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Ho-Chunk Nation General Council Defeats Four Out of Five Proposed Resolutions at Annual Meeting

Ardith Van Riper

The Ho-Chunk Nation Annual Meeting of the General Council convened 1,889 voting members on September 19, 2026, in Wisconsin Dells, WI. The General Council branch of government retains the power to set policy for the Ho-Chunk Nation and must meet at least one time each year.

This year, quorum was met, and the voting members passed one resolution removing District One Legislative Representative Paul Fox. Quorum is twenty percent of the Nation's eligible voters present in General Council.

Matthew Mann emceed the morning announcements. The Bearheart singers provided appropriate songs throughout the day. The Sanford White Post #556 and the Women's Auxiliary ceremoniously posted the colors.

The Hocak Academy ran a Hocak language Kahoot! game in the main meeting room before quorum was established. Kahoot! is an online game-based platform



where trivia can be easily shared and played. The interactive games covered kinship, clans, emotions,

towns, and simple phrases. Various Ho-Chunk Nation Departments set up booths in the hallway outside the

main meeting room and employees were on hand to answer questions or inform the Ho-Chunk Nation

membership about their programs or services. The booths closed after quorum
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Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg Shatters Attendance Records with Sold-Out Rock Concert *Historic crowd of over 1,600 fans packs the venue, outpacing local population expectations*

Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg
08/22/2026

Wittenberg, WI - August 22, 2026 - Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg hosted its highly anticipated summer concert featuring opening acts Bohemian Queen and Hotel California-The Original Eagles Tribute with FireHouse as the electric headliner. The coordinated effort of community and staff worked to bring an entertainment experience like no other to the small community.

"Seamless teamwork and experience from past events really helped our employees bring that great customer service to our guests that enjoyed the concert," stated Fletcher Collins, Executive Manager of Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg. "The incredible energy our guests and team brought to the venue was the real highlight of the night and it lifted the entire experience to another level."



Guests were entertained by three unique and familiar bands in an evening that was nothing short of spectacular. Opening the night, Bohemian Queen hyped the crowd with big vocals, costumes, stage presence and recognizable Queen favorites. Hotel
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was established so that the voting membership could focus on the annual meeting.

Craft vendors also set up booths. Some remained open after quorum was met.

Lunch was served around noon with Troy Nakai offering a word of prayer over the food.

Verbal and virtual reports were provided while the group gathered to establish quorum.

Quorum was established at 12:45 pm with 1,332 members. The quorum requirement was 1,301 tribal members.

Patrick Houghton, Sr. secured the win to preside as the chairperson for the 2026 Annual Meeting of the General Council. He requested Carole Mae Decorah serve as the meeting Secretary and Harrison Funmaker serve as Sergeant at

Arms.

The Ho-Chunk Nation President Jon Greendeer welcomed the membership to the meeting and offered a word of prayer.

The following agenda was approved with a vote of 1,423 affirmative, 67 no, and 57 abstentions:

1. Remove District One Legislative Representative Paul Fox for Malfeasance.
2. Authorize Michael Patrick Mullen, Jr. to Give a Short (20-Minutes or Less) Presentation on the ccUlator App to the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council.
3. 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.
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.

The Annual Meeting moved forward, and addressed the agenda items.

The author of the first agenda item, Nathaniel Longtail, demanded his five minutes and concluded his speech by saying, “I hereby rescind my motion to adopt this resolution. If any other member of this General Council wishes to step forward and entertain the motion to adopt this resolution, then you are entirely free to do so.”

Gloria Visintin moved to approve Resolution 09.19.26A to Remove District One Legislative Representative Paul Fox for Malfeasance. Chelsea Thompson seconded

the motion.

Paul Fox addressed the General Council. Mr. Fox explained that the malfeasance charges against him, which occurred in 2001, were already addressed by the Executive Branch and the Administrative Branch, where he lost fleet vehicle privileges for several months. He feels this removal is a type of double jeopardy and that his term in office is almost over. Paul Fox mentioned the costs of running a Special Election and asked the General Council to consider this all.

The motion carried for Resolution 09.19.26A with 692 yes, 682 no, and 249 abstentions.

Michael Patrick Mullen, Jr. spoke briefly about the next resolution on the agenda. He is developing an app and wants the General Council to test it. His first resolution asks for time at the Annual Meeting to make a formal presentation.

Mr. Mullen motioned to adopt Resolution 09.19.26B to Authorize Michael Patrick Mullen, Jr. to give a short (20-Minutes or less) Presentation on the ccUlator App to the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council. Anita Alderman provided a second.

The motion was defeated, with 356 yes, 1,152 no, and 126 abstentions.

Mr. Mullen withdrew his second agenda item, the Resolution to 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. Therefore, the General Council took no action.

The Annual Meeting moved on to agenda number four. Henry WhiteThunder moved to approve Resolution 09.19.26C to Set Virtual Participation in Genal Council Meetings as the Official Policy of the Ho-Chunk Nation. Nathaniel Longtail seconded the motion.

Discussion of the resolution covered the pros and cons. Speakers noted that virtual meetings would benefit tribal members living far away or deployed in the military; the expenses of meeting in person; connecting with others in person once a year; technology challenges; challenges in obtaining devices to attend virtually; and that many elders do not

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California-The Original Eagles Tribute wooed the crowd with beautiful harmonies and recreating the musicianship of the Eagles. The headliner and only original recording act of the three, FireHouse lit up the night with outstanding energy and vocals that brought their multi-platinum rock hits to a ready audience.

"It was important to Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg to have an event that was affordable for our community while providing a highly electric entertaining event," said Senior Manager Public Relations Jessica White Wing Clark, "with our economy being the way it currently is, we truly wanted a larger-scale concert experience that people

could afford, right in our own backyard."

With three live acts on one stage, including national headliner FireHouse, guests were able to enjoy a full evening of entertainment for just \$40 in advance or \$50 the day of the show. Keeping the event local also meant avoiding many of the added costs that often come with traveling to a larger concert venue, such as longer-distance traveling, overnight accommodations and parking fees.

Guests eagerly embraced the chance to have a massive concert experience close to home, driving ticket sales past every previous milestone. As goals set by Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg to "meet and beat" their highest

house count of 1,200 set by The Steve Augeri Band performing Journey's Greatest Hits in 2022 were hit, a new goal of 1,400 was set. Only to be exceeded by total guest sales of 1,617!

"Considering the population of Wittenberg is 1,081, our crowd size was literally one-and-a-half times our town's total population," Tracy Pecore, Marketing Director said with a smile. "Our community made this night historic. The guests made all the difference, turning Wittenberg into the absolute entertainment hub of the region for the evening."

This milestone achievement was made possible through dedicated collaboration across multiple departments, local businesses and municipal

services. From marketing and ticketing to security and floor staff, the entire Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg team poured months of preparation into this night.

Management also extends their gratitude to key event sponsors, Fireworks Country, Bushman's Trucking, members of the Wittenberg-Birnhamwood School District, Fabiano Brothers, Linked Kreatively Permanent Jewelry and Brian Scott for their meaningful support, as well as food trucks and vendors who kept the record-shattering crowd energized all night long. Every hand involved helped make this evening a historic success for Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg.

About Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg. Ho-Chunk

Gaming Wittenberg has been in business since 2008, with a major expansion in 2018, which included gaming space and an addition of a luxury hotel. It is committed to providing excellent customer service to guests while creating an atmosphere that is fun, exciting, and strives to continue to support its employees and communities.

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Ho-Chunk Nation Announces the Casino Grand Opening of Ho-Chunk Gaming Beloit

BLACK RIVER FALLS, Wis. — The Ho-Chunk Nation is proud to announce the casino grand opening of Ho-Chunk Gaming Beloit, marking a significant milestone in a project that has been in development since 2012.

The grand opening of Ho-Chunk Gaming Beloit will

take place on October 23, 2026. During this first phase, guests will be able to enjoy the casino, Draft Pick Pub House, Black River Coffee Shop, Livewire Lounge, Food Truck Alley, and the parking garage. Guests will have plenty to enjoy on the casino floor which will be open 24 hours, including 1,300 slot

machines, Blackjack, 3-Card Poker, Mississippi Stud, Ultimate Texas Hold'Em, Roulette, Craps, Baccarat, I Love Suits and Live Poker-Hold'Em.

The development will continue into its next phase, with the hotel and convention center scheduled to open in

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To the Ho-Chunk Nation, the Office of the President, and all who stood with our family

On behalf of our family, we want to express our deep and heartfelt thanks to the Ho-Chunk Nation for the care and support shown to us after the passing of our beloved Rain Laes.

Losing Rain has been the hardest thing our family has ever faced.

In a time when it was difficult to think beyond the next hour, the Nation stepped forward and carried some of the weight we could not carry alone.

The Nation's assistance with funeral home expenses and bereavement support allowed us to lay Rain to rest with dignity. It also allowed us to gather our relatives for

the mercy dinner, meals, and flowers that honored Rain the way she deserved. Because of this help, we could focus on grieving together and remembering Rain rather than worrying about how we would manage it all.

We especially want to recognize the Office of the President within the Executive Branch. The day before services, Rain's father Sky contacted their office. The staff member he spoke with worked alongside him with patience and compassion and secured eight hotel rooms on a Saturday with almost no notice. That act of kindness meant more to Sky and Mandy than words can say.

Our relatives were able to stay close for both nights: the wake and service on Saturday and the funeral and burial on Sunday. No one had to grieve alone or travel far at the end of a long and painful day.

Beyond the practical help, the Nation gave us something just as important: the reassurance that we are not

alone. In our darkest moment, our tribe was a beacon we could trust. That is what it means to be Ho-Chunk, to take care of one another. We felt that deeply.

To everyone who made a phone call, processed paperwork, or kept our family in their prayers, thank you. Your compassion helped carry

us through, and we will never forget it.

With deepest gratitude,
Ira "Sky" Laes and Mandy Laes
Regina Reel
Sommer Reel
Cheyenne Reel
Bobby Wilkinson

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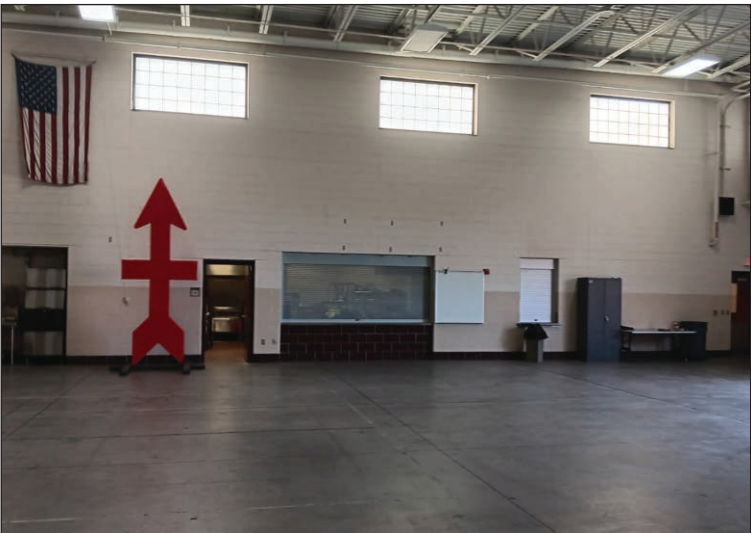
Veterans Powwow Moves to House of Wellness in Baraboo

Kaili Berg

The 2026 Veterans Powwow has moved from Volk Field in Camp Douglas to the House of Wellness Center, S2845 White Eagle Road in Baraboo. The event will take place Saturday, Nov. 14, beginning at 11 a.m. Unlike the earlier plans for Volk Field, attendees do not need to register in advance. Admission is free, and the powwow is open to the public. Sponsored by Descendants of Red Arrow, or D.O.R.A., and Friends, the powwow

honors all veterans, with special recognition for the 25 Ho-Chunk men who served in World War I and the 128th Infantry Company D of the 32nd “Red Arrow Division.” The program will begin with a flag raising, 21-gun salute, taps and posting of the colors. Organizers will recognize the Ho-Chunk World War I veterans and place veterans’ flags. Lunch is scheduled for noon, followed by an address from Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary James Bond at 1 p.m. Grand

entry and dancing will follow. Thundercloud Singers will serve as host drum. The afternoon will also include veteran songs, traditional giveaways and auctions. Anyone who would like to share a family veterans song is welcome to do so. Organizers are also seeking women to help with food, tribal members to volunteer and donations for the auctions. For more information, contact Michael Day at 608-434-7790 or Jim Day at 262-637-9046.





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Student of the Month September 2026

Sophia Blackdeer-Young



Masters of Science - San Francisco State University
Parents: Jenny Blackdeer & Roberto Young

Entering the final year of her Master’s in Clinical Mental Health Counseling at San Francisco State University, Sophia beautifully balances academic excellence with profound community impact. She maintains her place on the Dean’s List, interns at a local school district, founded her department's first Indigenous counseling collective, and actively advocates for the MMIW movement. Every milestone she achieves and all of her hard work are done in loving memory of her grandfather (Cooka), the late Floyd L. Blackdeer. Yet, of all the inspiring hats she wears, her proudest role is being a mother to her two-year-old daughter.

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
 01		02	Baraboo House of Wellness Suicide Prevention Day 9am-3pm	04
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 14	Madison Community Building 11:30am-1pm	Tomah Community Building 11:30am-1pm w/ Food Distribution	17	18
21	Twin Cities Branch Office 11am-1pm <i>No 477</i>	Nekoosa Health Office 11:30am-1pm w/ Food Distribution	24	25
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Rebecca Cooke visits Ho-Chunk Nation over Labor Day Weekend

Kaili Berg

Democratic congressional candidate Rebecca Cooke met with Ho-Chunk Nation members and attended the Nation's Labor Day Powwow during a campaign visit in September.

Former Ho-Chunk Nation Legislator Rodney Rave joined her for a meet and greet at the District One

Community Center, where he raised the need for federal housing assistance.

"We take care of our people. We take care of our veterans, our elders, we provide a lot of services that try to keep our membership healthy," Rave said. "But that money can only go so far. We need assistance from HUD to house our people also."

HUD is the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Its Indian Housing Block Grant program provides funding that tribes can use for affordable housing, including construction, repairs and housing services.

Rave said cuts to HUD funding and services have affected the Nation's ability

to build homes. He called restoring that funding "one of the top things we need right now" and said he hopes Cooke will advocate for it if elected.

Cooke has attended the Labor Day Powwow for several years now. During the visit, she said she wanted to learn more about the

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Content focuses on the three pillars of self-worth, identity, and purpose across 14 sessions.

Women's Group

Mondays

6:00 PM

Virtual via Webex

14 sessions

Starts: September 14, 2026

Ends: December 21, 2026

No group on October 12, 2026 in observance of Indigenous Peoples' Day

Men's Group

Wednesdays

6:00 PM

Virtual via Webex

14 sessions

Starts: September 16, 2026

Ends: December 30, 2026

No group on November 4, 2026 in observance of Veterans Day

Register for either group using the Typeform link or QR code.

Men's and Women's groups are held separately.

During registration, participants will choose whether to pick up a hardcopy workbook at Ho-Chunk Health Care Center in Black River Falls or have it mailed.

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WI Native Vote plans events ahead of November election

Kaili Berg

Wisconsin Native Vote will host a powwow in Crandon and an Indigenous fashion show in Milwaukee this October to encourage Native voters to participate in the Nov. 3 election.

The first event, Pow Wow the Vote, will take place Saturday, Oct. 3, from 1 to 6 p.m. at the Forest County Potawatomi Community Center, 5471 The Place Where Everyone Comes To Play Road, in Crandon.

Organizers say attendees can register to vote, find their polling locations and speak with Wisconsin Native Vote staff. Partner organizations and

vendors will also have tables.

Hay Creek of Lac Courte Oreilles will serve as host drum, RedNationBoyz of Milwaukee as co-host drum and Fire Nation of Forest County Potawatomi as hometown drum. The arena director will be Shane Webster of Oneida Nation. Joseph Rainey of Lac du Flambeau and Sarah Gouge of Forest County Potawatomi will serve as head dancers, and Charles Connors of Bad River will serve as head veteran.

Later in the month, Native Vote: Fashion in Action will bring six Wisconsin-based Native designers and 60 models to Marquette University in

Milwaukee.

The show is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 30, from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Monaghan Memorial Ballroom on the third floor of the Alumni Memorial Union, 1442 W. Wisconsin Ave.

Each designer will create original outfits, including one garment addressing voting or the responsibility of passing on its importance.

Attendees can also speak with Wisconsin Native Vote staff about their ballot, polling location and other election information. Wisconsin Native Vote is hosting the show with Jennifer Benally of ShinyMoon Creations and Marquette University.

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The Department of Housing

Student of the Month
September 2026
Tasha King

Chippewa Valley Technical College - 2 year Associate
Parents: Sara WhiteEagle & Timothy King

Tasha is a dedicated Digital Marketing student who masterfully balances her education with the daily responsibilities of being a devoted mother and working as a third-shift supervisor.

Despite an incredibly demanding schedule, Tasha always prioritizes her studies, consistently earning a proud place on the President's List.

Tasha's path is a powerful story of strength, determination, and perseverance. As a Healing to Wellness Court graduate, she has worked tirelessly to overcome challenges, embrace personal growth, and build a beautiful, bright future for herself and her family. Tasha stands as a truly inspiring example of what can be achieved through unwavering hard work and dedication.

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Indigenous Clean Energy Fund Commits Nearly \$6M to 20 Tribal-Led Projects, Catalyzing Over \$200M in Additional Capital

First portfolio-wide look at the Indigenous Power & Light Fund shows \$4.7M deployed and \$1.2M more approved, advancing energy sovereignty across nine states

WASHINGTON, D.C. — In its first two years, the Indigenous Power & Light Fund for Energy SovereigntySM (IPLF) has deployed \$4.7 million in 17 Tribal-led clean energy projects that have catalyzed more than \$200 million in additional funding and financing, with another \$1.2 million in IPLF funding for three additional projects already approved and awaiting disbursement.

Next week at Climate Week NYC, the Alliance for Tribal Clean Energy will share for the first time a portfolio-wide look at the impact of its Fund and the Native American Tribes and Alaska Native Villages using these investments to advance their own clean energy, resilience and energy sovereignty priorities.

Across nine states, including four projects in

Alaska, IPLF-supported projects represent:

- \$5.9 million approved, including \$4.7 million already deployed and another \$1.2 million approved for deployment
- 17 awards across nine states
- More than \$200 million in additional funding and financing catalyzed
- 12.6 megawatts of clean energy generation, enough to power roughly 2,150 homes
- 72 megawatt-hours of storage

The Fund was created in late 2024 to provide flexible, responsive capital at the points where Tribal clean energy projects often need it most. Awards averaging approximately \$250,000 have supported construction, matching requirements, project development, equipment procurement, bridge financing and other

critical project needs.

Through the Alliance for Tribal Clean Energy, Tribes and Alaska Native Villages can also access no-cost technical assistance, financial structuring, project development, education and workforce training support from concept through commissioning.

“Tribal Nations know what their communities need and what they want their energy futures to look like. What is too often missing is flexible capital that can move at the speed and in the form these projects require,” said Chéri A. Smith (Mi’kmaq Descendant), President and CEO of the Alliance for Tribal Clean Energy. “These communities bring the vision, leadership and determination. Our role is to help ensure that a funding gap, a piece of technical expertise or a financial structuring challenge does not unnecessarily stand between a Tribe or Village and the critical energy needs it has today — or the energy future

it has chosen for itself.”

Across the portfolio, IPLF capital has been deployed in very different ways: closing construction and procurement gaps; supporting projects in communities dependent on expensive and polluting diesel or other fossil fuels; extending electricity to homes

that have never had power; strengthening the resilience of clinics, schools, community centers, emergency facilities and communications systems; and advancing locally controlled renewable energy and storage.

While the circumstances

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A \$500,000 IPLF grant supports an Energize Wind River project to bring reliable, cleaner electricity to off-grid homes on the Wind River Reservation. For the Eastern Shoshone Tribe, this means greater energy security, safety and self-determination. Photo courtesy of the Alliance for Tribal Clean Energy.

October
Elders Birthdays

1 Lisa Cannizzaro
Mona Cole
Frank Johnson, Jr.
Serena Yellow Thunder

2 Joseph Keller
Christie Machala

3 Kay Decorah
Maynard Funmaker
Wallace Greendeer
Sandra Martin
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11 Ramona Godsby
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James Russell
Diane Tallmadge

13 Liana Kyser
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Candace Ringham

14 Lisa Banuelos
Lona Decorah
Vickie Hindsley
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Carol Pounds
John Tudahl

15 Dirk Blackdeer
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differ from project to project, every investment supports a project owned and directed by the Tribe or Village it serves.

The IPLF's first two years of investments include:

- Blue Lake Rancheria, California: A \$500,000 award provides gap funding for the Rancheria's expansion of its local microgrids into a coordinated, first-of-its-kind network that could ultimately be replicated by Tribal

Nations across California.

- KIPi Radio, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, South Dakota: A \$394,595 award supports a 100.92-kilowatt solar system powering KIPi Radio, which provides emergency weather warnings and other essential communications to thousands of people.
- Eastern Shoshone Tribe, Wyoming: A \$500,000 award supports the Tribe's work to bring electricity to

off-grid homes, advancing household access to heat, safety and greater energy self-determination.

- Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council, Wisconsin: A \$300,000 award covers the full cost of a new solar system, lowering energy costs and allowing more resources to remain available for programs serving Native youth.
- Hoopa Valley Tribe, California: IPLF funding

supports critical groundwork for a large-scale community microgrid, including permitting, legal and tax strategy, and project planning.

- Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe University, Wisconsin: A \$200,000 award supports development of a solar-powered system expected to offset 89% of the University's Extension Farm's energy use while enabling year-round growing through Wisconsin winters.

- Menominee Tribe of Wisconsin: A \$500,000 award supports development of a microgrid designed to provide locally controlled power to critical facilities, including the Tribe's clinic and schools.
- Metlakatla Indian Community, Alaska: A \$235,000 award provided time-sensitive gap funding for installation of a submarine power cable with integrated fiber optics, supporting

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Diabetes Management Conversation Maps Class

October 26th, 2026

3:00-4:30pm

Milwaukee Branch Office

3501 S. Howell Avenue
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To sign up please contact one of the Program Recruiters below:



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Lyndsey Killian
Program Recruiter



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INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY IN SAUK COUNTY

OCTOBER 12, 1 PM

Indigenous Peoples Day is just around the corner and we want to celebrate with you!

The Sauk County Historical Society is seeking Native artists, vendors, and live demonstrators to participate. All are invited to attend.

For more information or questions, email: AssistantDirector@SaukCountyHistory.org



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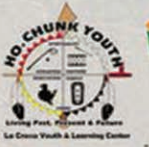
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Metlakatla’s ability to sell locally generated power to the City of Ketchikan and activate broadband technology for the Village.

- Shoshone-Bannock Tribes, Idaho: A \$35,000 award supported capacity development through the Tribes' Solar Trailer, providing hands-on solar education and demonstrations for

Tribal staff and community members.

- Village of Port Heiden, Alaska: A \$250,000 bridge financing award enabled the Village to order critical equipment for the community's wind turbine project during the limited barge season.
- Yurok Tribe, California: A \$500,000 award supports construction

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HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT,

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

James Pettibone

Case No. PP 25-02

☐ Amended

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IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL / SUPREMACY COURT

SEP 22 2026

[Signature]

Clerk of Court / Assistant

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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: James Pettibone

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, Clarissa Haapala, or the Clerk of Court at P.O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The deadline for filing claims is 09/15/26. Only those claims so presented may be paid from the estate.

Form completed by: (Name) Clarissa Haapala

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Telephone 414-322-1235

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OCTOBER

2026

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Dontay Edward Cloud

May 12, 2003 - September 14, 2026

Dontay Edward Cloud Haapra Maanj (day walker) 23, walked on peacefully on September 14, 2026. He was born in Black River Falls, WI on May 12, 2003, to Darcy Joyce Alice Funmaker and Lohman Edward Cloud.

Dontay was a beloved son, brother, uncle, grandson, nephew and friend. He graduated from Black River Falls High school and brought a gentle, loving spirit into the lives of everyone who knew him. He was known as a “gentle giant,” with a soft gentle humor, always joking around reminding those around him to “calm,” a phrase that was especially needed with all his sister’s propaganda.

Dontay enjoyed listening to music, going to movies, spending time with his family, and, above all, being surrounded by the people he loved. He was a #1 Milwaukee Bucks fan and loved watching basketball. Throughout his life he played baseball, basketball, football, wrestling and golf. He also had a special love for shooting three-pointers. One of his greatest joys was sharing his basketball skills with his baby sister, Leilani, whom he adored and always be “Toto D”

Dontay also loved his Ho-Chunk language and culture, taking pride in his heritage and the traditions that connected him to his family. He loved his mother’s cooking and enjoyed food, often finding happiness in the simple moments of gathering around a meal with family. His warm heart, calm nature, sense of humor, and love for his family will be deeply missed.

He is survived by his parents, Darcy Funmaker and Lohman Cloud; sisters, Desiree Rave, Kassandra Rave, Vanetta Cloud, and Leilani Cotto; brother, Dillard Cloud; nieces, Eliyanah and Aubriella; nephews, Eliyas and Jeremiah; along with many other loving family members, childhood best friends; Jaelyn Cloud, Silas Cleveland, Ollie Cleveland, Geoffrey Garvin, and Danah Cloud and friends who were blessed to



know him.

Dontay was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Mahlon Funmaker and Brenda Fisher, and paternal grandparents, Dillard and Marcella (Blackdeer) Cloud.

Though his time with us was far too short, the love Dontay gave and the memories he created will remain in the hearts of his family and friends forever. His gentle spirit, his love of basketball, his “calm” reminders, his pride in his Ho-Chunk heritage, and the joy he brought to those around him will never be forgotten.

A brief visitation will be held on Wednesday, September 16th, from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the Buswell Funeral Home in Black River Falls, WI. On Thursday, September 17th, visitation will be held at the Blackdeer Homestead (N5804 Blackdeer Road, Black River Falls, WI 54615) from 10:00 a.m. until time of service at 12:00 p.m. Following the service, burial will take place at the Blackdeer Homestead.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider supporting mental health awareness and those who may be struggling.

Buswell Funeral Home is assisting family with funeral arrangements at this time.

Rosalie Jean Kakkak

August 17, 1960 - September 21, 2026



Rosalie Kakkak, age 66 of Black River Falls, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family after a long battle with cancer. She was born August 17, 1960 in Keshena, Wisconsin to Velma “Babe” Tucker and Sylvester “Pake” Kakkak.

Rosalie worked for a time at Ho Chunk Headstart, before returning to school and earning her GED. After earning her GED she worked briefly as a tribal police officer. Later, she worked for a number of years as a hall monitor at the Menominee Indian High School and maintenance at Menominee Human Services in the evening, before beginning her career as a clerk for the Ho Chunk Nation Tribal Courts.

Rosalie enjoyed spending time with her family. She was the type of woman who would give you the shirt off of her back and never held a grudge. She loved everyone’s children and you could often find the neighborhood kids coming to her place to visit with her children or grandchildren. She was a very loving aunt and grandma to many, but could still put the fear of God in them when she needed to. Her rules were non-negotiable, and her temper was legendary, but her affection, when given, was absolute and fierce.

Rosalie loved listening to her

scanner to know exactly what was going on. She loved riding in the woods and always had a cigarette in her hand. She was also known as a softball player and volleyball player, naming her signature move “The Kakkak Chop”.

Rosalie is survived by lifelong partner Alvin Greengrass; daughters Kelly Greengrass and Alana Greengrass; son Alvin Greengrass Jr (Toni Pettibone); grandchildren Isaias, Ezequiel, Abiel, Ava, Olivia, Dashai, Kayla, Shawn, Lyndon; greatgrandchildren Adias, LeeRoy, and Malakai; sister Gail (Buzz) Bowman; brothers Lyle (Kathy) Tucker and Dale Kakkak; brothers-in-law Donald (Cindy) Greengrass, Wayne (Lois) Peters; sister-in-law Deborah Lowe; and numerous nieces, nephews, and other grandchildren. She was also a second mother to Valerie Pamonicutt, Kim (Aaron) Hill, and Leah (Brian) Pamonicutt who she took in after the passing of her sister, Mary.

She is preceded in death by her parents Velma Tucker and Pake Kakkak; her step-father Lyle “Buddy” Tucker; in-laws Donald and Eunice Greengrass; brothers Guy Kakkak, Roger Kakkak, Jojo Melotte; sisters Mary Kakkak and Leslie Tucker; sisters-in-law Karla Greengrass, Barb Houser, Carmela Root; brothers-in-law Small Man Neconish, Buckskin Peters; both maternal and paternal grandparents, as well as numerous aunts and uncles.

A Celebration of Life Cookout will be held at Alvin and Rosie’s home, W8748 Mission Road, Black River Falls, on September 24th, from noon until 4pm. Friends may call for visitation at the home starting on Tuesday until the beginning of the Celebration of Life.



2026 ANNUAL GENERAL COUNCIL

KALAHARI CONFERENCE CENTER – WISCONSIN DELLS, WI

SEPTEMBER 19, 2026

ROLL CALL: Quorum is established through registration with 1,332 members (1,301 tribal members required for quorum) at 12:45 p.m.

CHAIRPERSON – PATRICK HOUGHTON, SR.
SECRETARY – CAROLE MAE DECORAH
SARGENT AT ARMS – HARRISON FUNMAKER

OPENING PRAYER: Prayer was offered by President Jon Greendeer at 1:15 p.m.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: There were no minutes presented from 2025 Annual General Council. No action taken.

REPORTS: Verbal and virtual reports were provided while quorum was being established.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: MOTION by Nathaniel Longtail 2830 to approve the agenda.
Second by Gloria Visintin 3116.

1. RESOLUTION TO REMOVE DISTRICT ONE LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE PAUL FOX FOR MALFEASANCE

2. RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE MICHAEL PATRICK MULLEN, JR. TO GIVE A SHORT (20 MINUTES OR LESS) PRESENTATION ON THE CCULATOR APP TO THE HO-CHUNK NATION GENERAL COUNCIL

3. RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE THE HO-CHUNK NATION AND ITS MEMBERS AS ITS 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

4. RESOLUTION TO SET VIRTUAL PARTICIPATION IN GENERAL COUNCIL MEETINGS AS THE OFFICIAL POLICY OF THE HO-CHUNK NATION

5. RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE HO-CHUNK NATION CONSTITUTION TO ELECT THE GENERAL COUNCIL ADVOCATE

GENERAL COUNCIL VOTES TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.

YES	NO	ABSTAIN	TOTAL
1,423	67	57	1,547

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Gloria Visintin 3116 to approve **Resolution 09.19.26A** to Remove District One Legislative Representative Paul Fox for Malfeasance. Second by Chelsea Thompson 5223.

GENERAL COUNCIL VOTES TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 09.19.26A

YES	NO	ABSTAIN	TOTAL
692	682	249	1,623

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Michael Patrick Mullen, Jr. 3375 to adopt **Resolution 09.19.26B** to Authorize Michael Patrick Mullen, Jr. to give a short (20 minutes or less) Presentation on the CCULATOR App to the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council. Second by Anita Alderman 1752.

GENERAL COUNCIL VOTES TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 09.19.26B

YES	NO	ABSTAIN	TOTAL
356	1,152	126	1,634

MOTION DEFEATED.

Michael Patrick Mullen, Jr. 3375 withdrew his agenda item: Resolution to endorse the Ho-Chunk Nation and its members as its 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.

MOTION by Henry Whitethunder 2619 to approve **Resolution 09.19.26C** to Set virtual participation in General Council meetings as the official policy of the Ho-Chunk Nation. Second by Nathaniel Longtail 2830.

GENERAL COUNCIL VOTES TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 09.19.26C

YES	NO	ABSTAIN	TOTAL
256	1,279	87	1,622

MOTION DEFEATED.

MOTION by Libby Fairchild 2179 to approve **Resolution 09.19.26D** to Amend the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution to Elect the General Council Advocate. Second by Rosetta Hunt 2126.

GENERAL COUNCIL VOTES TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 09.19.26D

YES	NO	ABSTAIN	TOTAL
596	780	215	1,591

MOTION DEFEATED.

MOTION by John Stacy 2118 to adjourn. Second by Nathaniel Longtail 2830.

GENERAL COUNCIL VOTES TO ADJOURN

YES	NO	ABSTAIN	TOTAL
1,249	106	39	1,394

MOTION CARRIED.

THE 2026 ANNUAL GENERAL COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 3:18 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Carole Mae Decorah
Recording Secretary

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Nation’s housing needs and spoke about protecting tribal sovereignty and gaming rights.

“I will protect Tribal sovereignty & gaming rights, ensure that federal dollars the Ho-Chunk Nation is promised are delivered and expand resources from HUD for housing,” Cooke said.

Cooke is running against Republican incumbent Derrick Van Orden for Wisconsin’s 3rd Congressional District seat in the Nov. 3 election.



Alberta Whitehorse Starnes

August 10, 1931 - September 6, 2026



MADISON - Alberta Whitehorse Starnes, age 95, passed away on Sunday, September 6, 2026. She was born on August 10, 1931, in Galloway Wis., to Ralph Whitehorse and Annie (Greencrow) Whitehorse. After graduating from high school in Waukegan Ill., she continued her education at Olivet Nazarene College in Kankakee Ill., where she earned a bachelor's and master's degree in Education.

For more than 30 years, she was a beloved educator who enriched the lives of students in places like the Menomonie Reservation in Antigo, Wis., and in Grant Park and Bourbonnais, Ill. She also worked as a substitute teacher while her husband, Sam, served as a pastor in Grover Hill and Montpelier, Ohio and in Pawhuska Okla. Alberta was a counselor at the Oregon Girls Reform School. One of her great joys was helping others develop an authentic understanding of Indigenous life and traditions through her classes, shared feasts, and lectures.

Alberta was active in the Church of the Nazarene as a Sunday school teacher, choir member, Vacation Bible School director, district representative on several boards and committees, and supportive

pastors' wife. Singing was another of her passions. Alberta and her daughters often traveled with Rev. Starnes to revivals, where she sang.

After the unexpected deaths of her first husband and first son, she became a young widow. Determined to pursue a college education in nursing, she made the difficult decision to leave her daughter in the care of family. She met Sam Starnes at Olivet in 1956, and they married in August 1958. Together, they shared 68 years of marriage.

Alberta was blessed with four children, David R. Fell (deceased), Theresa (Jack) Hartman, Brenda Neff and Daniel Starnes. She is also survived by six grandchildren, Richard, Phillip, Deanna, Gavin, Devin and Danica; five great-grandchildren, Bentley, Cullin, Adeline, Genevieve, and Lilith; and her siblings, Walter Whitehorse and Helen Whitehorse. She was preceded in death by her parents, Ralph Whitehorse and Annie (Greencrow) Whitehorse; her siblings, Harry Whitehorse, Mildred Hendrix, David Whitehorse and Paul Whitehorse; husband, David L. Fell; and son, David R. Fell.

A service will be held at CROSSPOINT CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE, 5011 Commercial Ave., Madison, at 1 p.m. on Monday September 14, 2026, with Pastor Sebastian DeVore. Visitation will be held at the church from 12 noon until the time of the service on Monday. A meal will follow the service at Teejop Hocira, 4724 Tradewinds Parkway, Madison. Her final resting place is at Roselawn Memorial Park, Monona

Memorials may be made to Alzheimer’s Association. Online condolences may be made at www.gundersonfh.com.

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of a new community microgrid designed to improve energy reliably on the Upper Yurok Reservation and represents a major advancement toward energy sovereignty.

• Wozu, Inc., Cannon Ball, Standing Rock Reservation, South Dakota: A \$74,000 award supports solar and storage for Wozu's community hub, lowering energy costs so more resources can go toward food sovereignty, buffalo restoration, and land, cultural and social regeneration.

Together, these projects demonstrate the range of roles flexible capital can play in advancing Tribal energy priorities — from early-stage planning and equipment procurement to construction, bridge financing and completion of critical infrastructure.

Partnership is integral to this work. Each of these Tribal-led projects reflects collaboration among people and organizations within and beyond Indian Country that contribute capital,

technical expertise, infrastructure and other critical support.

With more than \$30 million in additional committed funds expected from philanthropic partners, IPLF is building toward \$100 million in permanent, revolving capital designed to remain available to Tribal communities over the long term.

For information about supporting the Indigenous Power & Light Fund, contact Caliopy Glaros, Director of Philanthropy, at caliopy@tribalcleanenergy.org.

About the Alliance and IPLF

The Alliance for Tribal Clean Energy is an Indigenous-led 501(c)(3) nonprofit offering catalytic funding and no-cost technical, financial and policy support for Tribal energy sovereignty. IPLF is an initiative of the Alliance, in partnership with the Lemelson, MacArthur and Hewlett foundations. Learn more at indigenousspowerandlight.org.

DISTRICT 1 AREA MEETING NOTICE



BLACK RIVER FALLS AREA MEETING
Tribal Office Building
W9814 Airport Road
Black River Falls, WI 54615
Wednesday, October 14, 2026 | 5:00 p.m.
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Twin Cities AREA MEETING
St. Paul Branch Office
1724 Selby Ave., St. Paul, MN 55104
Thursday, October 15, 2026 | 6:00 p.m.
IN PERSON/VIRTUAL

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DISTRICT 2 AREA MEETING NOTICE



LA CROSSE AREA | THREE RIVERS HOUSE
724 Main Street La Crosse, WI
MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2026 6:00PM

TOMAH AREA | BLUE WING COMMUNITY BUILDING
324 Epinal Avenue Tomah, WI
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2026 6:00PM

BARABOO/WI DELLS/MAUSTON AREA | INDIAN HEIGHTS
975 Dyer Street Wisconsin Dells, WI
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2026 6:00PM

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DISTRICT 3 AREA MEETING NOTICE



WITTENBERG | MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2026 | 6:00 PM
MILWAUKEE | WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2026 | 6:00 PM
MADISON | WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2026 | 6:00 PM
WI RAPIDS | THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2026 | 5:30 PM
GREEN BAY | TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2026 | 6:00 PM

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District 4 Area Meeting Notice



IN PERSON / VIRTUAL DISTRICT 4 AREA MEETING

Chicago Branch Office
4738 N. Milwaukee Ave. Chicago, IL 60630
Tuesday, October 13, 2026
6:00 PM CST

VIRTUAL DISTRICT 4 AREA MEETING

Available via WebEx
Wednesday, Oct 14, 2026
8PM EST 7PM CST 6PM PST

UPDATED: 9/23/26



For WebEx information please contact:

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Rep. Sandra Whitewing sandra.whitewing@ho-chunk.com (715)-896-9183
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NOTICE

RIGHT TO OBJECT

In accordance with HCC 8 §14 Title Transfer & Recording Act
Ho-Chunk Member, Theodore Mousseaux, has submitted a Request for Title for Permanent
Improvements located at: N7603 Kingswan Rd BRF WI 54615
And more particularly described as: LOT 10 of the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 32,
Township 22 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
Attn: Register of Deeds
P.O. Box 310
Black River Falls, WI 54615
Phone: (715) 284-9343 Ext 11032

By or before NOVEMBER 6, 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.

MEETING NOTICE

WHO: Housing Board of Directors
WHEN: Wednesday, October 14, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
WHERE: Department of Housing
27374 State Hwy 21 E, Bldg. 5
Tomah, Wisconsin

Note: Housing Department Meetings are subject to the Open Meetings Act.
The Public is welcome or may observe through Webex.

Please call (608) 374-1225 for more information or to confirm meeting date and time.

NOTICE AND RULES OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Tuesday, October 20, 2026



LEGISLATOR

DISTRICT 1, SEAT 3

Notice is hereby served to all eligible voters of District 1. The Ho-Chunk Nation is calling a Special Election which will be held due to the Removal of Legislator Paul Fox, District 1, Seat 3 effective September 19, 2026. The Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board, in accordance with the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation will conduct a Special Election. ARTICLE IX< SECTION 10, Removal, Recall and Vacancies and the Election Code 2 HCC Sec. 6, states in relevant part:

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

NOMINATIONS OF CANDIDATES
The official candidacy forms may be obtained from the Election Board Office. A candidate for elective office shall submit an Official Nomination Petition, Declaration of Candidacy and a \$5.00 filing fee by hand delivery or U.S. Mail to the Election Board Office before the close of the nomination period on September 30th, 2026 by 4:30 PM. ORIGINAL FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED. FILING BY FAX OR COPIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTABLE.

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

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

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

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

ABSENTEE VOTING:
A voter may vote by absentee ballot provided the Election Board receives the absentee ballot request in writing no later than **October 15th, 2026 by 4:00 P.M.** See *Election Code, Page 26, Sec. 13 (a) (i)*.Requests MUST INCLUDE the eligible voter’s name printed or typed (with signature), physical address where the ballot will be delivered (we use UPS next Day Air – UPS Next Day Air will not deliver to a P.O. Box), daytime telephone number and enrollment number.

Absentee Ballots must be received before 7:00 pm on Tuesday, October 20, 2026.

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

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

Please check eligible voter list for your District.

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

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

SPECIAL ELECTION
Tuesday, October 20th, 2026

POST NOTICE OF ELECTION
Sunday, September 20th, 2026

POST ELIGIBLE VOTER’S LIST
September 24th, 2026

OFFICIAL NOMINATION PETITION DEADLINE
September 30th, 2026 @ 4:30 PM

CHALLENGES TO THE ELIGIBLE VOTER’S LIST MUST BE RECEIVED BY
September 30th, 2026 @ 4:30 PM

LAST DAY TO REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOTS
October 15th, 2026 @ 4:00 PM

SPECIAL ELECTION
Tuesday, October 20th, 2026

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

BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI
INDIAN MISSION
COMMUNITY BUILDING
W8813 Mission Road
(715) 299-6104

MPLS./ST. PAUL, MN
MPLS./ST. PAUL
BRANCH OFFICE
1724 Selby Avenue
(715)284-7660

Other Polling Sites will be closed during this Special Election.



REBECCA COOKE

for CONGRESS

Rebecca Cooke is a waitress, small business owner, results-driven nonprofit leader, and sixth-generation Wisconsinite who grew up on a family dairy farm. **Rebecca is running for Congress to lower costs, make healthcare more affordable, take on corruption, and make laws that work for us rather than the special interests.**



REBECCA COOKE

FARM VALUES AND WORKING-CLASS LEADER

- ▶ **Defend our communities** from unchecked hyperscale data centers that harm our environment and raise utility rates.
- ▶ **Protect tribal sovereignty** and maintain a close relationship with the Nation to amplify its voice across issue areas.
- ▶ **Fund rural healthcare**, reverse Medicaid cuts, and lower everyday costs.

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BY TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

HO-CHUNK NATION
LEGISLATURE
REGULAR MEETING
EXECUTIVE OFFICES
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI
SEPTEMBER 9, 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.-VC
Rep. Phyllis Smoke-P
Rep. Tracy Thundercloud-P
Rep. Paul Fox-P
Rep. Damian Thundercloud-P
Rep. Stephanie Begay-VC
Rep. Kyle White Eagle-P
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 10:01 a.m.

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

Approval of Agenda:
MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Legislative Meeting-August 18, 2026

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the August 18, 2026 Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Emergency Special Legislative Meeting-August 25, 2026

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the August 25, 2026 Emergency Special Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-1(Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Commission Reports:

Housing Commission-August 20, 2026

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to approve the August 20, 2026 Housing Commission Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Stephanie

Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Health, Insurance, Education, and Social Services Commission-August 24, 2026

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the August 24, 2026 Health, Insurance, Education, and Social Services Commission Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Damian Thundercloud. 11-0-1(Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Field Education Affiliation Agreement with the University of Wisconsin-Superior

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 09-09-26 A**, Field Education Affiliation Agreement with the University of Wisconsin-Superior. Second by Rep. Damian Thundercloud. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Development Commission-August 25, 2026

MOTION by Rep. Damian Thundercloud to approve the August 25, 2026 Development Commission Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Kyle White Eagle. 11-0-1(Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Administration to Apply for the Justice Climate Fund Grant

MOTION by Rep. Tracy Thundercloud to adopt **Resolution 09-09-26 B**, Authorization for the Department of Administration to Apply for the Justice Climate Fund Grant. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Cancellation of Lease #4354 on Lot #39 of Wazee Subdivision #439 T 2172

MOTION by Rep. Tracy Thundercloud to adopt **Resolution 09-09-26 C**, Cancellation of Lease #4354 on Lot #39 of Wazee Subdivision #439 T 2172. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Finance Commission-August 27, 2026

MOTION by Rep. David Greendeer to approve the August 27, 2026 Finance Commission Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by

Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-1(Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Unfinished Business:
Resolution-Approval of Tribal Member Payout for September 19, 2026 General Council Meeting and Authorization for Office of General Council Volunteer to Distribute Said Funds

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 09-09-26 D**, Approval of Tribal Member Payout for September 19, 2026 General Council Meeting and Authorization for Office of General Council Volunteer to Distribute Said Funds. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 10-0-2(Rep. Edward Mullen, Rep. David Greendeer) **MOTION CARRIED.**

New Business:
Resolution-National Congress of American Indians Tribal Membership Delegate-Alternate Designation

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 09-09-26 E**, National Congress of American Indians Tribal Membership Delegate-Alternate Designation. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Indigenous Biz Con Sponsorship

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the \$5,000 silver sponsorship for the 2026 Indigenous Biz Con, payable from Charitable Contributions. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consideration of Quick Passage for Native American Preference in Contracting

MOTION by Rep. Tracy Thundercloud to consider Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Ho-Chunk Nation Native American Preference in Contracting Act (6 HCC § 11). Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 4-8(Vice President Lambert Cleveland, Jr., Rep. Paul Fox, Rep. Stephanie Begay, Rep. Kyle White Eagle, Rep. Shelby Visintin, Rep. Edward Mullen, Rep. David Greendeer, Rep. Sandra Whitewing)-0 **MOTION DEFEATED.**

Rep. Tracy Thundercloud said that Department of Labor requested that the new language be incorporated immediately so they can follow through with their policies for Native American preference in contracting.

the future.
“We can’t believe it’s finally happening and we are extremely excited,” said President Greendeer. “We hold so much history in this area and now we can say we hold an amazing future to share with our friends and partners in the state line

President Greendeer expressed his concern that this does not criteria for quick passage. Legislative Attorney Martha Simmons explained the reason for quick passage is that there are contracts within the contract database that Department of Labor is wanting to make sure has this language on it.

Resolution-Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Ho-Chunk Nation Native American Preference in Contracting Act (6 HCC § 11)

Rep. Tracy Thundercloud stated the quick passage resolution can be struck from the agenda as the consideration for quick passage failed.

Resolution-Authorization to Place Amendments to the Ho-Chunk Nation Native American Preference in Contracting Act (6 HCC § 11) out for Forty-Five Day Public Comment

MOTION by Rep. Tracy Thundercloud to adopt **Resolution 09-09-26 F**, Authorization to Place Amendments to the Ho-Chunk Nation Native American Preference in Contracting Act (6 HCC § 11) out for Forty-Five Day Public Comment. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 12-0-0.

Resolution-Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Greenfield Township, Monroe County, WI Elder Road Construction Project

MOTION by Rep. Kyle White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 09-09-26 G**, Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Greenfield Township, Monroe County, WI Elder Road Construction Project. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority La Crosse County, WI County Highway XX Construction Project

MOTION by Rep. Kyle White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 09-09-26 H**, Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority La Crosse County, WI County Highway XX Construction Project. Second by Rep. Damian Thundercloud. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Tomah Township, Monroe County, WI Holiday Road Construction Project

MOTION by Rep. Kyle White

Eagle to adopt **Resolution 09-09-26 I**, Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Tomah Township, Monroe County, WI Holiday Road Construction Project. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Vernon County, WI County Highway F Construction Project

MOTION by Rep. Kyle White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 09-09-26 J**, Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Vernon County, WI County Highway F Construction Project. Second by Rep. Damian Thundercloud. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Port Edwards Township, Wood County, WI Creamery Road Construction Project

MOTION by Rep. Kyle White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 09-09-26 K**, Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Port Edwards Township, Wood County, WI Creamery Road Construction Project. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Jackson County, WI County Highway X Construction Project

MOTION by Rep. Kyle White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 09-09-26 L**, Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Jackson County, WI County Highway X Construction Project. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Jackson County, WI County Highway S Construction Project

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 09-09-26 M**, Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Jackson County, WI County Highway S Construction Project. Second by Rep. Kyle White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Sauk County, WI County Highway WD Construction Project

MOTION by Rep. Kyle White Eagle to adopt **Resolution** *Continued from Page 15*

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fall of 2027, completing the full resort. Once the entire resort is completed, we aim to have approximately 1,500 employees hired to complete the Ho-Chunk Gaming Beloit team.
The Beloit area also holds historical significance

for the Ho-Chunk people. Historically, the village in the Beloit area was referred to as “Keecak,” (pronounced kay-chunk); also known as turtle in the Ho-Chunk language. As we celebrate this important moment, the Ho-Chunk Nation honors that history while looking toward

region.”
The casino grand opening will be a celebration filled with exciting entertainment, Ho-Chunk culture, special swag, and plenty of fun and excitement. Most importantly, it will be a chance to finally welcome guests into our newest gaming

facility and celebrate this exciting milestone with the community.
We’re looking forward to opening the doors and showcasing our hospitality with everyone!

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09-09-26 N, Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Sauk County, WI County Highway WD Construction Project. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Sauk County, WI County Highway H Construction Project
MOTION by Rep. Kyle White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 09-09-26 O,** Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Sauk County, WI County Highway H Construction Project. Second by Rep. Damian Thundercloud. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Eau Claire County, WI County Highway H, McGaver Creek Bridge Construction Project
MOTION by Rep. Kyle White

Eagle to adopt **Resolution 09-09-26 P,** Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Eau Claire County, WI County Highway H, McGaver Creek Bridge Construction Project. Second by Rep. Tracy Thundercloud. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to move to Executive Session 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. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting moved to Executive Session at 10:28

a.m.
The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:34 p.m., and was called back to order at 1:06 p.m. Quorum is established.

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

The meeting returned to Open Session at 1:45 p.m.

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

Release to Open Session:

MOTION by Rep. Shelby Visintin to approve \$25/hr for dealers during their training period. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 5-2(Rep. Tracy Thundercloud, Rep. Edward Mullen)-5(Rep.

Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle, Rep. Sandra Whitewing, Rep. David Greendeer, Vice President Lambert Cleveland, Jr., Rep. Kyle White Eagle) **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to release the \$25/hr for dealers motion to Open Session. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. David Greendeer to refer to all job descriptions pertained to the Finance Commission; release to open session. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Amendment to the Agenda:
MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to add under New Business P. Resolution-Acceptance of Bureau of Indian Affairs Office of Tribal Justice Support P.L. 93-638 Compact/Grant Funding. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 12-

0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
New Business (Re-visited): Resolution-Acceptance of Bureau of Indian Affairs Office of Tribal Justice Support P.L. 93-638 Compact/Grant Funding

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 09-09-26 R,** Acceptance of Bureau of Indian Affairs Office of Tribal Justice Support P.L. 93-638 Compact/Grant Funding. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adjourn the Legislative Meeting to September 22, 2026 at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 1:49 p.m.

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understand how to participate virtually.
The motion to Set Virtual Participation in General Council Meeting was defeated, with 256 yes, 1,279 no, and 87 abstentions.
The Color Guard requested time to retreat the flags. The Annual Meeting paused to honor and respectfully take

care of the flags flown during the day’s event.
The meeting then resumed with the final agenda item. Libby Fairchild motioned to approve Resolution 09.19.26D to Amend the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution to Elect the General Council Advocate. Rosetta Hunt provided a second.
Discussion touched on oversight of the elected

Advocate, renaming the job title, when the election would take place, the salary, and attaching an advisory board. The call for the question was made, and multiple individuals attempted to resume discussion. The voting poll then opened.
The motion for Resolution 09.19.26D was defeated with a vote of 596 yes, 780 no, and 215 abstentions.

John Stacy moved to adjourn, and Nathaniel Longtail seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 1,249 yes, 106 no, and 39 abstentions.
The 2026 Annual General Council adjourned at 3:18 pm.
Additionally, the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board conducted a Secretarial Election to amend the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution.

The proposed amendment reads that, “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.”
However, the required thirty percent of the eligible voters did not cast a vote. Therefore, the amendment did not pass.



ATTENTION
District 4 Adult Tribal Members

Whoever is interested in receiving the district 4 area meeting packets and meeting agendas and meeting minutes, please send your email address to George Hushi Greendeer at: george.greendeer@ho-chunk.com and be added to the D4 email group. George Hushi Greendeer is the new District 4 Legislative Aide.

MN residents in Cook Co. you are in D4, the following MN counties you are in D1: Aitkin, Anoka, Benton, Blue Earth, Brown, Carlton, Carver, Cass, Chisago, Cottonwood, Crow Wing, Dakota, Goodhue, Hennepin, Hubbard, Isanti, Itasca, Kanabec, Kandiyohi, Lake, Le Sueur, McLeod, Meeker, Mille Lacs, Morrison, Nicollet, Pine, Ramsey, Redwood, Renville, Rice, St. Louis, Scott, Sherburne, Sibley, Stearns, Todd, Wabasha, Wadena, Washington, Watonwan, Winona, and Wright;

and the following MI counties you are in District 2: Alger, Baraga, Delta, Dickinson, Gogebic, Houghton, Iron, Marquette, Menominee, and Ontonagon.

The following counties in MN you are in District 2: Dodge, Faribault, Fillmore, Freeborn, Houston, Jackson, Martin, Mower, Olmsted, Steele, and Waseca;

and IA counties you are in District 2: Allamakee, Benton, Black Hawk, Boone, Bremer, Buchanan, Buena Vista, Butler, Calhoun, Carroll, Cerro Gordo, Chickasaw, Clay, Clayton, Delaware, Dickinson, Dubuque, Emmet, Fayette, Floyd, Franklin, Greene, Grundy, Hamilton, Hancock, Hardin, Howard, Humboldt, Kossuth, Linn, Marshall, Mitchell, Palo Alto, Pocahontas, Sac, Story, Tama, Webster, Winnebago, Winneshiek, Worth, and Wright.

District 4: All counties, states and countries not included in District 1, 2, and 3.

(Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature Redistricting and Reapportionment Article V, Section 1(b) of the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation – Resolution 06-04-25 T)



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