness and Rainy River Headwaters Watershed. This historic directive safeguards one of the nation’s most vital ecological, cultural, and economic landscapes from irreversible industrial damage. NCAI recognizes the Bois

Forte Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, and the Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa — all signatories to the 1854 Treaty — for their unwavering leadership and commitment to protecting their ceded territory. For years, these Tribal Nations have stood alongside local communities, conservation advocates, and allied Tribal Nations to defend the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness and Rainy River Headwaters Watershed from the threat of toxic runoff, habitat

fragmentation, and acid mine drainage associated with sulfide-ore copper mining. Earlier this year, the three 1854 Tribes, along with the Red Lake Nation, entered into a historic cross-border agreement with the Gakijiwangong Anishinaabe Nation (formerly Lac La Croix First Nation) in Ontario, Canada, to work collaboratively to protect treaty-guaranteed resources within the Rainy River Headwaters Watershed. Today’s executive order honors the critical importance of treaty rights and acknowledges that this pristine ecosystem is far more valuable left



intact than mined for short-term gain. “The protection of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness and Rainy River Headwaters Watershed
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SEPTEMBER 2026

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		Augusta / Fairchild	Merrillan / Hatfield & Hixton	Neillsville / Dells Dam	BRF / Brockway & Maplewood	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	BRF CONTINUED**	BRF CONTINUED**	BRF CONTINUED**	BRF CONTINUED**	Tomah / Cataract & Blue Wing	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Bangor / Onalaska & La Crosse	New Lisbon / Mauston	Indian Heights / Wis. Dells / Lyndon Station	Christmas Mountain / Baraboo / Reedsburg	Wis. Rapids / Nekoosa / ChakHaChee	
27	28	29				
	Wittenberg / PotchCheeNunk					

HO-CHUNK NATION ENROLLED HOMEOWNERS: FALL COMMUNITY CLEANUP SEPT. 2025
CONTACT VERDIE KIVIMAKI or FRONT DESK @ (608)374-1225 FOR PUBLIC SANITARY SERVICES.
PLEASE HAVE ALL ITEMS READY FOR PICK-UP AT THE END OF YOUR DRIVEWAY ALONG WITH CLEAR ACCESS TO THE ITEMS BEING DISPOSED. LIMIT 6 MATTRESSES
SCHEDULES ARE TENATIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION IN ADVANCE !!
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & PUBLIC WORKS

September Elders Birthdays



1. Antoinette Thayer

2. James Dakota

3. Isabelle Mallory

4. Lisa Harrison

5. Marilyn De Cora

6. Ricky Allen

7. Bernice Blackdeer

8. Doris Cummings

9. Twila Garvin

10. Ann Benzing

11. Mark West

12. Joyce Two Crow

13. Scott Bourdon

14. Kevin Decorah

15. Judith Lombard

16. David Battiest

17. Mary Houghton

18. Teresa Armendariz

19. Rose Bird

20. Sheila Cleveland

21. Laverne Contreras

22. Rosemary Clendenen

23. Deborah Pettibone

24. Gale Darnell

25. Martha Jane Angell

26. Beatrice Brown

27. Brian Decorah

28. Anne Mallory

29. Glenn Funmaker

30. Elaine Etherington

Matthew Mallory

John Perry, Jr.

Mary Jacobs

Lisa Mott-Olberding

Pamela Snowball

Roger Youngthunder

Sandra Ryan

Randy Schoenacher

Susan Schultz

Jenine St Cyr

Arnold Darnell

Carla Kingswan

William Lowe

Susan Meeuwsen

Gregory Oestreich

Barbara Long

Claudia Tauschek

James Whitehorse

Steven Eades

Douglas Johnson

Luther Lonetree

Leanne Smith

Diane Rave

Jeanne Colwell

Toni Eisenga

Bernice Humphrey

Dawn Wessels

Gale White

Glen White

Judith Youngthunder

William Winneshiek

FALL COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP FORM

Department of Housing

This form is for curbside pick-up only. See the list of areas that have curbside community clean-up.

Applicants in communities with curbside pick-up need to fill out and return this application at least three business days prior to your area’s scheduled pick-up date.

IMPORTANT: Place all items at the beginning of the driveway, road, or curbside. Housing staff will not drive onto the property or go into the backyard or enter the house, garage, or shed to pick-up items and will leave any items not listed on the application or not allowable under this program. Only allowable items will be picked up.

Allowable: appliances, computers, TVs, air conditioners, tires (limited to 10), batteries, lawn mowers, grills, bicycles, mattresses (limited to 6), and other bulk items.

Not Allowable: household trash, clothing, lawn clippings, tree branches, oil or other automotive fluids, roof shingles, building or construction demo or waste, and items that pose a hazard, such as chemicals, paint, fuel, aerosol containers, etc....

Applications missing information will not be scheduled for pick-up.

Please print ALL information

First & Last Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

Items to be picked up:

Item	Qty	Item	Qty
Air Conditioner		Batteries	
Computer		Freezer/Refrigerator	
Furniture		Microwave	
Range		Tires (10 Limit)	
TV’s		Washer/Dryer	
Mattresses (6 Limit)			

List other items:

*Department of Housing will NOT make a return to an address for items not left out on scheduled date.

By signing below, you agree that you have read and understand the terms for Community Clean-up.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

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Attention: The Next Deadline of the Hocak Worak will be September 4th which will be published on September 11th. Please contact Hocak Worak at ext. 11004 if you have a change of address or would like to be placed on the mailing list.

Deer, Erlanger and Sánchez: Madison Metro School District renames three schools

By Madison365 staff
Reprint from Madison365

August 24, the Madison Metropolitan School District (MMSD) Board of Education approved new names for three district schools, marking the first school renamings since the Board adopted Lori Mann Carey Elementary School as the permanent name for the former Southside Elementary School in 2025.

Effective for the 2026–27 school year, Conrad A. Elvehjem Elementary School will be known as Ada Deer Elementary School, Charles Lindbergh Elementary School will be known as Jeffrey Clay Erlanger Elementary School and César Chávez Elementary School will be known as Roberto G. Sánchez Elementary School.

The new names were selected following months of

work by volunteer Citizens’ Naming Committees established for each school. The committees reviewed community-submitted name suggestions, considered the history and identity of each school and its surrounding community, and developed finalists for consideration by the Board.

“This was a true collective effort, and we are deeply grateful to our neighbors, families, students, staff and school-based leaders for breathing life into this process,” Chelsey Tubbs, MMSD associate superintendent of elementary programming, said in a statement. “As these names become woven into the identity of our schools, we are proud to honor the extraordinary individuals, places and traditions they

represent. We also extend our heartfelt thanks to the naming committees, whose dedicated care and vision provided the Board with deeply inspiring choices to shape our future.”

Ada Deer was a member of the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin, a scholar and advocate for Native Americans. She served as the first Native American woman to head the federal Bureau of Indian Affairs and was a UW-Madison alumna. She died in 2023.

Jeffrey Clay Erlanger was an advocate and activist for people with disabilities. As a child, he appeared on “Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood” to discuss his experience as a wheelchair user. A Madison native, he graduated from Memorial High School and Edgewood College. He died in 2007.



Roberto G. Sánchez taught at UW-Madison from 1950 until his retirement in 1984. He was passionate about mentorship and educational opportunities for bilingual youth and first-generation students. In 1998, he created the Sánchez Scholars

Program, a scholarship program established in partnership with the Madison Metropolitan School District, UW-Madison and Madison College. He died in 2016.

The new names will take effect for the 2026–27 school year.

How Does Nature Help Our Health?

- Class 1 - September 16th, 2026
 - 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm
 - The benefits of nature, soft fascination, & Forest Bathing.
- Class 2 - September 23rd, 2026
 - 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm
 - Tools that nature offers to improve health & peace.
- Class 3 - September 30th, 2026
 - 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm
 - The benefits of sounds & animals.
- Levis Mound Hike - October 3rd, 2026
 - 9:30 am
 - Registration Required.

“Our very essence, health & happiness depend on Mother Earth.”

— David Suzuki

These classes are online to reach as many people as possible. There will be homework in nature and this will be discussed in classes. We will then finish with a hike, more details to come.

Contact to register:
kathleen.clemons@ho-chunk.com
715-284-9851 ext. 35308

EMOTIONAL WELLNESS PEER SUPPORT GROUP

Art, Peer Connection & Mindset Tools for Emotional Wellness

Hosted by Ho-Chunk Nation Domestic Violence Division

TUESDAY, SEPT. 15, 2026
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

Nekoosa Community Center
916 CHAK HA CHEE Lane
Nekoosa, WI 54457

★ **SEATING IS LIMITED TO 20 PARTICIPANTS - BE SURE TO RSVP!**

Join a warm, creative peer support space centered on healthy mindset techniques—grounding exercises, reframing, and emotional check-ins—paired with art, conversation, and peer connection to help you reflect, reset, and recharge. Our Dadaism art activity is a hands-on way for you to express your current mindset through collage and creative expression. Come as you are, and leave with new coping tools, meaningful connections, and a finished art piece to take home.

★ **SESSION ITINERARY**

- 3:30 – 3:40 Welcome & Check-In
- 3:40 – 3:50 Group Guidelines & Safety Brief
- 3:50 – 3:55 Overview: Self-Care & Coping Strategies
- 3:55 – 4:15 Healthy Relationships – What Zone are you in?
- 4:15 – 4:50 Mind-Mood Dadaism Art Activity
- 4:50 – 5:00 Closing & Reflections

★ **OPEN TO ALL. SNACKS, DRINKS AND ALL ART MATERIALS WILL BE PROVIDED**

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RSVP!

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USDA Rural Development Housing Preservation Grants Program Open for Applications

Non-profit Organizations, Tribal Governments and Public Agencies can Apply Through September 8, 2026

(Stevens Point, Wis., August 24, 2026) – The U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development is accepting applications now through September 8, 2026, for the Housing Preservation Grants Program.

The Housing Preservation Grants Program awards qualified organizations with funding to repair or rehabilitate homes, rental properties, or co-ops occupied by low- and very-low-income residents

in rural areas. Eligible applicants include government entities, federally recognized Indian Tribes, non-profit organizations, and faith-based organizations.

“The Housing Preservation Grants program makes it more affordable for families, seniors and individuals with disabilities to remain in their homes with the accessibility and security that is needed so they can live independently,” said USDA

Rural Development Wisconsin State Director Andrew C. Iverson. “These investments support local organizations that are strengthening communities across rural Wisconsin while helping people meet basic housing needs.”

The Greater Fox Cities Area Habitat for Humanity is just one example of the many rural Wisconsin organizations using funding through the Housing Preservation Grants

Program to help homeowners.

Housing Preservation Grants are often the bridge that allows organizations like Habitat for Humanity to help homeowners facing critical repair needs that would otherwise go unmet,” said Greater Fox Cities Area Habitat for Humanity Vice President of Philanthropy and Donor Relations Amy McGowan. “For many

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STUDENT OF THE MONTH

NOMINATE A STUDENT OF THE MONTH

We are proud to recognize **three** outstanding Ho-Chunk students each month in our Student Spotlight!

Who Can Be Nominated?

All Ho-Chunk students — any age, any grade, any level of education (Head Start, Elementary, Middle School, High School, Home School, and Post-Secondary).

What We Celebrate

Academic achievements (Honor Roll, Dean's/President's List),
Student-athletes & extracurricular achievements.
Volunteer work & community service.
Leadership & contributions to school or family.
College acceptances & future goals.
Everyday efforts that inspire others.

Where Will They Be Featured?

*Ho-Chunk Nation Social Media.
* Education Department Spotlight Wall.
*Hocak Worak (monthly feature).

How to Nominate

It's quick and easy! Fill out our form here:
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Questions? Email us at:
StudentSuccess@Ho-Chunk.com





You don't have to see whole staircase



—Martin Luther King Jr.

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rural residents, there simply are not other resources available to address urgent health, safety, or accessibility concerns. This program makes it possible for organizations like Habitat to provide repairs that improve safety, accessibility, and overall quality of life. These investments do more than repair homes. They help families remain stable, preserve existing housing stock, and strengthen the communities we serve.”

Housing Preservation Grants can assist low-income homeowners with making essential health and safety updates to their homes, which include:

- Insulation and combination storm windows and doors
- Repair or replacement of the roof
- Replacement of severely deteriorated siding, porches or stoops
- Installation or extension of plumbing, mechanical or electrical

systems of existing units

- Alterations of the unit interior or exterior to provide greater accessibility for any handicapped family member
- Other components described as eligible assistance activities in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 1944.664

For questions or for assistance with applications, please email USDA Rural Development Wisconsin Acting Housing Director Jill Lindholm at: Jillian.Lindholm@usda.gov. Additional information on the Housing Preservation Grants Program is available online.

For more information on USDA Rural Development investments in rural America, visit the Rural Data Gateway. The Rural Data Gateway is an online tool that strengthens USDA Rural Development partnerships with rural people, entrepreneurs, government officials and Congress by making investment data accessible to the public.

SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY

You Are Not Alone





Thursday,
September 3, 2026
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM



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“LET’S SING”

With Instructor:
Sedrick Hindsley

Come together to learn Ho-Chunk songs & dance, while honoring our ways.

Youth, families & community members welcome!



BEGINS
SEPTEMBER 17
EVERY OTHER THURSDAY
5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

Wisconsin Dells Youth Center
S2845 White Eagle Rd.
Snacks and refreshments provided

Questions?
Fabian Houghton
(608) 355-1240 ext. 15553



Annual Meeting General Council 2026

Kalahari Convention Center
1305 Kalahari Drive
Lake Delton, WI

September 19, 2026



Accomodations

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

Link below for booking rooms at Kalahari

<https://book.passkey.com/e/51295582>

Five Proposed Resolutions

- 1.Remove District One Legislative Representative Paul Fox for Malfeasance.
- 2.Endorse the Ho-Chunk Nation and Its Members as Official Alpha and Beta Testers for the ccUlator App and to Recognize the Project as an Ongoing Initiative Associated with the Tribe and Its Members.
- 3.Authorize Michael Patrick Mullen, Jr. to Give a Short (20-Minute or Less) Presentation on the ccUlator App to the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council.
- 4.Set Virtual Participation in General Council Meetings as the Official Policy of the Ho-Chunk Nation.
- 5.Amend the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution to Elect the General Council Advocate.

Rates are as follows for Ho-Chunk Hotel:
Friday, September 18 - \$99.00 + taxes for a standard room (single king or two doubles)
Saturday, September 19 - \$129.00 + taxes for a standard room (single king or two doubles)
Elder rate or \$75.00 + taxes can apply for those who qualify. Must be mentioned at the time of reservation and have an HCN Tribal Elder ID at check-in.

Enrollment Onsite for Tribal IDs

- Friday, 11:00 am to 6:30 pm
- Saturday, 8:00 am until quorum is met
- Setup in North Hallway

Outside Hallway Setup

- Vendors in the West Hallway
- Departments in the North Hallway
- Health Dept. in the East Hallway

Setup can begin around 3:00 pm on September 18. No security will be provided for materials left out overnight. The Office of General Council will not reserve any tables for departments or vendors.

More Information
715-284-7891
Henry.WhiteThunder@ho-chunk.com

Warrior Sisters Gathering



Female Military Veterans Event!

at The Highground (Neillsville, WI) & Strides Equestrian (Greenwood, WI)

September 12, 2026

9am - 7pm

Get ready for an incredible day spent with fellow Female Veterans - Workshops with Equine Therapy, Art, Forest Therapy, Veterans Resources, & More!

Take Steps Towards a More Balanced & Joyful Life!

Sponsored by WDVA, Strides Equestrian, Forward Bank, Healing Oaks, La Crosse Vet Center

REGISTER NOW -

WORKSHOPS & MEALS ARE FREE

FOR FEMALE VETERANS

715-937-2947

museum@thehighground.org

AGRICULTURE LEASE TRAINING

SEPTEMBER 10, 2026

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

The Great Lakes Indigenous Law Center will be facilitating an instructive meeting about how to obtain an agriculture lease. Join us to learn the steps to start your agriculture practice!

BLUE WING COMMUNITY BUILDING
324 EPINAL AVE
TOMAH, WI

TO REGISTER

USE QR CODE

OR THIS [LINK](#)

OR CONTACT DEVIN FUNMAKER AT DEVIN.FUNMAKER@HO-CHUNK.COM OR THE CRTC OFFICE 715/743-4309





General Council 2026

Bus Schedule

September 19, 2026



Route	La Crosse	St. Paul	Green Bay	Chicago	Wittenberg	Milwaukee
Stop	Valley View Mall	1724 Shelby Ave	2413 Hazelwood Ln	4738 N. Milwaukee Ave	HCG - Wittenberg	3501 S. Howell Ave
Loading	6:30 AM	5:00 AM	6:30 AM	5:00 AM	6:00 AM	6:00 AM
Depart	6:45 AM	5:30 AM	6:45 AM	5:15 AM	6:30 AM	6:30 AM
Stop	WTC - Tomah	HCG - BRF	Park & Ride #44-01 Randalph Dr	HCG - Madison	WTC - Nekoosa	HCG - Madison
Loading	7:30 AM	7:30 AM	7:15 AM	7:30 AM	7:30 AM	7:45 AM
Depart	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	7:30 AM	7:45 AM	7:45 AM	8:00 AM

Kalahari Convention Center, Lake Delton, WI

ELDER PREFERENCE

Call 715-284-7891 with questions



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



Ho-Chunk Nation

Office of Tribal Enrollment

Tribal ID Notice General Council 2026

Notice from the HCN Office of Tribal Enrollment

Previously, Wisconsin law allowed for an identification card issued by a federally recognized Indian tribe to be used as proof of identification for voting purposes. On April 3rd, 2018, *Wisconsin Senate Bill 488* was enacted effectively adding to the list of valid forms of identification that of one issued by a federally recognized Indian tribe or band in the state of Wisconsin. These may be used, without penalty, in the purchase of: alcohol, nicotine or tobacco products, the sale of nonferrous scrap or metal articles to scrap dealers, the sale of secondhand articles or jewelry to pawnbrokers and, additionally, for dispensing certain prescribed controlled substances. The Division of Tribal Enrollment will be implementing the following *Tribal ID Card Issuance Policy* in an effort to protect the integrity of the Tribal Enrollment Card and of our tribe the Ho-Chunk Nation.

❖ Requirements for Adult TID Cards

➢ Current mailing & physical address

The following valid identification documents must be provided (non-expired)

- Driver's License, State ID, Temporary License (temporary paper print out)
- Passport
- Certified Birth Certificate
- Tribal ID (expired or non-expired)

❖ Fees

➢ Tribal ID Cards: Fee currently waived

❖ Hours

➢ First come, first serve basis (Elders Prioritized)

➢ Friday, September 18, 2026: 1:30 PM – 6:30 PM

- Minors and Adults (Contact email listed below for Minor tribal ID requirements)

➢ Saturday, September 19, 2026: 8 AM – until quorum is met

- Adults (18+) ONLY*

❖ Location

➢ Kalahari Convention Center, 1305 Kalahari Dr., Baraboo WI 53913

❖ Verification forms

➢ Only provided on the day of General Council 2026

➢ Provided before and after quorum is met

➢ Can be used to register

➢ Existing form of ID needs to be provided to receive a verification form

➢ Cost: Free

➢ Closes when registration has ended

❖ Questions? Contact Info

➢ Email: enrollmentinfo@ho-chunk.com

➢ Phone: 715-284-7824

*Tribal IDs will not be processed for **minors** or those with **name changes** the day of General Council 2026.

LABOR DAY

CLOSURE

ALL HEALTH FACILITIES

Mon, Sept. 7th

Please Plan Accordingly for Medication Refills.
In the Event of an Emergency, call 911.





Great Lakes Native American Elders Associations Gathering
(GLNAEA)

Sponsored by the Ho-Chunk Nation

SEPTEMBER 2nd & 3rd, 2026

SEPTEMBER 2ND

~TRAINING DEMENTIA/ALZHEIMERS DISEASE
~HONOR CEREMONY
~VETERAN'S TALKING CIRCLE
~SOCIAL ACTIVITY - Little Priest Dance Troop

SEPTEMBER 3RD

~TRADITIONAL/CULTURAL OPENING
~UPDATES AND REPORTS
~ELECTION OF TREASURER
~HONOR CEREMONY
~PIE AND FALL HAT CONTEST

HO-CHUNK CASINO/CONVENTION CENTER

Reservations can be made by calling 1/800-746-2486, room block ID# is 15505

HOTEL INFORMATION: The deadline for reserving a hotel room(s) is AUGUST 18th

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:

JAMES E. PETE, DBA, GLNAEA PRESIDENT GUYAUSHK200@YAHOO.COM





2026
SAVE THE DATE
INDIGENOUS
PEOPLES' DAY

LACROSSE & DOUBLE BALL TOURNAMENTS
OCT 11, RIVERSIDE PARK
CRAFTS, TRADITIONAL GAMES, VENDORS, BUS TOURS,
SPEAKERS OCT 12, MYRICK PARK



In collaboration with:



Interested in sponsorship, vendor, or partnership opportunities?
Contact: ipdplanning.lacrosse@gmail.com

HO CHUNK NATION COMPREHENSIVE NEEDS ASSESSMENT CLOSE-OUT FORUM

Join us as we share the results and key findings of the Comprehensive Needs Assessment, highlight Tribal Member priorities, and discuss how these findings will guide the future of the Ho-Chunk Nation.

DATE	September 2, 2026
TIME	9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
LOCATION	District 1 Community Center Black River Falls, WI
WHO	HCN Tribal Members
CONTACT	Darcy.Funmaker@ho-chunk.com

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Presentation of the Comprehensive Needs Assessment results
- Review of Tribal Member priorities and key findings
- Discussion of what the findings mean for the Nation
- Opportunity for Tribal Members to ask questions and provide feedback
- Information on next steps and how the findings can support future planning

Light snacks will be served.

HOSTED BY
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT





SAVE THE DATE

GREEN CORN CELEBRATION

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9TH, 2026



ARTS & CRAFTS
TRADITIONAL FOODS
HO-CHUNK SINGING & DANCING
FOOD PRESERVATION DEMONSTRATIONS
MORE DETAILS COMING SOON!



LOCATION | BEHIND THE TRIBAL OFFICE BUILDING





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

If you served in the U.S. Armed Forces, you may be eligible for benefits. Our mission is to serve veterans, their dependents or survivors with federal and/or state benefits. Veterans Affairs is here to assist you with applying for benefits you may be eligible for. There is never a charge for our services. Don't pay someone else for what we can do for free. Contact the Ho-Chunk Nation – Division of Veterans Affairs for assistance with services or benefits, such as:

Health	Veterans Supportive Housing	Education	Insurance
Financial	Emergency Assistance	Insurance	Home Loans
Park/Trail Pass	Transportation for Medical Appointments	Records	
Headstones	Burial Allowance	Tax Credit	Voc Rehab

Ho-Chunk Nation - Division of Veterans Affairs
W. 9814 Airport Road, Black River Falls, WI 54615 - Phone (715) 284-9343
Veteran Service Officer - Kenneth A. Le Mieux Kenneth.Lemicux@ho-chunk.com Ext. 11354
Office Manager - Stuart Beverly Stuart.Beverly@ho-chunk.com Ext. 11353

Ho-Chunk Nation - Division of Veterans Affairs – Veterans Supportive Housing
W8699 Sand Pillow Road, Black River Falls, WI 54615 - - Phone (715) 284-7530
Case-Manager - Montgomery Green, Jr. Montgomery.GreenJr@ho-chunk.com Ext. 11356

1-800-294-9343 • 715-284-4563



NATIVE FOOD FOR LIFE ONLINE

THURSDAYS: SEPTEMBER–OCTOBER 2026

3:30PM – 4:45 PM VIA WEBEX
(1:30 PM PST/ 2:30 PM MST/ 3:30 PM CST / 4:30 PM EST)

A 6–WEEK “PLANT–BASED” PROGRAM WITH A FOCUS ON INDIGENOUS FOODS FOR NATIVES TO HELP PREVENT AND MANAGE DIABETES.

September 17th - Prevent and Reverse Diabetes
September 24th - The Power of the Plate
October 1st - The Magic 8 Indigenous Foods

October 8th - Meet the Power Plate!
October 22nd - A Tale of Two Sisters
October 29th - Putting It All Together



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

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

Lyndsey Killian
715-284-9851 ext. 35068
lyndsey.killian@ho-chunk.com

Past Participants said: “I lost weight”, “lowers blood sugars”, “better digestion”, “more energy”, “feeling better about food choices”, “good recipes” and “I feel fuller longer”.

7/22/26 KB



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

— CURRENT HAS THE FOLLOWING SERVICES AT —

Chahk Ha Chee Nekoosa:

We're here to support you.

**SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELOR**

:

Wednesdays, 10-3 pm

**MENTAL HEALTH CLINICIAN I**

:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 8-4:30 pm

**WOMEN'S RECOVERY SPECIALIST**

:

Tuesday and Thursday, 9:30-3 pm

**PEER RECOVERY SPECIALIST**

:

Tuesday and Thursday, 9:30-3 pm

⇒ To make an appointment: ⇒

**715-284-9851, ext. 35014**

Ruth Garvin, Behavioral Health Director, 715-896-9530

⇒ Support ♥ Hope ♥ Healing ⇒

September 2026

HO-CHUNK NATION FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM

OFFICE HOURS: 8:00AM - 11:45AM
1:00PM - 3:45 PM

SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE
PHONE: 715-284-7461 EXT. 35038



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 OPEN BRF	2 WITTENBERG DISTRIBUTION 10:30 AM- 12:30 PM NUTRITION BOOTH - KATHY	3 OPEN BRF	4 CLOSED MONTHLY SHIPMENT
7 CLOSED LABOR DAY	8 OPEN BRF	9 WIS DELLS DISTRIBUTION 10 AM- 1:30 PM NUTRITION BOOTH - ALEX	10 REEDSBURG HOME DELIVERIES OPEN BRF	11 WI DELLS HOME DELIVERIES OPEN BRF
14 OPEN BRF	15 OPEN BRF	16 TOMAH DISTRIBUTION 12N - 1:00 PM	17 OPEN BRF	18 LA CROSSE PICKUPS OPEN BRF
21 OPEN BRF	22 OPEN BRF	23 NEKOOSA DISTRIBUTION 12N-1:00 PM NUTRITION BOOTH - ALEX	24 OPEN BRF	25 OPEN BRF
28 OPEN BRF NUTRITION BOOTH - KATHY	29 OPEN BRF LAST PICK-UP DAY	30 CLOSED INVENTORY		

CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY FOR TAILGATE DAYS



2026 5K/10K RUN/WALK

TOGETHER WE RUN, TOGETHER WE HEAL

SEPTEMBER 5TH, 2026

ANDREW BLACKHAWKMEMORIALPOW-WOW GROUNDS
REGISTRATION OPENS 7 AM - RACES STARTS 8 AM

Join us as we come together to celebrate recovery, honor those we have lost, support those still struggling, and remind our communities that recovery is possible.

Whether you run, walk, cheer, or simply show your support, every step makes a difference.

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/01a01027192c73acbf7ba8133e65dde7>

Sponsored by Ho-Chunk Nation Healing to Wellness Court



Save the Date!

CAREER + EDUCATION FAIR

OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY & STUDENTS

Sponsored By:





September 24, 2026

[9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.]

Siga Funmaker Community Center W17634 Radke Rd, Wittenberg, WI



Northcentral Technical College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, disability or age in employment, admissions or its programs or activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the College's nondiscrimination policies: Equal Opportunity Officer, Northcentral Technical College, 1000 W. Campus Drive, Wausau, WI 54401, Phone: 715.808.1087



All-Abilities Stroll

1.3 MILE WALK

ABILITIES OUTWEIGH DISABILITIES!

FREE REGISTRATION

@ DISTRICT 1 COMMUNITY CENTER

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2026 - 10AM
9:30AM CHECK-IN; 10:00AM WALK START

Rest Stations Every 0.15 Miles With Seating
Strollers, Wheelchairs, and Assistive Devices Welcome
Therapy Pets Allowed; No Other Pets Please

T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE ONLINE

www.JacksonInAction.org/abilities



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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

September 9th
Start Where You Are, Do What You Can...It matters!
Kathleen Clemons, Exercise Physiologist

September 16th
Ready, set, school! Helping kids thrive this school year
Salena Lemieux, Behavioral Health Clinician

September 30th
Scam and Fraud Prevention
Jeff Kersten, WI DTCAP

A Survivor's Story of Resilience
Adrian Salliego, Motivational Speaker

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
Ronelle.McKernan@Ho-Chunk.com 715.896.2570

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Balancing Your Life & Diabetes

Glasses Starting: September 10th, 2026
2:30 pm Virtual - Via Webex
(12:30 pm PST / 1:30 pm MST / 2:30 pm CST / 3:30 pm EST)

This curriculum provides basic information about type 2 diabetes, diabetes self-care and general health care practices.

Phone number and e-mail address are required to participate. Class Webex link will be sent out by e-mail the day before class. Classes are interactive and you will be assigned a Lifestyle Coach to assist with your personal goals.

Session 1 - September 10th, 2026 - Basics of Diabetes
Session 2 - September 17th, 2026 - Better Nutrition for Better Numbers
Session 3 - September 24th, 2026 - Improving Your Numbers with Exercise
Session 4 - October 1st, 2026 - Navigating the Numbers
Session 5 - October 8th, 2026 - Accounting for Complications

Contact Rachel Montana or Lyndsey Killian at 715-284-9851 ext. 35039 or ext. 35068 or by e-mail: rachel.montana@ho-chunk.com or lyndsey.killian@ho-chunk.com to sign up!

11/7/25 LK

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT RESOURCES

— Quick Reference for Our Community —

Use these trusted resources to connect with support 24/7 when you need it.

988 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline:
Everyone may call or text 988 or chat at 988lifeline.org to speak with a trained counselor for any issue.

Veterans Crisis Line:
Veterans and their families may call 988 and press 1, text 838255, or chat at VeteransCrisisLine.net to speak with a trained counselor for any issue.

Strong Hearts Native Helpline 24/7:
1-844-7NATIVE (762-8483) is a safe, anonymous, and confidential domestic and sexual violence helpline for Native Americans and Alaska Natives, offering support and advocacy. Chat online at StrongHeartsHelpLine.org.

TheHopeLine:
Helps students and young adults in crisis by offering sound advice and a safe place to chat and connect 24/7 at www.TheHopeLine.com.

Maternal Mental Health Line:
1-833-852-6262 for support during pregnancy and postpartum, including counseling and group referrals.

Help For Dad (and moms):
The Postpartum Support International Helpline is a toll-free telephone number anyone can call to get basic information, support, and resources. Call 1-800-944-4773 (4PPD) or Text "Help" to 800-944-4773 (English) Text en Español 971-203-7773.

National Runaway SafeLine (NRS):
Operates the 1-800-RUNAWAY hotline and Home Free program, connecting youth to safe places, legal document help, and prevention resources. www.1800runaway.org

Farmer Wellness Helpline:
Wisconsin farmers may call 888-843-4564 to connect with a trained counselor for any issue.

The Trevor Project:
LGBTQ young people may call 866-488-7386, text START to 678678, or chat at www.TheTrevorProject.org to speak with a trained counselor for any issue.

Disaster Distress Helpline:
Everyone may call or text 800-985-5990 to connect with a trained counselor about stress caused by natural or human-caused disasters.

Friendship Line:
A 24/7 Lifeline for Older Adults and Caregivers Feeling Isolated, Overwhelmed, or Alone. Call anytime at 888-670-1360.

Support ♥ Hope ♥ Healing ♥

WISCONSIN COUNTY CRISIS LINES

Ho-Chunk Nation

 Adams County 888-552-6642	 La Crosse County 608-785-6030
 Clark County 800-863-3560	 Marathon County 715-845-4326 715-848-4600 800-799-0122
 Columbia County 888-552-6642	 Monroe County 888-552-6642
 Crawford County 888-552-6642 (after business hours)	 Sauk County 800-533-5692 (business hours) 888-552-6642 (after business hours)
 Eau Claire County 888-552-6642	 Shawano County 715-526-3240
 Jackson County 888-552-6642	 Vernon County 888-552-6642
 Juneau County 608-847-2400 (business hours) 800-777-7386 (after business hours)	 Wood County 888-552-6642



You are not alone.
HELP IS ALWAYS AVAILABLE.



Help Your Fellow Wisconsinites Experiencing Food Insecurity By Participating In Deer Donation Program

Increase In Reimbursement Rate For Meat Processors

MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) encourages hunters and meat processors to participate in the DNR’s Deer Donation Program.

The program helps stock food pantries and supports residents in need throughout the state. Since the program began in 2000, hunters have donated over 100,000 deer, which were processed into over four million pounds of ground venison.

The DNR is pleased to announce an increase to the reimbursement rate for meat processors that accept deer donations through the DNR’s Deer Donation Program. Going forward, meat processors will be reimbursed \$125 per deer (previously \$100) or \$135 per deer if CWD testing was required (previously \$110). This increase is meant to encourage more meat processors to participate in the program.

The success of the program is ultimately driven by its dedicated participants – from the hunters putting in the hours in the field, to the meat processors who devote their time and labor, and our partners that host deer donation collection events. The DNR values everyone who contributes to the program’s success, big and small, and would also like to recognize several participants for championing program efforts to an exceptional degree:

Venison Processor Spotlight:

- Joe’s Country Market is a meat processor in La Crosse. In 2025, they processed 153 donated deer (over 6,000 pounds of meat). This equates to over 24,000 servings of venison for community members in need.

Partner Spotlights:

- Todd Morris with Green Lake County hosted deer donation collection events to benefit the Green Lake



The Deer Donation Program helps Wisconsinites in need. Photo credit: Wisconsin DNR

County Food Pantry.

- Patrick Kilbey with Marquette County and lead volunteer, Mark Guderski hosted deer donation collection events to benefit the Care and Share Food Bank of Marquette County.
- Jeffrey Lang in Wyocena hosted deer donation collection events to benefit the Wyocena Community Helping Hands Pantry.

If you are interested in participating:

- Complete this online form if you are interested in becoming a participating venison processor.
- Complete this online form if your charitable organization is interested in receiving venison donations.
- Contact Marcus Ruffedt at Marcus.Ruffedt@wisconsin.gov if you are interested in hosting a deer donation collection event in an area without a conveniently located participating processor through our partners program.

Visit Wisconsin’s Deer Donation Program webpage to learn more about the program.

HO-CHUNK HOUSE OF WELLNESS

Medication questions?

Ask a pharmacist in person!

Multiple questions? CMRs available!

Comprehensive Medication Review

- Pharmacist goes over all of your medications with you
- Identifies any issues
- Answers questions or concerns

What can I bring with me?

1. A medication list or pill bottles, including:

- Prescriptions
- Over-the-counter medications
- Vitamins/supplements
- Inhalers, blood sugar testing supplies, and other devices

2. Written-down questions and/or concerns

3. Health tracking data, such as:

- Blood pressure logs
- Blood glucose logs
- A1c or other lab values

When/Where?

Tribal Aging Units Wednesdays 10:30am - 1:30pm No Appointment Needed!

10/7/26 - Black River Falls

10/14/26 - Tomah

10/21/26 - Nekoosa

11/04/26 - Wittenberg

11/18/26 - WI Dells

12/2/26 - Black River Falls

12/9/26 - Tomah

12/16/26 - Nekoosa

1/6/27 - Wittenberg

1/13/27 - WI Dells

Future dates TBD

Contact Us

608-355-5177

Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health Division of Pharmacy

NOTICE

RIGHT TO OBJECT

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

Ho-Chunk Member, RHEA SANCHEZ (DECORAH) & ANDREZ SANCHEZ DECORAH, has submitted a Request for Title for Permanent Improvements located at: W17671 SHEPLEY RD WITTENBERG, WI 54499

And more particularly described as: LOT 4 OF THE NW 1/4 OF THE SW 1/4 OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 28 NORTH, RANGE 11 EAST, TOWN OF BIRNAMWOOD, SHAWANO 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 SEPTEMBER 24, 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 TRIAL COURT,

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF In the Interest of Decedent: Sherry Ann Wilson d/o 10/26/2025

☐ Amended

Notice to Creditors

By Frederick Lee Youngbear

Case No. PR 25-08

For Official Use

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IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL / SUPREME COURT

AUG 05 2026

Janet D. Johnson
Clerk of Court / Assistant

Notice to Newspaper and Personal Representative:

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

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

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF Sherry Ann Wilson
A Petition for Probate was filed in the Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court. You have 90 days from the date of the first publication of this notice to present your claims to the personal representative, Frederick Lee Youngbear, or the Clerk of Court at P.O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The deadline for filing claims is Nov. 5, 2026. Only those claims so presented may be paid from the estate

Mary Thumler
Clerk of Court

Mary Thumler
Name Printed or Typed

08/05/26
Date

Form completed by (Name) Frederick Lee Youngbear

Address 922 West 54th St. South
Wichita, KS 67217

Telephone 505 660 0066

Bar Number (if any)

PR 14, 04/18 Notice to Creditors

§8 HCC 13, HO-CHUNK NATION PROBATE CODE

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

HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT,

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Marilyn Samere

☐ Amended

Notice of Hearing on Petition for Probate

Case No. PR 26-02

For Official Use

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IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL / SUPREME COURT

AUG 10 2026

Mary Thumler
Clerk of Court / Assistant

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. A Petition for Probate was filed.

2. The decedent, with date of birth 7-30-47 and date of death 4-3-25 was domiciled in Janeau County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of N992 D Dyer St W35 Dells, WI 53965

3. The names or addresses of the following interested person are not known or reasonably ascertainable: Vince Fontenelle, N992 D Dyer St W35 Dells WI- 53965

4. The petition will be heard at Wa Ehi Hoci, W9598 Hwy 54 E, Black River Falls, WI, 54615, before Judge Wendi Huling, on (Date) September 29 2026 at (Time) 10:00am

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

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

Mary Thumler
Clerk of Court

Mary Thumler
Name Printed or Typed

08/10/26
Date

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 08282026

APPLICANT NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	BLOOD QUANTUM	ANCESTOR	FATHER	MOTHER
1. Alvarez, Eyla Lynn	05/14/2024	1/4	Reuben Hall Snake N-1912 00896	Non-Indian	Halie Danielle Marg Snake
2. Briones, Easton Edgar	04/09/2024	1/4	Black Deer Chau Zap Kah 1881 - 00174	Non-Indian	Dannell Andrea Kingsley
3. Bush, Bentley Orion	06/17/2021	1/4	Frank R. Smith Ma Shoo Kee Nee Kah 1901 - 00944	Christopher Adam Bush	Non-Indian
4. Cloud, Cadence Alpheus	06/27/2017	3/8	Charlie Youngthunder Mah Ah Qua Kah 1901 – 01215	John Wayne Cloud	Theresa Lynn Hindsley
5. Cloud, Johniah Rain	07/29/2014	3/8	Charlie Youngthunder Mah Ah Qua Kah 1901 – 01215	John Wayne Cloud	Theresa Lynn Hindsley
6. Cloud, Phillip John	12/12/2015	3/8	Charlie Youngthunder Mah Ah Qua Kah 1901 – 01215	John Wayne Cloud	Theresa Lynn Hindsley
7. Conway, Erika Lynn	09/30/1989	5/16	Frank Lewis Wau Shin Ga Sa Ga 1881 – 00018		Tracy Ann Conway
8. Decorah, Wesley Lyle	09/16/2025	1/4	Able Hopinkah Coo Noo Kah 1901 – 00027	Non-Indian	Mira Belle Decorah
9. Espinoza, Alyssa Ann	02/22/1993	1/4	Leonard Walker Cho Na Ka Hu Kaw N-1910 - 00394	Non-Indian	Adriane Gayle Walker
10. Evans, Christina Jenkins	03/30/1962	1/2	Charley White Eagle Coo Noo Nik Kah 1901 - 00010	Daniel D White Eagle Jr	
11. Funmaker, Malakhi Matthew	01/18/2016	1/2	George Funmaker Sr Wojh Tchaw He Ray Kah 1881 – 00328	Barrett Ronald Funmaker	Non-Indian
12. Greengrass, Sebastian Grey	07/28/2025	3/8	George Bud Blackdeer-Garvin Ma Choo Zhoo Na Gin Kah 1901 – 00967	Blaze Allen Greengrass	Non-Member
13. Hindsley, Charity Morgan	07/01/2018	3/8	Charlie Youngthunder Mah Ah Qua Kah 1901 – 01215	John Wayne Cloud	Theresa Lynn Hindsley
14. Hopinka, Amelia Rayanna	05/22/2017	1/4	Fred Miner Haw Kaw Chaw Pin Nee Kah 1901 – 00234	Keith Leonard Hopinka	Non-Member
15. Johnson, Kamdyn Douglas	08/18/2023	3/8	George Green Thundercloud Na He Kah 1901 – 00459	Todd Douglas Johnson	Non-Indian
16. Klepps, Ronin Antoine	05/01/2015	1/4	Jim DeCora Hae Na Kaw N-1910 – 01036		Jocelyn Helen Decorah
17. Lewis, Kenessa Bear	06/22/2017	1/2	Frank Lewis Wau Shin Ga Sa Ga 1881 – 00018	Kenneth William Lewis	Brittany Clarice Cloud
18. Lincoln, Braylon Gilman	01/12/2024	7/16	Mark Green Naw He Kah 1881 – 00066	Levi Aaron Lincoln Jr	

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19. Littlejohn, Kimora Amy Araya	01/09/2022	91/128	Grant Green Littlejohn Ha Na Kah 1901 – 01206	Hunter Dean Littlejohn Sr	Barbara Mae Kmetz
20. Mountain, Lakhoy Roy James	12/03/2021	1/2	Ed W. Decorra Na He Kah 1901 – 00254	Bernard Adrian Mountain Jr	Paula Marie Smekofske
21. Peeters, Austin Kelly	06/05/2025	1/4	Ben Decorra Ha Na Kah 1901 – 00258	Non-Indian	Emily Sue Peeters
22. Radomski, Aria Grace	11/04/2013	1/2	Jim White Bear Hoonch Skah Kah 1881 – 00522	Patrick James Storm	Non-Indian
23. Redhorn, Soraya Miracle Rose	08/27/2022	1/4	Frank Snowball Wau Soo Mon Nee Kah 1881 – 00502	Non-Member	Amanda Rose Snowball
24. Ward, Whisper Shaolynn	09/20/2023	5/16	Jim DeCora Hae Na Kaw N-1910 – 01036	Gunnar Thor- Benjamin Ward	
25. WhiteEagle, Amory Loy	06/09/2023	5/8	Floyd Thomas Whiteeagle Hunk Nik Cha Kah 1901 – 01085	Elan Grover Whiteeagle	Non-Member
26. WhiteEagle, Asher Reed	10/18/2024	5/8	Floyd Thomas Whiteeagle Hunk Nik Cha Kah 1901 – 01085	Elan Grover Whiteeagle	Non-Member
27. WhiteEagle, Layla June	11/01/2018	15/16	Floyd Thomas Whiteeagle Hunk Nik Cha Kah 1901 – 01085	Marion Thomas Whiteeagle	Dannielle Carole WhiteThunder
28. WhiteEagle, Lona Jo	09/28/2017	15/16	Floyd Thomas Whiteeagle Hunk Nik Cha Kah 1901 – 01085	Marion Thomas Whiteeagle	Dannielle Carole WhiteThunder
29. WhiteEagle, Rose Lynn	11/20/2024	15/16	Floyd Thomas Whiteeagle Hunk Nik Cha Kah 1901 – 01085	Marion Thomas Whiteeagle	Dannielle Carole WhiteThunder
30. White Thunder, Theonidas Atreyu	09/27/2024	3/4	Jerry Thunder 1910 – 00828	Theodore Leland Brown	Valerainna Halen Whitethunder

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 **21st day of August, 2026.**

DISTRICT 1 AREA MEETING NOTICE



BLACK RIVER FALLS AREA MEETING
Tribal Office Building
W9814 Airport Road
Black River Falls, WI 54615
Wednesday, September 16, 2026 | 5:00p.m.
IN PERSON/VIRTUAL

Twin Cities AREA MEETING
St. Paul Branch Office
1724 Selby Ave., St. Paul, MN 55104
Thursday, September 17, 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

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Posted on: 8/17/26



HO-CHUNK NATION
PEOPLE OF THE BIG VOICE

DISTRICT 3 AREA MEETING NOTICE



MILWAUKEE | WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2026 | 6:00 PM

WITTENBERG | MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2026 | 6:00 PM

GREEN BAY | TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 | 6:00 PM

MADISON | WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2026 | 6:00 PM

WI RAPIDS | THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2026 | 5:30 PM

FOR WEBEX INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

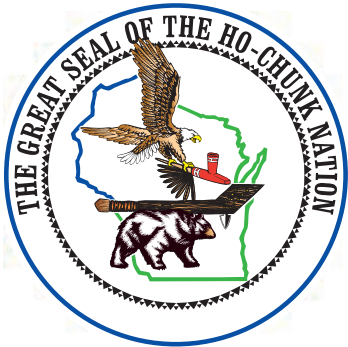
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POSTED 8/20/2026

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) (b).

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

Wednesday, 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

Ballots will be accepted in-person at the

Election Board Office till closing day

Friday, September 18, 2026 at 4:00 pm.

CERTIFICATION WILL BE HELD

on Sunday, September 20, 2026

at HCG- Wisconsin Dells

starting at 9 a.m.

Amended Post 08/04/2026

HO-CHUNK NATION
LEGISLATURE
REGULAR MEETING
EXECUTIVE OFFICES
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI
AUGUST 4, 2026

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

Roll Call:

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

VC-Video Conference

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

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

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to approve the agenda ADDING under New Business C. Resolution-Authorizing Application for Office of Victims of Crime Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside Program Grant, D. Resolution-Authorization of Easement for the Colley Road Property, E. D2 Ho’ųnį Xųnųńįk – July 14, 2026, F. D2 Hoxajkeja/Hoguceja/Nįzhakisųc – July 15, 2026. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Legislative Meeting-July 21, 2026

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the July 21, 2026 Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Commission Reports:

Development Commission-July 28, 2026

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the July 28, 2026 Development Commission Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Damian Thundercloud. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization of Residential Fee Lease on Lot #10 of Timber Run for Kenneth Funmaker, Jr.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 08-04-26 A**, Authorization of Residential Fee Lease on Lot #10 of Timber Run for Kenneth Funmaker, Jr. Second by Rep. Tracy Thundercloud. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Cancellation of Lease #1600 on Lot #10 of Garvin Subdivision #439 T 2152 Rescinding Resolution 05-16-00 E

MOTION by Rep. Tracy Thundercloud to adopt **Resolution 08-04-26 B**, Cancellation of Lease #1600 on Lot #10 of Garvin Subdivision #439 T 2152 Rescinding Resolution 05-16-00 E. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Granting Consent as an Interest Holder for a BIA Residential Lease for Ian Whitegull on the Tall Decoraa Allotment #439-199

MOTION by Rep. Tracy Thundercloud to adopt **Resolution 08-04-26 C**, Granting Consent as an Interest Holder for a BIA Residential Lease for Ian Whitegull on the Tall Decoraa Allotment #439-199. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization of Right-of-way for Charter Spectrum on Blue Wing Village 439 T 2094

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to deny the Right-of-way for Charter Spectrum on Blue Wing Village. Second by Rep. Tracy Thundercloud. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

NOTED FOR THE RECORD: Rep. Phyllis Smoke would like to further evaluate development service charges and fees for installation by outside entities on Ho-Chunk Lands in regard to future right-of-way agreements. Additionally, the proposed resolution speaks to perpetual ownership, which

means the Nation would forego its sovereign immunity permanently on this property, therefore is in support of denying.

Comprehensive Community Needs Assessment Final Report

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to recognize and accept the Ho-Chunk Nation Comprehensive Needs Assessment (CNA) 2026 as completed and finalized, with the final report and supporting materials provided to Legislators and Executive Directors and the CNA results made available to Tribal Members through an appropriate and responsible distribution process. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Planning and Development Director shared that their department has a presentation for Area Meetings, if a presentation is requested. The Director thanked the Legislature for their support.

Finance Commission-July 30, 2026

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the July 30, 2026 Finance Commission Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization to Close Budgetary Assistance Account with BMO

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 08-04-26 D**, Authorization to Close Budgetary Assistance Account with BMO. Second by Rep. Kyle White Eagle. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Unfinished Business: No agenda items.

New Business:

Resolution-Establishment of Legislative Workgroup on Event Wagering

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 08-04-26 E**, Establishment of Legislative Workgroup on Event Wagering. Second by Rep. Kyle White Eagle. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Appointment of Brook Funmaker to the Department of Housing Board of Directors as the District 1 Member

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 08-04-26 F**, Appointment of Brook Funmaker to the Department of Housing Board of Directors as the District 1 Member. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 5-1(Rep. Stephanie Begay)-4(Rep. Edward Mullen, Rep. Kyle White Eagle, Rep. Shelby Visintin, Rep. Damian Thundercloud) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorizing Application for Office of Victims of Crime Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside Program Grant

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 08-04-26 G**, Authorizing Application for Office of Victims of Crime Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside Program Grant. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization of Easement for the Colley Road Property

MOTION by Rep. Shelby Visintin to adopt **Resolution 08-04-26 H**, Authorization of Easement for the Colley Road Property. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D2 Ho’ųnį Xųnųńįk – July 14, 2026

MOTION by Rep. Damian Thundercloud to refer to Legislature the MOTION by Myra Jo Price for Legislature to consider using unexpended funds for a grants division to be created. Second by Rep. Kyle White Eagle. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D2 Hoxajkeja/Hoguceja/Nįzhakisųc – July 15, 2026

MOTION by Rep. Kyle White Eagle to refer to Legislature, Office of the President and Enrollment the MOTION by Clariss Funmaker to have legislative to create an impact of the secretarial election provided to the membership in area meetings, worak, forum before GC. Second by Rep. Damian Thundercloud. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Kyle White Eagle to refer to TAU, Social Services and Office of the President the MOTION by Jim Delarosa to have elder lifetime benefit of \$25,000 to include sidewalks, asphalt or concrete

driveways with someone to look at the driveways first. Second by Rep. Damian Thundercloud. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to move to Executive Session for Business Matters, Criminal Matters, Inter-governmental Relations, Land, Law Enforcement, Legal Advice, Personnel Matters, Public Safety or Well-Being. Second by Rep. Damian Thundercloud. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting moved to Executive Session at 10:25 a.m.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:07 p.m., and was called back to order at 12:43 p.m. Quorum is established.

Vice President Lambert Cleveland, Jr. is present via video conference at 12:43 p.m.

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

The meeting returned to Open Session at 2:07 p.m.

Released to Open Session:

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to authorize Midwest Environmental Advocates to prepare and submit draft comments on the environmental assessments on the Bend Deposit and releasing this motion to Open Session. Second by Rep. Tracy Thundercloud. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** Rep. Damian Thundercloud is out of the room.

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

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Damian Thundercloud to adjourn the Legislative Meeting to August 18, 2026 in Beloit, Wisconsin. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 10-1(Rep. Tracy Thundercloud)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 2:08 p.m.

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is not just an environmental imperative; it is a fundamental defense of Tribal sovereignty and treaty rights. While this executive order provides crucial immediate relief, it also underscores the urgency for permanent congressional action,” said Larry Wright, Jr., Executive Director of the National Congress of American Indians. Exploratory mining leads to large-scale extraction, threatening ancestral lands and the fragile ecosystem with heavy machinery and toxic chemicals. Any pollution from drilling would irreversibly damage both Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness and Rainy

River Headwaters Watershed. This executive order prevents devastation and safeguards our clean drinking water, protects sacred cultural sites and treaty resources in the ceded territory, and ensures the continued strength of the regional outdoor economy.
“We commend the 1854 Tribes for fiercely defending their ceded territory and the critical resources within it,” said Lenny Fineday, General Counsel of the National Congress of American Indians. “Governor Walz has demonstrated meaningful leadership by listening to Tribal Nations, respecting Tribal stewardship, and recognizing the lasting consequences these activities

could have for treaty-protected lands and resources. We extend our deepest appreciation to Chairman Carlos Hernandez, Chairman Bobby Deschampe, Chairman Bruce Savage, and all the 1854 Tribal leaders for their steadfast leadership and advocacy in this fight. NCAI stands with all Tribes and First Nations within the Rainy River Headwaters Watershed and supports their efforts to secure permanent protections for these waters for generations to come.”
While this executive order is a significant step forward, NCAI remains focused on the ultimate goal: permanent federal protections for these lands, waters, and

treaty-protected resources. NCAI supports the 1854 Tribes in their push for federal legislation that would permanently withdraw the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness and Rainy River Headwaters Watershed from mineral leasing and development. Guided by Resolution #ECWS-26-010, which calls for the protection of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, the Rainy River Headwaters Watershed, and treaty-protected rights, NCAI will continue advocating for federal action that respects Tribal sovereignty, fulfills treaty obligations, and permanently safeguards these critical headwaters for generations to come.

2026 HO-CHUNK NATION LABOR DAY POW-WOW

SEPTEMBER 5-7, 2026

Andrew Blackhawk Pow-Wow Grounds
W8426 Highway 54, Black River Falls, WI 54615

GRAND ENTRIES:

SATURDAY 1:00 pm / 7:00 pm
SUNDAY 1:00 pm / 7:00 pm
MONDAY 1:00 pm

**DRUM & DANCE
REGISTRATION:**

SATURDAY 10:00 am - 7:00 pm

**VENDOR
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